

VERNONIA WEATHER

RAIN

As gathered from the weather station located at the Vernonia water plant.

From Monday morning to Tuesday morning, January 14-15, 2.5 inches of rain had fallen. Readings from Tuesday to Wednesday morning showed that 1.97 more inches had fallen bringing the total average precipitation for the two-day period to 4.47 inches

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Rains Cause Flooding In Vernonia

Heavy rains, followed approximately a week of freezing weather, played havoc with the Nehalem Valley as water rose to flood levels in many areas, leaving Vernonia virtually isolated by Tuesday night.

The rain, which started Saturday night, fell steadily through the weekend, Monday and Tuesday, forcing schools to close by 9:30 a.m., Tuesday morning due to high water. At 2:20 p.m. the Vernonia Police Cadets were put on standby for emergency help to residents. Water began entering the Timbrenook in the Riverview area at approximately 1:30 p.m. and reports were that the Scappoose-Vernonia road was impassable. By 4:30 p.m. water had also virtually closed off the road to Timber and Highway 47 to the Sunset.

Both the Nehalem River and Rock Creek overflowed their banks, flooding many homes and forcing evacuation of approximately 18 families, some by boat.

By nightfall Vernonia appeared to be marooned with no let up in sight. Calls came in offering aid from the Red Cross, the Timber Fire Chief and the St. Helens Chief of Police, Glenn Ray Central dispatch, located in St. Helens, reported many calls from Vernonia residents offering help in filling sandbags, rescue work and providing places to stay for those forced to leave their homes because of the flood.

Detours were in effect on Bridge Street as it flooded in front of the Vernonia High school over the curb, with water filling the Pine Cone Cafe across the street. One sight of interest was a car on Bridge, barely visible, stalled in the middle of the flooded area, left there by an unknown motorist.

At Alice's Timbrenook four feet of water was reported standing inside while many homes in the Riverview area were surrounded by rising waters with high water signs advising motorists to turn back

near the Welch home.

Members of the Vernonia Police Cadets worked with the police department, fire department, Sea Explorers, CB'ers and many private citizens in providing help in directing traffic and warning motorists of high water on the roads out of town. Volunteer aid was utilized in moving possessions of those whose homes were in danger of being undulated by the rising water and many provided food and hot coffee for the workers.

Chief of Police Jack Cunningham commented, after returning from St. Helens "one of the things that really surprised the Central Dispatch workers and others in St. Helens were the many calls volunteering services and places for people to stay. They were amazed at the cooperative attitude of the residents in Vernonia."

As of press time many volunteers are still standing by as reports of another storm slated to hit this area, bringing with it the possibility of even more widespread flooding in the valley.

Life Pack 3 On Agenda for Ambulance

A film was shown Monday night at the regular meeting of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce. Titled "A Second Chance To Live," it depicted a Medic One unit, located in Seattle, Washington—in actual incidents of emergency care were shown.

Featured in this film was equipment similar to that which will be purchased with funds from donations to the heart machine fund. It also showed how external heart massage and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation could save a life by keeping the heart circulating blood until trained help could arrive.

Heart disease, listed as the major cause of death today, strikes people from every walk of life, both young and old, with the film showing patients who had been given a second chance at life by efforts of the medical unit. They ranged in age from 33 to 86.

The unit which they hope to purchase is called Life Pack 3 and sells for approximately \$3850. It is the most up-to-date machine available at this time and with its installation, Vernonia would have one of the finest equipped units in the state.

The unit includes a read-out monitor which relays the impulses of the heart to a tape for a permanent record; a defibrillator which is used to correct erratic heartbeat and a cardio scop which resembles a very small TV screen and records the heart beat as it takes place. The defibrillator is a portable machine which can be carried into areas where it would be unfeasible or impossible to take motorized transportation.

Following a question and answer period, Jack Cunningham also stated, "We now have three instructors who are trained in Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation and if any organization or company would like to have their group learn this emergency technique, we would be glad to instruct them." The course takes approximately three hours of training and with completion trainees are certified as CPR's.

Donations continue to come in and to date, the heart machine fund has grown to a total of \$1085.87 a good start toward purchasing the Life Pack 3 unit.

Dog License Deadline Set

Residents of Columbia County are reminded that it is once more time to purchase dog licenses for their pets. License fees are: male, \$4; spayed female, \$4; and female, \$5. Failure to comply with this law prior to March 1 will result in a \$5 penalty.

According to Oregon state law, all canines who have a permanent set of teeth—approximately five months of age—must be licensed and must wear a collar with a license attached at all times. There will be a complete check of the Columbia County area for unlicensed dogs and residents are urged to purchase licenses early and avoid the penalty.

Application for dog licenses may be made by applying to the county clerk's office in St. Helens or by mailing fee to Roy A. Nelson, Columbia County Clerk, St. Helens, Oregon 97053

Septic Tank Rules Slated

Copies of a proposed final version of rules for septic tanks are now available in most counties.

The rules have been revised to incorporate testimony received in ten cities during public hearings on an earlier draft.

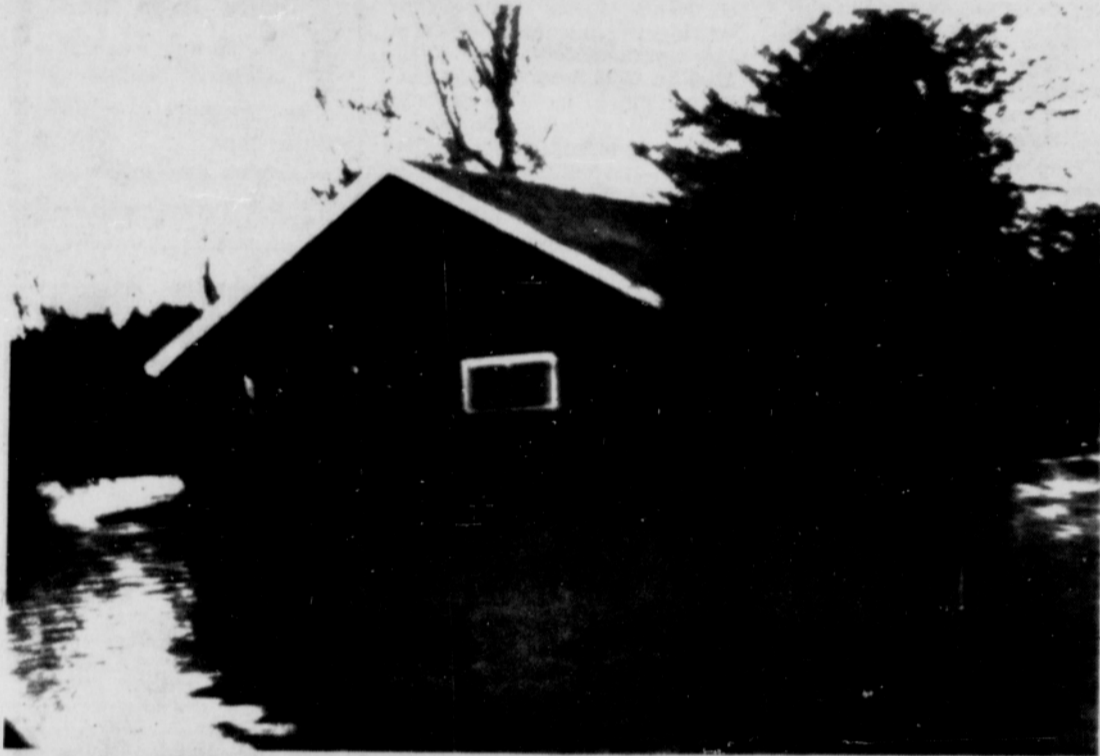
The revised version is scheduled for final hearing and adoption by the Environmental Quality Commission January 25 at the Public Service Building Auditorium, 920 S.W. 6th in Portland. The Commission meeting begins at 9 a.m. and is open to the public. Interested persons will have an opportunity to testify at the hearing prior to Commission action on the rules.

When adopted the rules will affect large numbers of Oregonians because they spell out requirements which must be met if any building is contemplated in areas where sewers aren't available.

Copies are available from the Department of Environmental Quality, 1234 S.W. Morrison St., Portland, 97205, and from other DEQ offices, as well as the Columbia County Health Department, Room 129, Court House, St. Helens.

Blue Angels

The first Blue Angels Hospital Auxiliary Meeting of 1974 will be January 17 at 8 p.m. in the hospital dining room.



Chamber Of Commerce And Jaycees Plan Awards Fete

Both the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce and Vernonia Jaycees have begun plans for the annual Citizen of the Year-DSA banquet with hopes it can be held in the early part of February.

At present, Gordon Smith, newly installed president of the Chamber of Commerce, is attempting to obtain the services of Betty Roberts, a candidate for Governor of Oregon. Ms. Roberts is well known for her views on the problems of the senior citizen and those of women seeking equality.

Residents are advised that it is also time to turn in their nomination for the Citizen of the Year Award and are urged to do so as soon as possible. Citizen of the Year is chosen on the basis of accomplishments in the community and for the betterment of the area. Therefore it is important that those wishing to nominate anyone, be sure to list any and all services their candidate has contributed to Vernonia.

Boxes will be set up in businesses throughout the city for receiving nominations.

The Distinguished Service Award is given by the Jaycees to a young person, under 35 years of age, who has shown an outstanding quality of service to the community.

Further details on the banquet will be announced including date

and time of the dinner. Tickets will be available shortly from any member of the Jaycees or Chamber of Commerce.

Aliens Urged To Complete Report Forms

Albert Conversano, Jr., District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, recently urged all aliens in the State of Oregon who have not yet filled out alien address report forms, to do so before January 31, at the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service Office or local Post Office.

The Immigration Official pointed out that the law requires all non-citizens, except persons in diplomatic status and foreign representatives to certain international organizations, such as the United Nations, to report their addresses to the government each January.

Conversano added: "The parent or legal guardian of an alien child under fourteen years of age must fill out the address report form for such a child in order to comply with the law."

He declared: "We have tried to make it as convenient as possible for non-citizens to meet the address report requirements; and, in view of serious penalties for willful violation, all persons subject to the address report law are urged to fulfill this obligation before the end of January."

Conversano advised: "It is easy for an alien to meet this requirement. He just goes to the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service or Post Office. After filling out the card the alien may place a stamp on the card and mail it directly to the address preprinted on the reverse of the form. Any non-citizen who is ill may send a friend or relative to obtain the card for him, after the card has been completed by the alien, then mail the card to the preprinted address on the card."

Historical Society Plans Warren Meet

The Columbia County Historical Society will meet Wednesday, January 23 in the Warren Grand hall, weather permitting.

There will be a potluck meal at noon followed by the afternoon session. Those attending are requested to bring their own table service.

All who are interested are welcome to attend this meet.

Rise Noted For Permits

Building permits were up in Columbia County in November 1973, compared to November 1972, the University of Oregon Bureau of Business Research has reported.

In November 1973, the total was \$272,031 compared to \$52,250 in the same month last year. Building permits from 148 identical reporting centers in Oregon totalled \$40,086,741 in November 1973. This was 47.9 percent lower than the total in November 1972.

The state total in November 1973, included \$19,271,222 for 1132 new dwelling units; \$15,080,092 for new nonresidential construction; and \$5,735,427 for additions alterations and repairs to existing structures.

Rains Close County Roads

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners has issued an order closing all county roads except the Scappoose Vernonia Highway and Old Highway 30 between Rainer and Clatskanie to heavy hauling because of the heavy freeze followed by warmer rains causing roads to buckle in places.

Gross weight limits for vehicles traveling over county roads has been set at 10,000 pounds. Exceptions to the order are school buses, garbage trucks, fuel trucks, and emergency vehicles.

This order will be in effect until further notice.

Woman Found Not Guilty

Mrs. Sool Tae Tassin Schneider of Vernonia was found not guilty of a murder charge in the death of her husband, Maynard Schneider, June, 1973.

Judge Donald L. Kalberer determined she was not guilty following a hearing held Thursday in Columbia County Circuit Court in that "as a result of mental disease or defect wherein she lacked substantial capacities either to appreciate the criminality of her conduct or to conform her conduct to the requirements of law."

Mrs. Schneider was returned to the Oregon State Hospital until such time as Judge Kalberer has written confirmation that she no longer needs treatment at the hospital. When she is released she will remain under the supervision of the Oregon State Board of Parole and Probations department for a period of five years and afterwards receive counseling at the Columbia County Adult and Child Guidance Clinic as they direct.

Mrs. Schneider was charged with the stabbing death of her husband following his death as the result of multiple knife wounds June 25. The 63-year-old man died at the base of the steps of the Vernonia Hotel owned by Mrs. Schneider.

She is a native of Korea and is now a naturalized citizen of the United States.

