

Council Meets in Last '65 Session

C. E. Miller, president of the Vernonia city council, presided at the meeting held Monday evening in the absence of Mayor T. M. Hobart. Councilmen L. E. Atkins, H. C. Hertel and Derl Roberts were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to show that the amount which had been requested for Christmas light bulbs was \$37 not \$17. The request had been re-fused on the basis that there was no budgeted fund for such expense. In unfinished business, the inquiry concerning lack of seat belts in the

new pick-up brought forth the reply that the belts are required only on passenger cars and light commercial equipment.

The state highway maintenance foreman had been contacted concerning changes in drainage on Rose avenue and permission was given for the city to proceed as desired.

Specifications were at hand for re-decoration of the fire hall and the council took action to change them to call for two coats of paint where original specifications had called for one. A call for bids on the job appears elsewhere in this issue. Bids are to be opened at the January 3 council meeting.

An offer of \$1100 was received from Mrs. Ada J. Croeni for lot 10 of block 2, Oregon American subdivision no. 30, Mississippi avenue. The council moved to also consider the offer formerly tabled of Ray Mattson for \$700 for the same lot. The council voted to accept the bid of Mrs. Croeni with oral agreement to exclude the condition in the bid that current taxes be prorated and title insurance furnished.

A request was received that action be taken to exclude livestock from the airport. Councilman Roberts and his committee were instructed to see the owner of the stock about proper fencing.

The county welfare department inquired about the willingness of the city to provide work for welfare recipients, the welfare department to pay the wages and furnish transportation and the city to furnish supervision and hand tools and assume state accident insurance liability. Since this class of work is in the highest liability classification, the council was unwilling to make any commitment on participation in the program.

A letter was also received from the work-study program whereby college students and high school graduate students and high school graduates planning to attend college could be employed by non-profit agencies for public work with 82 percent of the cost paid by federal funds, and the rest by the agency. No definite action was indicated.

Routine payment of bills concluded the business for this last council meeting of the year.

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Sheriff Gets Identification Of Skeleton

Final and positive identification of the remains of a man found last September near Big Eddy park has been verified by the Columbia county sheriff's office as Norman Anderson, age 54, of Quincy.

He was a resident of the Quincy area for about a year until his disappearance was reported in April, 1964. The man was reported missing at that time by William McAbay with whom he shared a house, but the man's remains were not discovered until last September.

Identification was completed last week end when Sheriff Roy Wilburn received a letter from the man's sister, Mrs. Hazel Henner of Claremont, California of whom officials were unaware until she wrote. She apparently heard of the investigation through their family.

Final investigation has been proceeding through attempts to identify a pair of glasses found on the man's remains. Sheriff Wilburn had unsuccessfully tried to locate the prescription of the man's glasses through a Clatskanie optometrist.

Mrs. Renner was able to furnish the prescription for the lenses as having been made and filled by a Dr. Alfred G. Reidell, Azusa, California. Dr. Reidell furnished the prescription and then Sheriff Wilburn had the glasses checked with a St. Helens optometrist, Dr. Jack Smith. Dr. Smith verified that the lenses and frame found on the dead man corresponded to the prescription from California.

A search for the missing man in April, 1964 led to his automobile at Big Eddy Park. But the scattered remains of the man were not found until nearly 18 months later when Ed Siedelman, picking cones in the area came upon some of them about 1 1/2 miles from where the car was found.

A search of the area by officers yielded other parts of the skeleton and torn bits of clothing.

A .22 caliber bullet hole was in the skull, but no weapon was ever found. The state crime laboratory said the rifle was fired at immediate range.

JVs Win Event At Hood River

The Loggers JVs, coached by Gordon Crowston, traveled to Hood River this past Friday night and resumed their winning ways with a 37-35 victory.

Crowston stated that the effects of the long road trip took their toll on the boys through the first three quarters. Both their offensive and defensive play suffered in the early stages of the game. The final quarter of the contest they resumed the type of play they are capable of and began rebounding at both ends of the court.

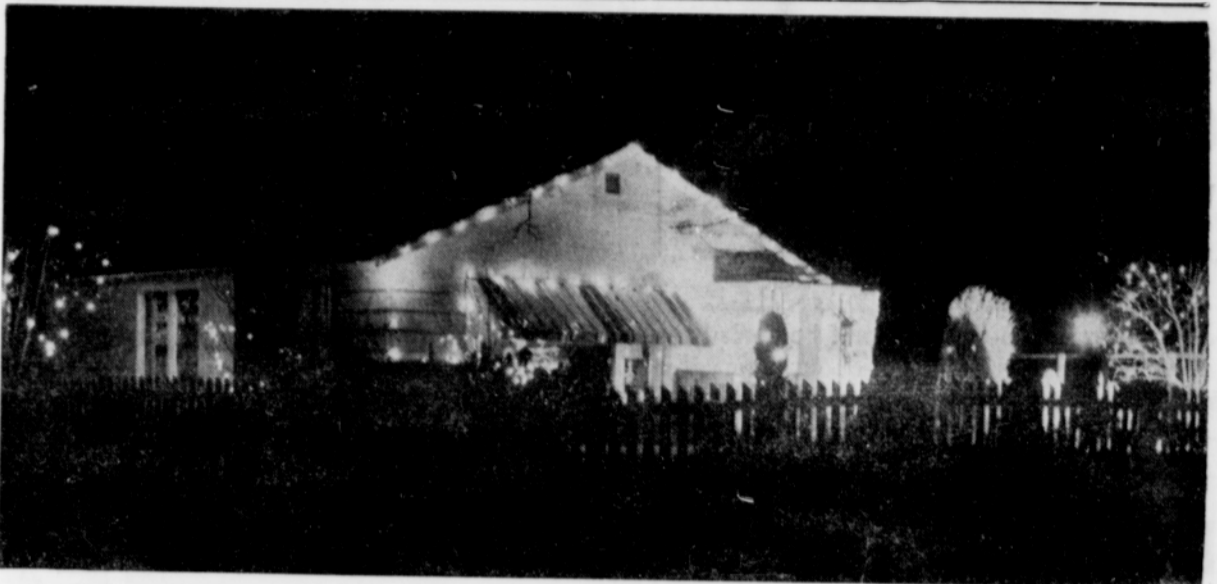
Crowston stated he was pleased with the teams hustle and team work during the last quarter. "The Loggers really played together," he said. "In other words, they played their man when the ball was away from them."

Foul shooting made the difference in the score with Vernonia bagging 9 of 14 attempted and Hood River hitting only 7 of 25.

Scoring was led by Peddicord with 12; Pete Brunson, 7; Ellis, 7; Buddy Robertson, 6; Vealey, 3 and G. Hanson, 2, for a total of 37 to Hood River's 35.

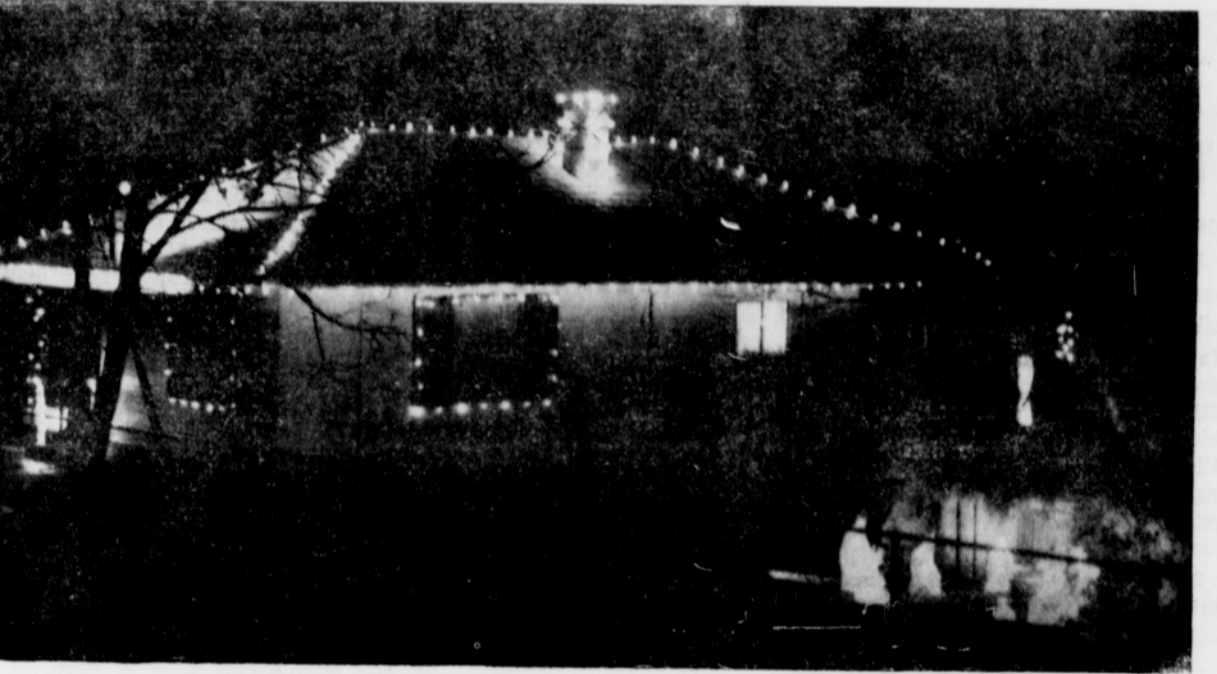
Rites Scheduled Today

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, Thursday, at 2 p.m. at the First Christian church for Edward Salomonsen who passed away Tuesday evening at St. Vincents hospital where he had surgery recently.



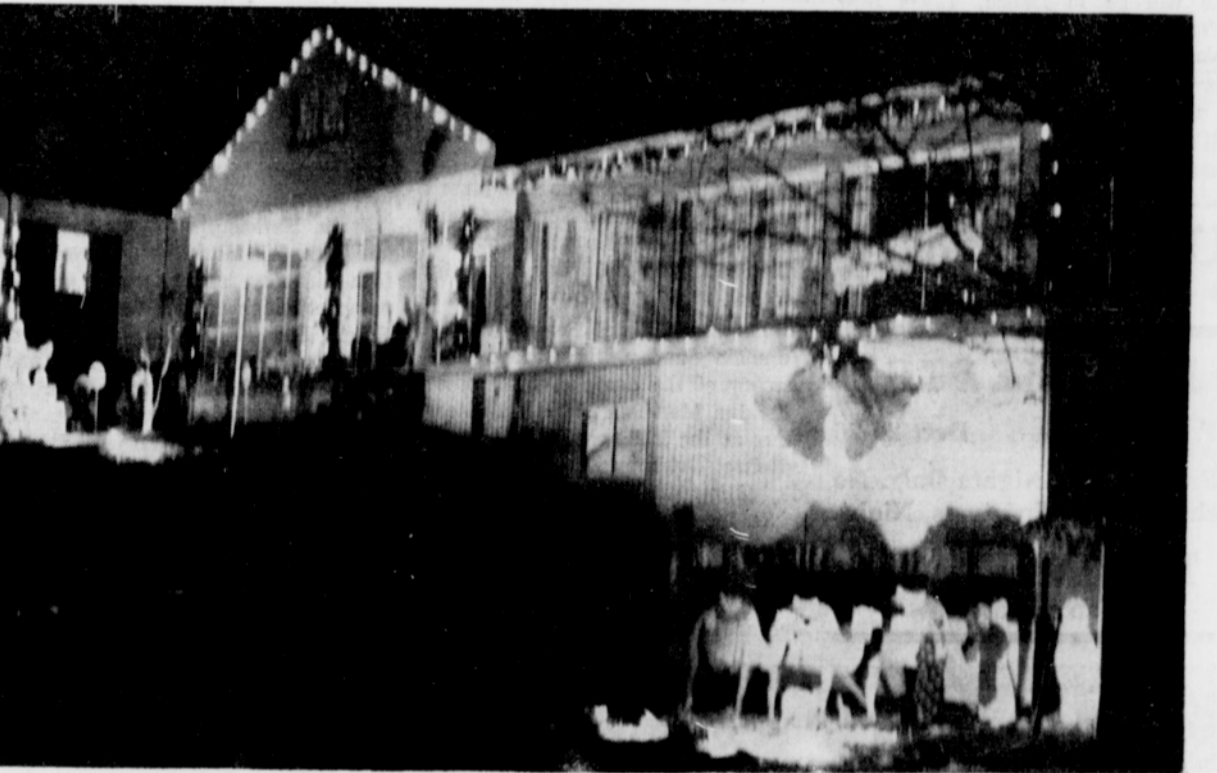
THE LIGHTING display at the Merle Cline home took first place in the illumination classification in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest. Second place went to the Chet Rays and third to the

Eay Robertsons. Of the 18 entries made, illumination category drew the largest numbers. Many homes that were beautifully lighted had not sent in entry blanks.



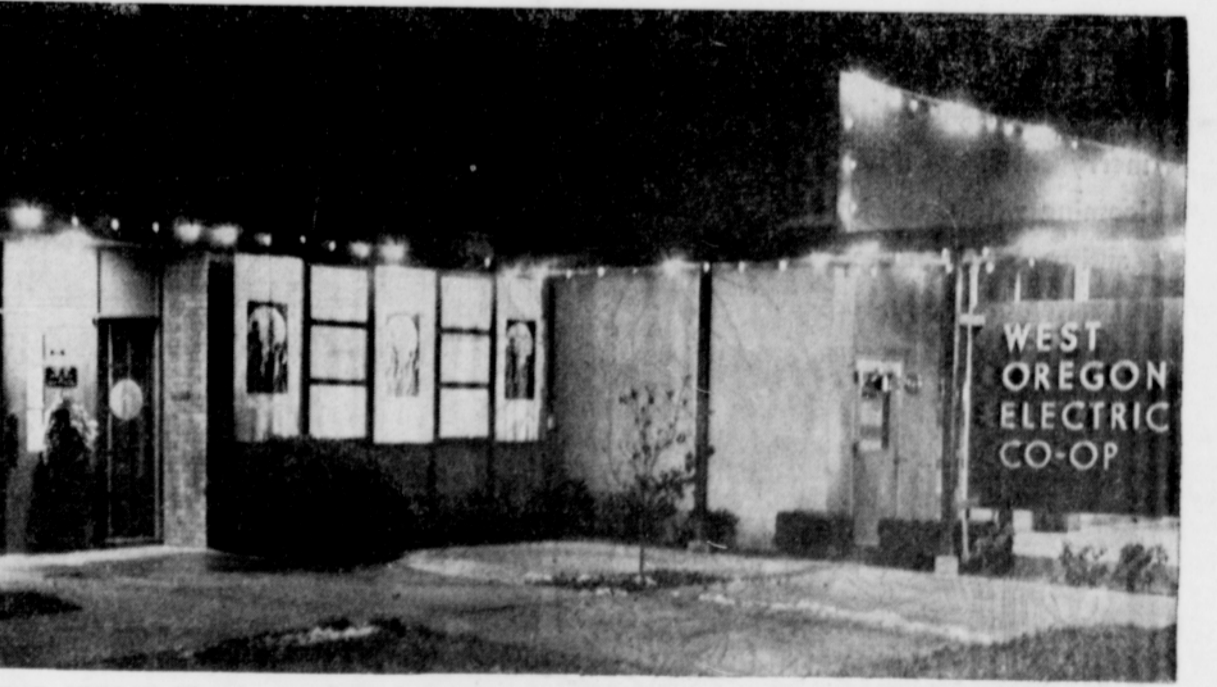
IN THE religious category, the display at the Joe Grosche home on Corey hill took first place. Second

place was awarded the Edison Aldrich display, and third, the Fred Lundgrens.



THE ELABORATE display at the Robert Curl home, portraying Santa's garden with the workshop in the background, took undisputed first place honors in the Santa theme. Mr. and Mrs. Don Huss received the sec-

ond place award. The contest committee urges more entries in this classification next year. Some with Santa theme failed to file entry blanks.



WEST OREGON Electric won first place honors in the commercial entries. Second place went to the at-

tractive window at Spofford Flower Shop. Here, again, there was a dirth of entries for the classification.



SAM CEBALLOS

Ceballos Wins On Trampoline

Don Young, athletic director at Vernonia high school, took some of his boys to Tongue Point last Saturday to enter the trampoline event in a gymnastic contest and brought home first place honors in that event.

Sam Ceballos, Vernonia high school junior, who has become outstandingly adept on the trampoline, won the event over contestants from high schools much larger than Vernonia with established gymnastic contest programs. Another Vernonia boy, Bob Shafer, placed sixth.

High schools entered in the meet included David Douglas, South Eugene, Sheldon, Wilson, Lake Oswego, Tongue Point and Clackamas.



A Blessed Christmas

May the Star shine anew in your heart, bringing you all the deep and abiding blessings of Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kamholz

Melvin Schwab

Larry Garner

Lesta Garner

Grace Peachey

Mildred Tupper

Irene Kyser

Shirley Berg

Edward Kamholz

Loggers Drop Game Event with Hood River Friday in Second Encounter with Powerful Dragons

The Vernonia Loggers traveled to Hood River last Friday, December 17 and met their second defeat at the hands of the Dragons when they finished with a score of 44 compared to Hood River's 56. Although the final score does not indicate very much excitement, it was a close

game. The first quarter ended with a tie of 8 to 8. At half time the Loggers trailed by only 6 points and when the third quarter ended, the score board read 27 to 36 with the Loggers still lagging behind. The fourth quarter proved to be

a real thriller. Vernonia showed a strong effort as they stole the ball and scored until they were behind by only 4 points with four minutes left in the game.

Three defensive lapses on the part of Vernonia gave Hood River a 10-point lead, and a last minute foul

helped raise their score as both free throw attempts were made.

The Loggers played a much better game against Hood River this time than when they were on their home court. They out-rebounded the Dragons 53 to 32 and also completed one more field goal.

The weak spot of the Loggers showed up in their personal fouls as Vernonia ended with a total of 27 and Hood River had only 10.

The scores for the individual Loggers were: J. Hanson 10; F. Smith 7; D. Larson 7; B. Mattson 6; L. Elton 6; J. Curl 4; B. Hanson 2;

and P. Pederson 2.

Fred Smith was high rebounder with 15. He also succeeded in checking the opponents' shots several times, thus preventing them from scoring. Jerry Hanson pulled in 10 rebounders. Larry Elton deserves praise for his fine defensive plays.