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Council Extends Downtown Parking Zone; Chooses New City Librarian



OVER 350 MEMBERS and friends of the West Oregon Electric Co-op attended the annual meeting Saturday, October 13 where three new directors were elected. Speaker for the occasion was Aaron Jones, editor for the Ruralist magazine which reaches a five-state area bringing news of developments and the people who reside there. During the meeting door prizes were

awarded the holders of lucky numbers with many small electrical appliances given away in appreciation of the patrons continued cooperation with West Oregon. Those attending also enjoyed an excellent lunch of barbecued chicken with all the trimmings, another annual event looked forward to.

School Visits Invited For American Education Week

Vernonia public schools, preparing for American Education Week October 21-27, urge everyone to "Get Involved."

Vernonia public schools are emphasizing that American Education Week, October 21-27, is an appropriate time for all parents and other citizens to begin taking a more active part in helping make the schools better.

The schools will offer specialized programs and demonstrations throughout the week to mark the observance's theme, "Get Involved," according to Darrold Proehl, School Superintendent. The events include: Homecoming week at Vernonia High School with its many varied activities, concluding with a football game and homecoming dance on Friday. An invitation to all parents and friends to visit the district's schools and classrooms during the week. The sponsoring of a sight testing clinic by the Vernonia Education Association and the school dis-

trict on Monday and Tuesday for all students kindergarten through grade three and referrals from other grades.

American Education Week, observed annually since 1921, seeks to encourage local citizen support and active participation in the improvement of education. This year the program will stress learning more about the schools as a basis for active personal involvement. The nationwide event is sponsored by the National Education Association, The American Legion, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the U.S. Office of Education.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The schools represent the best efforts of the community, the state, and the nation to improve the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Defining the schools' goals and evaluating their results are the responsibilities of an informed and involved citizenry; and

WHEREAS, There is a widespread need for better communication and more cooperative relationships between professional educators and the community.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Sherman S. Fisher of Vernonia, Oregon, do hereby designate October 21-27, 1973, to be American Education Week and do urge all citizens to—

—Reaffirm their commitment to improving education on all levels, and

—Translate that commitment into action by visiting local schools and finding out how they personally can get involved.

New Residents Like Vernonia

Two new residents in the Vernonia area are Russell Ince and Vern Waite, both who are employed by Vernonia Sentry Market.

Russell, 24 is the produce manager. Married and the father of a girl, he arrived in Vernonia after working at the Alfa Beta Market in Palmdale, California for six years.

"We love it here and wouldn't go back," he said smiling. "And I think my wife, Lynn, likes it even better than I do," he added.

Vern, 34, is now meat manager at the Vernonia Sentry. A native Oregonian, he and his wife, Paula and their son moved here only a week ago from Bend, where he was with the Mayfair Market.

"We really like it here," he echoed. "It's such a friendly town. Not like most small places," Vern concluded.

P.O. Closed Oct. 22

The Vernonia Post Office will be closed October 22 in honor of Veterans Day, according to postmaster Thomas Tomlin. However, mail will go out at 5 p.m. although there will be no home or box deliveries on that date.

Class Of '62 Is Studied By Project TALENT

The Vernonia High School Class of '62 is currently being studied as part of Project TALENT, a nationwide survey supported by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The primary purpose of Project TALENT is to help improve the educational process and career guidance programs by learning from the experiences, both good and bad, of 1960 high school students. The Class of '62 was first surveyed by Project TALENT in the Spring of 1960 during their sophomore year. This follow-up survey, being conducted thirteen years later, is designed to learn what has happened to them during the years in which they have matured from teenagers to young adults.

In September a follow-up questionnaire was mailed to the last known address of each member of the Class of '62 who participated in Project TALENT in 1960. Additional reminder forms will be mailed over the next several months. For the results of the study to accurately reflect the experiences of the Class of '62, it is necessary that as many persons as possible respond to the questionnaire. Any person in the Class of '62 from this High School who has not received a follow-up questionnaire is urged to write the Project at P.O. Box 1113, Palo Alto, Ca. 94302 and give his current address so a questionnaire can be sent.

Based on information collected in previous follow-up surveys Project TALENT is publishing a Career Data Book, the purpose of which is to provide students and counselors with summary information on the interests, aptitudes and abilities of persons who enter various career fields.

Eye Testing Clinic Slated

School District 47J and the Vernonia Education Association in cooperation with Pacific University Optometric Clinic are sponsoring an eye testing clinic in the district's schools Monday and Tuesday, October 22 and 23. Darrold Proehl, school superintendent, announced that the Board of Directors of the District at the last board meeting accepted the program offered by the VEA for a three (3) year period. The first year the costs of the program will be paid by the VEA and the district will continue the program for the second and third year.

The program which will be conducted by members of the staff and students of the clinic will test the vision of the children in five areas: visual acuity (distance test), cover test, retinoscopy (eyes working together), ophthalmoscopy, and ocular eye health (eye infections.)

The VEA committee, Sandra Carmienke, Gary Geist, Pat Wise and Sunny Huntman prepared the information on the clinic and presented it to the board.

EMT Classes Well Attended

The classes of EMT taught by Dr. T.M. Hobart are being well attended. The past two classes dealt with the respiratory system, obstruction, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and pulmonary arrest.

Thursday evening, Pete Hineman of Metro West Ambulance Service of Beaverton, helped with the demonstration. After the class meeting the group went to the fire hall where they were given a rundown on the new ambulance and equipment.

Monday, Larry Miller who helped build and equip the new Trauma Unit, helped Hineman with the demonstration, using the equipment for artificial resuscitation.

Tonight's (Thursday's) class will deal with cardiac arrest.

Vernonia Chosen For Principals Meet

Columbia County Elementary School Principals met Wednesday for their monthly meeting at the Vernonia Golf Club for lunch and to discuss the upcoming vote on the Oregon Education Association which is to take place in May.

Other matters to be discussed at the meet were budgets and athletics as pertaining to the elementary school level.

PCC School On Wheels Here

It isn't often that a person can get something for nothing. But Greg Wilson a Portland Community College instructor, has something free that he recently began delivering to residents of Columbia and Washington Counties. His product? Education.

Wilson, 26, drives and teaches in PCC's mobile learning van - a classroom in a truck. When he's not driving from Vernonia to Forest Grove, he's parked somewhere in between offering instruction in basic learning skills to anyone who cares to stop by.

"Instruction is offered on a totally individualized basis," Wilson says. "Each student will work closely with me on whatever skills he wants to develop."

The van's facilities are open to anyone who wants to brush up on math or English, study literature, prepare for high school equivalency examinations, or to study for the Oregon driver's test. All learning materials are provided by the college.

Though he has some 20 students so far, Wilson has hopes of attracting more. He also would like the chance to use the fluent Spanish he learned during two years in South America with the Peace Corps with some of the Spanish speaking population in Washington County.

Wilson plans a semi-regular route for his traveling classroom, but says the schedule must be kept flexible. "I want to be where the need is," he says.

Tentatively, he plans to be in Vernonia on Mondays, and at the Methodist Church in St. Helens on Tuesdays from 9:30 to noon, and at the IED office from 1 to 3 p.m.

The regular scheduled session of the Vernonia City Council opened Monday, October 15 with Mayor Sherman Fisher presiding. Present for the meet were council members Lucille Tomlin, David Banta, C.E. Miller and L. Atkins. Also present was Mike Thompson, resident engineer and Walter Linn, sitting in place of Wm. Nelson, city recorder, who was absent.

Following the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, business from the floor was heard. First to speak was Wilbur Davis who asked for clarification of the waste dump. He said that due to the wet weather the waste can no longer be covered and recommended closure of the dump until April of 1974. Councilmen Banta and Davis will attend a solid waste disposal discussion at the old courthouse in St. Helens on October 24 for further information on this subject.

Mrs. Zoe Solomonsen again entered a complaint about the waste material deposited on public property near the south end of First Avenue which had not been removed as ordered. It was moved and seconded that Jim Davies be directed to remove the debris by November 3 or it would be removed by the city at his expense.

Gary Stafford, a photographer, inquired as to lining up jobs with local schools and other parties who might want photo work done. He was advised to get in touch with those interested.

Alice Menary then took the floor to say that in answer to questions on the polluting effect,

fill for a parking lot might have on the adjacent Nehalem River, authorities had made an inspection of the area and would make a report shortly.

Committee reports followed with the Water Commissioner reporting that work on the Rose Avenue water line was complete. Mayor Fisher then read the public works report.

Under correspondence was a letter from Robert Meyers Engineering on street paving in the East Vernonia Sewer District. It was recommended that paving be postponed until next summer when compaction will be more satisfactory. The recommendation was approved.

A letter from Hartford Insurance Company claims manager recommended that, although Shulte, attorney, had asked for a settlement in the amount carried by Hartford for city liability, that no settlement be made at a suggested \$100,000 figure for the Steve Conover injury suit.

Under unfinished business Banta reported that steps are underway to submit plans for the city dump to DEQ. He also suggested: 1. that another letter be written about ordinance compilation since no answer has been received or action taken on the application for codification and, 2. that some thought be given toward action on two reports on studies made by Whitley, Jacobsen. A follow-up letter will be written on the ordinance compilation and the recorder was directed to write Whitley as to setting up a date in early November to go over

studies and arrive at a plan of action.

It was decided that it was too late in the year to start action regarding extension of the swimming pool wall and it was also agreed to delay action on requests for water and sewer services outside the city limits until after meeting with the consulting engineer.

A ditcher is to be rented to lay drain tile at the cemetery in compliance with the recommendation that the area be drained.

To correct an oversight in the original annexation of the River-view area, a resolution was adopted to annex the property of Thomas H. and Beulah M. Hall. Voice vote was unanimous for adoption.

New business resulted in the council accepting the Vernonia Library Board's recommendation that they employ Mrs. Mercedes Proehl as librarian succeeding Mrs. Olivia Brickel who is retiring in December.

It was also moved and seconded to extend the downtown "two hour parking zone" to the Bridge Street area east of the Rock Creek bridge to the high school, including both sides of the thoroughfare. The motion carried.

The council then suggested that the city recorder have a list of all unpaid East Vernonia sewer assessments ready at the next council meeting.

Following payment of routine bills the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. with the next meet scheduled for Monday, November 5 at 8 p.m. at the City Hall.

McCall Says No Revision On "Lights Off" Order

Governor Tom McCall said Friday that representatives of five organizations affected by his Executive Order prohibiting lighted advertising signs have accepted his refusal to significantly revise the order.

McCall received a letter October 12 from Gary Coker, Bob Ladd and Fred Van Natta, who represent the Oregon Electric Sign Association, the Oregon Hotel and Motel Association, the Oregon Motor Hotel Association, the Oregon Restaurant and Beverage Association, and Restaurants of Oregon.

They offered continued support for the energy conservation program and said, "We trust... that the procedures outlined in your letter will be sufficient to get by until this Executive Order can be lifted."

McCall signed the "lights off" order on September 23. He said discontinuance of electric lighting for display and decorative purposes would save energy resources and would amplify the depth of the problem in the minds of the public.

The associations proposed a number of modifications to McCall's order. Principally they asked that the services industries be allowed to have their signs at least partially lighted in hours of darkness.

In a letter to Van Natta on Wednesday, McCall rejected the suggestion, but said he would appoint a committee to recommend minor exemptions to the order in hardship cases.

He took note that some motels and restaurants, for instance, are located a considerable distance away from principal highways, and call attention to their services with signs along the nearest highway right-of-way. McCall said the highway sign probably would qualify for an exemption, but he said the sign could not advertise more than the name of the firm, the type of service offered, and whether it is open.

McCall said he will appoint a five-member committee early next week to consider applications for exemptions. However, he said, businessmen and

women who believe they must have an exemption to avoid severe economic loss may make application at once.

Applications may be made in writing to the Energy Conservation Office, Executive Department, 240 Cottage Street N.E., Salem, Oregon 97310, or by calling the Conservation Office on the statewide toll-free line, telephone 1-800-452-0340. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

"Frankly, exemptions are going to be difficult to get," McCall said. "But those who can show a genuine need will be exempted from full compliance."

In his letter to Van Natta, the governor also said he would lift the prohibition on January 1, when the Public Utility Commissioner obtains powers under a new law to curtail the use of electricity.

He added that service industries generally complying with the Executive Order will not be pressured further on use of electricity for outside lighting if the lights are for security, or if the signs are small and confined to such words as "open," "vacancy," "motel," "food," "restaurant," "gas" and the like.

However, McCall re-emphasized that he will continue to vigorously enforce the order on businesses that make no effort to comply and who have no proven need for an exemption.

"It is unfair to the public-spirited businessmen and women who are complying for their neighboring competitors to keep their signs lighted," McCall said. "Those who aren't complying but who should are not only taking advantage of their neighbors, they are wasting electricity and ignoring the opportunity to help demonstrate to the public at large the seriousness of the energy situation."

McCall's letter to Van Natta also included a suggestion that approximately 25 billboards be utilized at various points of entry in the state to advise motorists of the energy crisis.

Nominations Open For ASC Candidates

Nominations for candidates for the Columbia County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee will be opened through Monday, October 29, reports Everett Skeans, Chairman of the Columbia County ASC Committee.

Under the ASC farmer-elected committee system, programs such as: Wheat, feed grain, farm facility loan, wool and other federal farm programs are administered by local farmers. Elections are held annually by mail and newly-elected committee members take office on January 1 of each year.

Preceding the November - December mail election, any three farmers may nominate a candidate by signing a petition. Farmers may sign as many petitions as they like. The petition may be on any sheet of paper as long as it includes a statement that the nominee has agreed to serve if elected. Nominating petitions must be turned in at the Columbia County ASCS office, 1683 St. Helens Street in St. Helens no later than October 29.

If fewer than six candidates are nominated by petition, the Community Committee now in office will fill out the slate.

Those eligible to nominate, run for office, and vote in ASC committee elections include farm owners or operators, age 18 or older, without regard to race, religion, color, sex, or national origin. A wife who operates a farm with her husband and whose name is on the deed can nominate, be nominated, vote and serve on a committee, Skeans indicated.

U of O Band Alumni Invited To Return

University of Oregon alumni who played in the band when they were students are invited to return to the University to make up an Alumni Band on November 10.



GREG WILSON, Spanish and English speaking teacher-driver of PCC mobile van, travels through Washington and Columbia counties offering free

education on individual basis to anyone interested in partaking.

-PCC Photo