

REPRESENTATIVES of various state, federal February 1-2, to advise and aid residents of Coand relief organizations who gathered in the lumbia County and portions of Washington Coun-IOOF Hall at Vernonia Friday and Saturday, ty with various flood relief programs.

Flood Damage **Losses Are** Tax Deductible

Casualty losses suffered to persoanl or business property due to the recent flooding are deductible on federal income tax returns, the IRS told Oregon taxpayers recently. Non - business losses are limited to the amount over \$100 for each

Howard T. Martin, IRS Acting District Director in Oregon, said that, normally, casualty losses can only be deducted from the tax return filed for the year in which the loss occurs. However, Martin said if the loss is a result of a disaster and your locality is subsequently declared a disaster area warranting assistance by the federal government, the loss may be deducted on either the prior year's (1973) return or on the 1974 return, which will be filed in 1975. It is very important that the taxpayer be able to value of the loss, Martin said.

Oregon counties that have declared in "disaster" status for federal purposes are Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lincoln, Linn, Marion Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, and Washington.

To help in doing this, a list should be made immediately after the loss occurred. It would help to have appraisals made by competent appraisers before making any repairs. Photos showing damage to property would also help.

Taxpayers who have problems in preparing their tax returns or an amended return covering casualty losses can get help at local IRS offices, where trained taxpayer service representa-

tives are on hand. IRS Publications 547, "Tax Information on Disasters, Casualty Losses and Thefts," and 584, Workbook for Determining Your Disaster Loss," are available free at these offices.

For telephone assistance, the toll-free number is: Eugene 342-8205: Medford 779-3375; Portland 221-3960; Salem 581-8720; Elsewhere in Oregon 1-800-452-

These lines are open for assistance or tax forms from 8 a.m. until 7:45 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays until April

Environmental Booklet Available

The Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District purchased the environmental booklet "Plants, How they Improve Our environment" for all of the 5th grade students in Columbia County.

These colorful comic booklets and a teachers guide should be a very helpful aid in teaching conservation education in our schools according to Richard Abrahamson, Chairman of the Columbia Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Direc-

The booklet "Plants" is just one of a series of eight Better Environment booklets, published by the Soil Conservation Society of America. The District plans on purchasing additional booklets in the future to add to

the series of booklets. Each of the Columbia Soil & Water Conservation Directors will distribute the booklets in his area with Bill Kessi responsible for the Scappoose and Warren areas, Richard Arm-strong for the St. Helens and Deer Island area, Larry Oblack for the Vernonia-Mist area, George Cowles for the Rainier Delena and Gobel area and Richard Carver for the Clatskanie and Westport area.

Benefit Set For Pre-School

theme selected for the 1974 annual Preschool Fashion Benefit. Many new ideas will be shown on March 2 in the high school gymnasium at 8 p.m. Home sewed and ready made fashions are to be featured. A

handicraft display will be set up encouraging local talents. Fashion and handicraft entries are open to all Vernonia residents with deadline for application February 21. The success of this event depends entirely on community participation.

Any interested persons can obtain a style show application form from one of the following places: Sew Simple Shop; Ver-nonia High School Office; Vernonia Primaries.

Any question can be answered by calling Marguerite Nice at 429-8783 regarding fashions; or Mary Cota at 429-3839 regarding

Commission OK Complicated

It would take the approval of the Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission for formation of a bia County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution calling for the formation of a service

district This request, with all pertinent information, would then be presented to the Boundary Commission which has the right to approve, reject or alter the proposal in any manner they

Several years ago the county presented a proposal to the Boundary Commission to form a sanitary authority but it was rejected with the suggestion that the county come back with a proposal for a total service

The Boundary Commission doesn't care for the creation of small sewer or water districts but prefers the concept of the total service district operated by the county. They feel that too many difficulties have occured in other parts of the state because of the overlapping problems of such organizations.

Tickets are now available from members of either the Chamber of Commerce or Jaycees or at their place of business for the annual Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year-Jaycees DSA Award's Banquet. Prices are adults \$2.50; children under 12, \$1.50. All proceeds will go toward the Vernonia Heart Machine Fund which has now reached a total of approximately

Oregon EMT's Conference Set Feb. 8-9

Oregon State Senator and gubernatorial candidate Betty Roberts will be featured speaker at the banquet to be neld on Saturday, February 9, as part of the program of the first Oregon Emergency Medical Services Conference to bet held February 8 and 9 at the Thunderbird Motor Inn - Jantzen Beach, Portland.

The latest emergency equipment will be on display, as well as the latest models in ambulances, both van and limou-

The four organizations joining together in sponsoring this conference are the Volunteer Ambulance Association of Oregon, Oregon State Ambulance Association, Emergency Department Nurses Association, and American College of Emergency Physicians, Each organization will hold its own business meeting on Friday, February 8, at 8:00 p.m. There will also be a meeting for organizing a statewide association of Oregon's 2500 Emergency Medical Technici-

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by business meetings at 8 p.m. Registration forms and detailed program information have been mailed to each volunteer ambulance service in Oregon by the association's Secretary-Treasurer, Melvin Brunson, who is also acting as one of the three registrars.

Bake Sale Scheduled

The Vernonia Extension Club will hold a bake sale at Vernonia Sentry Market Friday, February 8 at 10:30 a.m. All proceeds will go to the Vernonia Ambulance Heart Machine Fund.

Sen. Hatfield In St. Helens

Senator Mark Hatfield will be in St. Helens Friday, February 8, at 12 noon at the Village Inn in St. Helens. Luncheon will be served on a no-host basis. Cover charge is \$2.50.

Following the luncheon there will be a speech by the Senator with regard to national affairs and things of local interest to Oregonians. Those wishing to attend the luncheon should call Leonard Frank for reservations at 397-2208 before Thursday

noon, February 7. Those who do not wish to attend the luncheon may listen to Senator Hatfield's speech and also participate in the question and answer period which will start at approximately 12:40



RICHARD ARMSTRONG a Director of the Columbia Soil and Water conservation District presenting environmental booklet "Plants, How They Improve Our Environment" to Ray Justice, Principal of John Gumm School. The Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District purchased these booklets for all of the 5th grade students in Columbia County.

****************** VERNONIA WEATHER

As gathered from the weather station located at the Vernonia

Maximum temperture for the week of January 28 - February 5 was 47 degrees on February 1. Low for the period was 31 degrees on February 5. Maximum precipitation for the week was .96 inches.

1974 **Heart** Campaign Set

"More funds for more heart research to save more lives," is the seemingly simple guide for this year's Heart Campaign Chairman Norman F. Maves of Portland. It may be simple to understand but sometimes difficult to achieve, according to the Group Insurance Sale vice-president for Standard insurance.

Maves guideline is also that of the many Heart Campaign leaders in the state. In Columbia County George Cook will head up the Columbia County Heart Campaign as chairman for the

Local chairman in each community is: Robert Hunt, Scappoose; Merle Frame, St. Helen's, who is serving for his second year; Mrs. Daryl Tice, Columbia County Heart Fund Treasurer, for the fourth year; Mrs. Ron McGeorge, Deer Island; Mrs. Herman Heckathorn, Goble chairman for the seventh year with Mrs. Harry Masterson serving as co-chairman; Mrs. Raleigh Nelson, Prescott Community Chairman for the third year; Cedric Olson, Rainier with Ms. Betty Vilhaeur, co-chair-man; Mrs. Glen Olson, Warren; and T.F. Tomlin, Vernonia.

This February's Heart Campaign also marks the 25th anniversary of service to the people of Oregon by the Oregon Heart



DAVE BANTA

Vernonia Man **CCOG** Chairman

The Columbia County Organization of Governments elected Dave Banta, City Councilman of Vernonia as its chairman for 1974 at the regular meeting in January which was held at the St. Helens Courthouse.

Rod Norwood, St. Helens mayor, was named Vice Chairman and Clark Merwin Columbia City Councilman treasurer.

Representing the cities of Columbia County to the Columbia Regional Association of Governments will be Frank Corsiglia, St. Helens Councilman.

KAO Donations Still Needed

Concerned Oregonians who want to provide financial sup-port to the Kidney Association of Oregon to help save the lives of kidney failure victims are using very imaginative ways of making donations to KAO.

Chuck Foster, KAO executive director, explains that, "The most popular way that Oregonians are supporting the program is by sending us a \$12 donation check. This way," he said, "the donation is providing one day of life for a patient, since \$12 is the actual cost to keep each patient alive on an artificial kidney machine for a day." He added. "Many people are sending us checks for \$24, 36 and \$48, thus giving several days of life."

"Prior to each Christmas," Foster stated, "many persons send contributions to KAO instead of presents, or in place of sending Christmas cards. We have received numerous donahe said, "from schools and businesses where individuals have donated to KAO in place of their exchanging gifts."

Other donations are made in honor of a KAO patient, for a birthday, at graduation, a wedding anniversary or on religious holidays, like Easter, or in connection with special holidays. Corps of Engineers Due In Vernonia This Week To Inspect Bank Erosion

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at Monday night's regular meet ing of the Vernonia City Council, among them the problems caused by the recent flood. Present at the session were council members Ed Miller, Bud Atkins, Dave Banta and Lucille Tomlin with Mayor Sherman Fisher presiding. Also attending was attorney Allan Coon.

The minutes were read and approved, the business from the floor was heard. First to speak was Albert Tandy who quest-ioned erosion on Rock Creek. He was informed that the Corps of Engineers will be in this area during the week to check on all bank erosion.

Fred Dusak then informed the council that a sewer drain had been left open on the lot next to him and that during the high water, sewerage had backed up. He also stated that he felt a larger culvert was needed on Jefferson Street to prevent flooding in that area.

Next to speak was Susan Cavinee who requested that her driveway be fixed since it was flooded due to the culvert being plugged. The water has removed the rock from the driveway.

Dick Stearns again requested that he be allowed to move the door of his business flush with the front of the building, and the door to be opened out. He cited other businesses in the area which had similar doors and voiced the fact that he felt the door opening out onto the street would provide better safety for his customers in case of fire. It was decided to write the State Fire Marshall for his recommendation on the problem.

Pat Goodman, representing Mrs. Henry Andregg, asked what decision had been reached on the coin operated Ice Hockey machine which the Andreggs wish to install in their place of business. Discussion ensued with attorney Coon giving a report on the present ordinance governing coin operated machines and recommending that the ordinance be revised. Chief of Police Jack Cunningham is to make a study of Ordinance No. 304 and make his recommendations to the council.

Committee reports followed with Dave Banta reporting that all abandoned septic tanks have

pumping. Cecil Huff then took the floor and requested that the city consider letting the septic tanks be pumped into the new sewer lines and that tanks be filled with something other than rock to cut the expense to homeowners.

Lucille Tomlin then read the police report and a request from Chief of Police Cunningham requesting overtime pay for Lee Akers and Ray Lamping during the flood.

Bud Atkins reported that the lot between Mario's and Quinn's

building had been cleaned up. Under communications was a letter from Robert E. Mever. Engineer on the East Vernonia drainage report with cost set tentatively at \$200-\$300 dollars.

There was a letter from the League of Oregon Cities on citizen participation in land use planning and also one from Don Walrod on information on flood insurance.

Attorney Coons had submitted a letter on the study of Ord-inance No. 304 and also one informing the council that the trial between Robertson vs. Vernonia had been tentively set for February 20 at 9:30 a.m.

A letter from the Columbia County Clerk's office was read, informing the council that a copy of the annexation to the city should be recorded and that the cost would be 16. A questionnaire was also received on population increase on annexation.

Other communications included a letter from the Columbia County Health Dept. on operational plan for landfill operated by the city of Vernonia; a letter from CRAG on money appropriated for highway improve-ments; and a letter from the Columbia County courthouse on the current rates for first can sanitary service in cities in the

Under unfinished business it was voted-by voice vote, 5 years; no nayes--that the zoning ordinance drafted August 29, 1973, be adopted with changes on pages 3, 12, 16, presented to attorney Coons and adoption of the zoning map with a change of L-1 to G-R where the Cedarwood Timber Co. is now located.

Zen Dutson, reported North American Contractors had been out February 4 and made ar-

Trail's End Race Slated

Seaside is preparing for the on rush of marathoners from all over the United States and Canada, who will converge upon this quaint costal community on Saturday, February 23., to participate in the Fifth Annual Trail's End Run. The entry list is are that this 26 mile. 385-yard event will attract over 600 participants.

The Trail's End marathon is sanctioned by the AAU and the World Marathon Runner's Association.

All entrants must be members of the AAU in good standing. AAU applications in Oregon, can be obtained by writing: Betty Martin, 6128 S.W. 30th, Portland.

Former trail's end champions are: 1970, Ken Moore, Caroline Walker, (World Record); 1971, Bruce Mortenson, Vickie Foltz; 1972, Russel Pate, Elaine Pederson; 1973, Jerry Tighe, Debbie Collins.

Special divisions: (Deadline for entry form return: February 17, 1974)

1. Oregon AAU Association Marathon (Open to male members only). 2. Oregon AAU Association

Marathon (Open to female members only) 3. World Marathon Runners

Association (Open to members 4. Dist. Number 2 NAIA Collegiate Marathon (Open to

members only). 5. Four man team competition (first three in each team to

6. Man and wife. 7. Father and son.

8. Race Walkers 9. Age groups: Jr. High, Sr., High, College, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,

Starting time: 11:30 a.m. sharp at the Seaside Turn-

Information: Entry forms and further information may be obtained by writing the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 7, Seaside, Oregon 97d138.

Oregon Loans Up For Vets

The Department of Veterans Affairs granted 11,340 loans last year in the amount of \$225,986,537 for the highest year on record, H.C. Saalfeld, director, reported today. The number of loans was 42 percent above the previous record set in 1971, and the dollar volume was 56 percent above the 1972 high.

In Columbia County last year. loans went to 163 veterans in the amount of \$3,201,565, compared with 154 loans in 1972 for

Cancer Crusade Meets

The 1974 Cancer Crusade no

host luncheon and meeting will be held at the St. Helens Elks Lodge at 11 a.m. Monday, February 11. All Crusaders, past, present and future are welcome.

to maintain streets in the Riverview area.

Allan Coon was instructed to review requirements on sewer assessments. Recorder William Nelson requested to send registered letters to all property owners who have not yet paid their assessments.

It was decided to purchase 1000 years of 3/4 inch rock at \$4.15 a yard and 100 yards of 11/2 inch rock at \$3.50 a yard from Crown Zellerbach FOB truck.

Under new business it was voted to request a representative from HUD to attend a council meeting on the flood insurance

It was also decided to contact Dick Dunets, CCOG planner for suggestions he might have for the SB 100, citizen participation

on land use planning. Overtime pay was approved for the police officers during the flood. It was also decided to pay a \$15 fee for a workshop on ambulance equipment for Tom Bruce, Ray Lamping and Jack Cunningham. The workshop will be held in Portland February 8

and 9. Zen Dutson then presented a map of the East Vernonia Drainage Study showing problem areas and discussion ensued on areas where improvement could

Following payment of the bills the meeting adjourned at 11 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Vernonia City Council will be Monday, February 18, at 8 p.m. in the Vernonia City Hall.

Summer Jobs Available By Application

Three Oregon high school seniors planning careers in natural resources will have a chance to gain valuable outdoor work experience this summer.

The Izaak Walton League, cooperating with the Department of Interior and the U.S. Forest Service, is seeking qualified applicants to fill some 30 summer jobs on national parks, wildlife refuges, public domain lands, U.S. Forest Service holdings, and elsewhere.

The openings are available at various locations in the United States and three applicants from Oregon will be nominated. Applicants from across the nation will be considered. Two Oregon students were selected during each of the past two years, and four students the year before

To be eligible, applicants must be high school seniors expected to graduate in 1974, at least 18 years of age by June 15, in good health and physically capable, in most instances, of performing field work. Applicants should have demonstrated potential for leadership and scholastic ability and should intend to pursue careers in such areas as forestry, soil and range management, fish and wildlife, outdoor recre-

ation, geology, and so forth. Interested high school seniors should send applications to R.U. Mace, Selections Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 3503, Portland, Oregon 97208. In order to insure consideration for the final selection, applications should be in no later than March 25. Both young men and women may

Applications must consist of the following: a completed U.S. Government Form 171, available from any post office or other federal building; transcript of high school records; written recommendation from an adult other than parent; and a letter from the applicant indicating college career plans, extracurricular high school activities, any conservation work performed, and the reasons for seeking employment through the pro-

Hobby Turns Into New Business Of Old Jars

A boy's enthusiam is an old bottle he found turned out to be the beginning of a new business.

The Glass Shack, 842 Madison, opened for business this past weekend. Over 600 bottles and jars were proudly displayed by the owner William (Bill) Rhoades, the oldest being over a hundred years old.

The 1870 Royal fruit jar com-

plete with top is only one of the forty different varieties and assortment of colors. Also among the collection are many cork top bottles, old insulators, tin ware and miscellaneous items of the past.

Born in Arkansas, Rhoades moved to California when he was five where he lived for 27 years. He attended school in the Los Angeles area.

In 1954 he married Billy Whiteside. In 1969 they moved to Vernonia. They came to Oregon to visit Billy's brother and liked it so well they decided to move here. The Rhoades have three children, William (Mack) who is in the Navy, Bobby, a freshman and Sally who is an eighth grader. Rhoades is employed at Noble Craft in Hillsboro.

"I got started when Bobby found some old cork top bottles in an old dump about two years" smiled Bill "and the hobby over ran the house so I started the

Quite a few of the bottles and

bought. "I have something for everyone from 5 cents up," said Bill, "so come in and brouse, we will be open every weekend'



BILL RHOADES, local resident, opened his business, The Glass Shack, this past weekend. The shop will feature old glassware, fruit jars, and other items of the past.