

Proud of Vernonia? -- Here's A Chance to Show It!

"Proud of your town?" If so, the Nehalem Valley Izaak Walton chapter and the Vernonia Jaycees invite all area residents to join them in making Vernonia, and the surrounding area, a more attractive place.

Many comments have been heard in recent weeks, regarding the extensive littering along the roadways leading into Vernonia, and in the town itself. A concern for the area's appearance has prompted a "Clean-Up Day" to be scheduled for Saturday, February 28.

Mayor Sherman S. Fisher has proclaimed February 28 as "Vernonia Clean-Up Day," and the city is joining in the program by providing added dumping hours Saturday. The dump will be open all-day Saturday, until 4 p.m.

Vernonia Sanitary Service will provide free pick-up Saturday between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. from residences within the city. Service operator, Bill Armstrong, will provide the truck, and volunteer aides will make the collections from curbside throughout the city. Householders are asked to place the collected trash in containers and place it at the curb for convenient pick-up Saturday. No garbage is to be included.

The Waltonians and Jaycees will get into the act by picking up roadside litter. The groups, and all other volunteers interested in "lending a hand," are to meet at the fire hall at 9 a.m. for coordination of the project.

Others planning to participate in the project include the eighth

grade classes from Washington school, and the Boy Scouts. Any persons or organizations wishing to join the groups are welcome, they assure, and use of pickups and trailers will also be appreciated.

The Jaycees will be in charge of the area within the city limits, extending out Mist drive through Riverview; and the Ikes will take charge of the highway leading toward U.S. 26 at Staley's Junction.

The Washington county Izaak Walton chapter plans to pick up litter from Staley's to the Washington-Columbia county line on highway 47. They will be met by the local Ikes at that point, as they work from Vernonia to the county line.

"The more people that turn out, the more area we can co-

ver," state the sponsoring organizations. "We hope that everyone in the Vernonia area is concerned enough to lend a hand." In addition to the manpower needed to collect and sack the roadside litter, pickups and trailers will be needed to haul the collected debris to the dump.

Persons desiring further information may contact Jaycee President Dick Beers, Ike Walton President Wm. Harkson, or Councilman Derl Roberts.

Those planning to participate are reminded to assemble at the fire hall this Saturday morning, February 28, at 9 a.m. for assignment to areas. It will be necessary to meet at the fire hall to coordinate efforts, and to receive containers for collecting the litter.

DEPOSIT LITTER



KEEP YOUR STATE CLEAN

DA Warns of Fire Alarm Sale Tactics

Columbia County District Attorney Robert A. Lucas warns that many Columbia county residents are currently being sold fire alarm systems for their homes by door to door salesmen using high pressure tactics. His office has received numerous complaints from individuals concerning elderly citizens who have been pressured into buying fire alarms at apparent high prices.

District Attorney Lucas recommends that individuals who are contacted by fire alarm salesmen should contact their local fire department official or Fire Chief Everett Emerson in St. Helens about the effectiveness of the fire alarm being sold prior to making a purchase.

In addition, they should contact a reputable local merchant to price a comparable unit in his store. One national organization with a mail order catalog sells a fire alarm system that is heat activated for \$17.50 per alarm. This same organization sells a system that is heat or smoke activated for \$34.95 per alarm.

Journalists On Committee

The board of directors for Portland Community College approved an advisory committee for journalism and granted authority to purchase training equipment and facilities at a regular meeting February 2, on the Mt. Sylvania campus.

Progress payments on construction and campus development were approved, and the board adopted the College Staff Manual, with slight changes from a tentative edition already in use.

Members of the journalism advisory committee include:

Irma D. Brownlow, St. Helens Sentinel Mist Chronicle; and Marvin Kamholz, publisher of the Vernonia Eagle.

Grave, Body Found on Island

The skeletal remains of what is thought to be a Negroid female were discovered Saturday at the far north end of Sauvie Island by a Boy Scout troop leader.

Clothing, a bone fragment and a small, one-foot deep grave were discovered by the troop leader and the remains have been sent to Portland to undergo a pathological examination by the state medical investigator, Dr. William J. Brady.

Investigating authorities believe the remains might be those of a female because a female undergarment was found near the scene; and that the person might have been a Negro because of distinctive hairs being examined by the Oregon State Police Crime Detection Laboratory in Portland.

Al Gregory, Columbia County Deputy Sheriff, said that the skull had been fractured in such a way as to suggest the person had been murdered and that he thought the grave might be

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THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 1970

Chamber Names 'Citizens of Year' at Monday Dinner; Wildlife Editor Talks

The 69 persons attending the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce dinner Monday evening were well rewarded by the excellent talk given by Don Holm, wildlife editor of the Oregonian. He was introduced by Dr. Hobart, president of the chamber.

Holm stated that before he became wildlife editor he was a news reporter and worked in a public relations capacity. His interest in wildlife and environmental control led him to the specialized writing of the wildlife column that appeals to all

pointed out the danger of DDT, would rise up in her grave and say 'I told you so,' Holm stated.

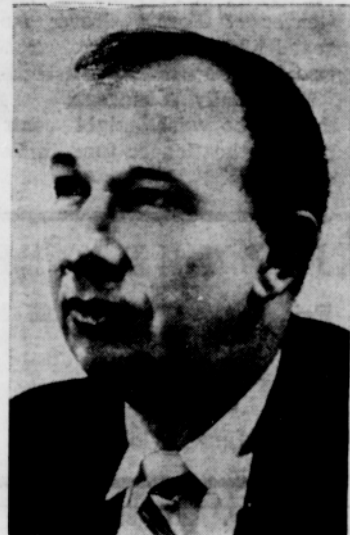
Holm compared this decade with the 1840's which was a period of expansion, had many dissenters from the established order, and a time of good battling evil. It was at this time Francis Parkman, noted histor-

ian traveled over the new Oregon Trail and became friends with the Indians. He predicted the extinction of the buffalo and what happened to the American Indians because of lack of concern for environmental control and understanding Indian culture, Holm related.

"Today there is a massive assault on basic ideas of free speech," Holm emphatically said, "for there is a constant drumbeating by special interest and their lobbying at state and national legislatures is for private gain. Many of our lawmakers are too easily persuaded by pressure groups not to pass laws for the good of all people. The environment today is so fragile that should no grass grow for one season it would cause a famine in our country." The speaker also stated there would be no exportation of foodstuff by 1975 and humorously added that "the litterbugs of 1970 will be the parents of litterers that will bug the world."

Holm's closing statements were on a more optimistic note for he thought the people were beginning to think for themselves as they were fed up with the pressure groups of special interests. There is also a need for modern day vigilantes to protect themselves and they might say, "We have met the enemy and he is us." Holm finished his presentation with the familiar quotation, "No man is an island to himself."

Starr Files For Senate



ROBERT STARR

Robert Starr of Lewis and Clark filed for the May primary, seeking the office of Columbia-Clatsop Senator. Starr, 42, is a veteran of World War II. He served with the Navy in the Pacific.

Prior to start of his employment by a telephone company in 1951, Starr attended Multnomah College and UCLA. He worked in the West Portland, St. Helens and Burlington areas prior to his move to the coast.

He, his wife, and four children, have resided in Lewis and Clark near Astoria the past six years. The candidate has been active in Republican affairs and has taught night classes at Clatsop Community College for several semesters.

Bond Sales Higher

January sales of Savings Bonds in Oregon and in this county were reported recently by County Chairman R. A. Severson.

Sales in this county last month totaled \$58,293. A year ago they were \$38,639.

Statewide sales for the month were \$2,897,445 compared to \$3,160,430 in January of 1969. Nationwide sales in January 1970 were \$407 million.

Totals Listed By Department

Twenty permits were issued in Columbia county during January for new construction and alterations, according to the building department. The total valuation of work completed under the permits is listed at \$68,095.

A breakdown of the month's total shows:

New construction: septic tank systems, 9, \$4,950; single family dwellings, 2, \$29,000; and industrial, 1, \$30,000.

Additions and alterations: septic tank systems, 5, \$1,800; plumbing, 2, \$1,645; and detached garages: 1, \$700.

The January additions bring the fiscal year totals to 243 permits issued with a valuation of \$1,052,231.

Courthouse Employees Vote For AFL-CIO Representation

Courthouse employees Friday voted for union representation by the organization that has bargained for road department workers since 1967.

A total of 32 employees voted for representation by the American County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, while 12 voted against any union. Eight eligible voters did not ballot.

County civil service officials note that membership in the new bargaining unit will be discretionary, since the law prohibits the so-called "closed shop" in government. Individuals who elect membership will pay monthly dues of \$5.50, the present rate in the road department.

Union official Jerry Dodds of Portland said Friday that spokesmen for the road department unit have indicated that they want negotiations for their new contract separated from those of courthouse workers.

But he said he hopes that the negotiations can be combined and that a single contract can

cover both units. The civil service commission is to meet today to canvass Friday's ballots and to certify the results of the election to members of the county commission.

So far as the road department contract is concerned, bargaining must begin no later than March 15.

The union has notified the county as to the contractual points it wishes to modify, and the county must file a similar statement before March 1.

Union officials have asked an across-the-board pay hike of 75 cents an hour for road department employees, as well as a number of fringe benefit increases.

Contract negotiations for courthouse workers could begin any time after certification of the election results.

Some courthouse employees are not eligible for union membership—supervisory personnel, for example. Nor are elected officials eligible. However, deputy sheriffs are entitled to join.

Since the organization of the road department some three years ago, the same sort of fringe benefits granted its workers also have been extended to courthouse employees by the county commissioners.

Home Show to Open April 12

The Portland Home Show's 1970 edition April 4-12 will include a coming-of-age party for the 21-year-old production of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland.

"We're going to celebrate the home show's 21st birthday this year by making it one to take the cake," said William Cooley, home show chairman.

Central attraction will again be a model home representation. Now in planning stages, the model will be erected around a landscaped atrium in the Memorial Coliseum's Georgia-Pacific room.

R. G. (Dick) Peters, vice president of the Home Builders association, is chairman of the model home committee. Assisting him are many of the Portland metropolitan area's outstanding residential builders.

Hundreds of new ideas in design, equipping and landscaping of homes will be presented in the model home and in the exhibits planned. Displays will extend the entire three-block length of the coliseum exhibit area.

Rodeo Queen Event Returns

After an absence of one year, a rodeo queen and court will be held this year in Columbia County.

The queen and court will not be sponsored by any one club, but rather county-wide support.

All girls between the ages of 16 and 22, who are residents of the county and have never been married are eligible for the competition.

The event has been approved by the county fair board and entry dates and entry blanks will appear in this paper at a later date.

Interested parties who would like to contribute to the outfitting of the girls should contact Mrs. Lawrence Gisi in Scappoose at 543-2321 or Mrs. Otis Smith in St. Helens 397-0309.



COUNTY ASSESSOR was in Vernonia Wednesday and Thursday of last week to allow senior citizens an opportunity to sign up for property tax exemptions. Betty Nelson interviews couple as LeMont looks on. The assessor reported that there are nearly 80 eligible Vernonia area residents, but that illness

curtailed the turn out for the two days. He stated that persons who may have been missed, or were unable to get in on those days, may contact his office at the courthouse at St. Helens to sign up for their exemption. Deadline for filing is April 1, and senior citizens must file each year.