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VERNONIA-isms

By J.L.S.

What was that statement I made last week about spring really being here? It has snowed twice since then and rained most of the time in between snows.

Have heard a few rumors about some of the local fishermen doing OK on the Columbia. It sounds like at least half of the population of Vernonia will take advantage of the great clam tides sometime during the weekend.

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Last week on the front page in the proceedings of the city council a short mention was made of the complaint signed against the school district for the removal of the ramp at the office. This paper had the complaint signed by "Mrs. Melvin Peddicord." The family objected to that title and wanted it corrected to read Lillian Peddicord. So here is that correction and apology from the editor.

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There are so many events coming up with in the next month to five weeks that it will take some kind of magician to keep up with all of them.

There could not possibly be a complaint lodged that there is not enough to do. Just go look, some one will find a job for you.

The Chamber is going to need all of the help that they can get in the tremendous clean-up project that they have planned for the last of this month.

The Cancer Society is still in need of some help for the melodrama and related activities.

The Jaycees boat race promises to be the biggest ever this year. The committee has expressed some apprehension about being able to handle the record crowd. That is this Saturday.

The Little League benefit that takes place tonight deserves your support.

Those are just a few of the community wide activities without even mentioning the various clubs activities and the church and the school events.

It's a go-go world and it seems like I somehow get myself involved in just about every activity that comes along. Boy am I going to enjoy those few hours on the beach this weekend chasing clams.

—O—

Speaking of chasing I think that our city council made a wise move in requesting that half of the dog license fees be returned to the city and they will hire a man to chase the dogs here in Vernonia.

That was a good piece of work by the council to search out this little known state ordinance and take advantage of the fact that we could get half of the fees returned to the city.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK . . .

Members of the School Board School District 47J Vernonia, Oregon, 97064

Dear Sirs,

The City Council on behalf of the citizens of Vernonia wish to extend our congratulations on the fine educational program in all the schools in our district, this was especially portrayed by the Athletic Program this year and the fine showing of our teams, Grade School through High School.

Our hats are off to everyone, the student body as a whole, the band, pep clubs, rally squads, and the entire staff.

It gives us great pride to have the schools represent Vernonia.

Sincerely,

Sherman S. Fisher
Mayor
The City Council

Letter to editor

The chamber directors wish to express their pleasure to the Green Thumb crew for their hard and diligent work in cleaning up along our main street, Highway 47.

It is a good forerunner for the Chamber-sponsored Clean-up days of April 28-29. Let us keep our streets and highways clean after so much hard work in getting them cleaned up.

Evelyn Heath, Chamber sec.

Rodeo Animals Pampered Group

A cowboy's dependency on a bronc or bull's bucking ability to win him money explodes the myth of "conquered" animals, according to Cotton Rosser, Managing Director of the Portland Pro Rodeo, which will provide livestock for the April 14, 15, 16 Coliseum event.

In reality bucking stock is the most pampered group of hair-covered bandits around today, Rosser says, because they are true animal outlaws—and as such a valuable commodity—they are given the finest care all year round.

In the winter they bask in the warm, sunny Imperial Valley, just north of the California-Mexico border. They are brought to rodeo condition in feedlot pens with a scientific feed mix, and during the rodeo season are transported in equipment especially designed for the Portland Pro Rodeo.

The animals buck simply because they want to. As some humans reject society's laws and guidelines, some animals just will not tolerate a man on their backs. It is these who find their way into professional rodeo arenas where they might work all of five minutes per year—bucking no more than 40 times a season, eight seconds per appearance.

Broncs and bulls plus America's top cowboys and cowgirls will appear in the Portland Pro Rodeo Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5, \$4.50, and \$4 and general admission \$3.50. Children under 12 are admitted for half price.

FOREST GROVE

COMMUNITY

HOSPITAL

Admitting List

April 5 - Clyde J. Purcell
April 6 - Beverly L. Holm
April 9 - Richard Richards

Co. Food Program Still In Doubt

A recent public meeting to discuss alternate ways of furnishing food to low-income Columbia County residents furnished no clear guidelines for members of the Board of Commissioners.

Of some 40 persons in attendance, a dozen indicated they prefer retention of the abundant foods distribution program. Half that number voted for a shift to the so-called "food stamp" system—and the others expressed no preference.

County officials, who eventually will decide which distribution plan will be followed, had scheduled the meeting both to inform residents about the two plans and, if possible, to gain insight into local preferences.

Speakers included Anthony Cardello, director of abundant foods and stamp programs for the state Department of Public Assistance, and Frank Reagan of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who is in charge of food programs in the northern portion of Oregon.

Both emphasized that they favor whichever system will best serve the most people.

But both said that experience with the commodities and stamp systems led them to favor the latter approach. Reagan pointed out that 28 staple food items currently are distributed through the abundant foods program, while recipients of stamps can buy almost any item in a retail grocery store with the exception of tobacco and alcoholic beverages.

Stamps, he went on, make available to low-income people things like red meat and fresh vegetables, fruit and milk—important to every diet and particularly those of elderly people.

Cardello pointed out that malnutrition is medically difficult to define, but said that public health officials take the position that items furnished through the abundant foods program must be supplemented to make up a proper diet.

And he added that liberalization of the regulations governing the stamp system should make it more attractive. "We also are finding," he said, "that older Oregonians generally prefer the stamp program because they can buy what they want and need."

The group was told that plans are firming up to make it possible for stamps to be issued at most postoffices, so that recipients would not have to visit disbursing offices as they now do.

After the meeting, board members said they will seek still more information about the programs before making a decision, adding that they would welcome letters from food recipients and the general public.

County Students On OSU Honor Roll

Names of local students who made the winter term honor roll have been announced by Oregon State University.

The list includes 430 students including 12 from Columbia County who made the straight A listing and another 1,352 on the B plus or better honor roll.

Local students on the list included:

Cathie A. Bright, senior, Scapoose, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Thomas P. Irwin, freshman, Engineering (straight A), William W. Humphreys, senior, Engineering; Burt E. Walrod, sophomore, Engineering, all St. Helens.

Scott W. Heaberlin, junior, Engineering (straight A); Rebecca A. Borjesson, senior, Humanities and Social Sciences; Randall J. Dahlgren, senior, Engineering; from Warren.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Army Private Danny W. Elton, 19, son of Mrs. Betty J. Elton, 910 Riverside Drive, Vernonia, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the U.S. Army Training Center, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and army history and traditions.

Pvt. Elton received the training with Company C, 5th Battalion of the 1st Brigade.

He is a 1971 graduate of Vernonia High School.

Winter Chinook Catch Good

Columbia River commercial fishermen netted 12,051 chinook salmon during the fifteen-day winter commercial fishing season which ended on March 10. The chinook catch of 253,082 pounds is about the same as the catch made the past two winter seasons when net restrictions were similar. An incidental catch of 7,060 steelhead was greater than catches of 3,600 and 4,600 recorded during the 1970 and 1971 winter seasons. However, the steelhead total was still below the 8,200 average number caught for the 11 years previous to the enactment of the 7-1/4" mesh restriction in 1970.

In mid-season fishermen's efforts were hampered by storms and cool weather. As the season progressed, the river warmed and landings improved.

Biologists feel the commercial catch of winter steelhead this year may reflect an exceptionally strong run of large fish. A more precise evaluation of the winter steelhead run will be available when complete figures from sport catches, dam counts and hatchery returns are available.

OBITUARY

Daniel W. Conner, 77 year old resident of 1141 Rose Ave., died Monday evening at the St. Helens Convalescent Center after an extended illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Conner will be held at the Washington Memorial Funeral Home in Seattle, Wn., Friday, April 14 at 3 p.m. with Military rites and burial at the Washington Memorial Park.

Fulton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Extension Units Study Additives

Vernonia Extension Unit will meet at West Oregon Electric Building at 10:30 a.m., April 20. Jessie Andrews and Janet Normand will give a lesson of food additives and safety.

Those attending District Meeting at Scappoose were Etta Russell, Frances Russell, Jesse Andrews, Hilda Keasey and Nelia DeWitt.

The microwave oven was demonstrated to the group; plus pictures of Alaska were shown.

Graveside Service For Gross Infant

Grave side Vesper services were held April 6 at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery for Sarah Marie Gross, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gross of Salt Lake City, Utah. Grandparents of the infant are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gross of Long Island, New York. Also great grandparents living in New York and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Culbertson of Beaverton. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Justin Folken and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Culbertson, all of Vernonia. Reverend Anthony Gussin presided at the service.

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TOWN TOPICS

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Ordean is a nephew of Carl Christiansen. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Christensen of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Arland Christiansen of Beaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Drury and Mrs. Ethel Walker of Vancouver, Washington visited the William Falconers of Riverview and Wilbur Thacker's Sunday.

ST. MARY'S Thrift Shop open first and third Friday of every month. 5ffc

Mr. Jack Whitlock of Treharne visited the Wilbur Thacker's Thursday.

DATES To Remember

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Boy Scouts - City Park Cabin - 7 p.m.

Surplus Foods - Co. Road Shop - 10 p.m.-3 p.m. (N-Z)

School District 47J Board - Administrative Office - 8 p.m.

Jaycettes - home of Arlene Seelye - do-not making

Mt. Heart Rebekah Lodge - IOOF - 8 p.m.

Vernonia Study Club - Public Library - 2-5 p.m. - coffee served

MONDAY, APRIL 17

City Council - city hall - 8 p.m.

Sea Scouts - scout cabin - 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Boy Scouts - City Park Cabin - 7 p.m.

AA - Evangelical Church Kitchen - 8 p.m.

Vernonia Extension - West Ore. Elec. - 10:30 a.m.

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