

Action Started for Removal of Hotel

Action was taken Monday evening by the Vernonia city council which may result in removal of another eyesore from the Vernonia scene. Notice given elsewhere in this issue calls a hearing to determine whether the remnant of the old Vernonia Hotel is a dangerous building. This is the first step in condemnation proceedings which could lead to the removal of the remaining structure from the scene, an action which would greatly improve the appearance of the main street through Vernonia.

The action of the council followed

World Day Of Prayer Arranged

World Day of Prayer will be observed in Vernonia Friday with services at the Vernonia Bible church at 1:30 p.m. which have been arranged through the united efforts of the women's groups of the participating churches. Reverend John Hager, pastor of the Bible church will preside and representatives of the various churches will have parts in the program.

The theme for this year is Believing Ye Shall Receive. The same theme, translated into many different languages, is used on this same day throughout the world.

Now 80 years old, World Day of Prayer is observed in 125 countries on six continents. The observance is always on the first Friday in Lent and the same order of service and theme are used everywhere, giving a world-wide unity in this christian program.

The service is open to all persons interested in participating.

Youth Group Plans Banquet

A youth banquet has been planned by the Community Christian Youth Rally group for March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the EUB church. It will be catered by Friar Tuck.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased from Duane Fuquay, Geoffrey Proehl, Ann Sargent, Robert Weidman, Gordon Blackburn, Kathy Jensen, Beth Ann Ambrose, Jeanette Aultman, Kerry Gudmundson and David Fisher.

Age limits for the banquet are 12 years through college age. Tickets are \$1.25 each and all young people in the community are invited to attend.

Jamboree Meet Dated

The Jamboree committee will meet again Thursday evening of next week, March 3 to make more plans for the annual July event. All persons with suggestions and offers of assistance are invited to attend.

ed the reading of a letter from A. E. Paulson, a Longview, Washington realtor, saying he was removing the for sale sign of his company from the building as he considered the premises a disgrace to him as well as to the city of Vernonia.

The council agreed Monday that it would welcome a survey and report from the planning commission on buildings which should be rehabilitated or removed.

A recommendation was received from the state sanitary authority that a timing device be wired into the two raw sewage pumps in the lagoon system so that the amount of flow can be computed from the capacity of the pumps and time operated. This would substitute for the present inoperative flow meter.

The matter was tabled for consideration at the next meeting of the council. Reports showed that the cause of a sewage outflow obstruction from the O. A. hill area had been ascertained and corrected.

The police department presented to the council information that a police radio communication system is of more immediate need than a radar set which had been authorized. The council took action authorizing purchase of police radio equipment and the police chief, Earl Ray, was authorized to investigate desirability and prices of various installations.

The council also was informed that rescheduling of police patrol time had been completed and that week end water plant operations had been assigned to other city employees.

A letter was received from the chamber of commerce expressing concern over an alleged influx of undesirable welfare cases from neighboring cities. It was the mayor's opinion that this is not a problem that can be legislated against.

The council moved to authorize the signing of the lease with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Huff for part of the airport property as written by the city attorney. Permission for the golf club to install a tee on a small area of the airport still awaits a description of the area desired by the golf course management.

A suggestion was made that the hangars at the airport be painted. Councilman Derl Roberts was asked to check on amount of paint needed and cost for the city to furnish materials for the hangar users to do the job.

Committee reports showed that street patching done during recent weeks had been ineffective, presumably because of deterioration of the mix used for the purpose. Other reports were that water supply laterals have been installed on all planned streets in Riverview addition.

Examination had shown that the well-opening on the Jackson property in Riverside addition should not be considered dangerous as there remains only a three-foot depression.

It was agreed to make a key to the shay lot available by placing one at Kate's Cafe where it may be obtained upon request.

After payment of bills, the council adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting will be March 7.



Campaigning in Vernonia Tuesday was Gloria Salvey, candidate for Columbia county clerk on the Democratic ticket. A resident of Columbia county for the past three years, she has been employed in the county clerk's office for two years and has been deputy clerk since March of 1965. She is a graduate of Roosevelt high school in Portland. She, her husband and four children reside at Scappoose.

Grade Program Comes to End

The fifth and sixth grade basketball program inaugurated by basketball coach, Bert Kronmiller, has completed its run with a lot of action being afforded spectators at their games.

The benefits of a program of this type will not be fully evident for several years, but with boys of this age learning the fundamentals, top teams are likely in future years. Kronmiller stated that at this age, the boys show an eagerness to learn and play and that he has greatly enjoyed working with them. This program was held on Saturdays in addition to his regular coaching and teaching duties.

A large factor in the success of this program, he stated, was the assistance of Steve Curl and Gary Davis as his assistants. In addition to themselves playing basketball these boys have spent their Saturday mornings in helping these younger boys grasp playing fundamentals. About 35 fifth and sixth graders participated in the program.

The Founder's Day program of the Vernonia PTA was held February 21 at the high school.

The program was begun by the presentation of charms by Mrs. Albert Krieger, to all past presidents who attended. Mrs. E. E. Larson, who now resides in Tillamook, made the trip here for the occasion. Others honored were Mrs. Ralph Krieger, Mrs. Henry

Ball Fans Await Big Decision Friday Night

Hood River is the only team in the Cowapa league which has a playoff berth cinched at this time with Scappoose a strong contender for the other eastern division spot. To attain the March 4 and 5 eliminations at Lewis and Clark, the Loggers must down Seaside this Friday night on the Gulls' floor.

In play Tuesday night, Neah-Kah-Nie downed Warrenton by one point to reach a 4-3 win-loss mark. The Warriors now stand 4-4. Vernonia and Seaside will meet this week end with the Loggers trying to stretch their record to a 6-2 record by defeating Seaside who now stands 4-3.

The possibility of a playoff game before the regular district finals is evident and the teams to make berths in the district eliminations at L & C may not be decided until next week. Neah-Kah-Nie and Clatskanie are yet to meet in their final action of the regular season Friday night.

Logging Accident Claims Life of George Brown

George D. Brown who had spent most of his lifetime in Vernonia was killed early Monday morning in a logging accident in the Allegany mountains approximately 75 miles from Coos Bay. He was working as a buckler and was caught and crushed between the log he was cutting and another log. Investigators classed it as a freak accident that was no fault of his. Death was instantaneous. He was employed by the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company at Coos Bay.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 26 at 3 p.m. at the Fuiten - Friesen Mortuary Chapel, Vernonia. Reverend Meyers of the Mapleton EUB church will officiate. Following cremation concluding committal rites will be at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

George D. Brown was born on March 3, 1940 at Albuquerque, New

Loggers Capture Overtime Game

The Logger quint clawed their way up another rung on the play-off ladder this past Friday night by coming out of an overtime contest with a one-point advantage, 84-83 over Neah-Kah-Nie after regulation play ended in a 77-all tie. The Pirates had not been beaten on their home court until this game and the desire of the Loggers to play to win was a large factor in this contest.

For the first time this season, the Loggers were out-rebounded, but still came up with a win. Good team play and the fine outside shooting of Larry Elton kept the team in contention throughout the first half. Elton and Joe Curl were both credited by Coach Bert Kronmiller with their best efforts of the season. Curl pulled in the final rebound of the overtime period to give Vernonia control of the ball and save their slim lead.

Larson and Smith led the scoring in their usual form with 23 and 22 points, respectively. All starters scored in double figures, Curl and Elton each contributing 14 and Jerry Hanson, 11. Steve

Ellis saw action but did not score. Another reserve who played but did not score was Bill Hanson who came into the game when Jerry Hanson fouled out in the final segment of the game and turned in a fine performance.

A strong factor in the Vernonia win was their edge in free-throw completions, hitting 18 of 27 to the Pirates 19 of 37. The close called game brought a large number of attempts at the charity stripe, with Neah-Kah-Nie drawing one and ones before Vernonia in each half but failing to complete them up to Vernonia's .667 percent.

Massey, 23, Moore, 19, and Smith 18, led the Pirate scoring.

Board Sets Date

There will be a quarterly meeting of the Rural Fire Protection district board Monday evening, March 7 at 8 p.m. at the home of R. B. Fletcher, according to an announcement made this week by Gene Weller, district chairman. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

ilyn Brown and three children, Howard, Clayton and Mary Ann Brown, all of the Bayshore Apartments at Empire; his father, Carl Brown, Albuquerque; his mother, Mrs. Willard (Leona) Haverland of Vernonia; five brothers, Phillip Brown, Los Angeles; Fred Brown, Bakersfield; Richard Haverland, Harriman, Tennessee; Everett and Willard (Juggy) Haverland, Vernonia; three sisters, Mrs. Carl (Agnes) Smith, Albuquerque; Velma Haverland, Vernonia, and Mrs. Walter (Nancy) Lankston, Olympia, Washington and his grandmother, Mrs. Iva Hofheins, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Cub Banquet Set

Cub Scouts and their families will hold their annual Blue and Gold banquet Saturday evening at the Washington school.

Founders Day Observed by PTA at Program Monday

Anderegg, Mrs. Robert Curl, Mrs. Maude Wells, Mrs. Charles Minger and Mrs. Harvey Redmond.

Mrs. Ralph Krieger gave a resume of the work the local PTA has done since it was established in 1948 with Mrs. George Johnson as the first president. In 1951 the high school and grade school groups, which were separate until then, merged into one group. The

first project undertaken by the organization, was to establish the hot lunch program.

Since then the PTA has been instrumental in obtaining the county health nurse and various clinics, starting the savings stamp program, setting up a scholarship fund, and providing books for the library, to mention the highlights of its service to the schools and community.

Carrol Clason, Columbia Pacific institutional representative of the Boy and Cub Scouts, was then introduced. He informed the members of his duties of which the most important is to attend the monthly meetings in Portland and bring back information concerning the Scouts. He said that the Columbia Pacific Council was well pleased by the percentage of participation in this area.

Before presenting the Boy and Cub Scout charters to Mrs. Don Webb, PTA president, he informed the group that it takes an act of congress before a charter may be presented. Five awards to the Boy Scouts and two to the Cubs were presented from the Columbia Pacific Council after which the men and women in the community who are active in the scouting program, were presented cards in appreciation of their service.

Don Jackson, Scoutmaster, led the combined Boy, Girl, Cub Scouts and the Brownies in singing songs from other countries. They stood in a setting of foreign flags which were loaned by the Columbia River Council of Girl Scouts. Some of the girls wore costumes of other lands to complete the picture.

Mrs. Mary Curran, district director of the Columbia River Council of Girl Scouts and James Phillips, district executive, were in attendance and were introduced

to the membership.

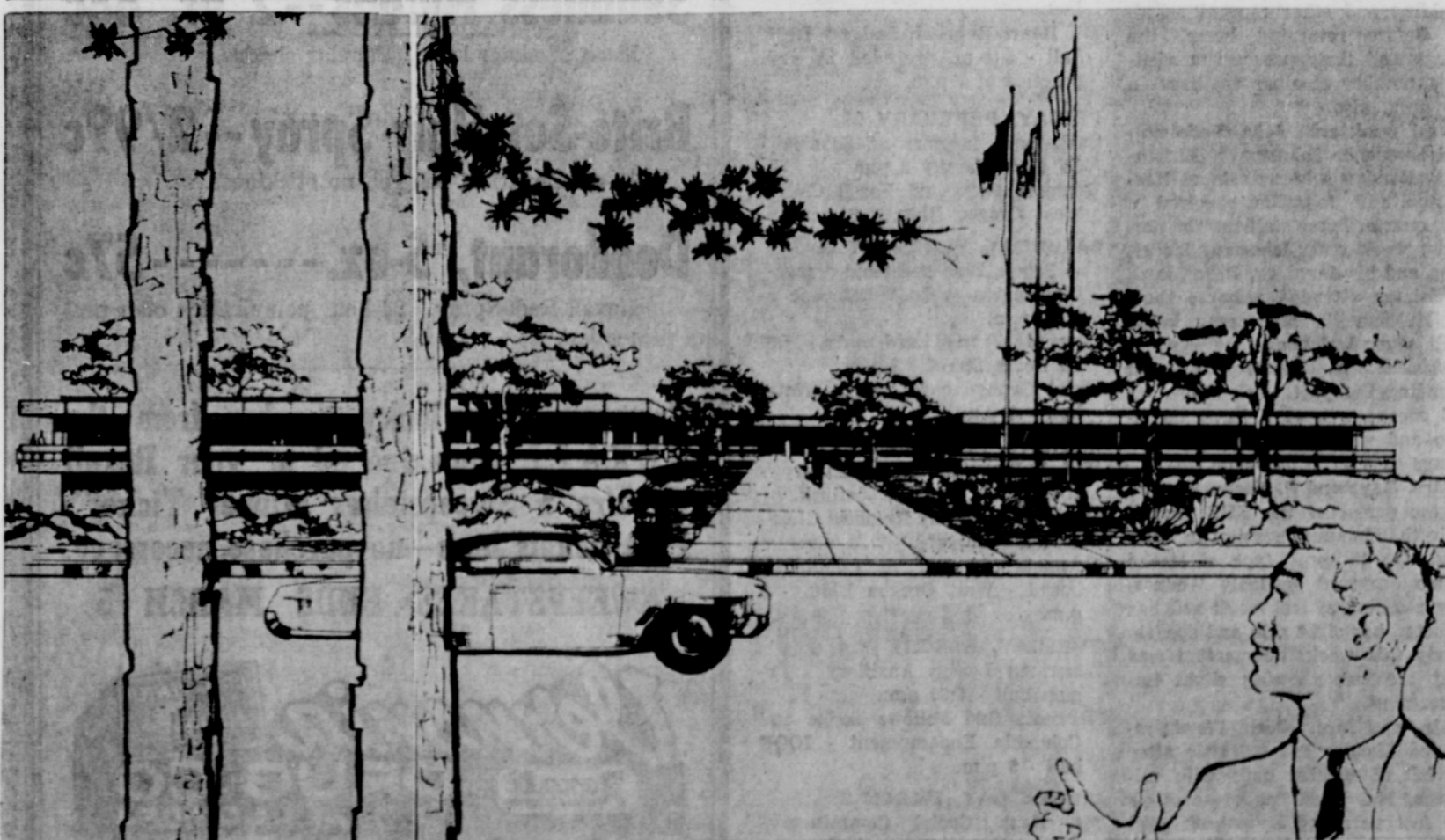
The first public initiation of the local chapter of the National Honor Society was begun with a talk by Harold McEntire in which he told that the first such chapter was started in Pittsburg in 1921 and that this chapter was founded on October 9, 1959 with Mrs. Wesley Bolmeier as the first advisor.

He said the requirements for membership are rigid, starting with a 3.0 or better scholastic average and encompassing character, leadership and service. The entire faculty must rate and vote on the students who seek membership.

Dr. Toshi Kuge, a 1936 graduate of Vernonia high; Jack Burnham, class president and graduate of 1950; Miss Sunny DeHart, one of the charter members of the Society and graduate of 1960; and Mrs. Ruth Lindsley, a past president of the organization and a 1964 graduate, gave inspirational talks on the ideals of the membership.

Fred Smith, president; Cathy Jensen, vice president; Christine Bender, secretary, and Beth Ann Ambrose, treasurer, the present officers, were introduced. Twelve new members were initiated into the Society with an impressive candlelight ceremony led by Christine Bender and preceded by the pledge. Bob Mattson, Roger Medges, Sally Knowlton, Cathy Jensen, Ann Sargent and Bill Hansen were initiated into the regular membership and Carmen and Christi Rundle, Kristen Landers, Steve Curl, Geof Proehl, and Eddie Burton were made probationary members.

Fred Smith presented the new members with the emblem of the Society and McEntire gave certificates to the probationary members.



THE NEW Columbia county court house will look similar to this if the recommendations of the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill are accepted. The firm conducted a survey of 14 potential sites, including the present site of the court house. The recommended location is a

five acre site between 12th and 15th streets in St. Helens with frontage on St. Helens street and Columbia Blvd. Estimated cost of site and building would be \$1,095,000. A brochure of the firms findings and recommendations is available for public inspection at the Vernonia Eagle office.