

Pond Project Gets Approval Of Commission

At a meeting of the Oregon State Game Commission Thursday of last week, approval was given to the Vernonia mill pond project. All that remained was concluding of lease agreements with the city before work could begin, according to A.V. Meyer, game commission representative who has been working on this matter.

The game commission agreed to pay the city \$200 per year for the lease, which will be used by the city to pay the taxes on the property. The city holds the lease agreement with International Paper company.

Don Holm, wildlife editor for the Oregonian, made mention of the pond approval in his column Monday and stated that it will probably be a bass and panfish show when stocked.

Waltons Slate Films Tuesday

A film entitled "The Forest and Woodland Manners" will be shown at the monthly meeting of the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America on January 16, this evening, at 8 p.m. at the West Oregon Electric building.

The Izaak Walton League of America was organized in 1922 and is primarily interested in the preservation and conservation of all natural resources. All interested persons who have ideas on maintaining and making better use of natural resources in this area are welcome to attend these meetings.

Building Permits

The Columbia county building department report for December, 1968, shows 16 permits issued during that month for a valuation of \$55,050. This brings the total for 1968 to 313 permits for construction outside incorporated cities with a total value of \$1,563,827.

In December there were five permits for new residences, bringing the year's total to 79. Other permits in December were seven for plumbing, other than the five included with the new dwelling permits; one miscellaneous, one for a residence addition, one for motel and trailer court and one for addition to a commercial building.

Goodwill Truck Due

The Goodwill truck will make its next visit to Vernonia February 19. Persons who have clothing, household articles or useable appliances and wish the truck to call for them may call the local representative, Mrs. Frank Lange, 429-3161.

Future Teachers Prepare Program of Information, Entertainment for PTA

The executive board of the PTA met January 14, in the teachers' lunch room at Washington grade school.

A main point of interest of the meeting was a legislative bulletin. There is to be a legislative workshop Monday, January 20 at the State Capitol in Salem. PTA members were invited to attend this session. Car pools are being formed and those interested in attending should call either Mrs. Bill Harkson, 429-7974, or Mrs. George Mack Brown, 429-5631. This workshop promises to be extremely interesting as well as informative as it includes a tour of the capitol building, a legislative briefing, a bill hearing and an address by Dr. Dale Parnell.

The Community Action Team has invited a representative from PTA to sit on their council. The executive board approved and the matter will be brought before the PTA next Monday night at the regular meeting.

The matter of Saturday afternoon films for children to be shown through the school was discussed. Mrs. Bill Harkson will be chairman of the com-

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Two Acclaimed as Year's Citizens

Acclaimed as Vernonia's Citizens of the Year at the chamber of commerce dinner Monday evening were Mrs. Mabel Graves and C.E. (Ed) Miller, both of whom were recognized for their many years of service, not merely things that were done during the past year. Mr. Miller was present at the dinner to receive his award, but Mrs. Graves had not been feeling well and could not be inveigled into attending so Chamber President Sam Hearing went to her home Tuesday morning to present her with her plaque, a corsage and the centerpiece from the head table.

Selection of citizens of the year were made on the basis of letters of nomination written in by local residents.

When Mrs. Graves was informed of her selection, she stated, through tears of surprise and pleasure, "Vernonia is my home and I love it and everyone in it, but that doesn't mean they have to love me".

Mrs. Graves has been a resident of Vernonia since 1925. She states that in the summer of 1924 when the mill started operation, her husband, Webb, came here to work. She was taking summer school work at Monmouth that year and had a contract to teach that winter at Mills City.

Mr. Graves kept one of the boys, Morris, here with him that winter and Tom and Hale were with her. Mr. Graves and Morris joined the rest of the family on week ends, and the next summer, they all moved here to make their home.

Mrs. Graves taught for a time in the Vernonia schools, then took a contract at the Rock Creek school where she taught nine years. Another three years was taught at Natal, two at Clatskanie, and a final 12 years in Vernonia where she retired in 1954.

Mrs. Graves is active in the Evangelical church where she has served in many offices, including Sunday School superintendent; Mt. Heart Rebekah Lodge, Vernonia Grange and the Vernonia Action Group for which she is now chairman.

Letters of nomination gave recognition of the many things Mrs. Graves does for others, assisting in illness, using her car to do errands and take others on errands, taking fruit-baskets to those who are ill and doing much to spread cheer. Mention was made of the times during her teaching career when she supplied clothing for children, and even kept it clean and in repair for them in cases

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MRS. MABEL GRAVES, named as woman of the year at the Chamber of Commerce dinner Monday night, received her plaque the following day when Chamber President Sam Hearing went to her home to inform her of the honor and make the presentation.



C. E. (Ed) MILLER, right, was named as citizen of the year Monday evening at Chamber of Commerce dinner and received plaque from Sam Hearing, chamber president.

Loggers Seek Revenge Friday In North Catholic Encounter

The Vernonia Loggers were handed their first Cowapa League loss of the season by the hot-shooting band of Clatskanie Tigers. The Tigers jumped to a 19-6 first quarter lead and from

then on were never headed. From all indications it looked like the fourth ranked A-2 team in the state had come to show the pre-season league favorite Loggers that Clatskanie was the team to beat.

The Tigers were red hot from the field and scored on 24 of 47 attempts for a fantastic 51 percent. They did equally well from the free throw line as they made 21 out of 36 for 57 percent.

Late in the fourth quarter the Loggers narrowed the lead to seven points, but several mental lapse on the part of the Loggers gave the Tigers three easy baskets and from then on there was no doubt as to the outcome of the game.

About the only place where the Loggers came out on top was in the rebounding department where they lead 59 to 34. Steve Hanson did an exceptional job on the boards but fouled out midway through the fourth quarter and this certainly hurt the Logger cause.

This Friday evening the Loggers host the North Catholic Royals and this will be a league encounter. The Royals are 1 and 1 in league play and hold an earlier win over the Loggers. The Royals beat the Loggers 75 to 61 and this is the worst beating the Loggers have suffered this season.

The Loggers will be out to avenge this loss and also to improve their 21 league record. Probable starters for this game will be Steve Hanson, Don King, Paul Nelson, Tom Hicks, and Gary Davis or Keene Forney.

Storm Continues To Add Problems For West Oregon

In summing up problems created by the snow up to Wednesday, I. Thomas, manager of West Oregon Electric, stated:

"Thanks to the welcome help of our good neighbors, Portland General Electric Co. of Hillsboro, City Light of McMinnville and the City Light of Forest Grove, West Oregon Electric Cooperative was able to restore electric service to its consumers much sooner than if we had had to do it alone." At that time he hoped to have most consumers back in service by

today, Thursday, but further storms present more problems.

In some places of West Oregon's area served, the snow was more than four feet deep with drifts going much deeper. In many areas the four wheel drive trucks could not negotiate the snow and the crews went on with snow shoes. This slows down the work considerably.

Thomas also stated that after weather conditions have returned to normal, there will be a month's work on the clean-up. "When a storm hits, tearing up lines, crews take emergency measures to restore service. At a time such as this the important thing is to get the consumers lights back on as soon as humanly possible. Most of our trouble was due to the heavy ice and snow loading on wires, and trees causing them to fall. In some places good healthy trees 25 to 100 feet off the right-of-way fell through our lines breaking wires and poles," Thomas continued.

"In the event of future serious storm damages such as this one we will again ask the kind co-operation of the major radio stations in the Portland area to keep our consumers informed as to the seriousness of the situation and our progress in the restoration of service," he concluded.

VSP&SSRR Will Sponsor Trip

The Vernonia South Park and Sunset Steam Railroad, Inc. has announced sponsorship for a "Snowflake Limited" for Sunday, January 26.

The train is scheduled to leave the Union station in Portland at 7:15 a.m., travel through Vancouver, Kelso, Chehalis and Centralia, and on to Cle Elum. Arrival time there will be 1:45 and it will stay there until 4:30 p.m. and passengers will dine, have time to look over the town and throw snowballs. The train will arrive back in Portland at 10:30 p.m.

Reservations are now being taken for the trip and tickets are \$17 for adults, \$10 for children 5 through 11, and \$5 for those under five. Tickets include the 486 mile trip on deluxe Northern Pacific streamlined train, with all seats reserved, Sunday dinner at Cle Elum, box supper and entertainment.

Reservations are available at Northern Pacific Railway, 439 SW 6th Ave., Portland.

Beaver Films Set Wednesday

Wednesday, January 22 has been set as the date for the showing here of the World Series movies, courtesy of the Portland Beavers. The dining room of the Pine Cone has been made available for that date by the new owners, Mary Lou and Tiny Normand.

The Beaver promotion man, Chief Foster, will show the films and will be accompanied by Jerry Waring, new Beaver manager, and Lou Klimchok, player for several seasons. The Beavers are doing this to show appreciation for ticket sales by the local boys who have engaged in it the past several years.

The showing is slated for 7:45 p.m. and all boys from the Little League and Babe Ruth teams, and those interested in playing next summer are especially invited. Ice cream and cookies will be served to the children, courtesy of the Beavers.

Fathers of the boys and other interested adults are invited, also.

Hunter Safety Class Planned

The Vernonia Hunter Safety Council is preparing for the start of another series of gun safety classes for youths, ages 10-18. Boys and girls, under the age of 18 years, going afield with rifle or shotgun are required to have in their possession a certificate of competency from the Oregon state game commission.

Those interested in the classes may register at either Washington grade or Vernonia high school. Close of registration will be January 31, with classes to start in February.

Persons wishing further information as to class scheduling, requirements, etc., may contact L.E. 'Bud' Atkins, council chairman. His phone number is 429-5032, evenings.

Snows Pile Up To Complicate Local Activity

Wednesday, the weatherman doused hopes that winter might be on the way out by dumping some six inches of new white stuff in the downtown Vernonia area and more in hill areas.

Wednesday noon, snow depth on Corey Hill was measured at three feet, two inches. Reports from other areas are that there was over five feet in the Bacona area, from three to four feet on Clatskanie mountain, and as of Wednesday morning, the West Oregon Electric received a report of some ten inches of new snow in the Yamhill area.

A power outage Wednesday morning lasted long enough that children were sent home from school. Some busses encountered difficulty in covering runs. The Mist bus failed to make it in and Jim Davies reported pushing snow all the way on the Timber route run.

Turner Named On Committees

Rep. Wayne Turner, D., Columbia county, was named in Salem Monday to three committees in the Oregon House of Representatives. He will serve in the 1969 session on the labor and management, highways, and fish and game committees. Rep. Jason Boe, house minority leader, said that Rep. Turner will serve as vice-chairman of the fish and game committee.

"We're certainly glad to have Wayne return to the House," Boe added. "This will be his sixth regular session and all of us have come to rely on his sound judgement and hard work."

Pine Cone Reopens

The Pine Cone opened Thursday of last week under new management, that of Mary Lou and Tiny Normand who have purchased the business from Randy and Barbara Wallner.

The business was closed while renovation and painting was being done. More work is to be done and when it is completed, a grand opening is planned in February, probably near Valentine's Day, Mrs. Normand stated.