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## Businesses Taking on 'New Look' in Downtown



The new look goes on in Vernonia as more businesses spruce up and/or expand their buildings.

On the corner of Madison and Bridge, Sam's Food Store including the building that formerly housed Kate's Cafe, received a new coat of sand beige paint this past week, considerably enhancing that area. Inside, work continues toward expanding the grocery department and adding a small coffee shop.

Across Bridge Street, a new sidewalk has been laid in front of Fisher's Electric, the building owned by Mrs. Laura Carmichael.

Next door at Vernonia Variety,

owned by Mrs. Ruth Steers, a new sidewalk has been poured while the front of the building is receiving a complete remodeling. A new shake siding and large windows will be part of the completed job. Inside, a new coat of paint has been applied, brightening the interior. Mrs. Steers hopes to have the remodeling finished in time for their 20th anniversary, November 1 of this year.

Further down the street, at Mario's, a remodeling job of the exterior, featuring old brick and batten board, continues. It is to be ornamented with a wrought iron balcony backed by black shutters while the entrance will feature a wrought iron gate flanked by bay windows, and sidewalk planters. Interior decorating is on the agenda also.

## Size of Page To Change on First of July

Sel-Mor Inc., publishers of the Scappoose Spotlight, Vernonia Eagle, Senior Citizen Five Area News and the Hook & Line, announce that due to a shortage of newsprint a new look is in store for these publications.

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The change is due to a change in the width of newsprint rolls received by their central printing plant, Tualatin-Yamhill Press in Hillsboro. T-Y Press prints all four of the Sel-Mor publications.

Garner continued by saying, "After serious study, Sel-Mor decided to adopt a seven-column format for the papers. At the present time the papers are both an eight-column format. It is the feeling of the officials of Sel-Mor that the seven-column format will offer easier readability for readers than the eight columns printed in the same space.

## Lower Prices Set for Fair

Fairtime is less than a month away, and Columbia County residents are busily cultivating gardens, pampering perennials and feeding up the livestock in preparation for the 1973 Columbia County Fair.

Fair dates have been set for July 19-22, a Thursday through Saturday run, with the 4-H Horse Show earlier in the week.

New is the word for the fair this year—new lower admission prices, new entertainment, and a new rodeo, plus new concessions.

Admission prices have been reduced to 50 cents per day for adults.

There will be free stage shows throughout fair week featuring "The Country Bunch," a country western singing group. The always popular circus, that thrills all age groups, will be performing, and the carnival will have new rides this year.

A professional rodeo featuring Rodeo Cowboys Association stars will be held in conjunction with the fair, but admission to the rodeo will be a separate charge. This is the first time in ten years that RCA cowboys have come to Columbia County for rodeos.

No definite decision has been reached on the exterior as yet. Right now the choice is between white metal siding or cedar shakes.

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CCOG REPRESENTATIVES met last Thursday night in Vernonia to discuss various aspects of county planning and the function of CRAG. Shown above is Cy Nymys as he explains comprehensive planning and the need for it to CCOG members.

## Lifeguard Tells Plans for Pool

City lifeguard Darlene Parrow has announced the formation of a local swim club, open to any swimmer, age 8 yrs. and up. They may sign up with lifeguard at the pool.

"You should be swimming daily for conditioning, following your own planned workout as in training for any sport," she advises. Help with planning schedules may be obtained from the lifeguard.

The first activity scheduled is participation in, and hosting, the first all-city swim meet, currently planned for July 30 and 31. Another activity already underway is swimming for distance awards. The lifeguard has more information about these programs.

A request for help to make the swim meet successful is offered by Miss Parrow who states, "We need help from the community to solve these problems:

- 1) Awards for the events
- 2) Starting blocks for racing starts
- 3) Stop watches and starting gun
- 4) Rope to mark lanes
- 5) People to work as timers, finish judges, scorers, helpers for planning and organizing meet
- 6) Ideally, there should be some form of turning wall across the pool for swimmers to touch (in accordance to rules) and push off from for return portion of race."

"Support this activity, show the community you care," the lifeguard urges Vernonia citizens and parents, as well as swimmers.

Complete schedules of swimming lessons, swim meets, and other activities related to the city pool are published elsewhere in this issue.

## Recreation Program Adds 2 Activities

Two new activities will be featured this week in the city Summer Recreation program.

The first, to take place tomorrow, Friday, June 29, is the ecology-nature hayride at Clint's Tree Farm. The second new event is the Adult Tennis Clinic Saturday.

The hayride, featuring a wagon drawn by a team of percheron horses, travels through the natural and cultivated acres of Clint's Tree Farm on Keasey Route, and is guided by Clint Seibert, local tree farmer and logger.

Reservations may still be made for this event by signing up during the afternoon hours at the Scout Cabin, or by phoning Mrs. W.E. Wilson at 429-7731. People of all ages are welcome to participate, and there is no charge.

Those needing transportation to the tree farm should be at the Scout Cabin Friday afternoon by 12:30 p.m. Persons registered for the tour and having their own transportation may meet at the tree farm at 12:45 p.m. The hayride is scheduled to start promptly at 1 p.m., and is limited to the first 40 persons registering. Volunteers to provide transportation will be welcomed.

In event of rain, the hayride will be postponed one week, to July 6.

The Adult Tennis Clinic will meet Saturday, June 30, at 2 p.m. on the tennis courts at the high school. Instructing will be Mike McKee, an experienced tennis teacher and player.

Tonight, Thursday, June 28, will be the time for another special activity, a follow-up to the Volleyball Clinic to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school gym, with Juanita Arrant, supervising.

This activity is for high school students and adults. Besides instruction in technique, there will be team or round-robin games.

## City Council Hikes License Fees

The Vernonia City Council continued with the second session of what may be the longest council meeting in history Monday evening, acting on business carried forward from their June 18 regular meeting.

Sherman Fisher, mayor, presided over the session with Councilmen Ed Miller, Dave Banta, Lucille Tomlin and Ralph Keasey (his last session prior to his resignation becoming effective); Recorder Wm. Nelson and Attorney Allen Coon present.

Calling for business from the floor, the council heard a plea from Norman Davis of the Vernonia Senior Citizens group and Phillip Walrod, planning coordinator for the Clackamas, Columbia and Washington Counties Agency on Aging for a portion of the city's Federal Revenue Sharing funds for the seniors' transportation project.

Upon motion by Banta, the council orally voted, and passed unanimously the allocation of \$500 to the seniors.

The question of "amusement device" licensing again was submitted for council consideration by Henry Andereg. He stated that the license fee currently charged was excessive for the type of "amusement devices" he would place at the bowling alley for use of the community's youth.

The matter was tabled until the second meeting in July (July 16) to allow time for further study and consideration.

To fill the unexpired term of Councilman Ralph Keasey, Mayor Fisher recommended that the council take the next candidate in line at last November's election, L.E. (Bud) Atkins. The council voted their approval of the appointment.

The matter of raising city business license fees again came before the council, with final action deferred until Friday night—the council meeting of June 18 has again been continued (from June 18 to June 25

to June 29).

The new rate structure sets the minimum business license at \$30 per year, with an additional fee of \$3 per year per employee over two. The new ordinance also provides for a 10 percent per month late charge on license renewals.

With city business licenses coming due July 1 (billed semi-annually under current ordinance) the council voted to continue the meeting until Friday evening to allow passage of the new ordinance prior to date of license renewal (July 1).

The council's continued session will be this Friday evening, 8 p.m. at city hall.

## Funds Received For Ambulance

The prospects of Vernonia acquiring a new ambulance to replace their aging unit now in service were bolstered the past week with receipt of checks and cash donations, by the Eagle, totaling \$2,000.

The checks were forwarded to the Eagle by Mrs. August Petti, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude McCabe, to start a memorial fund in Mrs. McCabe's name.

The checks were deposited in the Vernonia Branch, U.S. National Bank, in a special trust-savings account earmarked for acquisition of a new ambulance.

Any person wishing to contribute to the fund may deposit directly to the account at the bank, mail donations in care of the Vernonia Eagle, or give their contributions directly to members of the Vernonia Ambulance Fund committee: Mayor Sherman Fisher, ambulance driver Bill Horn, Marvin Kamholz or Larry Garner.

Checks should be made payable to "Vernonia Ambulance Fund" for deposit into the specially earmarked bank account.

## Altercation Ends in Death Of Vernonian

An altercation, which erupted at the Vernonia Hotel just before noon Monday, ended with the death of one person and the hospitalization of another.

Pronounced dead at the scene from multiple stab wounds was Maynard Schneider, 63. He died just off the front porch of the hotel, where he had gone to call for aid. Schneider failed to respond to efforts of ambulance attendants and doctor who treated him at the scene.

Injured in the struggle was Sool Tae Tassin Schneider, owner and operator of the hotel. She was taken by the Vernonia ambulance to Columbia District Hospital. Her condition was thought to be satisfactory early Tuesday.

Mrs. Schneider was transferred to the Columbia County Jail Tuesday evening, then appeared before District Court Judge James Mason Wednesday for arraignment on a charge of murder, according to the DA's office. The court appointed J. Bradford Shiley, Portland attorney to represent her, with the arraignment carried over beyond press time.

Interrogation of residents of the hotel—including one apparent witness to the altercation—amoultance attendants and neighbors was continuing Tuesday morning by Vernonia Police Chief Jack Cunningham and Patrolman Lee Akers. Akers was the first officer on the scene of the incident.

According to a statement released by District Attorney Robert Lucas, the Vernonia Police Department, assisted by the Columbia County Sheriff's department and his office, will continue investigation this week.

In addition to physical evidence gathered and forwarded to the Oregon State Crime Lab for evaluation, the DA's office video-taped the scene of the incident.

## Jamboree Princesses Introduced



BECKY CURL

Rebecca Curl, known to everyone as Becky, is a vivacious five-foot, four-inch ash blonde with blue eyes. At 17½ years, Becky has lived all her life in Vernonia and will be the fifth member of her family of six brothers and two sisters, to graduate from VHS.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curl, Becky said, "I wanted to be on the Jamboree court because I like to meet and talk with new people and there's no better way than by being active in things."

Becky, sponsored by the Cut & Curl Room, says she likes traveling and seeing new things but "I'm always glad to come home to Vernonia. It's great."

Future plans? "I think I'll be an airline stewardess," she said, grinning. "I think it would be fun."



JACKIE EIDE

Sponsored by Quinn's Realty, Jacqueline (Jackie) Eide, graduated from VHS this past June. At 17 years of age, she has no definite future plans although she does think she will move to Portland this summer and live with an aunt while she works.

Jackie, five-foot, seven-inches, with light brown hair and blue eyes, is the daughter of Marlyn (Bud) Eide of Beaverton, and Mary Eide of Vernonia. She has three sisters and has lived in Vernonia all her life.

As a Jamboree princess, Jackie finds "It's fun. It gives you new experiences and you can meet a lot of people this way."

Since graduating, Jackie has had time to indulge herself in her pet hobbies of horseback riding, swimming, and sports.

"Vernonia? I like it," she said. "It's a small town where you know everyone. I'd rather live here than any other place I can think of."



CONNIE KYSER

Blonde with hazel eyes, Connie Kyser is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James (Roy) Kyser of Mist. She has lived in the area all her life and thinks Vernonia is "A nice town because it doesn't have the social problems big cities do." She smiled, adding, "But it could use more teen activities."

The 17-year-old senior is sponsored on the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree Court by Alice's Timber-nook. "I always wanted to be in the court, ever since I was small," she said. "And it's a good way to meet other people. I like that."

Connie, who is five-foot, five-inches tall, plans to attend Bryan School after she graduates from VHS, where she hopes to study for a career as a medical receptionist. "Right now I enjoy school here and in my spare time I like sports and sewing," she concluded.



VICKIE SERBY

Originally from Atlantic, Iowa, Vickie Serby has lived in the area for seven years. The five-foot, eight-inch senior has light brown hair, and blue eyes. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Serby, she has two brothers and two sisters.

Vickie, who is sponsored by Brunzman Hardware, said, "I think it's fun to be in the court. It's a good way to meet people and make new friendships."

She added, "I like Vernonia, too. It's a good town, not too big, and everyone is friendly. I'd rather live in a small town than a big one."

Vickie, who will be 17 in August, likes hunting, fishing, sports and homecrafts. At present, she thinks that following graduation she will make a career of the Navy.



MELODY STRONG

"I always wanted to grow up and be in the Jamboree court," admitted pretty dark-eyed, brown haired Melody Strong. "Since I was a little girl, I thought it would be wonderful."

Sponsored by Lew's Place, the five-foot, four-inch senior is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Strong and has two brothers and five sisters.

Born in Walla Walla, Washington, the 16-year-old girl has lived in Vernonia most of her life. "I think Vernonia is a great place," she said. "I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

Melody likes to listen to music, sing and to draw a bit. As to future plans, she says they aren't really definite except that she does want to get married after she finishes her schooling.

"A NEW LOOK" for Bridge Street is coming by the evidence of work currently underway at downtown businesses. A new coat of paint at Sam's, new sidewalk in front of Fisher's, and a new sidewalk and chalet-style front at Vernonia Variety, a new

front at Mario's, and a new front and added sales display space at Brunzman's all are to be noted in the offing. All a good display of local merchants confidence in the future of Vernonia.



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