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TOWN TOPICS

C.J. Nance received word
 February 5, of the passing of his
 brother Floyd Nance of Tacoma,
 Washington.

Recent visitors in Vernonia
 were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith.
 They visited with Lola Christen-
 sen.

C.J. and Essie Nance report
 they are coming along fine
 although Essie still spends a
 great deal of time in bed. The
 Nances are recuperating from
 injuries suffered in a December
 26, 1973 accident, 10 miles from
 Vernonia when their van struck
 ice and turned over.

ST. MARY'S THRIFT SHOP
 Open second Saturday of each
 month.

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 Sunday dinner guests at the
 home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank
 Schnidlin were Mrs. Donna
 Snyder and children of Hillsboro.
 On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Don-
 ovan Reynolds and Roberta of
 Riverview and Mr. and Mrs.
 Bert Snyder and son Carl of
 Scappoose had lunch with the
 Schnidlins.

Mrs. Harold Shipley was taken
 to the St. Vincent hospital last
 week. Monday she suffered a
 relapse and is critically ill.

COMING SOON - The Ameri-
 can Legion Auxiliary will hold a
 Rummage Sale. Watch for an-
 nouncement of date and time.

Those attending a buffet din-
 ner at the home of Mrs. Sam
 Devine Saturday evening were
 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stunkard,
 Mrs. Lois Klessig and daughter
 Karin, and Joyce Danielson all
 of Astoria; Mr. and Mrs. Ted
 Gernhart of Hillsboro; Mrs.
 Ethel Hirtzel and Mrs. Doug
 Ashpole of Portland; Mr. and
 Mrs. George Devine of Clatska-
 nie Sheryl and Carla Devine and
 Marie Lipset of Eugene; Mr. and
 Mrs. Claire Devine, Sandra and
 Rodney. Joining them in the
 evening were Mr. and Mrs. Don
 Bennett and two sons of Eugene.

**Extension Meet Set
 For February 12**

Due to bad weather, January's
 Timber Route Home Extension
 Study Group meeting was can-
 celled. Therefore the February
 12 meeting will be a combination
 of the two. It will be held at the
 West Oregon Electric Building
 starting at 10:30 a.m. with a
 potluck lunch at noon.

Zola Christensen will be giving
 the lesson "Communications, is
 anybody listening?" Helen Hall
 plans to demonstrate the fine art
 of cake decorating.
 Genie Marxer and Helen Hall
 will be hostesses.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK - - -

Dear Editor,

Yes, Columbia County was
 thrown into dictatorship the
 night of January 23, 1974, when
 the Columbia Council of Govern-
 ments, (CCOG), voted us into the
 Columbia Regional Association of
 Governments, (CRAG).

CRAG is our state regional
 agency, second only to DEQ in
 Regional power. It dictates and-
 or co-exists over the following
 agencies at the local level.
 CCOGs, planning commissions,
 Metropolitan Boundary boards,
 and the Home Rule type of
 governments, City County Con-
 solidation, city and or county
 managers, and Metropolitan
 Service Districts.

In Columbia County we have
 the CCOG and the Planning
 Commission. We have the Met-
 ropolitan Service District that
 comes up and tells us dumps a
 few miles out of town are
 unsanitary, and then show
 movies of their planned opera-
 tions such as nice brick gar-
 bage dumps built right among
 our houses. We are painfully
 aware of the power of the
 Metropolitan Boundary board
 located in Portland. The city of
 St. Helens is already under a
 Home Rule Charter giving a
 general grant of power to the
 city council, for the city citizens
 do not have a right to vote. This
 concept came from Europe
 where it is known as the Univer-
 sal Power Grant.

A committee is now studying a
 Home rule charter for our
 county. We are told it is a more
 simple and effective way of
 government, and of course it is,
 for when the people cannot
 object to what the politicians do,
 it is a very simple task to govern.
 That is why one city official
 stated that home rule and the
 recent laws passed in St. Helens,
 from the Oregon League of
 Cities, went well together. Of
 course he was right, for they are
 all dictatorship.

These local and state agencies
 of Regional Governance all stem
 from a centralized governance
 office at 1313 E. 60th Street in
 Chicago, Ill., a corner location
 on the Rockefeller family's
 University of Chicago.

This brings all our so called
 local planning agencies, CCOGs,
 etc. to a recognized central
 point. Revealing their connec-
 tion with world financiers whose
 sole aim is to bring the total
 world under the oppression of
 control by law. We can see at our
 local level that an appointed
 planning commission and CCOG
 gives the right of a few, without
 the vote of the people to govern
 over all.

Those people attending the
 CCOG meeting the fateful night
 of January 23, 1974, saw St.
 Helens city and a Columbia
 County representative barely
 able to contain their feelings of
 jubilation. Following the vote
 CCOG officials announced a
 CRAG banquet to be held at the
 Quay restaurant in Vancouver.
 The same representatives men-
 tioned above were seen tossing
 quarters into the air, we under-
 stood, to see which one would
 buy the drinks. And someone
 was heard to yell, "I'll bet that
 was a Canadian quarter, Fred."
 People of our free republic,
 Mr. Editor, should not relish the
 idea of joining a governance of
 oppression, in fact they should
 have been sad. When your stop to
 think of it though, has there ever
 been a dictatorship that did not
 exist for the sole reason that
 something was to be gained by
 those in power?

Write letters to Representa-
 tive Dick Magruder; tell him to
 pull the Columbia County CRAG
 Resolution from the consent
 calendar of the Emergency Leg-
 islature. Any legislator, from
 anywhere in the state can do this
 and demand it be voted on
 individually, rather than voted
 on as a package deal of many
 laws. Tell them we do not want
 to be railroaded into dictatorship.
 If we, the people, give a legislat-
 or one hundred letters to the
 capitol it would give him a basis
 to fight for our rights. It is our
 government, our freedom, and

our duty to work for it, or we will
 indeed go down in history as the
 worst parents of any generation.
 Sincerely,
 Marge Stafford
 Rte. 1, Box 475
 Warren, Ore. 97053

Editor's Note: The following
 letters were received at the city
 hall and provide an interesting
 view of how much people really
 do appreciate Vernonia. Includ-
 ed is a letter of appreciation
 from Mrs. Ratkie for the aid
 given her during the recent
 flood.

"You may wonder why I
 should donate to this cause (the
 heart machine fund) since my
 home is in L.A., California?
 Well I am not a stranger here.
 I raised my children here. Some
 of you may remember Charlie
 and Mary Moulton?"

My two brothers, Ed and
 Charlie Poetter still live here
 and my nephew and wife, Curtis
 and Kathy Poetter, and Steve
 Poetter sometimes drives the
 ambulance. So you can see I'm
 very interested in what happens
 in Vernonia.
 Just an old friend of Vernonia.
 Lottie Moulton"

"This small donation is in
 memory of George Snyder.
 Vernonia will always be our
 home.

Best wishes,
 Gene and Mary Drips
 Lakeside, Calif.

"Mr. Nelson:
 This morning I told you...
 we've had many floods in all the
 years we've lived here since
 1925. But I've never had one like
 this one. The river came into my

**36 Oregon Counties
 Receive Tax Funds**

Distribution of 6,721,108.07 in
 highway-user tax funds to the 36
 counties of the state was an-
 nounced recently by V.E. Skoog,
 fiscal officer for the Oregon
 Department of Transportation.
 Columbia county, with 24,392
 motor vehicles registered in
 1972, received \$96,356.52.

The allocation is based on the
 statutory 20 percent for the
 period October 1 through Decem-
 ber 31, 1973. The funds come
 from the following sources:
 motor vehicle registration and
 operators' license fees, gasoline
 tax, use fuel tax, motor carrier
 fees, and fines and penalties
 collected for violations of the
 size and weight statutes where
 complaints are made by the
 Highway Division weighmast-
 ers.

**PCC Schedules Demo
 On Zippers Feb. 11**

The Portland Community Col-
 lege will be giving a short
 demonstration on zippers Mon-
 day evening February 11 at 7:30
 p.m. at the Vernonia High
 school, room 8. A fee of \$1 will be
 charged. Both invisible and lap
 zippers will be demonstrated.

house and soaked everything on
 the floor. I am still drying things
 out. Good things stand in boxes.
 But I still have lots to be
 thankful for. For our wonderful
 police force. I haven't met them
 all. But John Norman and two
 other men came to my house and
 took me to the Norman home for
 the night then went back to my
 house and put the piano, sofa, TV
 and other things up on blocks
 and chairs and table.

My heart is full of praise and
 thanks to them and to all the
 police force. Vernonia has lots to
 be thankful for and I am. I want
 to say again "thank you" every-
 one.

Gratefully,
 Mrs. Ratkie

**H. E. Rasmussen
 Services Held**

Henry E. Rasmussen, resi-
 dent of 4002 E. 15 Vancouver
 Washington, passed away Janu-
 ary 23, 1974 in the Veteran's
 Hospital, Portland, Oregon.

Private service was held Janu-
 ary 25 at the Vancouver Funeral
 Chapel, Rev. Lloyd Newton officiat-
 ing and Dan Snively soloist,
 with Mrs. Elinor Stickney or-
 ganist.

Graveside service and vault
 interment were at Tahoma
 Cemetery Yakima, Washington,
 January 28, with Rev. Leland
 Gross officiating.

Henry Rasmussen was born
 May 11, 1921 at Hespero, Alberta
 Canada, but spent 45 years in
 Vancouver.

Henry served in the U.S. Navy
 during World War II.

Henry Rasmussen, known to
 many as "Hank" was employed
 as a truck mechanic until he was
 hospitalized August 30, 1973.

He is survived by his widow
 Margaret at home. Two sons,
 Edward of Seattle and Dennis
 with the U.S. Armed forces, his
 mother Agnes Sturdevant, two
 brothers, Earle of Yakima, Wa.
 and Lyle Barker of Vernonia,
 one sister, Dorothy Watkins,
 Norwalk, California, one stepson
 Dick Robinett and five grand-
 children.

**Vernonia Study Club
 Holds January Meet**

The Vernonia Study Club held
 their January meeting at the
 home of Mrs. Owen East.

The program consisted of the
 showing of slides and a descrip-
 tion of her recent trip to Hawaii
 by Mrs. Charles Minger.

The February meeting will be
 Thursday the seventh at 8 p.m.
 at the home of Mrs. Mathilde
 Bergerson on State Street. Mrs.
 Darrell Proehl will give the
 program.

Peanuts By Charles Schulz



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