

Senior Citizen News - - -

The Senior Citizens could use more newspapers. Anyone who has any, please call 429-3912, and they will be picked up.

The library at the center has kept many folks reading during the cold days.

Transportation was at a standstill during December but several trips are scheduled for later this month.

Paper rollers are always busy; Arts and Crafts and the Flea Market are doing quite well regardless of cold weather.

Bible study, and children's Happy Hour bible Club will continue, now that school vacation is over.

January 18, Wednesday, a carload of Senior Citizens will take a trip to Salem. A legislative program is being held there.

The next social potluck will be held at the center January 19, Friday, at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided after lunch.

"Come in, browse and get acquainted," the seniors invite.

January 17 Next Visit By State Watermaster

Clayton J. Gardner, state watermaster, is at 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 January 17.

Report, Program On Club Agenda

Vernonia Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Owen East January 4. Mrs. Ralph Reynolds reported on the food baskets delivered prior to Christmas to various families. The group worked closely with other organizations and churches to deliver baskets of food and toys to families needing some assistance at this time of year.

Mrs. Ralph Reynolds gave the program on Dr. Mary Calderone, who is a controversial figure in the area of sex education in the school system.

The next meeting will be February 1 at the home of Mrs. Bill Horn.

'Which Wig?' Lesson Set for Unit Study

The Vernonia Extension Study Group next will meet Thursday, January 18, 10:30 a.m., at the West Oregon Electric building.

A lesson on wigs will be given by Mrs. Janet Normand and Mrs. Teresa Jones. The ladies will be prepared to answer questions regarding care and use of wigs.

A potluck lunch will be served at noon. All ladies of the community are welcome to attend.

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND KEEP IT CLEAN

DCE Workshop To Aid Women

To assist women who are looking for a "next step," whether that means going back to school, entering the labor market, developing a plan for personal enrichment, Women's Programs of the Division of Continuing Education will present a series of six sessions entitled Search and Discovery: New Directions for Women.

Topics to be covered include exploration of alternatives open to women, small group discussions with other women having similar concerns, testing, decision making skills, and workshop will culminate with an individual planning session.

Sessions will be held on Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, beginning January 31, in Room 261, Division of Continuing Education Building, 1633 S.W. Park Avenue, Portland. Additional information may be obtained by calling Women's Programs, 229-4849.

Slides, Talk On AARP Bill

Colored slides and a talk on the Holy Land by the Reverend Arthur Hoenish of Portland will feature the January session of Columbia County Chapter 499, American Association of Retired Persons. The meeting will be held in Shrine Hall, St. Helens, Tuesday, January 16, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Rev. Hoenish is presently engaged in evangelistic work with young people in Portland. A year ago he made a trip to the Holy Land, Egypt, Israel and adjoining countries. He took many excellent pictures and had some very interesting experiences which he will relate.

During the business session, election of officers for the next two years will be held. These will include a first vice-president, secretary, treasurer and a trustee. Installation will take place immediately after the election.

Plans will be announced for a bus trip February 27 to Salem to visit a session of the state legislature.



GAVEL IS passed from outgoing president to the incoming officer at Monday evening Chamber of Commerce session. Officers, from left, are: Secretary Evelyn Heath, outgoing president Louise Hammett, incoming proxy Tom Tomlin, board member

Lloyd Quinn, and vice-president Dave Knevel. Other board members are Peggy Brunsman, Helen Hewitt, Maxine Herber, Jack Seely and Jim Woodward.

"Our Special" Children

(Third in series of eight)

The Special Reading Program:

Today, the United States has one of the finest reading programs ever developed for elementary students but, unfortunately, it has its weaknesses. Too many schools still treat all children as if they were primarily visual learners. They do not take into account those who are more auditory oriented or those who learn more by the kinesthetic method.

To continue to leave this area unrecognized seems gross negligence yet it is hardly possible that all teachers will receive the benefits of reading programs designed to teach by other than visual learning processes.

There is also the unknown factor—the highly professional educators—the school administrators. They are the most organized, the most versatile of all educators yet too few have more than a few hours in one or two reading courses while in college. Tragically, this can lead to examples such as the administrator who assigned 72 remedial readers to one teacher per half day session; or the principal who said, "If they haven't learned to read by the fourth grade, chances are they'll never learn so why waste the time and money on them." Evidently, none of those children were his.

A good educator understands that reading is too important to every phase of living to leave its teaching to chance. In Vernonia, the students are lucky to have a school administration which recognizes the fact that some children will have problems in reading—normal, average everyday children who just don't learn.

Because of this understanding, Washington Grade School is equipped with a special reading room, and a special reading teacher, to aid these children in taking their place among their peers.

The Special Reading Room at Washington Grade School is a cheerful room, with light green walls, gaily decorated with posters and drawings; one wall filled with windows to let in the outside world, while against the opposite wall are individual booths where a child may study and learn privately.

A relaxed atmosphere, the large round table unlike standard school desks, and an abundance of books create a soothing counterpoint to the child who may be frightened the first few times he finds himself entering this new and strange world, where he is to learn to read.

For the special reading class there must be a teacher. She is Miss Patricia Wise, graduate of Pacific University at Forest Grove, with special training in the field of reading disabilities through Portland State University.

Miss Wise is employed through Title I funds provided by the federal government as are the aides at Lincoln and Mist schools. The materials for her special reading program are also paid through this funding.

As a good remedial teacher she seeks to reinforce the child's image of himself, to show him that he is not alone with his problem, and that she understands that, although he wants to read, he just can't find the key to unlock the words. She is there to help him, and slowly, through individual attention, devices such as flash cards, Skill Tapes, the Language Master, and many small successes where failure waited before, he begins to find the way. Not all children can be helped, of course. There are still many areas as yet unexplored—the vast majority can attain basic skills which will enable them to take their place according to their mental age.

Every child enters school with the idea already implanted—he will learn to read. He has seen other children go to school and return, having learned to read; so did his teacher, yet he could not. Why? He doesn't know!

There can be nothing more frustrating to a child of normal, or better, intelligence than to discover he cannot learn to read. All around him he sees other children, many

not as smart as he, learning, yet there is no avenue that opens the printed symbol to him. It remains a mystery.

If dad were to suddenly discover his sports page printed in Chinese, or mom found her recipe book written in Russian, neither would be more bewildered or unhappy than the child who suffers from a severe reading disability.

Without the basic reading skills so necessary in life, he finds he cannot spell, write, do arithmetic when it comes to written problems, nor can he engage in many things so dear to the heart of a child. How can he read his Scout book? Directions to classes? Even a comic book?

If he grows up, passed from class to class, until in sheer misery, he drops out, he finds he can't get a job because too often such a simple task as filling out an application is beyond him. Even the service may turn him down simply because he cannot read.

Life isn't easier for the parent of a child who suffers from a reading disability problem. Once they recognize that the child—for some reason—can't read, they too suffer disillusionment, frustration and anger, as they struggle to understand

a problem they never new; the years of conferences as teacher after teacher, says "your child just will not learn. He doesn't try." They talk to the child, drag him to psychologists, doctors, etc., only to hear that they have a child—normal, healthy, average, intelligent—that can't read.

Then, perhaps comes the day when he becomes a disruptive influence in the classroom and the phone rings, letters come home, "Your child is a behavior problem. Do something."

It is at this point that a special reading program comes into its own. A teacher, trained to recognize the locked-up intelligence, the frustration, learns his interests, his dreams and she helps. Her methods may vary—there are several—but she reinforces his ego as she teaches him from high interest-low level books—books that do not embarrass him with babyish titles suitable for first or second grade but, with stories written on subjects he knows in words he can master.

And one day, as each small success builds toward its end, he discovers, with the same eagerness that the small boy grown tall once had, he can read.

Income Reported By U.S. Bancorp

U.S. Bancorp, parent corporation of United States National Bank of Oregon, reports consolidated income before security gains and extraordinary charges for the year ending December 31, 1972, of \$16,664,395, or \$4.11 per share, compared to \$14,539,759, or \$3.59 per share for 1971, according to LeRoy B. Staver, chairman of the board and president. The increase represents a gain of 14.48 per cent over 1971 on a per-share basis.

U.S. Bancorp's net income after security gains and extraordinary charges was \$16,421,419, or \$4.05 per share, compared with \$14,956,869, or \$3.69 per share for 1971. The extraordinary charge, Staver noted, consisted of the net after-tax writeoff of the depreciated book value of buildings razed to clear the site for the bank's new headquarters building development.

The average number of shares outstanding was 4,050,257 for both periods.

The Banks and Vernonia branches of U.S. National, on December 31, 1972, reported combined deposits of \$6,251,119.68, according to Ron H. Rexroad, manager of the Vernonia branch. He also reported a combined loan total of \$1,176,801.20.



NEW ARRIVALS . . .

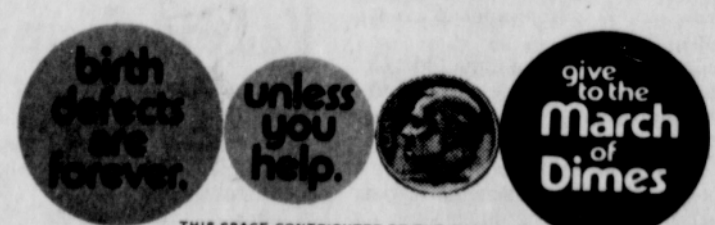
Carrie Lynette was the name chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bodenhamer for their first child born December 31 at the Forest Grove Community Hospital. The little girl weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Henry and Phyllis Bodenhamer of Vernonia; and Paul and Hilda Chimiotti of Portland. Great-grandparents are Bruce and Hilda Thornton of Milwaukie.

It was a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chavez. The baby, born at home January 8, weighed 6 pounds, 1/2 ounce, and has been named Chizuko Wild Flower.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ethor S. Chavez of Los Angeles, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Barrus of Endfield, Connecticut.

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'Temporary' Tax To Be Reduced

A "temporary" wartime tax on telephone service that began in the 1940's as an emergency measure is finally on its way out.

General Telephone customers should notice slight reduction in telephone bills, according to a company spokesman. He said the ten percent federal excise tax paid on all local and long distance calls has been reduced to nine percent. The reduction was effective January 1, 1973.

The reduction will continue at the rate of one percent per year until the tax is completely erased in December, 1982.

The tax, which is collected by the company for the government and which only applies to telephone utilities, is a holdover from World War II. Telephone companies have long opposed the tax, since it is felt that the tax discriminated against people who have telephone service.

The reduction is a result of the federal excise, estate and gift tax adjustment of 1970.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 1973

Benefit Section Checks Frauds

Fraud in connection with Unemployment Insurance claims in Oregon during the fourth quarter of 1972 brought recommendation for prosecution of 20 new cases, bringing total number of cases to 63, the Benefits Section, Employment Division has reported. Twenty-two cases were completed, leaving 41 cases pending. The ratio of fraud cases to the total number of claims filed was a fraction of one percent due to the constant vigilance of local office personnel, tax auditors and benefit section fraud investigators, they state.

During the fourth quarter there was one conviction each in Umatilla County, Douglas County, Coos County, Jackson County and in the State of Nevada; four convictions in Marion County; four convictions and three dismissals in Multnomah County; one conviction and one dismissal in Linn County; two convictions in Washington County and one conviction and one dismissal in Clackamas County.

The courts ordered restitution in 14 cases; imposed fines in eight cases of \$25 to \$210; set probationary periods from six months to two years in 14 cases; imposed sentences from 10 days to two years; suspended in nine cases and imposed no sentences.

A total of 122 determinations were written in which 1,939 calendar weeks of unemployment benefits were disqualified for willful false statements or misrepresentation. A total of \$33,343 was recovered in overpayments in unemployment insurance benefits.



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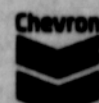
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