

Play-off to Decide Winner of League

Under the tutelage of Coach Bert Kronmiller, the Loggers quint has earned a place in the Cowapa league playoffs this week end. They go into the eliminations with a 6-2 league record against the Scappoose Indians, the second place team in the eastern half. Hood River and Neah-Kah-Nie will square off in the second game Friday night at L & C.

To earn their way to the state finals at Coos Bay, the locals will have to overcome Scappoose Friday night and then defeat the winner of the Hood River - Neah-Kah-Nie game on Saturday evening. With the potential of all teams involved this promises to be no easy task and the Log-

ger squad will have to come through in all departments. Team play and determination will be big factors in these contests as any let down by any team can spell their demise from contention.

Game time Friday night for the Loggers will be 7 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark gym. The second game will start at 9 p.m. In play Saturday night, the previous night's losers will square off at 7 and the winners at 9 p.m.

Tickets will be \$1 per night for adults and 50 cents for students, both grade and high school. This price includes both games on each date.



COACHES Bert Kronmiller, left, and Gordon Crowston, extreme right, posed proudly this week with the Vernonia high school varsity basketball squad that cinched top spot in the Western half of the Cowapa league with their win over Seaside last Friday evening. These boys, who will enter Cowapa League playoffs Friday night at

Lewis and Clark are, from left: David Larson, Larry Elton, Dennis Pederson, Joe Curl, Jerry Hanson, Fred Smith, Bill Hanson, Steve Ellis, Roger Medges, Steve Minger; kneeling, Manager Gordon Blackburn. Photo by Danny Hearing

Half-time Lead of Opponents Overcome by Loggers Friday

Opening night jitters, play-offitis, or some such malady took toll of the Vernonia Loggers in the first half of the encounter with Seaside this past Friday night and left them five points behind the Gulls at half time. With the exception of Elton's fine outside shooting and the rebounding of Joe Curl, the Logger quint was unable to get an attack going until the third quarter.

In the second half the locals settled down into the type of ball they are capable of and dominated the host Gulls. Fine ball control was displayed as the Vernonia boys played their own game to pull ahead to a 51-42 win.

Jerry Hanson played a good game, logging 15 points and 10 rebounds for the night. Curl pulled in 12 rebounds and bucketed 7 points for the night. Other scoring included: Smith 9, Elton 12, Larson 8, Pederson and Bill Hanson both saw action but failed to make the scoreboard. High point man for Seaside was John Johnson with 12.

Vernonia again outshot their opponents at the free throw line, hitting 11 of 18, a 61.1 percentage mark, to Seaside's 4 for 14.

This win put Vernonia in the top spot of the Western division of the Cowapa league and gained them a berth in the Friday and Saturday play-offs at Lewis and Clark college. For the season, they have garnered a 14-7 win-loss record; in league play, a 6-2 mark.

The Logger JVs were dominated by the young Gulls in the preliminary with the fray ending at 65-38, with the locals on the short end of the score. Seaside's Leon Teppel led the scoring with 15 points.

For Vernonia the scoring was as follows: Cameron 12, Holsley 8, G. Hanson 6, Peddicord 5, Chris Smith 3, Robertson 3, A. Brunsmann 1. This concluded the JVs play for the season and they retired with a 11-10 win-loss record.

Snowfall Marks March Debut

There was some discussion Tuesday as to whether March came in like a lion or a lamb. Weather behaviors were quite lionish but the general appearance of the countryside was that of a fleecy white lamb.

The ground at Vernonia was white Tuesday morning and the drop of early morning temperatures to the mid-20s produced icy road conditions. Snow continued to fall heavily most of the morning, but melting accompanied it so the depth downtown did not exceed more than three inches.

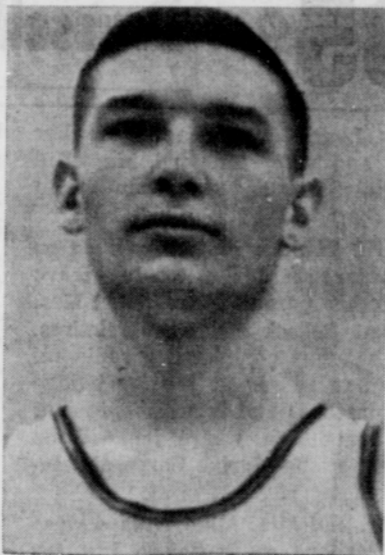
By noon, snowing stopped and the sun broke through and most of the ground cover melted during the afternoon.

Up Keasey way, snow depth of eight inches was reported Tuesday. At noon there was a good six inches at Timber and similar depths existed on all higher elevations of roads from Vernonia.

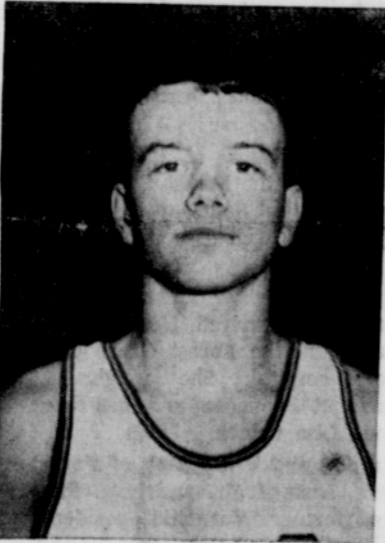
Mid-20 temperatures were reached again Tuesday night. Snow flurries occurred Wednesday morning but at Vernonia it melted as it fell.

Fireman Added

A new member was added to the roster of the Vernonia Fire Department Monday night to fill a vacancy on the 20-man crew. Bob Olsen had previously been voted to membership and reported for the training session that night.



FRED SMITH



DAVE LARSON



JERRY HANSON

League All-Star Team Selected

The selection of Western division Cowapa league all-stars was held Tuesday night with the following results:

First string: Loren Gramson, 6'3" senior, Warrenton; Jim Massey, 6' senior, Neah-Kah-Nie; Barry Derkacht, 5'9" senior, Neah-Kah-Nie; Fred Smith, 6'3" senior, Vernonia; Dave Larson, 5'9" senior, Vernonia.

Honorable mention included: Jerry Hanson, 6'3" senior, Vernonia; Gary Hansen, 6'3" senior, Seaside; John Johnson, 5'11" senior, Seaside; Dick Ledgerwood, 5'11" senior, Warrenton.

The garnering of three placings by Logger hoopsters is a tribute to the local quint. Coach Bert Kronmiller indicated Wednesday morning, although with a team of play-off capabilities it is hard to single any one out for honors. These boys are to be complimented on their selection which has been made on their ability and desire to play throughout the season, the coach said.

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99W Alternate Road Group to Hear Senator

Senator John J. Inskeep of Clackamas county, chairman of the legislative interim committee on highways, will be the speaker for the annual meeting of Highway 99W Alternate Road association.

Announcement of the program speaker was made by Homer Waltz, Forest Grove, president of the association. The annual meeting will be held next Wednesday, March 9, at the Timber Nook at Nehalem Lanes in Vernonia with a dinner at 7 p.m. Attendance is invited from those interested in road improvement along the route from McMinnville through Forest Grove and Vernonia to the Longview bridge.

Senator Inskeep presently is heading the interim committee study on highways. Under House Joint resolution 6 this committee has the following purpose: "To study the need for highway funds, the means of maximizing these of user revenues in meeting such needs, alternative methods of distributing user revenues to local governments; and to study the field of tourism with the objective of producing the greatest recreational, esthetic and economic benefits to the state from the tourist industry."

The interim committee is slated for a hearing on highway matters as they relate to Northwest Oregon in Rainier on March 31.

School Election Deadline Near

A petition has been filed by Walter Workman for a place on the school election ballot for re-election as director for district 47J at the school election to be held May 2. Directors are elected for five year terms.

Other persons who wish to file for the position may get petition forms from the school district office at 374 Bridge street. These require a minimum of ten names of registered voters and must be filed with the district clerk, Mrs. Mona Gordon, by April 1.

Film Showing Due

The Vernonia Ministerial Association announced this week that the film, Viet Nam Profile, will be shown Wednesday evening of next week, March 9, at the Evangelical United Brethren church on State avenue.

The film is a Bob Pierce production and depicts God at work in Viet Nam in the midst of war. It is described as a most interesting and timely film and the public is invited to see it.

Club Backs Scout Post

The Vernonia Lions Club is preparing to sponsor an Explorer Post in Scouting for high school boys 14 to 18 years of age. This program will be based on high adventure and will provide a program of special appeal for the members.

The high adventure will be interpreted in camps, trail rides, canoe trips, industrial plant excursions, search and rescue and such other highlights as determined by the post.

A post advisor and post committee is being selected. Announcement will be published soon about organizational meetings.

Blood Response Said Successful

The Red Cross Bloodmobile received 27 pints of blood during their visit here last Wednesday, February 23. There were two rejects. The amount of blood received covered all replacements needed for Vernonia people at this time.

Mrs. Charles Minger who was in charge of arrangements stated that those in charge of the Bloodmobile were very pleased with the local response. In view of the prevalence of illness at this time, the response was excellent and was much better than that in some other areas of the county.

Appreciation was expressed for the services of Dr. T. M. Hobart, Mrs. Cass Bergerson, registered nurse and Mrs. Ethel Blackburn, licensed practical nurse, and the following ladies who assisted in other capacities: Mrs. Janet Hult, Mrs. Harry Sandon, Mrs. B. J. Horn, Mrs. Marie Atkins, Mrs. Jackie Atkins, Mrs. Sallie Brown, Mrs. Henry Anderegg, Mrs. Don Webb, Mrs. Albert Schalock, Mrs. Dan Conners, Mrs. A. B. Killingburg and Miss Kathy Minger.

Juices were provided by Nehalem Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and coffee by Mt. Heart Rebekah lodge.

Magazines Wanted

L. E. Atkins, chairman of the Vernonia Hunter Safety Council has requested all persons who have outdoor and sportsman's magazines to discard, to leave them at the fire hall. These magazines will be taken to the Veteran's hospital in Portland for the enjoyment of patients there.

Magazines may be deposited by being dropped through the mail slot in the police office at the fire hall building.

Hotel Name Corrected

In the article last week about condemnation proceedings for removal of the remnants of the hotel at the intersection of Grant and Bridge streets, it was erroneously referred to as the old Vernonia hotel instead of the old Nehalem hotel. The old Vernonia hotel was the one across the street which has already been torn down.

Chamber Prepares for Annual Town-Country Day March 19

Due to illness in his family which may necessitate his being out of town, Albert Brunsmann has resigned as chairman of the annual Town and Country Day smorgasbord sponsored by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce. The chamber has appointed Mrs. Charles Minger in his place and a committee meeting was held Tuesday to get plans firmed and underway.

The date for the event is March 19 and a St. Patrick's Day theme will be followed. Also, the chamber has decided to again have a dance this year following the smorgasbord, with an additional admission price for it. More details will be given next week.

Merchants are urged to tie in Town and Country Day sales with the event which should bring many people into town that week end. Those attending the smorgasbord could advantageously shop just prior to the dinner.

In other recent action, the chamber voted to show their appreciation

Data Compiled On Season Play

Statistics gleaned from the record books show the following totals for the Logger basketball squad's 1965-66 season:

Total points, Vernonia 1116, opponents 1009; average per game, Vernonia 53.1, opponents 48.0. The Loggers hit 435 field goals of 1333 attempts to their opposition's 375 of 1180.

At the charity stripe, Vernonia, 246 of 408, a 60.3 percent; opponents, 256 of 461 for 55.5 percent.

In rebounding, the Loggers led their opponents 897 to 783, averaging 42.7 per game.

Turnovers, including bad passes, violations and personal fouls, left Vernonia on the short end. They gave up the ball 831 times, but only received it on turnovers 732 times. In personals the Loggers amassed a total of 357 infractions to their opponents 297, averaging 17 calls per game.

Logger interceptions averaged 9.2 per game, with a total of 193 balls stolen for the season.

Larson led the offensive attack with a shooting percentage of 39.0 for the season. At the free throw line Smith led, hitting at a 67.7 per cent rate. Smith also led in rebounding, averaging 12.8 per game.

Following Smith in rebounding were: Jerry Hanson with 9.5 per game; Curl 8, Elton 6, B. Hanson 4 and Larson 3.

Average point per game edge went to Smith who hit 15.1 per game. Larson followed closely at a 14 point clip; Hanson, 11.4; Elton, 6; Curl, 5.

Most personal fouls were drawn by Elton with 67 and Smith with 66.

Most turnovers were gathered by Larson, losing the ball 93 times; and J. Hanson, 86.

Interceptions were led by Larson, pulling in 81 and Curl who nabbed 49.

in a concrete way to the members of the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department for the many extra duties they have performed in past years, by underwriting the cost of a dinner for them and their wives.

The firemen may choose their own time and restaurant in the Vernonia area at which to be the chamber's guests.

Several years ago the chamber selected the slogan "Where Friendship is Most Important" for Vernonia. The chamber directors feel that the many acts of kindness beyond the call of duty by the firemen has promoted this area as a friendly place in which to live.

Auction to Aid Wing at OMSI

Wm. Rundle and Henry Anderegg, local coordinators for the fund raising drive for the agriculture wing to Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, attended a meeting at St. Helens Monday evening at which community representatives from throughout the county were present.

Plans are underway for a county-wide auction to be held March 26 at the Columbia county fair grounds at Deer Island. Underway now is the solicitation for items to be auctioned. The same plan is being used in counties throughout the state with good results.

All types of merchandise from small to large are needed. Certificates may be given for services, by such places as beauty shops or barber shops, tickets for meals by restaurants, or merchandise certificates for the selection of merchandise, as well as actual items to be sold.

At the auction held in November in Tillamook county, the list of items included all types of furniture, food stuffs, livestock, certificates for many services from garages and service stations, novelty items, clothing, a mink stole, appliances, plants, antiques, and many tickets for various shows, accommodations, etc.

Anderegg stated Tuesday that all donations would be welcomed. Persons may contact him, Rundle or Cecil Huff. Some solicitation will be made, also.

For all items donated, a receipt is given filling in all information, including value, and these slips may be used in declaring the donation as an income tax deduction.

Since the Columbia county sale is March 26, items must be donated now.

Meeting Date Set

Eugene Weller, chairman of the Rural Fire Protection district board, issued a reminder this week of the quarterly meeting to be held Monday evening, March 7 at the home of the secretary, R. B. Fletcher on Mist route. Time for the meeting is 8 p.m. and Weller urges all persons in the district interested in the affairs of the organization to attend.