

Citizens Urged To Be Heard At Hearings

James L. Agee, Regional Administrator, Region 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has urged North-west Citizens to give EPA their input on proposed EPA regulations dealing with indirect sources of air pollution in early December hearings.

Agee said, "Even though EPA's main concern in these regulations is with pollution from automobiles, the regulations also have some profound energy and land use implications."

"As such," he said, "we in EPA feel that we need the best and most widespread comments from the public that we can get before setting final regulations."

The regulations, proposed by EPA on October 30, would be a major factor in siting large parking lots, roads and highways, airports, and other developments that would draw a large number of automobiles into an area and thereby create air pollution problems.

Agee pointed out that the ties between good energy use, land planning and pollution control are complimentary in the proposed EPA rules.

"For instance," Agee said, "if a proposed new highway could be supplanted with a clean, modern mass transit system, we would save the millions of gallons of gasoline that might be spent in automobiles on that highway. And at the same time, we would negate the pollution problems that the cars might generate."

"EPA, of course, cannot and will not dictate what alternatives must be used, but the implications of air quality will help make planners, builders and developers look more deeply, perhaps, into alternatives that would be environmentally acceptable in terms of air quality, energy and land use."

Public hearings on the proposed EPA rules will be held on December 3 in Portland in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1220 S.W. Fifth, at 7:30 p.m.

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Three Attend Special Class

According to Chief of Police Jack Cunningham, the new trauma unit, purchased last July, has already answered 21 calls in the past four months, averaging five emergencies a month, proving the usefulness of the new ambulance.

About three-fourths of those calls were for cardiac conditions," the officer stated, adding, "next year we hope through contributions to the ambulance fund to be able to purchase a unit equipped strictly for these cases. Right now though, our primary goal is for a difibulator—which is used to correct erratic heartbeats in cardiac patients—at a cost of \$1,000.

Presently Cunningham, Tom Bruce, a city employee and Earl (Ozzie) Ray, resident county deputy sheriff, are attending classes in the use of the machine.

Following a grand total of \$2282.22 in the ambulance fund in which aided in purchasing the trauma unit, the fund shrank to a low of \$228.22 with no donations made since September of this year, which means that approximately \$700 is still needed before the hope for a heart machine can be purchased.

Donations to the ambulance fund may be made at the US National Bank or to either Marvin Kamholz or Bill Horn.

Proclamation

I, Sherman Fisher, Mayor of Vernonia do hereby declare Saturday, December 8 the beginning of 1973 Christmas Season in Vernonia.

May all the joys of the season be yours and may there be Peace on Earth and prosperity for all in the coming year.

Sherman Fisher, Mayor

City Council Meet Short And Neat

The city council met in regular session Monday, December 3 and the meeting ended in record time at 9:30 p.m. Presiding at the meet was Mayor Sherman Fisher with councilmembers Ed Miller, Lucille Tomlin, and Bud Atkins in attendance. David Banta was absent. Also present for the council session was attorney Allan Coon.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, business from the floor was called for. Don Jackson, Ed Buckner and Ed Balla expressed concern and dismay at the drainage problem that has arisen in the Riverview area. Heavy rain—over 20 days in November—coupled with necessary construction on the sewer, has caused heavier than usual flooding.

Zen Dutton, of Robert E. Meyers, Eng., suggested that another drainage tile be installed in the area. He will make recommendations to the council for immediate relief to the problem, with the possibility of aid from the county and state.

Committee reports were read by the police commissioner, Lucille Tomlin and Mayor Fisher. A letter from CRAIG was read requesting funds to develop a Regional Bikeway Plan. It stated that Vernonia's share would be \$8.70.

Also read was a letter from the State Employment Division on new legislation which makes it mandatory that political subdivisions cover their employees under the unemployment insurance program, with two options, reimbursable basis or the taxable basis.

A communication from the Oregon State Highway Division on traffic control lights at Texas Avenue was then read followed by a letter from Mark W. Parker, Claims Manager of Hartford Insurance regarding the suit brought against the city of Vernonia for \$2,000,000 in connection with a one-car accident that occurred December 2, 1972 in which a girl was killed and three others were injured.

The suit is in connection with injuries suffered by one of the male passengers. Under unfinished business Lucille Tomlin read a report from John Cunningham which recommended condemnation of the Marie Frazie and Thomas Hill houses. She also read a report by the Chief of Police recommending no further action be taken on the parking problem on Bridge Street east of the Rock Creek bridge.

Attorney Allan Coon reported on the progress of the Thomas Hall annexation, the \$2,000,000 suit against the city and its employees, and the suit against the new city charter.

New business was then taken under consideration. It was decided to set August 1, 1974 as the final date for payment of sewer assessments for those who have not yet paid or applied for Bancroft funding.

It was also decided to buy turkeys for employees for Christmas, and to not donate \$8.70 for development of the Bikeway Plan.

Upon payment of the bills the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting of the city council will be Monday December 17, at 8 p.m. in the city hall.

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UGN Campaign Exceeds Goal

Final reports are in for the United Good Neighbor Campaign and totals show that Columbia County has not only met, but topped their goal for the first time since 1968, with donations adding up to \$38,805 or 110 percent of their assigned goal of \$35,000.

Taken by areas the totals and percentage of goals reached are as follows: Clatskanie, \$5434 or 135 percent; Rainier, \$8245, 150 percent; St. Helens-Columbia City, \$22,044, 96 percent; Scappoose-Warren, \$1594, 63 percent and Vernonia, \$1487, 75 percent.

The UGN helps many worthy causes in Columbia County and, by reaching the goal, there will be more aid for such organizations.

VHS Grappler Take First Place Trophy

The VHS wrestling team began their season by taking first place at Concordia's Invitational Tourney with Dayton and Wahnoka.

They tied with Concordia for first place, so two beautiful trophies were presented to both teams. This is the first time ever for a trophy to be given to Vernonia wrestlers.

There were five first place winners in their weight classes. They are as follows: Don Knight, Heavy Weight, Bill Price, 178; Dan McLean, 168; Jim Thompson, 157; and Mike Sutherland, 141.

The trophy is on view in the office this week and will be placed on permanent display in the front trophy case.

Committee On Energy Meets

A survey of the fuel and energy uses and needs necessary to maintain Oregon's vital food chain will be the first major activity of the newly created Oregon Farm Bureau committee on fuel and energy.

The special committee held its first meeting in Salem Monday, November 26. They requested public awareness of the close relationship of fuel and energy needs to food production and the possible future cost of food to consumers.

The energy survey will be conducted with the help of County Farm Bureaus throughout Oregon. Fuel suppliers, utilities, state agencies and others will be asked to cooperate in making the survey. The study will include fuel and energy supplies needed by related industries involved in agricultural supplies and services and for food processing, transportation and distribution.

Waldron Johnson, committee chairman and OFBF Vice President, told the committee that, "If we are to produce the food supplies necessary at a reasonable cost for consumers, it cannot be done with a reduction in energy input. If we are to stay even with population growth, we will need an additional four percent increase in petroleum fuels, electricity, fertilizer and other energy inputs." Johnson added that food production must receive a high priority if present supplies are maintained.

Jan Monroe, representing the state energy information center, reviewed the complex problems involved in making "hardship" allocations which must come out of existing supplies. He said the federal government has taken the initial responsibility for allocations that may be ultimately determined by Congressional action on the President's energy message.

Earl Adams and David Eaton, Executive Department special program representatives reported on activities to coordinate state agencies on energy studies and on research to date on fuel and energy uses in Oregon. They promised cooperation with the committee on the survey of fuel and energy needs for food production in the state.

The committee requested that farmers take steps to conserve fuel and energy. Some suggestions included keeping engines properly tuned for improving efficiency, pooling personal and truck transportation when possible, reducing non-essential automobile use where possible by using public transportation, increased use of telephones and reducing travel for recreational activities.

Post Office Will Extend Hours Dec. 15

The Vernonia Post Office will extend hours December 15, Saturday and will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. to aid holiday mail in reaching its destination faster.

The Vernonia Post Office is already beginning to feel the impact of 1973 Christmas mail. They plan to handle all needs with a minimum of delay. One good tip is to buy now, while waiting lines in the postal facility are still fairly short.

Remember that Christmas cards must bear the same postage as regular first class mail—8 cents an ounce. "If you include your return address on each envelope this will mean that your card can be returned free of charge to you if it is not deliverable," says Postmaster Thomas Tomlin, adding remember also to use the Zip Code when mailing all your Christmas cards.

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Cadets Will Sell Jackets

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Now being made in Oregon sample jackets can be seen at the Vernonia Police Station on Bridge Street. Orders can be left there as with any Vernonia Police Cadet.

"Sound 22" Slated

The sound of Christmas will be heard at Vernonia Senior Citizens Center, 446 Bridge Street, at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, when the Portland Community College choir, "Sound 22," presents a free concert.



SANTA CLAUS will arrive in Vernonia Saturday, December 8 at 10 a.m. by fire engine and will proceed to Santa Claus Lane in the Quinn Building where he will visit all the boys and girls and listen to their Christmas lists.

Columbia County 4-C Has Fund Approval

Columbia County 4-C has been consolidated with Metro 4-C for child care services.

This means the mothers of children in Columbia County will be able to use child care services in Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah counties in the very near future. The cost of the services will be according to the total family income.

Funding has been approved to continue an information and referral branch office in Columbia County. This branch office has a listing of babysitters and child care centers available in Columbia County. Any person interested in becoming a child care provider or needing child care should contact the 4-C office.

For any other child related needs such as food, and clothing contact 4-C at 397-3512 and ask for Mrs. Howard.

Chimney Cleaning Out Says Department

The Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department will no longer clean chimneys it was announced Wednesday, December 5, due to the increasing number of residents requesting the service.

"Its grown to such proportion that without it interfering with the regular duties of the department," a spokesman said.

Those desiring to have their chimney cleaned may contact either Ken Enneberge, 429-8543 or Mike Smith, 429-7751 who will do it on a professional basis.

Historical Society Meets December 12

The Columbia County Historical Society will meet Wednesday, December 12, weather permitting, in Warren Grange Hall. There will be a potluck at noon followed by the afternoon session.

All those interested in county history are welcome. Mrs. Jennie Shatto of Scappoose is program chairman for the day.

Toy Drive Planned

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a new and used toy drive to be used to bring Christmas cheer to needy children. Residents are asked to bring anything they can spare to the American Legion Hall Saturday, December 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Santa's Phone Numbers Set

The Vernonia Jaycees will again be sponsoring Phone Santa. In cooperation with General Telephone, the Vernonia Jaycees will have a special line direct to the North Pole on Friday, December 21 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Santa will be at the phone to talk to kids of all ages. To talk with Santa call 429-2021 or 429-2351 and Santa will be waiting.

Rich Jones this year's chairman, hopes for a lot of calls this year from all the good boys and girls of the Vernonia area.

Mystery Santa Contest Set

The third annual Mystery Santa Contest begins this week with clues posted at local merchants. There will be two prizes for the first entrants to guess the identity of the gentleman hiding behind Santa's mask. First prize will be \$10 with a second of \$5.

No purchase is necessary to participate. Simply read the clues posted in Vernonia businesses and mail or bring your entry to the Vernonia Eagle office. Entries may be made on the blank below. All entries must be in before 12 noon, Saturday, December 22.

MYSTERY SANTA ENTRY

I think the Mystery Santa is _____
My Name is _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Bring or Mail to the Eagle Office

Visitors Win At Jamboree

The Vernonia High varsity basketball team started practice two weeks ago, and Saturday December 1, they, along with Knappa and Warrenton, had a chance to show off the fruits of their labor at the Warrenton Jamboree, held at Warrenton High School.

As the Tourney was set up, each team brought a second and first team, and the first two to play were the Knappa and Vernonia second team. At the tip-off, Knappa got the ball and took a quick four point lead. Vernonia finally got on the scoreboard when Loren Kennedy hit a basket. The Loggers eventually began to get it together as they took the lead.

With just 1:14 left to play, Knappa had closed to within one point, but a lay in quickly made it a three point contest in favor of VHS.

Knappa then began to play both a tough defense and offense, and with just 47 seconds left, Knappa took a 10 to 9 lead. The Loggers then began to play some tough basketball. Two quick shots and a free throw made the final score 14 to 10, with Vernonia on top.

The next teams to pair off were the Knappa and Vernonia first teams.

VHS got the ball at the jump, but quickly had it stolen by the fast Knappa defenders. The Loggers couldn't seem to hit the basket and had more than their share of turnovers. With the majority of the time remaining, Knappa had complete control of the game with an eight to zero lead.

Vernonia finally got on the board with a three point play and a few good defensive moves of their own, and narrowed the margin to 15 to 7.

Vernonia played a tough game but Knappa dominated the quarter as Knappa won the tilt 17 to 9.

The next game played was between Vernonia and Warrenton's second teams.

Vernonia quickly took the lead, and the quarter saw Vernonia outclass the Warrenton five. With a little less than half the period gone, the Loggers had a five point lead. In the closing minutes, Warrenton began to fire up and hit the hoop. With just five seconds showing on the clock, a Warrenton player completed a three point play, but it was too little too late, as the Loggers second team won by the final score of 20 to 18.

The next encounter was between Vernonia and Warrenton's first team.

The game got off to a slow start as neither team could seem to hit the bucket. Vernonia finally took a shakey lead of one to nothing. With 5:52 left to play, the score was only 5 to 3 in Vernonia's favor, but senior Mike Smith put VHS into a commanding lead with a hook shot and some hot outside shooting. The final score saw Vernonia second team defeat the Warrenton bunch by a score of 19 to 11.

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