

# Eagle Files Provide

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tires After 23 years Service," as report of Lee Rogers' retirement as Timber route mail carrier was given, accompanied by photo of Rogers sorting mail.

Robert Holdridge was named to replace Eleanor Ross as executive director of county CAT in "Holdridge Given Nod by Council."

July 10 - The 1969 Friendship Jamboree princesses were presented, in photos, on page one. They were: Kathy Bergerson, Connie Clauson, and Gwen Persyn.

"Columbia County Fair Scheduled July 23 at New Building Location" gave view of upcoming event for late summer. A federal grant of \$7,812 prompted story headed "Big Eddy Park Grant Received."

July 17 - "First Perfect Game Pitched by Veteran Player, Bob West." Accompanied by photo of West competing, article told of veteran player's perfect game, pitched in first annual Nehalem Valley horse shoe tourney July 12.

Other headlines pointed out that: "County Budget Changes Minor" and "Fair Opening Scheduled at New Site with Dedication," as 54th annual event prepared for July 23 opener.

July 24 - "13th Friendship Jamboree Set to Roll," with photo of court and story telling of plans underway for the week end—starting with Sriday coronation, featuring the Saturday parade, and winding up Sunday with the logging show.

Earl Ray was presented his service revolver by city council action following his resignation of police chief job, as told in "Former Chief Rewarded."

"Lake Pump Arrives" heralded actual start of Lake Vernonia. Installation was begun July 22 by game commission personnel.

July 31 - "Queen Gwen Reigns Over 13th Annual Jamboree" Gwen Persyn was named as 1969 Jamboree queen, with a photo of her coronation accompanying the text. Also included on page one was a photo of Cliff's Super Market sweepstakes parade entry (other Jamboree photos were carried elsewhere in this issue).

Two heads pointed up to arrival of Vernonia high's 1969-70 school year guest: "Foreign Exchange Student from Australia Due Aug. 7," and "Robert McCutcheon Named AFS Student." The stories were accompanied with the student's photo.

Aug. 7 - "Pumping for Lake Project Terminated" recorded the end, for current year, of Lake Vernonia filling. Low water flow and high river temperatures were cited by the game commission as reasons for stoppage.

The resignation, effective September 1, of Columbia County District Attorney Lew Williams was announced: "County DA Will Resign in September." Robert A. Lucas was named his successor.

"Motel Sold to R. Tankersley" story was headed as units built by George Biddle changed hands.

August 14 - "Service Improvements Speed Deliveries from Vernonia Post Office" stated Vernonia Postmaster T.F. Tomlin in news release. Tomlin told of combining Timber and Mist mail routes, and other efficiencies resulting in \$1,000 saving in operational costs.

Headlines pointed up events: "Vernonia Society Picnic Set at

Anderson Park This Sunday," and "Schools Open in Vernonia September 2," marking the near-at-hand end of summer.

Aug. 21 - Surely "bad news" for youngsters was the article, "School Registration Set for Next Week." Also pointing to the coming of fall was item: "1969 Football Season Opens at HS Monday."

Along with photos of Sears-Andrus wreck south of town, and of oldest persons attending Vernonia Society picnic—Mrs. A. L. Parker and Jack Evans—a news account told that "Council Finds Water Plant Improvement Bids Too High."

Aug. 28 - "Schools to Open Tuesday," a sure sign that summer has ended. September 2 marked start of classes.

A problem confronting county officials and causing them much distress was outlined in "Yankton Farm Bullfrog Park Festival Site."

"Partner Sells Oil Interest" marked the change of partners in Union Oil distributorship as Larry Bernardi bought out Carl Holsey, and joined Gene Weller as firm co-owner.

The Girl Scouts made front page news as the Cadettes put on a week-long day camp for 16 Brownies. The event was recorded with text and photos.

Sept. 4 - The Eagle's front page carried a photo of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Devine, new curators at Columbia County Historical Society museum.

Headlines for the week included: "FFA Chapter Takes Honors" (for state fair participation), "School Figures Down Slightly" (with enrollment at end of first week 743), and "Police Service Call Procedure Set by Council," as proper call procedure for use of police department recorder was given.

Sept. 11 - Bill Pringle was pictured as he surveyed vandalism to tombstones at Pioneer cemetery. Another photo showed local Izaak Walton members at work clearing log jam on Rock Creek.

"Lions Set Cleanup Date" stated headline as Lions sought community support in litter campaign September 28.

Sept. 18 - Robert McCutcheon made headlines when "AFS Student Presents Gift Stein to Council Monday." The AFS exchange student presented an inscribed silver tankard to the council, a gift from his home shire council in Timbregongie, New South Wales, Australia.

"Accident Takes Driver's Life", story accompanied by photos, gave account of accident south of town which claimed 18-year-old Portlander Gary H. Keller. The Keller youth, on his way to work on Fishhawk water system project, collided head-on with a C-Z logging truck September 16.

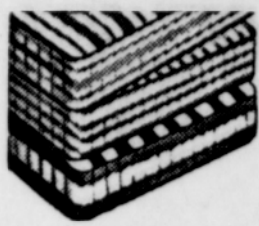
"Western Auto Has New Owners" announced the change of hands at that store. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Tolonen of Astoria purchased the business from Mrs. Mary Smith.

Sept. 25 - "HS Journalism Class Begins New Venture" noted the first school publication from VHS in "a long time." The "Timberline" page was added to the Eagle, and runs each week during the school year, giving students and parents a chance to keep up on "what's going on at VHS."

Fred Nicoll was assigned by International Paper as resident forester at the company's Timber office: "IP Transfers Forester to Local Area."

"PTA Introduces Staffs Monday" recorded a 100 percent turnout of teachers for "get-acquainted" night—but residents recorded a near zero attend-

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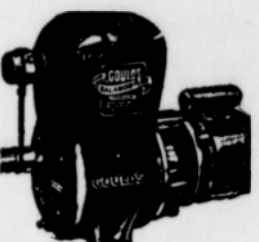
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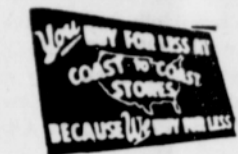
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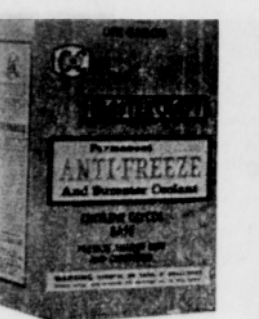
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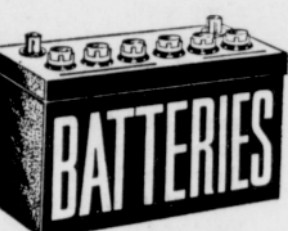
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Oct. 2 - Gerald Russell, 6-years, and Gary Dinger, 2-years, were pictured receiving postal safe driving recognition: "Safety Award Given Postal Service Pair."

Other headlines on page one stated: "Ira Peterson Heads County Historical Society" and "Annual Meet Date Released", as West Oregon Electric started annual meeting preparations.

Oct. 9 - "Kick-Off Meet Held by UGN Volunteers." Goals of \$34,700 for Columbia County, and \$1400 for Vernonia were among those set at previous Friday meeting.

"Lions Prepare Chicken Feed," with text telling of plans for Lions annual fund-raising event, this year a chicken barbecue, October 18.

Junk cars on city streets, lighting requests, fire hall-city office plans were included in topics covered by city councilmen in article: "Council Takes Actions."

Oct. 16 - A story and photo of Allan P. Wheeler gave the account of Saturday's annual meeting of West Oregon Electric members: "State Grange Master Billed As Co-op Speaker."

"Value Rises; Rate Drops", with figures for county assessments given in article. Vernonia posted slight declines in rates.

The head, "Fishhawk Building Stalled; County Continues Study", told of difficulties experienced by lot owners in getting buildings erected on their Fishhawk Lake property.

Oct. 23 - "Patrolman Job Still Open." Included in the council meeting report was the fact that the lone applicant for the vacancy had been present, but not hired due to conflict over residency requirements.

Winter's advent was brought to readers' attention by: "Clocks 'Roll Back' Hour Sunday" as Daylight Saving Time ended for 1969.

A joint project of the Washington county and Nehalem Valley chapters, IWLA was covered in "Chapters Join for Sedding." The groups planted seed for deer and elk browse on newly-constructed BPA power line right-of-way.

"West Oregon Meet Well-Attended" head indicated a story unfolded report of annual session, at which 276 persons were served at lunch.

Oct. 30 - "Patrolman Is Added Monday to City Dept.", with photo, told of hiring of Robert L. Harris as police officer. Former mayor and city recorder, and long-time Vernonia businessman's passing was recorded: "Services Held for S. Hearing."

VHS homecoming events were reported (including photos of Queen Sue Hanson, court and activities.) And the story was summed up in headline: "Loggers Down Dragons in Homecoming Game."

"CAT Budget Approved; \$185,944 Requested for 1970." The county poverty group approves record budget for coming year, at local council recommendation of programs.

Nov. 6 - "Bergerson Named by Woodmen." Melvin Bergerson was tabbed by county Small Woodland Association as "Tree Farmer of Year." The story was accompanied by photos of Bergerson and his tree farm.

Schools issued National Education Week invitation with "Parents Invited to Schools for Education Week Events."

A photograph was printed on the front page giving the artist's conception of proposed public complex—firehall and city offices.

Nov. 13 - Headlines this issue recorded that: "Smith Earns Bronze Medal in Viet Nam" and "Community Attitudes Tabulated in Local Jaycee Survey." Business scene changes were noted in "New Owner to Operate TV Cable System," as Bud Seager purchased the business; and the Clifford Fowlers returned to Coffee Break, "Fowlers Back at Coffee Break."

Nov. 20 - "The City Charter" was featured as excerpts of its long text were printed for readers' information.

The police department, River-view sewer system, and other items were brought to city council attention, as recorded in "Citizens' Question Council."

Photos on page one showed Washington school eighth graders' guests for lunch in school cafeteria as education week event.

The final UGN report showed the county falling short of its goal, as did Vernonia, which attained 79 percent of its \$1400 mark.

Nov. 27 - "Steve Hanson Named A-2 All-Stater" headline announced as league and state standouts were selected at end of gridiron season.

A quick change of scenery was promised as "December 1 Marks Opening of Winter Sports Seasons," with data given on grade and high school basketball prospects, and of the VHS wrestling squad.

"Get the Ball and Shoot" Style Adopted for Logger Cagers by New Head Coach." At parents' night, November 25, the coaching staff and players were introduced for the winter sports at VHS, and expectations for the coming season asserted.

The page one this week also carried a photo of the proposed construction by Portland General Electric at its Trojan nuclear power generator site.

Dec. 4 - "Council Replies to Citizen Queries" headed up item of Monday session in which answers were given to previous citizen letter regarding police department policies.

"Chamber prepares Light Contest, Citizen Awards", "Happiness Is Theme Chosen at Washington," and "Public Response Aids Lions in Continuing Decorations," brought home the fact that the Christmas holiday season was fast-approaching.

Dec. 11 - Extended post office hours for Christmas mailing were told in "Office to Add Hours Saturdays."

"Park Closed for Winter" article was prompted by repeated vandalism forcing closure of Wilkerson park by county commissioners.

The Vernonia Lions club announced plans to "brighten up" Vernonia in "Street Decorations to be Placed Saturday."

T. F. Tomlin was named head of postmasters organization: "Four-County Prexy Elected."

In readying to "wind up" 1969, the chamber of commerce announced that it was accepting citizen of the year names: "Chamber Asks Nominations of Citizens."

Dec. 18 - "Schools Plan Programs, Santa Calls Dated." A whirlwind of holiday activities was announced, including: The annual grads school program, with a visit by Santa and treats; high school assembly, and Sunday concert; and Jaycee arrangements for Santa phone calls.

Adding to the front page were photos of Lions putting street decorations in place, and West Oregon crews repairing damage to power lines from winds and rain. Vernonia had a two-hour "black-out" December 13 due to line damage.

In addition to the regular issue, an eight-page supplement was added to this week's Eagle, in which Vernonia firms and individuals joined in extending "Holiday Greetings."

Dec. 25 - (Volume 47, Number 52) The year was "wrapped up" with "New Year's Greetings" and photos of lighting contest winners.

The main news topic, a coffee break conversation item, was the Monday evening special council session. "Council Session Held Monday; Amendment Is Noted," at which attention was brought to the fact that the 12-month residency requirement for appointed city officials had been amended to the charter in 1937. A large crowd, and stormy session, ensued.

A change in the county court system was also noted: "JP Districts Re-Aligned by Commission." The Rainier and St. Helens justice of the peace courts were consolidated, with John Wittwer appointed justice (although he subsequently submitted his resignation later that week); and changes were made in the Vernonia and Clatskanie district boundaries.

### Support Urged

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trict and state.

Leading the way for the grapplers are: Jim McGinnes, 178-pound senior, who copped third place in Cowapa League last year. He was also tabbed as the outstanding VHS wrestler last year;

Cowapa league 1969 fourth place finisher, 168-pound junior, Ray Grimso, is another spark-plug and acts as team captain.

The young squad is striving for placings in the district meet February 14, and hope to add some "state champs" at Corvallis the end of February.

Not to be overlooked are Gordon Crowston's Jayvees, who have looked impressive in their pre-league encounters; and the Frosh, who are being groomed in fundamentals by Coach Bill Howard. The future of VHS sports weighs heavily on these "building and testing under fire" quints.

A good year in winter sports is looked forward to by the Logger athletes and chaches—and their success is very much dependent on the support of the townspeople.

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