

Court Releases Survey Favoring New Court House

Monday evening of this week, the county court held a press conference at the courthouse in St. Helens to which representatives of all county newspapers were invited. Purpose of the conference was to present to them the courthouse feasibility study report which has just been completed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill Architects.

The report, copies of which were given to newsmen, is contained in a book of considerable size and contains statistics, explanations, drawings and recommendations which have resulted from the study which has been in progress for the past several months.

The study was authorized by the county court in order to determine the most feasible solution to the immediate need for facilities necessary to accommodate the expanding functions of county government.

Previous to the authorized study, various individuals and groups had offered proposals and conflicting ideas had created a degree of dissonance which resulted in a stalemate of efforts to resolve the problem. It was the purpose of the study to consider the various possible alternatives and report findings and resultant recommendations.

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contained was intended to assist the people of Columbia county in arriving at an informed decision.

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The three recommendations are that Columbia county construct a new courthouse, that it be built on the location at Fourteenth and St. Helens streets, and that the present courthouse be retained to serve other uses as later suggested in the report.

The recommendation for a new courthouse, they state, is based on

the study of facilities and remodeling possibilities which leaves them to believe that such a program would be a compromise. Limitations to the program imposed by building configuration and by the inadequacy of the site, they say, cannot be re-ignoring a new court house on the same solved. They further state that building would suffer same limitations. However, they feel that there are good and justified uses for the old building, among which they suggest a county library, museum or some county non-programmed departments.

Fourteen sites were studied and evaluated on the basis of adaptability

to the needs, adequacy of space and accessibility for best convenience to those it would serve and from these the site on Fourteenth and St. Helens was chosen for recommendation. It is adjacent to the site formerly discussed, the Flat Iron site.

Preliminary cost estimates given by the firm for a new courthouse are \$905,200 for the new facility and \$190,000 for the site for a total of \$1,095,200. The estimate for remodeling and adding to the old courthouse is \$1,308,000 with an additional \$75,000 for site expansion, or a total of \$1,383,000, or almost \$300,000 more than for a new building.

The architects stated that in making the survey, they took a long-range view of the possible needs of the county. Based on present trends, recent economic developments in the county, and the population growth trends in relation to the expanding Portland metropolitan area, it is predicted by them that the population of the county will double in the next 20 years. The effects of population are expected to have a general impact on the various county functions. To offset these effects, increased operational efficiency was considered in suggested developments.

The study graphically outlines the present space allotted each county department and compares it to the space allotment suggested. In some it is less, due to greater efficiency, though most departments need more than is now available.

Diagrams in the book show loca-

tion of all sites studied, a platte of a suggested new courthouse on the recommended site, a diagram of possible renovation and addition to the old courthouse and a picture of how the proposed courthouse might appear when completed.



JEANETTE AULTMAN, sophomore, was crowned as queen of the Sweet-heart Ball at Vernonia high school last Saturday evening. Princesses were Debbie Reynolds, Marsha Aldrich and Christine Bender.

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Scouts Participate in Event At Lloyd Center Noting Week

Friday night, February 11, Scouts of Troop 201 had an overnight camp at Lloyd Center as they participated in the 1966 Jamborama in recognition of Boy Scout week.

The Jamborama sponsored by Lloyd Center is the largest event of its kind in the nation. Boy Scout units camped and demonstrated their skills in camping, signaling, mountain rescue axmanship, knots and lashings, pioneering, canoeing, archery and many other phases of Scout activity.

The local boys gave demonstrations of first aid problems as they determined the injury, sent for aid, and applied the proper treatment or bandage.

Grade Teams Hold Top Spot

The Vernonia grade school basketball teams to date have tallied five wins and two losses for the eighth grade and six wins and one loss for the seventh grade.

To start the second half of league play, they traveled to Clatskanie February 3 where the eighth grade team dropped their game, 40 to 56 and the seventh grade won 25 to 17.

High point man for the eighth grade was Paul Nelson with 12. He was followed closely by Steve Hanson with nine. Others scoring were King 6; Rumbaugh 5; Johnston 4; and Knowlton 4.

For the seventh grade, David Von Heeder topped the scoring with 13 points to his credit. Others who added points were Landers 5; Larson 4; and McLimans 3.

February 11, the Toppers traveled to St. Helens to take two victories, the eighth grade with a score of 39-33 and the seventh grade 36-20.

For the eighth grade, Paul Nelson was again high point man with 25 and was aided by King 6; Johnston 4; Hanson and Siedelman 2 each.

For the seventh grade, Don McLimans, David Von Heeder and David Larson had 6 points each, Landers and Fields 3 each and Meyers, Elton, Curl and Proehl 2 each.

Today, February 17, the teams go to St. Helens again for games with the Buccaneers. The next home game is Thursday of next week, February 24 when Rainier comes here. Game time is 3 p.m.

Chamber Dates Smorgasbord

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce directors have set Saturday, March 19 as the date for its annual Smorgasbord and has named Albert Brunman as general chairman for the event. The Smorgasbord dinner is held each year to raise funds to publicize Vernonia and to provide an evening of pleasure with friends with delicious food as the drawing card.

The Chamber has been asked for photos of this area for the 1966 Oregon Travel Guide in which Oregon cities and recreational areas are being featured. This is a pamphlet sponsored by the State Travel Bureau and will be similar to the Oregon vacation packages of 1965.

Blood Unit Dates Visit

Mrs. Charles Minger issued a reminder this week that the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Vernonia Wednesday of next week, February 23 and will be stationed at the IOOF hall from 3 to 6 p.m. Donors are urgently needed to meet the quota and to replace blood previously used by local area residents as well as to build up a backlog for future needs.

A partial list submitted by the Red Cross of persons for whom replacements are needed gives the following names: Mrs. Oliver LaFontaine, Mrs. Hazel Ayers (deceased), Walter Garrity, Earle Markham, Lois Shaw, Arthur Baltz (deceased), and Mrs. M. B. Willard.

Donors may designate persons to whom they wish their blood credited if they so desire.

Donors may be from 18 to 59 years of age, inclusive, but those between the ages of 18 and 21 must have signed permission from parent or guardian.

Win Tallied in Return Game

Foul shooting and a team effort paved the way for a return bout victory over Clatskanie's Tigers here Tuesday evening, February 15. Shooting from the floor, the Loggers bucketed 21 of 74 attempts for a 28.3 percent. Clatskanie hit 21 of 55 for a 38.1 percentage mark. On the charity line Vernonia outshone the Tigers by hitting 19 of 28 to the opponents 7 of 18.

Good ball handling was displayed sporadically throughout this contest. The locals looked ragged at times, but always managed to put on a spurt to protect their advantage over the visitors.

Final score was 61-49 in favor of Vernonia's quint, an attack that was aided by four Loggers scoring in double figures. Those scoring were: Smith 17, J. Hanson 10, Elton 12 and Larson 14. Other scoring included: B. Hanson 1, Curl 4, Minger 3, Ellis, Medges, Pederson and Gary Hanson also saw action but didn't make the score board.

Again the reserves came off the bench to spell the starters and showed a lot of hustle and desire to aid the winning cause.

School Library Open Evenings

The library at Vernonia high school will be open to students and adults two nights each week, according to an announcement made this week by Welcome Rumbaugh, high school principal. It will be open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings with the first session set for this evening, February 17.

Entrance to the library will be gained from the parking lot at the rear of the building through the door in the east wing. Adults may use any reference or text material during the specified hours in the library but will not be permitted to check them out.

If enough interest is shown, the use of the library will be extended to Tuesday, also.

Lions Slate Guest

The Vernonia Lions club will have as guest for their meeting Monday evening, February 21 Glen Ingram, Scout executive from the Sunset Trail district who will present a film and talk on the Explorer Scouting program for boys 14 to 18 years of age.

Loggers Hold Top Place in Division Play

As the 1965-66 basketball season draws to a close, the title race intensifies as each round is played. Hood River rides high on top of the Eastern division of Cowapa league with a 6-0 win-loss record, but in the Western half, another picture unfolds.

As of Tuesday night, Vernonia is the possessor of a 4-2 record, Warrenton now stands 3-3, Neah-Kah-Nie owns a 3-2 mark and Seaside follows with a 3-4 mark. Clatskanie has fallen to the cellar with only one league win, over Vernonia.

Vernonia now has two games remaining, Neah-Kah-Nie Friday, February 18 and Seaside the following Friday. Both games are away. It might be added that Neah-Kah-Nie has yet to be defeated on their own court, giving the Loggers a definite disadvantage in that fray. Seaside's only remaining game is with the Loggers. Besides Vernonia, Neah-Kah-Nie has to encounter Warrenton at Warrenton and Clatskanie on the river team's court.

Members Added To Clinic Staff

The advisory board of the Columbia county Mental Health Clinic met at the city council chambers Monday evening, February 7, to discuss current issues.

In October, Dr. Grant Hughes of Portland joined the staff as a part-time psychiatrist. Dr. Milford Lytle, chief psychologist at the Multnomah county Mental Health Clinic, will join the staff as part-time psychologist in February. John Zaniker of St. Helens and Reverend M. B. Gudmundsen of Vernonia were accepted as new members of the advisory board.

Coffee Date Set

A Heart Fund coffee will be held Saturday at Deans Market under sponsorship of the American Legion auxiliary, sponsoring group for the local drive, according to Mrs. Marie Atkins, local chairman. The funds derived will be added to those received in contributions from local organizations and the Heart Sunday house to house solicitation.

History Society Dates

The Columbia County Historical Society will meet Wednesday, February 23, in the 4-H exhibit building at the county fairgrounds. This is the first building on the right when entering the fairgrounds. Pot luck will be served at noon and will be followed by the afternoon business session and program. All are welcome.

Youth to See Films

The Community Christian Youth Rally will be held this Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Nazarene church on Madison avenue and will feature pictures of Vietnam taken by Paul Weidman during his recent service there. He will show the films and tell about them.

Talent numbers from the various church young people will complete the program which is open to all interested persons.

Warriors Top Game Scoring

Vernonia's Logger hoop squad fell under the onslaught of the Warrenton Warriors 63-51 on the home court Friday, February 11. The double-figure scoring by Ledgerwood and Mickle combined to set the Loggers back on their heels.

Warrenton out rebounded Vernonia in the contest, as in all of the Vernonia defeats, rebounding has played a big part. Gramson dominated both ends of the court in this department.

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This loss, along with other league action, left Vernonia, Warrenton and Neah-Kah-Nie tied with 3-2 win-loss records while Seaside claimed a 3-3 mark.

Coach Bert Kronmiller expressed pleasure in the fact that during final minutes of the game although they had no hopes of overcoming Warrenton's lead, the Loggers never gave up, but played it right out to the final buzzer.

Pomona Grange voted to complete the deal with the county court for the sale of the Big Eddy park. They also voted to present one of the Grange history books recently printed to each of the junior and senior high school libraries in the county.

The fifth degree was given in full form by the officials of Pomona Grange. Candidates were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seawright of Yankton, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Eng, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pierce of Chapman Grange.

The lecturer's program consisted of a piano solo by Nancy Ahlf, a reading by Mrs. Graham, a new year's resolution and candle light service by the officers, community singing and a vocal solo by State Master Wheeler, "No Man Is an Island."

Chapman Grange won the officer attendance prize and Warren Grange the member attendance prize. The next meeting of Pomona Grange will be May 7 at Natal Grange.

Band Parents Name Officers

Mrs. Wm. Rundle was named as president of the Band Parents club at a meeting held Monday evening in the band room at the Washington school. Others elected were Mrs. Wm. Ambrose, secretary and Mrs. Daniel Koch, treasurer.

Outgoing officers were George Laws, president; Mrs. Laws, secretary and Mrs. Rundle, treasurer.

The group was entertained Monday evening by selections from the beginners band directed by Charles Randall, band instructor.

In business action, plans were started for the luncheon to be served at the spring music festival. Details will be worked out in an executive meeting.

The next meeting of the club will be March 14.

Cubs Plan Banquet

The Cub Scouts announce plans for their annual Blue and Gold banquet Saturday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Washington school cafeteria.

The dinner will be pot luck for all Cub Scouts and their families. It is expected that this will be one of the largest dinners of this kind in Vernonia.

Boys from each of the Dens will provide a program of skits.

Pomona Grange Honored with Visit from State Officials

State Master and Mrs. Allen Wheeler, State Secretary Mildred Norman and State Chaplain Martha Wright were all distinguished guests attending the Columbia County Pomona Grange at Yankton Saturday, February 5. Other guests included district 3 home economics chairman, Mrs. Floyd Graham, Mr. Graham, Gordon and Karen (Oregon's outstanding Young Granger of the Year), Jesse Hanson, Washington county deputy, and a number of other guests from Washington and Multnomah counties.

Mr. Wheeler spoke briefly on the state reapportionment and the agricultural council and their affect on the Grange, and told of the increased need of the Grange.

Mrs. Graham presented certificates and also some cookie recipe books to be sold by the Home Ec clubs. Karen Graham told of her recent trip to the National Grange in Topeka and told of the many opportunities for youth in the Grange. The other state officers all spoke briefly as did several of the other guests.

The agriculturist chairman, Orville Gilkey, introduced Loren McKinley, OMSI director, who spoke about the new wing for OMSI for modern science of agriculture. The new wing will be built with contributions from counties and organizations. Several Granges have plans for money raising events in the near future. The project chair-

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