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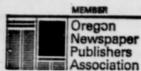
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TOWN TOPICS

Washington

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

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

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.

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

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

COMING SOON - The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a Rummage Sale. Watch for anment of date and time.

Those attending a buffet dinner 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 Clatskanie 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 cancelled. 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 hostesse

Dear Editor

Yes, Columbia County was thrown into dictatorship the night of January 23, 1974, when the Columbia Council of Governments, (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 andor 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 Consolidation, city and or county managers, and Metropolitan Service Districts.

In Columbia County we have the CCOG and the Planning Commission. We have the Metropolitan Service District that comes up and tells us dumps a few miles out of town are unsanitary, and then show movies of their planned operations such as nice brick garbage dumps built right among our houses. We are painfully aware of the power of the Metropolitan Boundary board located in Portland. The city of 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 We are told it is a more county 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 Rockefellar family's University of Chicago.

This brings all our so called local planning agencies, CCOGs, etc. to a recognized central point. Revealing their connection 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

Those people attending the CCOG meeting the fateful night of January 23, 1974, saw St. Helens city and a Columbia County representative barely ie to con itain their feelings of jubilance. Following the vote CCOG officials announced a CRAG banquet to be held at the Quay resturant in Vancouver. The same representatives mentioned 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 Representative Dick Magruder; tell him to pull the Columbia County CRAG Resolution from the consent calendar of the Emergency Legislature. 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. Included is a letter of apprecication 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

> 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 announced recently be 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 December 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 statues where complaints are made by the Highway Division weighmast-

PCC Schedules Demo On Zippers Feb. 11

The Portland Community College will be giving a short demonstration on zippers Monday 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-

Gratefully,

H. E. Rasmussen Services Held

Henry E. Rassmussen, resident of 4002 E. 15 Vancouver Washington, passed away January 23, 1974 in the Veteran's Hospital, Portland, Oregon.

Private service was held January 25 at the Vancouver Funeral Chapel, Rev. Lloyd Newton officiating and Dan Snively soloist with Mrs. Elinor Stickney or-

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-

Vernonia Study Club Holds January Meet

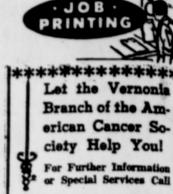
The Vernonia Study Club held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. Owen East.

The program consisted of the showeing of slides and a description 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



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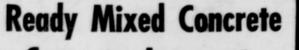
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