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PTA Discusses Future Projects

The March 15 PTA meeting was opened by the advanced band playing three numbers. James Fiske, band director, announced that this was a warmup for their performance Saturday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m. in the high school gym when the annual band festival concert will be held.

During the regular business meeting, George Laws, chairman of the projects committee, was asked to report on the projects that were investigated by his committee which consists of himself, Welcome Rumbaugh and Mrs. Don Webb.

The first project brought up was the tennis court. It was found that a

court 110 feet by 220 feet with a hurricane fence 10 feet high would cost \$6,236 and with a 12 foot fence, \$6,686. This would include both labor and materials.

An open, but heated swimming pool has been constructed in Clatskanie for \$30,000. This was the cost of the materials alone with all the labor being volunteer. A community center with covered and heated pool has been built in Sequim, Washington at a cost of \$70,000, including labor.

These two programs are quite costly but under Sargent Shriver's Title 2A Economic Development Program, they might be underwritten up to 90 percent of the cost by the government.

A foreign exchange student would cost about \$750.

There has also been interest in buying an activities bus and it was found that the least amount a used bus could be purchased for would be \$2,000. The up-keep, insurance, license, and a qualified driver would add to the cost of this each year.

Under a self-help summer program for students, there were several things that could be done. One was golf lessons for two classes of about ten each twice a week. This would cost about \$180 for the season plus about \$50 for replacing handles on used clubs which are available.

Another program might be a horse-shoe program which would require a very small output of money for a few sets of horseshoes. There are men in the community capable and willing to supervise this program.

The baseball and softball program cost \$50 last year and will be continued this year, also.

Swimming and associated park activities can be expanded with the cooperation of the PTA, with the city to help defray the expense.

Also, during the summer a student might be sent to the University of Washington for two weeks for music training or sent to the Shakespearean Theater.

The arts and crafts program was investigated by Mrs. Webb who found that 35 students are normally in attendance at the summer classes and the cost is about \$5.00 apiece for the season. Some of these students could be helped by the PTA, also.

This diversified summer program has the advantage of using the existing facilities available at this time.

Other suggestions which have been made by members of the community are a float in the Jamboree parade, student field trips, surveillance committee for improper literature and magazines available to the youth here in Vernonia, swing sets for the city park, books for the school libraries, a forceful campaign to inform youths as to the harmful effects of alcohol and tobacco, a new library, an overhead mike for the high school, and a portable spotlight for the use of both schools.

There will be an election at the April PTA meeting as to which of these projects the members wish to undertake.

Unfortunately, the speaker scheduled, Bruce Grady, director of the juvenile department, was unable to attend.

Chickenpox at High Level Now

Dr. S. A. Thiringer, city health officer, stated this week that chickenpox had reached epidemic proportions here and gave some pertinent information concerning the disease.

The high point of contagion is one day prior to the onset of usual symptoms. It is spread by the spray from the nose and is highly contagious at the time of onset.

The incubation period is from 14 to 21 days from date of contact.

He stated that the public health law for the state requires isolation of patients until all scabs have fallen off. It has been noted that some children are allowed in public places while scabs are still in evidence and this is contrary to law.

Students Demonstrate Monday, Indicate Disapproval of Action

Students at Vernonia high school registered their disapproval of the failure of the school board to rehire a favorite teacher by sitting in the halls at the high school for a brief time Monday. The demonstration was described as orderly and the students, after being addressed by Principal Welcome Rumbaugh, returned to classes without incident.

The school board met Thursday evening of last week and issued renewal notices for 33 teachers and accepted the resignation of five. These were Dale Andrich, teacher of American History, American Problems and basketball coach; Robert Wendell, science teacher and football coach; Boyd Gentry, science teacher who resigned to accept a position in a junior college in Nebraska; Miss Betty Yundt, commercial teacher who plans to be married and Mrs. Dorothy Sandon who is retiring.

Indications are that the contracts

of the two coaches were not renewed on the decision of the board. When students heard the news Friday, they are reported to have begun talking of their desire to express their special displeasure at losing Andrich, whom they state makes class interesting. Apparently, ground work was laid Monday for the demonstration which took place Tuesday.

More than half of the students are reported to have participated in the brief demonstration while others looked on, though some who were in class rooms did not know it was in progress.

Students had asked for a conference with school officials so they could be given an explanation of the situation.

Students have been told that the decision rests with the board and that proper procedure is for the complaints to be registered with the board by tax-paying parents.



DARLENE WELCH

Student for Month Named

Darlene Welch has been named as student of the month for February at Vernonia high school. Her selection was revealed at a studentbody meeting last Friday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Welch and is a senior this year. Selection, made by a student representative from each class and the class advisors, is based on service to the school, courtesy, integrity, personal appearance and cooperative attitude.

The student must have a grade point average of 2.00 or better. Darlene's willingness to always help whether behind the scenes or wherever needed was a factor in her choice. She participates in many activities and is president of the Future Homemakers chapter.

She will appear in the senior play.

Scout Groups Hold Ceremony

Prior to the PTA meeting March 15, the Brownies and Girl Scouts had their investiture ceremonies. Twenty-one Brownies were led in their oaths by Mrs. Kenneth Smejkal, troop leader. They sang their song, "A Brownie Smile," and were all so very proud to wear the Brownie pin. Assistant Brownie leaders are Mrs. Bernard Gilliland and Mrs. Sheridan Thiringer.

The 21 Girl Scouts then had their turn to perform their ceremonies which included lighting of candles. Three of the candles stood for the Girl Scout promises and ten candles for the Girl Scout laws. The promises and laws were recited by the girls as each candle was lit. They were then pinned by their leaders, Mrs. Wayne Welch and Mrs. Jim Brewer. The girls then sang "The Growing-up Tree" which concluded the ceremony.

Mrs. Henry Anderegg is the neighborhood chairman for the Girl Scouts. Scheduled by the Scouts next Thursday, March 25, is a cookies sale fund-raising activity, the profits from which will support the Girl Scout out-of-doors program.

Grade Classes Offer 2 Plays

The two eighth grade classes at the Washington school will present their plays on the stage at the Washington school at 8:00 p.m. this Friday evening, March 19. Tickets are 35 cents for adults, 25 cents for high school students and 15 cents for grade school pupils.

Mulvaney's First Case, to be presented by the section taught by James Johns, is about a young investigator trying to solve a case involving a robber who steals an elderly lady's money.

Those in this play are Steven Poetter, Shari Nightwine, Susan Howard, Rick Gardner, Doug Steele, John Tomlin, Pattie Rosser and Glenda Hahmeyer.

Mrs. Dorothy Sandon's class will present Herbie the Hero, a comedy about a family spending a winter vacation in their mountain cabin. Herbie wants to be a hero in the eyes of his girl friend and many hilarious events ensue.

Students in this play are Steve Myer, Joyce Knowlton, Christy Hanson, Zenda Ellis, Chris Smith, Steven Mishler, Kathy Henderson and Dado Briones.

Band, Choral Groups Await Music Festival

Vernonia will be host for the Vernonia Invitational Grade School Music Festival this Saturday, March 20, at an all day event of performance and judging.

Bands and choruses will perform in the morning for comment and/or rating. Bands will perform at the high school for adjudicator William Rost of the University of Oregon School of Music. He will then conduct the combined bands in three mass numbers at an afternoon concert.

Choruses will sing at the Washington school for Dr. John M. Gustafson of the University of Oregon school of music, and advisor to Tongue Point job corps training center.

Seven bands will represent Astoria, Seaside (2), Warrenton (2), Knappa, Clatskanie and Vernonia. Four choruses will participate, including Astor junior high from Astoria, Clatskanie, Rainier and Vernonia. There is a decrease in the number of participating choruses this year as several schools will be on vacation at that time.

Dr. Gustafson will direct the combined choirs in Scarlet Ribbons and The Sound of Music.

The 2:30 p.m. concert at the high school will be open to the public. Tickets will be sold at the door, adults 50 cents and students 25 cents.

Steele Named League Guard

Dan Steele, guard on this year's Vernonia basketball team, was named to the all-league team for the western half of the Cowapa League at a meeting last week. It is the third straight year that Steele has received this honor.

Jerry Hanson, junior forward, was named to the second five.

Other first team members were: Loren Gramson, Warrenton; Brian Hendrickson, Seaside; Steve Mead, Banks and Dan Bash, Neah-Kah-Nie. On the second team were Jack Watson and Harry Kunkler, Warrenton; Terry Hortill and Bob Smith, Seaside and Hanson.

Oregon's Year Mother Named

A St. Helens housewife, Mrs. James T. Paterson, has been named Oregon Mother of the Year. Cited for her outstanding leadership in the community in winning the honor, Mrs. Paterson will go to New York City May 1-7 to attend the American Mother's Committee annual awards week at the Waldorf Astoria hotel. There, she will be competing for the title of American Mother of the Year along with contestants from the other 49 states.

Society to Meet

Wednesday of next week, March 24, is the date of the next meeting of the Columbia County Historical Society at the 4-H dining room at the county fair grounds at Deer Island. The meeting starts with a potluck dinner at noon which will be followed by a business session and program. All persons interested in the history of the county are invited to attend.

Lions Hear Senator, Set Banquet Date

State Senator Dan Theil of Astoria was speaker at the meeting of the Vernonia Lions club Monday of this week and dealt with current legislative problems now under consideration. He is chairman of the joint ways and means committee and spoke especially of their work. He stated that the committee has approved the increase from \$133 to \$152 per child in basic school support funds and stated that he also favored the completion of the lower Columbia river highway to Astoria.

A report from the state bowling tournament showed that Joe Magoff took first place in the singles tournament at Salem and he, and Dr. T. M. Hobart, and Charley Hickman all

Water Plant Survey Proposed To Council by City Engineer

Robert E. Meyer, consulting engineer, met with the city council Monday evening and outlined a suggested water plant survey.

Contemplated was an examination of the plant's hydraulics as applies to the main feeder lines, a determination of the plant's present capacity for pumping, filtration and storage, and possible outlining of technical changes in plant operation to increase efficiency.

It was brought out that present storage capacity is 325,000 gallons and that this might be sufficient for the immediate future if distribution shortcomings could be improved upon. The presently suggested study was estimated to require up to three months to complete at a cost of from \$1500 to \$2000 and would result in a preliminary report with immediate suggestions for changes when the need becomes apparent during the survey.

It would not entail actual planning, cost estimates or an operational manual. Setting up of a manual for operation would require an additional \$400 to \$500. The council decided to delay a survey until funds had been budgeted for it.

Planning commission members were present, together with Cyrus Nims, the planning consultant. Nims was not prepared to report on the results of the planning study being completed. The present question is as to the advisability of additional studies which might give the commission a longer look into the future. It was suggested that the council meet with the planning commission when the question could be discussed without the pressure of other city business.

W. F. Aldrich was present to ask that a storm sewer be opened which he understood had been plugged when A street was paved. The request stemmed from the fact that the improved drainage would take surface water from a lot which he owns at the east end of A street. Lee Jessee said that there had not been a storm sewer outlet at this point, the original drainage having been through a drain pipe which has since been removed.

Dan Lawler reported that a serious dust problem exists in the area adjacent to East avenue at F and G streets. He was told the city has no answer to the problem under present condition of street finances.

Councilman C. E. Miller reported that the Robert M. King trees have been moved from Spencer avenue; a stump was removed from E street; the cemetery mower has been fixed and the wood from the Rock creek log jam has been cut and removed.

The council received from Engineer Clarence Wagner a copy of noted deficiencies in the Terra contract work

Dinner Fund Exceeds \$300

The annual chamber of commerce Town and Country Day smorgasbord held Saturday evening drew a bigger than ever crowd and has been acclaimed a success in every way. Over \$300 was taken in and after bills are paid, will leave a good amount for the work of the organization.

The entertainment features, style show and exhibits added much to the evening, and decorations in the hall set the scene for pleasant dining.

The door prize, a set of Texas Ware dishes was won by Mrs. Charles Minger. A second prize, a set of Corning ware, was not claimed. The number was 168. If it is not claimed this week, another number will be drawn. Two other prizes, donated by the Mar-Lee Beauty Salon, were awarded to Mrs. Nell Thackekr and Charley Hickman.

on the Riverview water system addressed to Terra Installations, together with billing for repair work on the blown out water mainline at the Nehalem river crossing. The contractor has been notified of the deficiencies and if he does not do the work the city will deduct it from contract payment.

Trees and shrubs given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. King and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bolmeier have been transplanted in the city park. A letter of appreciation is to be directed to the Bolmeiers and Kings.

A miscellany of business was considered and assigned for further investigation before action will be taken.

The council adjourned at 10:10 and will meet next on April 5.

Budget Group Approves New Expense Sheet

The budget for school district 47J for the school year 1965-66 is printed in this issue for the information of taxpayers in the district. It was given public hearing previously and was adopted by the budget committee and school board at the meeting held Monday evening of this week at the high school. The budget will also be published in the March 25 issue.

April 6 there will be a final budget hearing at the high school at 8:00 p.m. so that those who study the budget and have questions or objections can have an opportunity to voice them.

At the May 3 school election, voters will be asked to approve the necessary tax levy to cover the budget for the coming year.

A director will be elected at that time, also, from the Mist-Birkenfeld area. Anyone wishing to file for the position may obtain blanks from Mrs. Paul Gordon, district clerk.

Patient Tries Suicide Here

A mental patient from the Damasco hospital at Wilsonville attempted suicide in Vernonia Wednesday morning, then gave herself up to city police.

Mrs. Pat Evans, aged 36, was with a group of patients taken to the Portland zoo Tuesday. She walked away from the group and told police that she walked and hitchhiked here.

Wednesday morning she purchased a diabetic syringe at the local drug store and a bottle of spot remover cleaning fluid from a store. She injected the fluid in sufficient quantity to make her quite ill and to cause great pain, but not enough to cause death.

She gave herself up to Earl Ray, city police officer, who took her to the Vernonia clinic, then called the state hospital. Personnel from the hospital came for her about 2:30 p.m.

Schools Slate Shorter Week

All schools in district 47J will be closed from Wednesday, March 24 until Monday, March 29 for spring vacation. This will be the last vacation before the end of school.

Following spring vacation, only nine weeks of school remain in this school year. High school graduation will be May 21, but another week of school will occupy all students except the graduating seniors.

for a recognition ceremony April 19.

Officers for the coming year were nominated and election will be held May 3. The club year will conclude with installation May 17.

A group from the St. Helens club was present to ask support for their presentation of the Forest Grove Gleemen April 2 to raise funds for their project, the covering of the St. Helens swimming pool.

At the March 1 meeting of the club, the Parkrose club visited. One of their members, Frank Gray, presented the Vernonia club with a gavel he had made. Harvey Redmond was initiated into the club that evening under the sponsorship of Wesley Bolmeier. Joe Magoff was given his fifth perfect attendance award.