

# Registration In County Declines

Voter registration totals for Columbia county and a comparison with past years have been released by County Clerk Roy A. Nelson. He stated that the figures are a very representative total of voters in the county at this time.

Nelson stated that in 1963 the clerk's office purged the registration lists of names of voters who had moved, died or for some reason should have been deleted from the records. From that date, a continuous effort has been made to keep the totals currently accurate.

He noted that overall totals are

## Thompson Rites Held at Church

Mrs. Belle Thompson, 82, of Vernonia, passes away late Sunday evening March 27 at a Scappoose Nursing Home following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the E.U.B. church in Vernonia with arrangements entrusted to the Fuiten-Friesen Mortuary.

The Rev. Raymond Targgart, pastor of the church, officiated at the services with Mrs. Frank Serafin as soloist and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, organist. Concluding rites and interment were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery with Lloyd Thomas, Sam Hearing Jr., Wilbur Davis, B. J. Horn, Tom Bateman and Jim Davies serving as casket bearers.

Mrs. Thompson was a native of Monomomie, Wisconsin where she was born July 1, 1883. She spent her early life there and was united in marriage to Millard A. Thompson at Colfax, Wisconsin in 1904. After their marriage they moved to Valley City, North Dakota. They also lived for a few years at Bridger and Livingston, Montana, then returned to Valley City, N. D. where she spent most of her lifetime. After the death of Mr. Thompson, she came to Vernonia in 1941 and had made her home here until going to the Scappoose Nursing home in 1962.

Surviving are five children; four sons, Russell Thompson, Hillsboro; Leslie, Seaside; Dick, Beaverton and Robert Thompson, Vernonia; and a daughter, Mrs. Lynn (Margaret) Clement, Billings, Montana. Another daughter, Mrs. Carmen Sykes preceded her in death at Vernonia in 1949.

Also surviving are two brothers, Cliff Booton, Kent, Washington and Frank Booton, Valley City, North Dakota; and two sisters, Dolly and Mrs. Mabel Lokken, Valley City, North Dakota; 11 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

## Service Date Set

Willard Ingermanson, aged 71, who had been a resident of Timber route, Vernonia since 1939, passed away at his home Wednesday morning following an extended illness. He is the husband of Mrs. Emma Ingermanson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fuiten-Friesen Mortuary chapel in Vernonia. Burial will be at Vernonia Memorial cemetery.



GRAND OPENING ceremonies of the Oregon Pioneer Savings and Loan Association in this new building on South Highway in St. Helens are scheduled for March 31, April 1 and 2. Spacious off-street parking and a drive-in window service are offered for customer convenience, says Dick Howell, manager. The newly constructed building is in the \$25,000 class and is a most attractive addition to St. Helens and Columbia county.

down from the October 1964 figures, a presidential election year. Also noted is the fact that the Democratic party now has a two to one advantage over registered Republicans. With nearly a month to go before the registrations are to close, these figures could change somewhat, possibly even to break the 1964 record high in voter registration, Nelson stated.

Registration totals for previous years in Columbia county show the following figures: April 17, 1964, Dems., 6,882; Reps., 3,836; misc., 127; total, 10,845.

October 1964: Dems., 7,632; Reps., 3,966; misc., 166; total, 11,764.

September 14, 1963, Dems., 6,407; Reps., 3,557; misc., 114; total, 10,078.

April 17, 1962, Dems., 7,087; Reps., 4,091; misc., 132; total, 11,310.

January 1, 1962, Dems., 7,067; Reps., 4,030; misc., 128; total, 11,034.

October 8, 1960, Dems., 7,110; Reps., 4,213; misc., 129; total, 11,452.

Current county totals as of figures released March 25, include: Dems., 7,459; Reps., 3,765; misc., 153; a total of 11,377 registered voters.

In the Vernonia area, voter registration totals are as follows:

Vernonia No. 1: Dems., 136; Reps., 56; misc., 4; total, 196.

Vernonia No. 2: Dems., 178; Reps., 85; misc., 9; total, 272.

Vernonia No. 3: Dems., 225; Reps., 93; misc., 13; total, 331.

Vernonia No. 4: Dems., 147; Reps., 82; misc., 7; total, 236.

## Teachers Go to NEA Meetings

District 47J teachers have been attending various education meetings recently.

March 20 through 23, Darrold Proehl, elementary schools principal, attended the National Elementary Principals association meetings in Portland at which he was in sessions concerned with teacher evaluation and curriculum planning as well as general sessions. Danny Kaye was a special speaker at this meeting.

March 29, District Superintendent Wm. Ambrose, High School Principal Welcome Rumbaugh, and the high school librarian, Mrs. Dorothy Brailier, attended a library workshop at Roosevelt high school in Portland.

## Students View Newspaper Work

Students from the fifth through eighth grades at the Washington school were given an insight into the production of a newspaper Tuesday by representatives of the Oregonian who showed film slides and told of the various steps in the making of a paper.

In addition to the slides, students were shown punched tape from a teletype, lead slugs from the linotype, glossy pictures both local and from wireservice, a display of engraving materials, a portion of a press plate and the finished newspaper.

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## Mobile Unit Schedules Monday Date

The Mobile xray unit of the Oregon Tuberculosis association will be in Vernonia next Monday, April 4 at the Enco Service corner and will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Robert Elton is in charge of local arrangements for the visit.

Everyone is advised to have a yearly chest xray to make sure the lungs are clear. Persons who have persistent coughs, chest irritation or any other symptoms are especially urged to avail themselves of this opportunity for a free chest xray. Early detection of TB makes it easier to control and the xrays sometimes reveal other conditions as well.

Should anyone miss the visit here, the unit will be in Rainier April 5 on Main street and in St. Helens April 6 on Columbia Blvd. by the Moose hall.

## Annual Banquet Set for Monday

The Vernonia Lions club will host the annual athletic banquet next Monday evening at the American Legion hall at 7:00 p.m. All boys who have participated in football, basketball cross country, track and golf will be honored guests and fathers and other men of the community who are interested in the high school sports program are invited to attend.

Guest Speaker for the event will be Frank Buckowitz, football coach at Pacific University, who has an outstanding sports record. He came originally from Perth Amboy, New Jersey where he was a basketball all star in high school. In 1948 he enrolled at Pacific University and made all conference in football his sophomore and junior years and Little All-American his senior year. He also received all-conference baseball honors at Pacific as a pitcher. On graduation he received a fellowship to Penn State.

In 1955, Buckowitz returned to Oregon and coached at Seaside high school where he fielded a state champion football team. He coached next at Grant high school in Portland where he had two PIL champion teams and was co-state champion with South Salem next to his last year there.

This has been his first year as coach at Pacific University and he posted a six win, three loss record.

He is acclaimed as a very interesting speaker with a message of interest to all sports-minded men. Lions club members are now selling tickets for \$1.50 each or they may be purchased at the door.

## Firemen Dine

Vernonia firemen, their wives, honorary fire department members and their wives dined at Gearhart Saturday evening, March 26. The group enjoyed a Hawaiian luau for their annual banquet.

The standbys and their wives will have their dinner at a later date. The standby group remained behind Saturday night to maintain fire protection during the affair.

## School Essays to Urge Litterbug Cure

More than two million out-of-state cars will bring an estimated 5,792,400 visitors to Oregon this year, and the Welcome to Oregon committee believes they are entitled to enjoy Oregon's scenery and public places free of litter.

To focus the attention of Oregonians on the importance of litter-free areas and to enlist their cooperation in helping to keep Oregon clean, the Oregon Welcome, Inc. organization is sponsoring an essay contest among the state's junior high school age students.

James Ferguson, president of Oregon Welcome, reports the non-profit tourist industry promotion organization is offering \$150 in cash prizes for the best essays written on the subject, "Oregon Litterbugs and How to Cure Them." This effort, Ferguson pointed out,

also can be of great assistance to the "Company's Coming" program—which last year saw several cities and towns over the state participate in cleanup campaigns that brought them credit and, in some instances, recognition by Governor Mark O. Hatfield.

The essay contest is to be conducted at the regional level, with students in schools within the six regions of the state designated in Oregon Welcome's annual Travel Guide and Directory of Accommodations.

The rules are simple: Manuscripts, written either in longhand or on the typewriter, should not exceed 150 words in length and should be written on one side of the paper only. Three essay winners will be nominated from each community in each re-

# Budget Lists Lower Tax Levy

The proposed budget for school district 47J for the 1966-67 school year will require a tax levy of \$1.952.20 less than the budget for the current school year in spite of a broader school program and rising costs of operation. School officials explain that several factors have brought about this decrease.

Included are: the district is now debt free, as the last bond on the high school was paid off this year; well planned programs of repair and maintenance for several years have reduced cost in these areas; and district income from county, state, and federal sources will increase and thus reduce local property taxes.

Additions to the school district program reflected in the budget include two additional teachers; a drivers' education program to be started this June; a diversified occupations program in cooperation with St. Helens, Scappoose, and Rainier; expansion of the new programs under Public Law 89-10 Titles I and II; and wrestling and cross country in athletics.

Funds are included to help reduce the cost of high school textbook rental, to provide an additional half time custodian for maintenance, to replace the outside doors at the Washington school, to remodel three rooms at Washington and one at Lincoln, for completion of the high school track, for improvement of elementary play ground areas, for new controls in the grade school heating system, and for other repairs at all the schools, in Mist and Vernonia.

Current enrollment of the school district is 735 including grades kindergarten through twelve. Anticipated enrollment for next year is 775 with 545 expected in the grade schools and 230 in the high school.

## County Office Filings Totaled

When filings for the May Primary elections closed, the following had filed for county offices:

County commissioner: Loran E. Atkins, Vernonia, Republican; Carl A. Blunk, Rainier, Democrat; Robert L. Glosenger, St. Helens, Democrat; Don E. Davis, Rainier, Democrat; Frank Joseph Thompson, Clatskanie, Democrat; Roy M. (Hop) Elliott, Rainier, Democrat; Dane S. Brady, Warren, Democrat.

County clerk: Roy A. Nelson, Warren, Democrat; Gloria Salvey, Scappoose, Democrat.

Assessor: Frank H. LeMont, St. Helens, Democrat.

Sheriff: Roy S. Wilburn, St. Helens, Democrat; Darwin E. Shaw, Rainier, Democrat.

Justice of the peace No. 3: Orville E. Gilkey, Clatskanie.

Port commissioner: Raymond E. Steward, St. Helens, Democrat; Lew Winkler, St. Helens, Republican; Arthur Livengood, St. Helens, Democrat.

On the local scene, the following had filed for positions as precinct committeemen and women:

Democrat—precinct 2, Daniel G. and Lois May Lawler; precinct 4, James R. and Margaret Davies.

Republican—precinct 4, Ralph Bergerson.

The increased enrollment is expected to tax the existing facilities to the maximum use and planning for future building needs will begin this year.

The public hearing on the budget will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 in the high school library. The budget appeared in last week's issue of the Vernonia Eagle and is repeated this week for the information of the public.

Also, a copy of the budget is available for examination between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the district office located at 374 Bridge street, or copies of the budget or any part may be purchased at the office.

Any patrons having questions concerning the budget are encouraged to contact Superintendent Wm. Ambrose at the district office.

## Use of City Library Increases In 1965, Annual Report States

The Vernonia city library maintained in the city hall for the use of the public has on its shelves a total of almost 3000 books covering every type of literature. It also maintains a large file of magazines and newspapers for the use of those interested.

Mrs. Ben Brickel, city librarian, stated that her annual report revealed greater use of the library during 1965 than during the previous year. Total circulation: last

year was 5,495 which exceeded the 1964 circulation by 1004. The 5495 figure included 2508 volumes borrowed by adults, 2719 by children and 268 periodicals.

New books are being added to the library constantly through purchase by the library board and by donation. In addition, if books or reference material desired is not in the library, the librarian will send to the state library and borrow it for the use of the local patrons. Last year 158 items were obtained from the state library for local use.

The city library is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and the public is invited to make use of its facilities. Persons who have not been availing themselves of use of the library can obtain a library card by going to the city hall and giving the librarian the needed information.

## Track Activity Starts Friday

With the advent of apring the sports activity at Vernonia high school is centered on track under the direction of Don Young. The thin clads will travel to Neah-Kah-Nie tomorrow, April 1, for their first meet of the season at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday of the following week, April 7, Rainier and Knappa will come to Vernonia for a three-way meet on the local track. The time for that meet is 4:30 p.m. also.

The schedule as outlined at present for the remainder of the season is as follows:

April 12, Tuesday, three-way meet - Banks, Rainier, Vernonia - here - 4:30 p.m.

April 14, Thursday, two-way meet, Vernonia-Seaside - there - 4:00 p.m.

April 22, Friday, three-way meet, Neah-Kah-Nie, Rainier, Vernonia - here - 4:30 p.m.

April 26, Tuesday, five-way meet, Clatskanie, Scappoose, Corbett, Cascade Locks, Vernonia - here - 4:30 p.m.

April 30, Saturday, Astoria Invitational - there - 1:00 p.m.

May 3, Tuesday, two-way meet, Seaside and Vernonia - here - 4:30 p.m.

May 10, Tuesday, three-way meet, Banks, Concordia, Vernonia - at Banks - 4:00 p.m.

May 14, Saturday, sub-district - at Astoria (or Neah-Kah-Nie) 11 a.m.

May 20, Friday, district - at Portland University 4:00 p.m.

May 27-27, Friday and Saturday State at Corvallis.

## Teachers Train

All district 47J schools will close at 2:00 p.m. today, Thursday, to allow for an inservice training session for teachers of the district. The sessions are being held at Vernonia high school.

## Cemetery Aid Fund Donated

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce devoted much of its meeting Monday evening to the reading of bills incurred in putting on the smorgasbord. These bills included those for the meats, milk and cheese, door prizes, decoration, advertising, kitchen help, paper plates, napkins and tablecloths and rent of the hall. The net profit was slightly less than \$100 but the chamber directors agreed to give that amount to the fund for the beautification of the Vernonia cemetery.

The dance suffered a deficit of \$18 which was met by chamber funds. Due to the inclement weather and prevalence of flu many people did not turn out for the dance. The music was greatly enjoyed by those who did attend.

A letter was received from the state highway department in acknowledgement of one written by the chamber concerning the sharp curve at the bridge south of town. An investigation will be made of this condition.

In another letter written to Ralph Bergerson in answer to his complaint about the Timber junction, it was stated that plans have already been made to correct that dangerous condition this summer.

## Holcomb Given State Position

Announcement was made last week of the retirement May 1 of Oregon State Police Superintendent H. G. Maison and the appointment of his assistant, Holly Holcomb as his successor.

Holly Holcomb is a former Vernonia resident and a graduate of Vernonia high school. He came to Vernonia with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holly Holcomb Sr., from Mississippi in the 1920s when the mill began operation here. He completed grade school here and graduated from Vernonia high school in 1935. He then attended Oregon State College, Corvallis where he was a star football quarterback. He graduated in 1939 and joined the state police.

He took time out to serve as an air force pilot in the Pacific during World War II after which he returned to the state police. He has been Maison's deputy for the past four years.