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High Water Gets Watchful Eye . . .



MUCH OF Vernonia was on edge Tuesday as the Rock Creek and the Nehalem River flowed out of their banks due to the melting snow in the hills. The top picture was taken from the bank above the swimming pool looking towards the Elmer Goodman home. The second picture was taken from the same spot looking north. The third picture was taken behind the school

as the water began to cover the football field and come up to the grandstand. The bottom picture was taken off the Riverview Bridge looking south to the Burton Apartments. The water had not reached its crest when the pictures were taken. The water crested shortly after midnight, a definite drop in the water level could be detected by 2 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Stop Smoking Clinic Dated For Vernonia

The 5-day stop smoking clinic, February 7-11 at the West Oregon Electric Building, 7:30 nightly, sponsored by the Seventh Day Adventist Church as a public service, has received wide acclaim wherever it has been used in nearly every country of the world. Elder Frank Baker, Oregon Conference of S.D.A. Temp. Secretary has conducted many such clinics in the Oregon area and reports that from 70 to 80 percent of those participating in the full 5 night program are successful in kicking the habit. The plan is so effective that even some who were able to attend only part of the series were given enough help to make the break.

The plan includes films, dietary information, group therapy and other features that enable the smoker to gain the necessary incentive and instruction essential to a successful withdrawal.

Dr. Edwin Noyes of Forest Grove will be the physician in charge of the clinic.

1972 Oregon Events Folder Available

The 1972 Oregon Events folder is now available through the Oregon State Highway Division's Travel Information Section, according to Victor B. Fryer, state travel director.

The first printing of the popular folder, which lists the dates and locations of 240 community festivals, civic events and fairs through out the state, was recently released. The folder is updated and reprinted three or four times each year.

The new events folder can be obtained by contacting the Travel Information Section, State Highway Building, Salem, Oregon 97310.

In Columbia County Dog Licenses A Must

Columbia County Clerk Roy Nelson reminds dog owners of Columbia County that all dogs which have a set of permanent canine teeth (approximately 5 months old) must wear a collar with a license at all times.

Nelson also reminds owners that the deadline for licenses is February 29 and a \$2 penalty will be in effect after March 1 of 1972. License fees are \$3 for males and spayed females, and unspayed females licenses cost \$4. An application for the license appears in this issue of the paper and you may use it or go to the court house to pay the fees.

Environmental Quality Depends On Cigarette Tax Passage

The cigarette tax issue has been battered back and forth, bombarded with pleas from all sides and talked about by everyone, but still no solution.

The solution when it comes will be from the people at the polls January 18. Opponents of the bill have been doing their best to make the tax increase look as bad as they can and went so far as to draw a warning from the attorney general about false advertising.

But no matter what is said for or against the increase there is one fact that remains crystal clear, the state of Oregon is in need of money. Every citizen of the state stands to lose services and have monies cut back if there is not some new source of revenue.

Opponents of the bill state that this is not the best or fairest way to gain that needed revenue. However none of them have come up with a better solution to the problem. One of the best things about the tax increase if there is anything good about a tax, is that there will apparently be no additional costs incurred in collecting the additional revenue. The machinery is already in motion to collect the tax and only the dollar amounts must be adjusted.

Schools probably stand to lose the most if the tax increase is not passed. One district in our area has stated that teachers salary increases will be \$85 less per year if the tax measure is not passed. Another school association has figured out that it would cut the school budgets

KAO Continues Coupon Drive

The Kidney Association of Oregon has announced that it has received permission from General Mills, Inc., to continue its statewide collection and redemption of Betty Crocker coupons for an additional 18 months, to provide funds for the KAO program for Oregonians who are victims of kidney failure.

Between June 1, 1970, and December 31, 1971, individual Oregonians, schools, churches, veterans groups, fraternal organizations, youth groups and others collected more than 10 1/2-million coupon points, which KAO redeemed for 19 artificial kidney machines valued at \$52,752.

Mrs. Anderson said, "the extension of the drive is wonderful news. This will enable us to continue to provide the financial help so vitally needed by KAO." She asked the public "to continue to collect coupons and turn them over to county chairmen." She explained that as county chairmen collect the coupons they will be forwarded to her and then shipped to General Mills for redemption.

The KAO Betty Crocker coupon drive chairman in Columbia County is Mrs. Raymond Sheeder, P.O. Box 1255, St. Helens 97051.

Cigarette Tax Measure To Be Voted on Tuesday

The tax measure to increase the cigarette tax in the state of Oregon will be voted on by Oregonians next Tuesday, January 18, and a sample ballot of this measure is reprinted on page 3 of today's Spotlight for voters convenience.

A yes vote would increase the tax on cigarettes from 4c to 9c per pack. If passed, the measure should result in recurring state revenue of between 12 and 15 million dollars annually. In addition, there will be no increased annual administrative costs if the measure passes.

Jamboree Heads To Meet Jan. 18, Chose Theme

Jamboree Chairman Curt Poetter reminds interested persons that a Jamboree committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, at 8 p.m. at the West Oregon Electric building.

This meeting will have as its main topic of business the selection of a theme for the 1972 Jamboree. Entries may be placed until January 18 at Fisher Appliance and Repair. The winning entry will receive a ten dollar prize.

The theme will be chosen by a vote of the people at the meeting.

The meeting is open to the public and, in particular, to anyone that is interested in helping with the Jamboree.

There may also be a representative of the Bards Trophy Company on hand to talk to the committee about trophies and buttons for the coming celebration.

New Officers Take Chamber Seats Monday

Stepping into the president's position Louise Hamnett presided over the Monday night session of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce. With a larger than usual turnout the Chamber took action on several significant programs.

Present at the meeting to show the plans of the proposed fire hall and city hall complex Derl Roberts explained the plight the city was in as to the monies available to make the necessary alterations. On the motion of Dr. T.M. Hobart, the Chamber voted to give serious consideration to instituting a fund drive for the purpose of building a city hall. Hobart was then appointed as chairman of this committee. He will be working with members of the city council and other community groups.

The Chamber also received the good news that two BLM type toilets will be installed at Lake Vernonia. As a result of the work done by Lloyd Quinn in behalf of the Chamber the county sanitarian was here this past week and completed tests that indicated that the soil conditions would permit the BLM type toilets. The toilets themselves are to be donated by the county. The city will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance on them.

It was agreed that the toilets could be used for a maximum of two years. At that time they would have to be hooked up to the city sewer or the use of them abandoned.

Dr. Hobart, last year's chamber president, had appointed Helen Hewitt and Peggy Brunson as co-chairmen of the DSA-Citizen of the Year Banquet. An agenda for the dinner was approved and several other details concerning the serving and the menu were also discussed.

The letters for nomination of the citizen of the year were turned over to a secret committee for selection of the honoree. The winner of course will not be announced until the night of the banquet, January 29.

It was also announced by Bob Tate, from General Telephone, that the business offices for the area had been moved to Cornelius. With this move closer to Vernonia anyone wishing to discuss their phone service may go directly to the business office.

The next regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be February 14 at the West Oregon Electric building. All members are urged to attend and any guests are welcome.

Polling Place Changes Noted

There have been some changes issued in the polling place for the special election Tuesday, January 18.

According to Roy Nelson, County Clerk, the number one and three precincts have been combined and will vote at the Washington Grade School. Precincts two and four will cast their ballots at the Vernonia Grange Hall.

This special election is to decide if the state should levy additional five cents per pack tax on cigarettes. This is the only issue that will be on the ballot in the Vernonia township at this election.

Polls will open at eight a.m. and close at eight p.m. Voters must be properly registered to cast their ballots in this election. Registration may be completed at the City Hall in Vernonia.

County Records Fewer Fatalities

Only two of Oregon's 36 counties—Sherman and Wheeler—completed 1971 without recording a single traffic death, according to tentative figures released by the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division.

Eighteen of the counties including Columbia County recorded fewer traffic deaths than in 1970, one recorded the same number, and 17 others had higher death tolls.

The agency said fewer deaths were reported in Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Hood River, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Linn, Multnomah, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Washington, Wheeler and Yamhill counties.

Lane county, with 43 deaths recorded its lowest death toll since 1962 when 30 deaths were reported. That figure is 20 below 1970.

The tentative state toll has been set at 685.

Columbia County figures show 12 deaths in 1971 as compared to 14 in 1970.