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## Hearing Dated on New Court House

A public hearing on the court house question will be held April 25 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of the St. Helens junior high school, according to an announcement made this week by Judge Earl Seawright. The announcement was included in a lengthy outline of the various steps taken to date toward resolving the court house question and the recommendations which have resulted from the recent feasibility study.

In the outline it is brought forth that the monies for a court house have been set aside since 1952 in a sinking fund called the sinking fund - court house annex. In 1964, this special fund reverted to the general fund because it had not been expended or obligated within 12 years from date of establishment as required by law.

June 2, 1965, the Columbia county court established another, but broader special fund called the special court house building fund, and transferred to that fund the sum of \$1,000,000. After considering the studies of the court house question made up to that time and the various suggestions which had been offered, Seawright states the court felt the need of a comprehensive study and report to guide them, so they contracted with the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill of Portland to make a feasibility study concerning the court house question.

This firm considered several possible alternatives: The remodeling of the present court house, the remodeling plus construction of an annex, construction of a new building on the present site or construction of a new court house on another site. They also considered sites, prepared preliminary cost estimates and developed conclusions and recommendations.

February 14, 1966 the architectural firm presented their findings and recommended a new court house at an estimated cost of \$824,000 and further recommended the

selection of a site in St. Helens at a cost of approximately \$190,000.

The county court members Judge Seawright and Commissioner Louis Wasser favor the acceptance of these recommendations but Commissioner Orrie Clark voted against it at a recent meeting of the court. He has expressed himself as feeling the site is too expensive.

The April 25 hearing is called so that all phases of the question may be presented and discussed and to give opportunity for petitions to be presented proposing other sites. If such petitions are presented with the required number of signatures, the question will then go on the ballot at the primary election May 24.

A legal notice published elsewhere in this issue gives official call for the public hearing and outlines the matters to be considered at that time. Seawright stated that the hearing complies with requirements of law when a court deems it advisable to build a new court house.

Seawright states that the money on hand is sufficient to build the proposed building without a bond issue or special taxation. The amount of \$14,898 in interest has accrued to the \$1,000,000 placed in the special fund.

## OMSI Auction Items Gathered

County support of the committee working for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry agricultural hall has been outstanding from the standpoint of donors of items to be auctioned. Saturday's auction of these items starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Columbia county fairgrounds, will culminate the efforts of a committee of about 35 who have worked on this program. In addition, FFA chapters around the county have worked on the program as well as a great number of individuals.

Donated items, both new and used, and as varied as one's imagination, will be auctioned at the old county fairgrounds Saturday, March 26, to support the construction of a \$200,000 agricultural wing at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Sponsors are the Columbia County OMSI Agricultural Hall committee, under the chairmanship of Elmer Loyd, Deer Island.

The Warren Grange will serve coffee, donuts, hot dogs and other food items, the proceeds to also go to the OMSI agricultural hall.

Other items to be auctioned are still being sought. Local chairmen working with subcommittees include: Glen Olson and Bruce Hall, St. Helens; Paul G. DeShazer and Marion Miller, Scappoose; John Caster and Joe Schrieber, Rainier; Orville Gilkey and Harold Davis, Clatskanie; and Henry Anderegg, Cecil Huff, and Bill Rundle, Vernonia.

## Trees Stop Power Use

For some unknown reason or reasons, at 8:10 p.m. Sunday night, alder trees fell on the Bonneville Power transmission line between Glenwood and Tillamook. This caused the oil switches at Glenwood to open, shutting off the power to West Oregon Electric's substations at Timber junction and Vernonia.

West Oregon areas affected, according to Guy I. Thomas, manager, were Elsie, Jewell, Birkenfeld, Mist, Vernonia, Scofield, Manning and Timber.

The power was off for one hour and fifty five minutes. This was another one of nature's acts that cannot be foreseen by any power company. It happens to all of them at one time or another, Thomas concluded.

## Mist Students Give Program For Monday Meeting of PTA

A delightful program was provided by the Mist school students Monday evening for the P.T.A. meeting which was held at Mist.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade students sang several numbers after which each of the beginning band students played a solo. Paul Ramsey played Barcarolle on the clarinet, John Crawford played Yankee Doodle on the bells, Mark Busch played the Marine's Hymn on his trumpet and Kathy Grimsbo played The Camptown Races on the saxophone. The four band students then played Faith of Our Fathers, March of the Champions, and Old Favorite Waltz in a combined effort.

A very amusing play was then presented entitled Where's Timothy? It was a story about an Irish Setter who was turned into a boy on St. Patrick's Day by a mischief-

ous leprechaun. He had such a time remembering to use his hands and not to lie down on the floor that he finally became quite unhappy and wished he were a dog again. Because it was St. Patrick's Day and he was an Irish Setter after all, his wish was granted and he became the beloved family pet once more.

Delicious refreshments were served by the Mist mothers.

Tickets are now on sale for the basketball game Friday evening, March 25, at the high school between the P.T.A. mothers and high school girls. There will also be other entertainment.

Next month the kindergarten classes will entertain for the P.T.A. This is always a very enjoyable program and well worth marking on the calendar for April 18.

## Chest Unit Sets Date

Announcement was made this week that the mobile chest xray unit will visit Vernonia April 4 and will be stationed at the Enco Service corner from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Robert Elton is in charge of local arrangements and will give additional details for the visit next week. This advance announcement is made to allow everyone who wishes xrays to plan for them at that time. The xrays are given without charge and this is one of the services supported by the annual Christmas seal sale.

## Death Claims Mrs. Crawford

Mrs. Beatrice Crawford, 71 year old resident of Timber route, Vernonia and former resident of Manning, passed away early Saturday morning at the Forest Grove community hospital following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. at the Evangelical United Brethren church at Vernonia with arrangements entrusted to the Fuiten-Friesen Mortuary.

Her pastor, the Rev. Raymond Targgart, pastor of the E.U.B. church, officiated at the services with Mrs. Frank Serafin as soloist and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, organist. Concluding services and interment were at 3:30 p.m. at the Willamette National cemetery in Portland with Frand Schmidlin, Oren Weed, Ralph Valpiani, Walt Workman, Loren Stiff and Pete Brunsmann serving as casket bearers.

A native of Kassen, Minnesota, Mrs. Crawford was born September 11, 1894 and spent her early years there. As a young woman she taught school in Montana and later took up a homestead there. In 1935 she moved to the west coast and lived at Manning, owning and operating the Manning store, post office and garage. In 1946 she sold the store and continued with the operation of the garage until moving to Vernonia in 1951.

After moving to Vernonia she gave piano lessons and was also very active in lodge work and the ladies organizations in the E.U.B. church. She was a member of the Vernonia Grange No. 305; the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 119; the Veterans of World War I No. 2525 Auxiliary; the Independent order of the Foresters Court No. 726 and the Home Economics club at Vernonia Grange and the Timber Route Extension Unit.

Surviving is her husband, Edgar Crawford of Vernonia to whom she was united in marriage at Vancouver on March 21, 1940.

Also surviving are two sons, Boyd Bush, Vancouver, B.C.; Richard Bush, Concord, California; and three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Jean) Hoge, Scottsdale, Arizona; Mrs. Howard (Mary) Kauffman, Redmond; Mrs. Paul (Donna) Hoff, St. Paul, Minnesota; a brother, Wilbert K. Howell, Billings, Montana; a sister, Mrs. Chauncey (Josephine) Biffle, Big Fork, Montana and eighteen grandchildren.

Her family suggests that those who wish may make memorial contributions to the E.U.B. church or the cancer fund.

## CARC Variety Show Date Set

Ben Chamberlain of St. Helens will be master of ceremonies for CARC's annual variety show, slated for May 6, in St. Helens.

Plans for the benefit, which will provide funds for operating the Columbia activity center for trainable retarded children, were outlined this week by Mrs. Robert Robinson, finance chairman of CARC.

Elaine Lease, of Elaine's school of dancing, will serve as program director, and Mrs. Bickford, of the state board of the National Music association, will also help in an advisory capacity.

Talent, as in former years, will be provided by residents of Columbia county.

## County Clerk Releases List Of Registrars

Beginning March 25 and extending through Saturday, April 23, the close of voter registration, all persons who will complete their 21 years of age, or six months' residence requirements by May 24, the date of the primary election, may register to vote in that election.

Columbia county clerk, Roy A. Nelson also issued a reminder to all registered voters that if they had moved, or had their postal address changed in any manner whatsoever, since last registering to vote, they must reregister with an official registrar in order to avoid having their right to vote challenged when presenting themselves to vote at the primary election.

Following is a list of the official election registrars in Columbia county where voters may initially register, or reregister, whenever a change is necessary in a previous registration:

Rodgers' store, Columbia City; Woodson General store, Clatskanie; Fern Hill store, Rainier; Sunnyside Service, Vernonia; J&I Market, Scappoose;

Graham's Market, Scappoose; Culbertson's Feed store, Clatskanie; city recorder, Rainier; St. Helens Chamber of Commerce; Fred & Evie's Market, Deer Island; Graf residence, Rt. 1, Box 129, Portland;

Mist store, Mist; Hallaran's Market, Rainier; Goble store, Goble; city recorder, Vernonia; Warren Wayside Market, Warren; Yankton store, Yankton; courthouse, St. Helens.

## 200 Served at Smorgasbord

The cemetery benefit smorgasbord held Saturday evening under sponsorship of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce was very successful in spite of the inclement weather. Approximately 200 people were served during the evening.

Mrs. Charles Minger was general chairman for the event and was assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Chamber secretary, with details of arrangements. Many other ladies in the community assisted by preparing food and with the kitchen work at the smorgasbord. Mrs. Minger has expressed her appreciation for all who helped in every way.

Mrs. T. M. Hobart was in charge of table decorations and Rainbow Girls decorated the hall. Ralph Bergerson, chamber president, and other men assisted with setting up tables and chairs and preparing the hall for the event.

Due to the heavy snow fall about dance time, attendance at the dance was curtailed. Several couples here from Portland and other places were afraid to risk road conditions later in the evening if the snow continued.

## Ten Boys Take Golf Training

Ten Vernonia high school boys have turned out for golf and have plans for an active spring season. They are coached by Bert Kronmiller who stated this week that other schools are now being contacted to arrange for matches.

The boys who have turned out are Dave Larson, Erick Berg, Ed Burton, Tommy Lawler, Pete Brunsmann, David Serafin, Larry Elton, Gary Hanson, Ken Vealey and Brad Rumbaugh.

## SNOW! and on the First Day of Spring!

Sunday, March 20, was the first day of spring, or so said the calendar and the newspapers delivered that day. However, Vernonia residents were greeted by a two-inch ground cover of snow and snow flurries occurred all day, along with wind and rain. Fortun-

Ralph E. Bergerson was named chairman for the cemetery operating committee rather than Ralph Keasey as reported last week in the city council minutes and the correction was made Monday evening by the city council at its regular meeting.

An ordinance amendment relating to the cemetery operation which increases the sale price of cemetery lots and places the proceeds from such sales in a perpetual care fund for the cemetery was given the required three readings and passed under the emergency clause. The new provisions became effective immediately when signed the mayor, Dr. T. M. Hobart.

The council ordered the publication of a call for bids for a two-way radio for the police car and a legal notice to that effect appears elsewhere in this issue. Bids are to be opened at the next council meeting, April 4.

Wilbur A. Davis was present at the council meeting to remind the council of the approaching year-end expiration of the present garbage collection contract. He asked for a ten-year renewal and suggested an added clause for lease of the city dump to him or a contingent sale of the site to him at a nominal price with resale to the city at the same price required on termination of the contract. The matter

## Young Mothers Plan for Game

Some 16 or more young mothers have been feeling somewhat older the past few weeks as they have been practicing for the PTA benefit basketball game and finding some neglected muscles which rebelled against the sudden demands placed upon them. However, the squad is ready to meet the high school girls Friday evening at 8 p.m. in the high school gym in a game that promises to be top entertainment of the season. The PTA ladies are coached by Dot Knowlton and the high school girls by Cathy Howard.

Among the ladies who will participate are Joyce Christensen, Dorris Krieger, Evelyn Krieger, Caroline Nightwine, Darlene Wilcoxin, Jean Ann Borders, forwards Billy Tipton, Betty Lamping, Georgia Ray, Barbara Rergerson, Jeanie Mason, Linda Morgan, Jaquie Ambrose, Billie Brewer, Darla Brown and Janice Bernardi, guards.

The game will be refereed by Gordon Crowston and Bert Kronmiller for whom this will no doubt be an outstanding event in their careers. Lloyd Quinn will be the announcer.

Betty Curl and Deloris Webb will be cheer leaders for the PTA team and Beverly Banta, Irene Minger, Jackie Scott, Carolyn Krieger, Carol Young, Lois Lawler and Willie Brewer are on the drill team squad. The members of the PTA team are busy fashioning stunning new uniforms for the game which will surely set a new fashion trend.

At half time, the sixth grade girls basketball teams will play and music will be provided by the grade school band.

Tickets are 50 cents for adults, 35 cents for high school students and 25 cents for grade school. All money goes into the PTA scholarship fund.

Many unexpected events during the evening are hinted at which will add to the entertainment of the evening. It is hoped the gym will be packed with spectators for this sports classic of the season.

## Pack Meet Changed

Due to a conflict of dates, the Cub Scout pack meeting will not be held this Friday evening but has been rescheduled for April 1. The regular schedule of participation by the various dens will be carried out at the April 1 meeting as previously planned.

was discussed but no action taken.

Fire Chief Don Webb submitted a list of desired purchases for the fire department. He also requested that the city underwrite the cost of the life and accident insurance policy for firemen which is presently paid for from department funds. He further asked council approval for the purchase by the Rural Fire Protection board of a tank truck to be housed in the firehall with other equipment. The council voted to buy two lengths of hose and leave the balance of the requested items for future consideration. They agreed to include the insurance cost in items of the new budget for consideration of the budget committee. Consideration of approval for purchase of a tank truck was tabled.

A letter was received from the Columbia county court suggesting a mutual arrangement between county and cities within the county to hire a full-time planning consultant at an estimated cost of 50 cents per capita. The council took no action on the proposal. Similarly, no action was taken on the reported opportunity to obtain land for a future water reservoir.

In other action, it was reported that paint is being purchased for the airport hangars. Also, arrangements are being made with County Surveyor Clarence Wagner to produce a one-half reduced size for city maps for general use and the printing of four of the regular size maps for immediate use by the city.

After routine payment of bills the council adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

## Hearing Due On Highway

Next Thursday, March 31 at 1:30 p.m., the Oregon State legislative interim committee on highways will hold a hearing in Rainier at which members of the Highway 99W Alternate Road association will have an audience.

Homer Waltz of Forest Grove, president of the highway association, is arranging for speakers to represent industry, timber, trucking, recreation, tourism and residents along the route from McMinnville to Rainier via Vernonia. Hugh McGilvra of Forest Grove will moderate the presentation.

A recommendation which may be made to the interim committee is to trade the county-owned Apiary road to the state for the Mist-Clatskanie section of highway 47.

The hearing is to be held in the Rainier Rod and Gun Club and will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. The interim committee wishes to be finished by 3:00 p.m. Following the hearing, the highway association board of directors will hold a short meeting to elect officers.

## Public Asked To Hear Panel

The American Problems class at Vernonia high school which is composed of senior students and is taught by Gordon Crowston, has been studying Social Security and as a project in connection with this study have arranged for a panel discussion tonight at the high school to which the public is invited.

Jack Jocko, representative from the Portland Social Security office, will act as moderator for the panel. Other members will be four students from the Social Problems class, Chris Bender, Beth Ann Ambrose, Dave Larson and John Coila.

Each member of the panel will present some phase of the Social Security question after which the meeting will be thrown open for questions and discussion.

The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. tonight in room 3 at the high school and all interested persons are invited.

Some light snow flurries occurred Monday morning, also, but it melted as it fell. Temperatures dropped below the freezing mark both Monday and Tuesday nights, but both Tuesday and Wednesday produced some sunshine and a more spring-like appearance.