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Council Reconsiders Bids On Water System; Awards Bid for Fire Truck

Monday, September 17 the Vernonia City Council met in regular session with Mayor Sherman Fisher presiding and council members Ed Miller, Lucille Tomlin, L.E. (Bud) Atkins and David Banta in attendance. Following the reading of the minutes, business from the floor was called for with Jack Price speaking first. He requested that the council assist him in restoration of his property which was damaged by the sewer contractor. Mike Thompson, resident engineer, was requested to outline the sections of the contract that had not been performed, since according to Price only two things had been

repaired. Thompson is to report at the next meeting of the council.

Albert Schalock appeared to request hookup to the sewer and Merle Cline then asked about the time limit on hookup to the sewer in the East Vernonia Sewer District. He was informed that a letter would be sent to all property owners in the area as to the requirements.

Resident engineer Mike Thompson then informed the council that the property assessment for Wilkerson would be reassessed since a portion had been sold to the Ecklands. David Banta said he would check into

the matter with the engineer and report at the next meeting.

Jack Whiteley then took the floor and asked that the council reconsider the bidding of August 29 which were rejected at the September 5 meeting and the council then voted to find out if Matthews, the original low bidder, would still honor his original bid. Motion was carried with four yeas, 1 nay vote, by Miller.

Whiteley stated he would contact Matthews and that if the contractor would renew his bid, would the council accept it and award him the contract but since Matthews had been advised that all bids were rejected, he could refuse to abide by the original bid.

Mrs. Pat Goodman then informed the council of sewer problems on Pebble Creek Road on the property of Dan Kammeyer. The council recommended that Dr. Hobart, Public Health Officer, be contacted.

Communications were then read; the first a letter from the State Engineer stating that corrected applications are now in satisfactory form for approval for the issuance of a permit for the dam at Rock Creek. A letter was then read from the Robert E. Meyer Engineers to North American Contractors which urged them to increase their work force in order to meet the September 30, 1973 deadline for completion of the sewer project.

Also read was a letter from Hartford Insurance Company in answer to a letter from a Portland attorney, Shulte, on a demand loss stemming from a one-car accident in December of 1972, informing the council that they (the insurance com-

pany) did not feel the city was liable to damages. Hartford is the city's liability carrier.

An invitation from the Vernonia Boy Scout Troop No. 201 was issued, inviting the council to attend Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies for James Goodman Thursday, September 20 at the IOOF Hall.

Under unfinished business Mayor Fisher recommended Ralph Bergerson and Retha Horn for reappointment to the Cemetery Board with the motion carried.

It was also moved and seconded to install a wing to protect erosion on the east side of the swimming pool at Rock Creek.

Mike Thompson was requested to complete the list of damages to property in the East Vernonia Sewer District by October 1, 1973.

The bid for a new fire truck was awarded to Western States Fire Apparatus Co. in the amount of \$37,292.65 with no dissenting votes.

It was voted to hold a public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance October 4 and October 18. Advertisement of the hearings will be found on the classified page of the Eagle.

It was moved and seconded to advertise for a librarian to replace Olivia Brickel who handed in a letter of resignation September 5, effective December 20, 1973.

Following the payment of bills, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. The next meeting of the council will be at the city hall, October 1 at 8 p.m.



FRED FOSHAUG, chairman of Columbia County Board of Commissioners, receives congratulations from brother King, after making a hole-in-one on the fourth hole at Vernonia Golf Course. Foshaug has only been golfing for three months.

Foshaug Makes Hole-In-One

When Columbia County Commissioner Fred Foshaug arrived home three months ago to discover his brother, King, had left him a gift of golf clubs, he decided he'd give the game a whirl. Sunday, September 16 the novice golfer reached one of the pinnacles every golfer yearns for - a hole-in-one on the fourth hole at the Vernonia Golf Course.

Foshaug, accompanied by his wife, had gone to Vernonia to spend the afternoon golfing with friends Floyd Stehman and Herb Sandstrom. Brother, King, who started him on the short road to golf history completed the foursome.

The fourth hole at the course is a 135 yard shot, the hole itself bracketed by sandtraps. A resident of Deer Island and chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Foshaug was rewarded a big kiss of victory from his wife before continuing the game.

Boy Scout Troop 201 will hold an Eagle Court of Honor for James Goodman, Thursday, September 20 at the IOOF Hall starting at 7:30 p.m. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Goodman. All friends and others interested in attending are welcome.

Court Of Honor Set

According to Chief of Police Jack Cunningham, Oregon Revised Statute 483.330 states: "No driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall follow closer than 500 feet of any fire apparatus...drive or park within three blocks of a fire in progress." Cunningham added that citations will be issued for those who are not at a fire in an official capacity, or who otherwise impede the progress of emergency apparatus.

Citations To Be Issued

Three arrests and a burglary were the highlights for the Vernonia Police Department during the week of September 10 - 17 with one felony arrest made. George Augustus Helms was taken into custody September 17 and charged with theft in the first degree and with coercion (intimidation). He was taken to Columbia County jail in St. Helens where bail of \$4,500 was set on the two warrants.

Other arrests were for driving with suspended license and reckless driving. Both cases had bail set at \$155.

The burglary - 2nd degree - took place at the high school where an IBM typewriter - red in color, serial No. 220077 - was taken. Also missing were a Sylvania TV - 19-inch black and white, serial No. 73-15726-1; an NCR electric adder, a Bell & Howell tape recorder and several other items. The department is at present investigating the incident.

Police Investigate School Burglary

The first general meeting of the County Task Force of the Clackamas, Columbia, and Washington Counties' Agency on Aging was held in the Court-house on Thursday, September 6.

The Task Force, composed of members of the different senior citizens groups and representatives of the various social agencies in the county, was formed to investigate the status of elderly persons in the county, to survey the resources and services available to our elderly, to draw up short and intermediate range proposals for the expansion and improvement of these services and to assist the county coordinator for the CCWAA in preparing a comprehensive service plan for the elderly to be submitted to governmental agencies and private foundations for funding.

Seniors Meet Held Sept. 6

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Concordia Bluejays Down Blue And Gold By 22-14

The Concordia Bluejays ruined the home opener for the Vernonia Loggers football team by posting a 22 to 14 win at Greenman Field Friday September 14.

The Loggers were in the game all the way against the well balanced Portland team. The Loggers opened the game by receiving and picking up two first and tens before they were forced to punt. The punt was a good one and backed the Jay's to their own 12-yard line. From there the Vernonia defense took over and forced a fourth down punt from the three. The middle of the defense drove in to block the kick and Jim Thomson fell on the ball in the end zone for a Vernonia six pointer. The PAT was a picture - perfect pass from quarterback Crowston to his tight end Craig Ellis.

Then the two teams exchanged the ball with neither team making any significant plays. Nearing the close of the first quarter Concordia used their balance of running and passing to move into Logger territory and then Jay Krall, the 135-pound speedster, went around the Vernonia right end for 30 yards and the score. The PAT was good and the score was knotted at 8 to 8.

It appeared as if Vernonia was going to get right back in the lead as they pulled a pass pitch out good for 65 yards to the Concordia 7. Crowston hit Holsey with a pass and he in turn pitched the ball to his trailing back Steve Johnston who scampered down the sidelines before being caught from behind at the seven.

The Loggers could not push it over from the seven and turned the ball over to the Jays on the fourteen. The rest of the half saw both teams unable to move the ball and the halftime score stood at eight to eight.

Early in the second half action Vernonia had a chance to go ahead but could not convert. On the first series of downs after the half the Jays fumbled on a third and eight situation and several people had a chance at the recovery before Crowston finally fell on the ball at the Concordia 25-yard line. But Vernonia turned the ball right back to the Jays as an errant pass was picked off.

But again the Vernonia defense stopped the visitors attack and the blue and gold got the ball in good field position at the 31 of the visitors. After a two-yard gain on the ground Crowston hit split end Holsey with a 29-yard TD pass. An assist could be given to the Concordia defender who tipped the ball and might have been guilty of pass interference but the sure handed end plucked it out of the air to make the score.

The PAT try was no good and the score stood at 14 - 8. When it appeared as though the Logger defense had the Jays stopped once again the Jays came up with a play of their own that

included a fumble deep in their backfield then picking up the fumble and running to the Vernonia 15.

From there the Jays were forced to take all of their downs but managed a first and goal at the five on a fourth down try. From the five the Concordia eleven moved over for the tying points. The PAT try was no good and the score was knotted at 14 apiece.

But fate seemed to be against the Loggers as a couple of questionable calls went against the Loggers. Most damaging of these calls was what was termed as an illegal fair catch signal that gave the Jays the ball on our 25-yard line. The Bluejays used a pass and a quarterback sneak for the score and the score with just under two minutes remaining in the game was 20 to 14 in favor of the visitors. The Jays then converted for two points making the final score 22-14. In the last seconds Vernonia tried to go for the big gainers but were unable to connect on any of them.

This Friday night at 8 p.m. at Greenman Field the Loggers will host Salem Academy. This is a new opponent for the Loggers and not too much is known about the team. The Loggers must get their running attack going if they hope to bring some victories home this season.

Clinic Begins September 24

The Stop-Smoking Clinic supervised by Claude Veal and sponsored by Portland Community College and the local Community Education Council will be held evenings during the week of September 24 through 28.

The clinic will begin on Monday, September 24, and meet each evening from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for five consecutive evenings, through Friday September 28. It will offer medical and psychological advice to assist smokers who wish to break the nicotine habit. A world-wide acclaimed plan will be presented for following day-by-day with recommended diet and exercise carefully planned to aid the participants to achieve their objectives. The plan has been successfully used by many thousands of people, and is presented by many companies and organizations to its members for their benefit.

The clinic will meet in Room 3 at the high school Registration fee is \$1.

Study Club To Meet

The Vernonia Study Club will meet Thursday, September 20, 8 p.m. at the home of Faith Reynolds. The topic of discussion will be the autobiography of Moss Hart.

Quilting Art Learned At 'Stitch and Talk' Visits

"I learned to quilt after I was married," said petite Mrs. Louise Smejkal as she pointed out the friendship quilt given her in 1941. "We lived in a rural area in 1930 and the neighbor ladies would get together for a quilting bee and a potluck. We'd have a stitch and talk," she laughed.

Mrs. Smejkal, who was born in a log cabin on her father's homestead, just ten miles from Vernonia, continued, "I guess those parties were dying out even then. I know that by the time the Second World War came along, we didn't have them anymore but I continued to make my quilts."

"I use to hang the quilting frame from the ceiling, then I could just roll it up to keep it out of the way, and," she smiled, "away from the children when I was busy with something else."

Mrs. Smejkal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schmidlin, is a VHS grad, attended college at Monmouth and taught local schools for several years before retiring to raise her own family of three. Today she is the proud grandmother of ten. "I make quilts for them, too," she laughed. "Actually, I'd rather do the quilting than piecing," she added, eyes twinkling. "Maybe because I'm so close to the finished item."

In large part, Mrs. Smejkal is responsible for the newest annual event in Vernonia, The Quilt Fair, for the vast majority of quilts, both on exhibit and for sale, were either made completely by her, or quilted under her busy fingers.

"We hope it will become an annual event," Mrs. Smejkal said. "Right now we're trying to earn the money to build a new church because St. Mary's is literally coming apart. And people seemed to enjoy the quilt fair we held last March so much, we decided to hold a ten-day one so that more people would have the opportunity to visit with us."

"In just four days we've had over 300 people come in to view the quilts and have sold 15." The quilts sell for \$100 with the pieced or appliqued tops going for \$50. "I've taken some orders for specialty items too," Mrs. Smejkal remarked, "including a long skirt."

"I think the wedding ring pattern is the most intricate," Louise smiled, her small hands pulling out the folds of the exhibit quilt made in shades of blue. "It's made from so many small pieces although they all take time."

Mrs. Smejkal is gratified to see the revival of the creative urge in women today. "It's really not expensive, just time consuming but a quilt will last for years," she said. "And there

are so many ways to make one," she added pointing out the different styles; those with embroidered tops, the old-fashion patchwork; the appliqued; and those that have been hand-tied instead of quilted.

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Mrs. Smejkal's quilts and those of others, including several heirlooms, can be viewed at the Vernonia Grange Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. anytime until Sunday evening, September 23, when the ten-day quilt fair will close for the season.

Cookies and coffee are served free, with a \$1 donation asked at the door. For those who appreciate the creative needlework of yesterday, the quilt fair offers an abundance of enjoyment.



QUILT FAIR draws many visitors to view the creative needlework on exhibit and for sale. Several of the quilts to be viewed, are heirlooms and all are lovely.



LOUISE SMEJKAL shows one of the many quilts she has made throughout the years. The one on view is being exhibited at

the Vernonia Quilt Fair at the Vernonia Grange Hall until Sunday evening when the fair closes its second successful run.