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Water, Sewer Rate Charges in **Riverview Set by Ordinances**

meeting held Monday of last week, ate Dick's Tavern, which has betn December 21, heard the final reading on two ordinances which were then passed. Both relate to the Riverview annexation area and one provides for adding one dollar to the basic water rate for that area and the other establishes a \$1.50 sewer use charge to provide for extension of the sewer system to that area. Tie votes on the part of Council-

men L. E. Atkins, L. E. Stiff, C. E. Miller and H. C. Hertel seemed to be the order of the evening and May-T. M. Hobart was called on twice to cast the vote to break the tie.

The first tie vote was on the application of Lillian J. McCarthy for recommendation to the state liquor control commission for a retail malt beverage class A license which

Rites for Child Held Wednesday

Albert Edward Stevenson, six-yearold son of Chief and Mrs. Claude E. Stevenson, died in Lucrino, Italy December 19. He fell while playing with other children and did not stir and was taken to the Navy hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival in the emergency room.

Services were held Wednesday, December 30 at 2 p.m. in the Fuiten-Friesen Mortuary Chapel in Hillsboro. S. William Jensen, pastor of the Hillsboro Seventh-day Adventist church officiated with Mrs. James Ogren as soloist and Clifford Walters as organist. Concluding rites and interment were at the Firlawn cemetery in Hillsboro with Darrell Rhamy, Wally Grosche, Albert Woolsey, Kenneth Kearn, Allen Van Domelen, and Marvin Van Domelen as casketbearers.

Albert Edward Stevenson was born December 30, 1957 in Las Vegas, Nevada the son of Claude and Stella Stevenson.

He was widely traveled and had lived in many places in his short life as his father is in the Navy and the family has moved wherever he

The Vernonia city council, at its would enable her to open and operclosed since the former operator. Violet Asanovich, went to Portland. Some opposition was voiced to the approval of the application on the grounds that enough such businesses were in operation and the tie vote resulted. Mayor Hobart broke the tie with an affirmative vote.

The second tie resulted after a discussion of the needs for curbs on solicitors such as purported disabled veterans selling small flags and similar tokens for alleged benefits. It was moved by Atkins and seconded by Stiff that all solicitations for funds within the city, person to person or house to house be authorized by written permission from the city council. Miller and Hertel apposed the motion and the mayor cast a nay vote to break the tie and dispose of the motion.

Marshal Lolley reported that Cliff Fetherston would try out for extra police duty and the council authorized Lolley to hire Fetherston at his discretion when extra police assistance is found necessary.

Other business authorized a new sink for the fire hall at a cost of \$30. It has been installed along with new formica counter top for which material was furnished by the fire department and John Wylde who uses the hall for the serving of Lions Club dinners

Purchases of chimney tile for the house at Anderson park was authorized.

City Attorney Robert Vagt advised the council that condemnation prceedings for the building at lot 2, block 7, Rose addition will need to be re-commenced.

Payment of bills concluded the business and the council adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next Monday evening, January 4, Mrs. Launee Cousins will take her seat on the council, replacing L. E. Stiff.

Schmidlin Adds

Registered Cow

Court Sets Building Hearing

The Columbia county court has called for a public meeting on construction of a new courthouse.

A legal advertisement published in a St. Helens newspaper gives notice of the hearing date as February 3, 1965. Time of the meeting is 7 p.m. in the county courtroom at the court-

At that time, there will be a detailed presentation and consideration of an order made by the county court authorizing construction of a new Columbia county courthouse. Lots 8 through 14, block 122, and lots 10 through 13, block 129 are given as the site chosen for the new county facility. The area is now commonly called the "Flatiron" corner, formed by Columbia boulevard and St. Helens street.

The approximate cost of the site is \$60,000, and the propsed courthouse would cost about \$850,000. No tax levy is proposed, according to the notice which states that construction funds will come from the courthouse annex fund of approximately \$400,000 and O&C revenue of approximately \$510,000.

Members of the county court who signed the order, include County Judge John W. Whipple, Commissioners Louis Wasser, and O. E. "Orie" Clark.

Petitions may be submitted to the county court at the February 3 hearing, relative to relocating the courthouse, or asking for a vote of the people on the matter.

The present courthouse will be used until the new building is occupied. After that, the court proposes that "it will be preserved and utilized as a county public building for such functions as will be in the best interests of the citizens of the county",

County Funds At High Level

"Columbia county is finishing the alendar year of 1964 in the best financial condition of any year since its existence," according to John W.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 1964 Flood Peak Passes; Snow **Depth Rises**

Weather is that thing which everyone talks about but noone does anything about, according to an oft repeated saying. For the past two weeks there certainly has been no lack of a topic of conversation and many people find themselves doing things other than the regular routine because of it.

Last week, floodwaters crested throughout the area Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In Vernonia itself, the peak was passed by early Wednesday morning. However, further down the Nehalem river in the Mist and Birkenfeld areas, the crest was not passed until Thursday.

Surprisingly, Christmas day was not too bad and people were able to have guests and make visits which for a time seemed doubtful.

Saturday night, new snow flurries came and Sunday night brought several inches of the white stuff to cover the landscape with beauty. Monday, it alternately snowed and then thawed, but not much depth was reached. However, Tuesday, the snow took on a more determined aspect and by evening was several inches deep. It continued to fall Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning 12 inches was measured on the lower levels and about 18 inches on Corey hill. Flurries continued Wednesday. The total snowfall measured on gauges at the Dudley Spofford home from Wednesday, December 23 to

December 30 was 22 inches. West Oregon Electric Cooperative employees are harried with the many outages and Wednesday morning, many people encountered slow clocks due to outages. Telephone lines also are feeling the brunt of the storm and linemen are having difficutyl maintaining service. This was evident Wednesday morning when people with slow clocks were trying to get time signals or to make long distance calls

In the past week, December 23 to 30, the minimum temperature recorded on the instruments at the Spoford home on Corey hill was 28 degrees December 28 and the max-



THIS freak of nature is on display at the Vernonia post office and is the to pout of a 15 foot tree which was brought in by Wayne Kyser of Mist who found it on Fern Hill road. One theory as to what might have caused it is that the top may have been twisted by animals such as deer or elk when it was small, causing scaring which resulted in the unusual growth.

Blood Unit Due Soon

Plans are being made for a visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here January 18 and all persons who possibly can be donors are asked to erserve that date for that purpose. Details as to hours the unit will be in operation and where it will be stationed will be given later.

Valpiani Rites At St. Helens

Requiem Mass for Pasquino Valpiani of St.Helens was offered Tuesday, December 22, at 10 a.m., at St. Frederick's church. Private services were held later in the day at Mt. Calvary cemetery, Portland.

A resident of St. Helens since 1907, the deceased had been employed by the Clark and Wilson Lumber company as enstruction foreman, retiring when the company liquidated. For a

Grange Plans Auction to **Aid Fire Loss**

Natal Grange has announced plans for a meeting Saturday, January 9 at 8 p.m. at their hall at Natal at which assistance will be given two of their members, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Powell, who recently lost their home and contents by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell moved here last year from California and had purchased the former Bliss place between Natal and Mist. Information is that the house, somewhat of a land mark in that area, was built by the parents of Clyde Johnson.

The Sunday before Christmas, the Powells had gone to call on neighbors and thehouse burned to the ground while they were away. By cdd coincidence they were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hemeon who Survivors include the widow, El; had a similar experience several

was sent. Places of residence included Adak, Alaska; Bainbridge, Maryland; Long Beach, California, and Molalla, Oregon prior to Lucrino, Italy which is near Naples.

He had just begun his education in the service school in Italy in September of this year, and December 30 would have been his seventh birthday.

Surviving in addition to his parents, Claude and Stella Stevenson, who will be making their home in Vernonia, are a brother, Bobby Keith Stevenson and a sister, Starlene Marie Stevenson; his grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Woolsey, Vernonia, and his grandfather, Charles Edward Stevenson, Warren.

Leonard Schmidlin, Vernonia, recently made an initial purchase of a registered Ayrshire cow from Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Van Dyke & Sons of Forest Grove, according to the Ayrshire Breeders' association secretary, David Gibson, Jr., of Brandon, Vermont.

The transaction was recorded in the national office of the association where complete registry records on all purebred Ayrshire dairy cattle in the United States have been maintained since 1875. Because of their thriftiness and ability to produce an abundance of four percent milk economically, Ayrshires continue to become increasingly popular.

Whipple, retiring county judge. As of December 28, 1964 it had a total unexpended balance in the general and general road fund of \$588.-360.92 and in addition to that, some \$392,056.17 in the courthouse annex fund, with approximately \$13,400.00 due shortly as interest on money loaned to banks, according to the county treasurer's records.

Of the above funds, approximately \$702,096.19 will be available for use for courthouse or other purposes if approved by the county budget committee in the form of a supplemental budget. Also, there is an additional sum of \$457,610.00 due the county from its underpayment of O&C funds, a sizeable amount of which will be paid this coming year, according to Whipple.

"Our excellent financial condition has been due to the fact that all departments of county government have lived within their respective budgets as well as the fact that underexpenditures have reverted to the general fund to be rebudgeted at the end of each fiscal year," according to the judge.

Graveside Rites Set for R. East

Graveside services will be held at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery today, Thursday, at 11 a.m., for Ray East, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest East, who passed away suddenly this past Monday evening at his home at Eastside, near Coos Bay. He had been hospitalized recently for a heart condition but was at home when he apparently was stricken with another attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen East, brother and sister-in-law of the deceased man, went to Eastside immediately after receiving the message ,then returned here Tuesday to take Mr. and Mrs. Ernest East to Coos Bay for the services at the Campbell-Watkins chapel Wednesday.

Another brother, Thurman East, also lives at Eastside. Also surviving is his wife and several step-children.

imum was 39 degrees on Christmas day.

Auxiliary to **Sponsor Dance**

The American Legion Auxiliary has announced plans for their annual New Years Eve carnival dance which will be held Thursday night at the Legion hall with the Gus Anderson orchestra from Clatskanie furnishing the music. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Hats and noise makers will be provided and refreshments will be sold by auxiliary members.

Dental Office Closed Here

Dr. Oloff L. Hansen, who for the past two years has maintained a dental office in the Vernonia Clinic building, moved last week to Hazel Dell, Washington near Vancouver completed the move from their home on the banks of Rock Creek, the former Dr. R. D. Eby home, just prior to the flooding of that area Tuesday night of last week.

number of years he operated a cookhouse at Pittsburg for about 60 Clark and Wilson employees.

ena; a brother and two sisters in Ita- years ago. ly; a son, Dominic and a daughter, Mary Terry, in St. Helens; three brothers, Mike of St.Helens, Ralph or Vernonia and Pete of Portland; and seven grandchildren.

Census Count Higher by 66

Figures compiled for school district 47J show the 1964 census figures up 66 students over the 1962 count. Census figures plus late additions on the 1962 census totalled 787 persons between the ages of four and 20. The 1964 figures plus additions bring the total to 853 between the ages of four and 20.

Examination of the figures show the increase to be in the four, five and six year age brackets which is a healthy indication of prospective school district growth, according to where he has opened offices. They J. W. Acaiturri, district superintendent.

> Basis for the above figures is the recent school census taken by members of the Vernonia Parent Teachers association.

Henry Anderegg, master of Natal Grange, stated that persons who wish to assist may bring to the party items for auction, gifts of household items, kitchen utensils, linens, bedding, clothing, etc., or cash contributions, if they like. All interested persons are invited to join with the Grange in this project.

There will be dancing and card games and refreshments will be served.

Schools Plan Start Monday

Schools will reopen following vacation next Monday, January 4, barring unforseen conditions which make it impossible. Tuesday evening, January 5, Coach Dale Andrich will take his Logger basketball team to Rainier to play the Columbians.

There will be a basketball game here in the Vernonia high school gym next Friday, January 8 with Warrenton.

Census Estimates Show County Population Gain

Oregon's population has increased 7.8 percent in the 1960-64 period, according to figures released by the Oregon State Board of Census last week. In 1960, Oregon's total population was given as 1,768,687 and as of July 1, 1964, it was tabulated as 1,906,000

By counties, Multnomah still holds the number one position as the most populous county with a total of 541,-386. Of this total, 380,300 is within the city of Portland.

Lane county is second with 190,072; Marion is third with 139,301; Clackamas, fourth, 126,044 and Washington, fifth with 112,246.

Columbia county is eighteenth in the list of Oregon's counties with a total population count of 24,213. This was an increase of 8.2 percent over were Barbara Schall, Rev. George 1960 when Columbia county's count was 22,379.

St. Helens is the largest of Columbia county's cities with a tolal of 5,234, and Vernonia is second with 1,557. Vernonia showed a growth of 43 percent which was largely due to the annexation of two large areas, the Riverside and Riverview areas. Other Columbia county communities listed were as follows: Rainier, 1,152; Scappoose, 970; Clatskanie, 850; Columbia City, 435 and Prescott, 139. All Columbia county cities show-

ed gains in population except Rainier which was the same as in 1960. For Scappoose, the gain was 5.1 percent from 923 in 1960 to the 970 listed this year.

In spite of the overall statewide

gain of 7.8 percent, there were 14 counties which showed losses of population in the four year period. Wheeler county showed the greatest decrease of 27.9 percent. Decreases there were noted in each of the towns and in the unincorporated rural areas. Other counties that showed losses were Baker, Clatsop, Coos, Crook, Curry, Grant, Lake, Lincoln, Morrow, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa.

The county showing the greatest increase was Sherman where the count in 1960 was 2,446 and in 1964, 3,600, an increase of 47.2 percent. The town of Wasco increased 65.8 percent. Part of the explanation of the large growth in this area could be construction work which has brought many people. in.



William Reed Hoffman, boatswain's mate, first class, United States Coast Guard, was given a presidential citation recently for heroism in connection with the rescue September 7, 1963 of a woman who was trapped in the hull of an overturned cabin cruiser near Humboldt Bay, California. His mother, Mrs. Ralph Markham of Vernonia, was present for the presentation when it was made last month at Eureka, California.

His citation commends him for diving, with another crewman, under the capsized boat and locating the woman and assisting in getting her out. Mouth - to - mouth resuscitation was necessary.

The citation, signed by Douglas Dillon, secretary of the treasury, concludes: "His unselfish actions, courage, and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard."