

Councilmen Vacation Meeting Short and Brisk

The regular meeting of the Vernonia City Council Wednesday, July 5 was brought to order by Mayor Fisher with councilmen Roberts, Tomlin, and Keasey present. Both recorder William Nelson and Councilman Banta were on vacation. Walter Linn was sitting in for the vacationing recorder.

The council first heard business from the floor which included a complaint by the owners of the Sunny Side Service that the police force had made it a practice to send people to their establishment after hours for service. Hans Slette stated that the character of these late night visitors had given them some problems and that it was very hard to get police help from the city or the county.

Mr. Slette also lodged a complaint that a certain driver had failed to dim his lights on two different occasions. The driver of the vehicle had said that his dimmer switch was broken and that the police had warned him to get it fixed. Mr. Slette declined to name the driver of the vehicle.

Under committee reports the following police report was the only one given.

Major crimes: 1 burglary, 1 attempted burglary, 1 unfounded report, and 1 stolen vehicle recovered. Misdemeanor crimes: 3 thefts, 1 battery, and 1 recklessly endangering. Traffic: 4 moving violations, 5 illegal parking, 5 moving warnings, 27 parking warnings and 1 traffic accident. 1 misdemeanor arrest and four juvenile contacts, two of them for missing juvenile and two of them for criminal mischief. Miscellaneous: calls were listed as 1 business dispute, 1 family dispute, 3 neighbor disputes, 2 disorderly conducts, 3 prowler complaints, 5 ambulance calls, 6 health hazards, 3 assists to outside agencies, 18 assists to the public, and 1 dog complaint. The patrol car logged 2728 miles and a check of useless or abandoned cars showed there to be more than fifty which should be removed.

In the way of communications the council was informed that the county revenue for the city street department would be cut by approximately one-half for the '72-73 fiscal year. The cut to the city was made necessary by the lowering of the county budget.

The council also received a copy of a letter the boundary commission sent to C.E. (Ed) Miller. The letter stated that the petition in opposition to the merger of the Vernonia and rural fire districts had failed by two signatures.

After discussion instigated by councilman Derl Roberts the council stated that it was their desire

Seniors Invited to Horseshoe Pitch

A special note of interest to the fans of the horseshoe pitching contest is the Senior Citizen events. The Vernonia Tournament is one of very few that offers a special division for the seniors. The seniors will begin their contest at 7:30 a.m. July 22.

Chairman Russell invites all of the early birds out to watch some of these older pitchers that have a way of showing up some of the younger men.

Russell states that a good number of pitchers have indicated they will attend the tournament and that a good crowd of spectators always helps them perform better.

Anyone who is interested in pitching and you have not qualified please contact Gerald Russell.

to see the merger put to a vote of the people and that the recorder be instructed to contact City Attorney Robert Vagt to see if there was any way possible for the measure to still be placed on a ballot.

The council decided to advertise for bids in two different areas. One for a lump sum proposal to furnish materials for water line improvements. The bid is to be opened July 20. The second bid was to furnish a water slide for the swimming pool. Bids for this are also to be opened July 20. The bids appear in this week's issue of the Eagle with specifications being available at the city hall.

The council also voted to re-deposit \$68,897.50 in a thirty day note. This money was from the water fund.

The council heard the reading of ordinance number 469 which declared an emergency and designated the swimming pool area of Rock Creek a public park and prohibiting the taking of animals into the swimming area or immediately upstream from the pool. The ordinance was read three times and passed by an unanimous voice vote. After the mayor signed the ordinance it was duly entered into the books as law.

The council also agreed to retain the services of Gene Franklin as the city auditor to audit the books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972.

The council authorized the payment of the bills and the meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting which is to be held July 18 at 8 p.m. in the city hall chambers.

Sunday the Vernonia Mens' Club held their annual 'Fun Day' starting at 9 a.m. with a dinner around 1 p.m.

Vandals Damage Shingle Mill

The Cedarwood Shingle Mill, owned and operated by C. E. Miller has been the victim of recent vandalism. Three different times the belts that drive the large saws have been cut.

Last week was the first time that any damage was done and at that time three belts were cut and oil poured on some of the machinery. Miller replaced the belts and thought that was the end of it but the next night the belts were again cut and some valves were broken off. After repairs were made a third strike was made by the vandal and again they cut the belts and took a shield off of one of the saws. Other minor damage was done also.

Miller estimated the damage and lost time has cost the operation nearly a thousand dollars.

The Vernonia Police Department and Deputy Sheriff Earl Ray have been working on the case and some definite leads as to the identity of the vandals.

Watermaster Slates July 19th Visit

Clayton J. Gardner, State Watermaster, will be in room 308, Columbia County Courthouse, the third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. to answer any questions pertaining to water rights. His next visit will be on July 19.

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County Budget Shows Increase Of Tax by 5.7%

If the District Attorney's office is successful in its bid for a federally funded program designed to crack down on drinking drivers, the program should definitely be a deterrent to the drivers on the road who have had a "few too many". This item is one of eight areas where the 1972-73 county budget, as adopted by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, calls for fund increases.

The law enforcement fund increase calls for \$31,500, of which the entire sum will be federally funded. Included in the cost will be the addition of an investigator and prosecutor, a vehicle to travel to trouble spots plus the addition of breatholizers, and audio visual equipment. The District Attorney's office is only awaiting approval of the federal funds and a county wide "get tough" policy will be instigated against drivers who operate a motor vehicle while drinking. The grant monies originate on the Federal level, then are passed down to the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission who then disperses the funds to the interested counties who apply for grants.

The 1972-73 Columbia County budget totals \$2,775,364 or an increase of \$550,000 over the current fiscal year budget. Much of this is offset by increased revenues from various sources. The property tax levy shows an increase of only \$31,630 or about 5.7 percent. Some of the budgeted items, even though they appear in the adopted budget, are dependent on federal funds and will not be spent if the grants are not received.

The budget shows the general fund increased \$123,000 and the road fund up \$105,300. The road fund increase primarily comes about because of the severe weather the past winter and the road damage caused by heavy winter freezes.

A new budget item, heavy road equipment and replacement fund shows, \$110,500 budgeted for

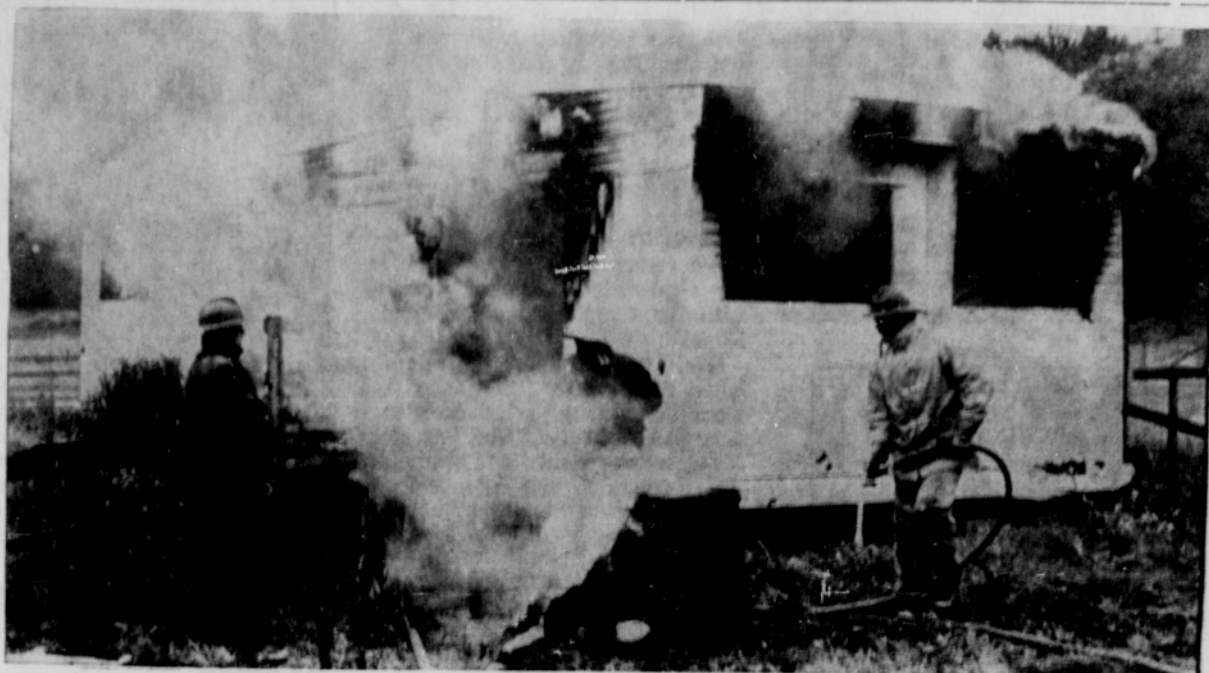
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Auction Planned By City Chamber

Preliminary plans for an auction for the benefit of the City Hall were made Monday evening by Chamber directors. Peggy Brunson is general chairman for the event which is planned for Saturday, September 9th. It is hoped that a storage place may be found for donated articles during the month of August and up to the day of the auction so as to avoid too much work on the last day.

Cold drinks will be served to parade participants of the Jamboree again this year. Dave Brunson and Dave Knowlton will be in charge of this service for the Chamber.

Another item of business was a donation for furnishings to the Justice of Peace office which will be located in the Clinic Building in September.



FIRE COMPLETELY destroyed a trailer home belonging to Larry Wright. The fire started in the area of an oil burner used to heat the home. The trailer sits

on his father's property on Knott Street. The Vernonia Fire Department answered the call Monday at about 4:55 p.m.

Friendship Jamboree Court Travels; Licenses Ready

1972 Jamboree Chairman Curt Poetter received a letter from the Columbia County Building and Sanitation Department this past week pointing out that certain types of concessions do not require a temporary restaurant license.

Those booths exclusively serving the following items do not need the license to operate, cotton candy, wrapped candy, confection items, peanuts, popcorn, canned and bottled soft drinks, if kept cool in the prescribed manner, pre-wrapped ice cream bars and coffee (if a non-dairy creamer is used).

The letter also pointed out that no home prepared food is to be served whether the establishment is licensed or not.

Applications for licenses are available for concessions and games around the downtown area. For reservations for space for a booth contact Jim Eckland.

The Jamboree Princesses have

Wool Artist Plans Exhibit At Jamboree

Many activities are planned for the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree to be held July 28, 29, and 30. The Jamboree will include varied demonstrations with area artists from Portland Community College. Among these craftsmen is Sue Ilinsky, who brings "raw" wool through a series of transformations to produce beautiful and useful items.

Sue and her husband, Nick, live on an 80-acre ranch about 10 miles north of North Plains. There Sue disciplines her talents, perfecting the demanding craft of weaving. Farmers in the community supply the top-grade wool which is carded on an old-fashioned hand-crank drum. The spinning process comes next, and Sue delights in the use of her hand-made spinning wheel which she acquired from a Hutterite colony which had given up weaving their own materials in favor of manufactured textiles.

The lanolin-rich wool is carefully washed and re-washed, avoiding the chemical treatments used by most manufacturers which rob wool of its "life." In the various processes, Sue uses hand-made tools—many crafted by her husband after original museum pieces on display at the Oregon Historical Society.

Natural dyes produce an amazing array of colors, and Sue's unusual talents in this area are reflected in the varied hues of her wools. Onion skins, walnut shells, rhubarb leaves, goldenrod, scotch broom, the tansy weed—even the hard-to-get madder roots have found their way into Sue's "garden" of colors.

The dyed skeins are then ready for work—to be woven on Sue's loom, knit, or crocheted—resulting in one of a kind articles for wear or decoration.

Sue Ilinsky can be seen spinning her natural dyed wools at the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree on Saturday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mrs. Ilinsky will be offering classes in spinning, weaving and carding at Portland Community College this fall.

Jaycees Seek 18 Year Olds as Full Members

At their regular meeting Tuesday, July 11, the Vernonia Jaycees went on record as inviting all eighteen year olds to join the local group with full membership privileges.

The national Jaycee organization, voted to allow eighteen year olds to join but the measure must be ratified by each state. The Oregon organization will not have a state wide meeting until September and the local group thought that was too long to wait so they decided to start the new policy immediately.

All of the eighteen to twenty-one year olds in the Vernonia area are invited to join the local group. It is no secret that the local group

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Summer Bloodmobile Due Monday, July 17

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its usual summer visit to Vernonia Monday July 17.

Local chairman Irene Minger states that there are several local people who need to have blood replaced as well as some from the Mist area. The bloodmobile does not stop in the Mist area during the year so all the residents are urged to come to Vernonia to donate their blood.

The donation center will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. to accommodate those men who do not get out of the woods until later in the afternoon.

The unit will be set up at the IOOF Hall here in Vernonia.

If you want more information or have questions you should contact Irene Minger at 429-3552.

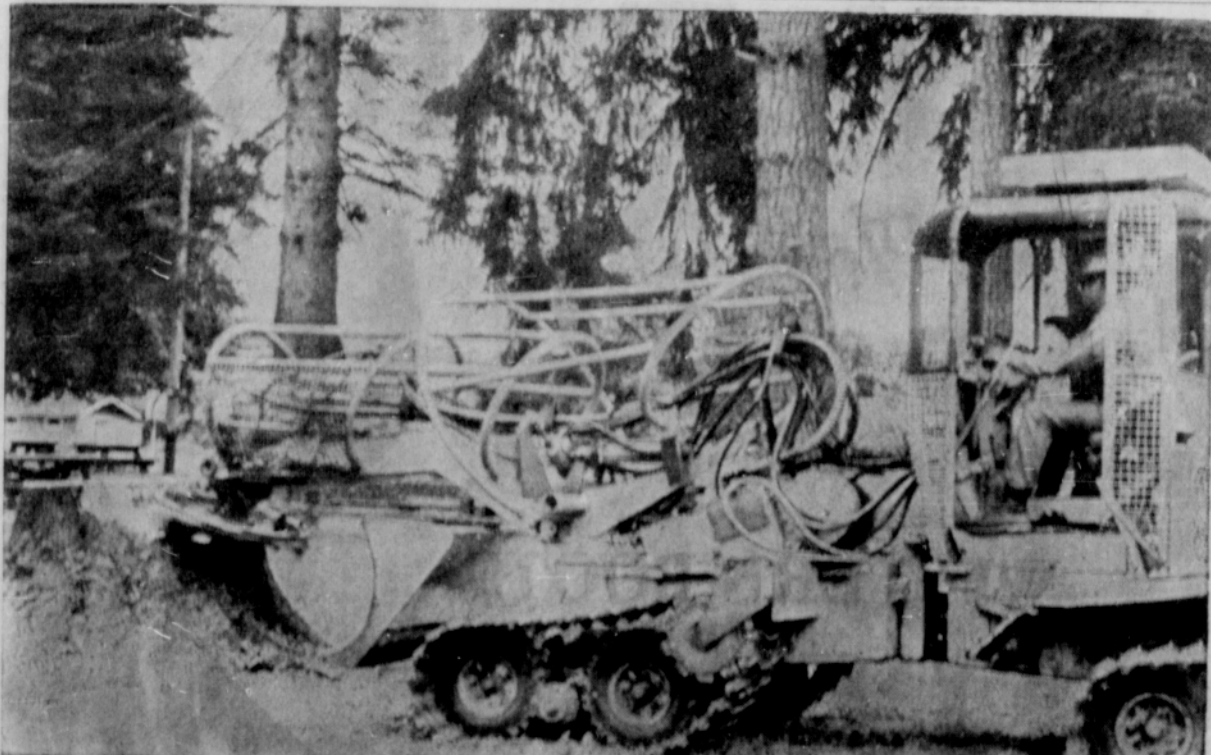
Dorothy Knowlton
Justice of the Peace

June 1972

Wayne John Laurila, CZ Overload, OSP weighmaster. Fine \$13.00
Johnny David Vender, Illegal Possession undersize trout, OSP, guilty. Fine \$20.50.



WOOL ARTIST Susan Ilinsky demonstrates her craftsmanship with the spinning wheel and wool. Mrs. Ilinsky will give demonstrations during the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree. Mrs. Ilinsky is part of the group of artists and craftsmen that Portland Community College is sending to the Jamboree.



BILL SWORD operates a Lucky Logger with a Trail Maker attachment in Anderson Park. Sword used the demonstration machine from Schetty Equipment to rid the park area of some stumps. The trail maker attachment has a wheel with blades attached to it that chop a stump into small pieces. The attachment

is used mainly for clearing logging roads of small brush and trees but did a quick job on the stumps. This stump was approximately three feet high and spread out to about four feet at the base, the machine had it leveled in about 12 minutes. Sword donated his time and the machine.