

Senator Betty Roberts To Speak At C of C-Jaycee Annual Award Banquet

On Sunday, February 17 the annual Vernonia Chamber of Commerce-Jaycee Awards Banquet will be held and at that time the chamber will award the title of Vernonia Citizen of the Year to the person who has contributed the most to the community in the past year. The Jaycees will also award their Distinguished Service Award to the person under 35 years of age, who has contributed greatly toward the people of the area.

Speaker at the annual event will be State Senator Betty Roberts, Democratic candidate for governor, a member of the legislature since 1965—she has been a state senator since 1968 she is married and the mother of four.

Senator Roberts will speak on several subjects close to the heart of Oregonians. Since she began in office she has had extensive experience on various committees. As a representative she served as vice-chairman of the State and Federal Affairs Committee, one of only two Democrats given such appointment by the Republican majority.

As a senator, Betty Roberts served as vice-chairman of the Government Re-organization Committee in 1969, chairman of the Consumer Affairs Committee during the 1971 session, chairman of the Interim Committee on Social Services during the 1971-73 interim and also Senate chairman of the Special Committee on Aging during the 1973 session.

Senator Roberts has served

Subscription Rates

Due to the increase in the price of newsprint and the mailing rates which become effective March 2, 1974, subscription rates for the Vernonia Eagle will raise. Cost in the Nehalem Valley area will be \$4 while elsewhere price will be \$5.

This will be the first increase in rates for the paper since August, 1962 and it is with regret that the cost for the Vernonia Eagle is raised as of March 1, 1974.

All subscriptions and renewals will be available at the regular rate of \$3 in the valley area and \$4, elsewhere until March 1, 1974.

Auditions Open For Fourth Annual Melodrama Production

After many consultations and the reading of the multitude of manuscripts, the play has been chosen for the fourth annual melodrama.

Entitled "Little Nell, The Orphan Girl of a Fight for A Woman's Honor," by Nelson Goodhue. The play written in three acts will feature the traditional handsome hero, innocent heroine and dastardly villain with an assorted cast of supporting characters.

Auditions for the parts in the play will be held Tuesday, February 19 and Thursday, February 21 at the high school in room 3, at 7:30 p.m. No parts have been assigned as yet and everyone interested in auditioning is urged to attend the meets. There are roles for eight women and four men available.

Since the melodrama was a sell out last year, it has been decided to hold a Sunday matinee May 5, in addition to the regular Friday and Saturday performances, May 3 and 4. The following Saturday, the cast will perform in St. Helens as a fund raising event in that area.

Since its inception the Vernonia Melodrama sponsored by the local branch of the American Cancer Society has enjoyed a great deal of enthusiasm. Money earned from the project goes toward many things including a vast medical research program which it is hoped, will someday wipe out the scourge of cancer.

Last year funds raised by the melodrama and its accompanying mini-shops, enabled the group to supply hospital equipment for cancer patients at home, provided lifesaving information to

Teachers - District Sign Agreement

School District 47J and the Vernonia Education Association reached agreement on teachers salaries and working conditions on January 31, 1974 and sign a two year working agreement at that time. The board began negotiations in late October, 1973.

On the basic salary issue an \$8,000 base salary figure was reached for a beginning teacher. In addition yearly increments were increased to \$300. Fringe benefits included the instituting of a dental insurance payment to the teachers and the continuance of the health insurance plan. Increases in the second year of the plan would be tied to the cost of living index of the Portland area.

This is the first year of the school district operating under the collective bargaining law passed by the legislature in 1973. The board is presently concluding negotiations with the classified employees of the district who are covered by the same law.

her community through membership in many organizations such as the League of Women Voters, Urban League, the American Civil Liberties Union, PTA, Oregon Council on Hunger and Malnutrition and many others.

Her appearance at the annual awards banquet is one which many will enjoy and learn from. An enlightened woman in an enlightened age, Senator Roberts speaks on topics that she has personal experience with through her own life and through the many committees she has served with.

Musical entertainment will be by Dewey Conroy who will sing and play the guitar for the enjoyment of the diners.

Tickets for the awards banquet are still available from members of the Chamber of Commerce or Jaycees or at



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several places of business throughout Vernonia. For only \$2.50 per adult; \$1.50 for children under 12, enjoy a delicious half-a-barbequed chicken cooked by the incomparable Cecil Huff, cole slaw, hot rolls, and finish with a dessert of home-made pie.

The annual Chamber of Commerce-Jaycee Awards Banquet will start at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 17 at the American Legion Hall. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Proceeds from the annual event will be donated to the Vernonia Heart Machine Fund in an effort to purchase the equipment as soon as feasible.

Spend Sunday afternoon at the annual banquet, enjoy good food, good conversation, an excellent speaker and help Vernonia get the Life Pack Three unit.

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VERNONIA WEATHER

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

Maximum high temperature for the week of February 5-12 was 57 degrees on February 10 while the low was 28 degrees on February 8. Maximum precipitation was 0.36 on February 5.

Questionnaire On Disabilities Slated Here

Columbia County statistics show there are over 800 handicapped persons with disabilities such as Multiple Sclerosis, legally blind or with impaired vision, deaf, mentally and or physically retarded, Cerebral Palsy, epileptic, paralysis and other disabilities.

Without the true facts and figures on how many handicapped persons live in Columbia County and what they need in order to live a more active and productive life, residents will not be able to reach their goal as a county that provides better services for the handicapped.

In an effort to determine who they are, where they live and what community service they are in need of, a questionnaire will be sent to every household in the county asking the handicapped person to fill out and return to HELP 135 N. 21st., St. Helens, 97051.

In most areas the fire departments will be delivering or passing the questionnaire out. It will also be available from the fire stations where residents receive fire permits.

The results of the questionnaire will be helpful to the fire dept. as they can record on their files where all handicapped persons live for better and faster service. The questionnaire will enable the utility companies to become aware of those individuals using kidney machines. The Retarded Citizens Assoc. will be able to develop programs for children and adults where needed. The County Schools can determine from the questionnaire what classes and activities are needed for handicapped students.

Architectural barriers can be eliminated as a result of the questionnaire in providing ramps, railings and special equipment in hospitals, schools and public facilities where needed to aid the handicapped person.

Anyone having trouble filling out the questionnaire may call HELP, 397-3511 or Commerce 9882 for assistance.

No Mail February 18

Vernonia Postmaster Thomas Tomlin reminds all postal patrons that the Vernonia Post Office will offer no mail delivery on Monday, February 18, in honor of George Washington's birthday. The lobby will be open as usual but there will be no rural mail delivery on that date.

However, mail will be picked up at the collection boxes and dispatched at the regular time.

Schedule Resumed

School District 47J has announced that normal operating time for the schools will resume Monday, February 25 with classes as follows: VHS, 8:40 a.m.; Washington Grade School, 8:40 a.m.; Lincoln School, 9 a.m.; and Mist School 9 a.m. First bus will arrive at Washington at 8:20 a.m. The bus for Lincoln will depart at 8:35 a.m.

Assistance Still Available In Declared Disaster Areas

For those who have not yet been in touch with emergency disaster units for confirmation and/or assistance Senator Mark Hefford has listed assistance available to areas which have been declared disaster areas by the President.

Federal assistance available to state and local government, provided for under the Disaster Relief Act of 1970, includes:

1. Federal assistance - direct or financial - for the State and local governments that suffered storm or flood damage for: A. Debris removal; B. Protection and health measures; C. Repair or replacement of public facilities including roads and bridges, public buildings and equipment, dikes, levees, and drainage structures, public utilities, and facilities under construction; D. Emergency transportation or communications services; E. Community disaster grants (Tax revenue maintenance); F. school repairs or operating assistance from the office of Education; G. Repair to Federal Aid System Roads - Federal Highway Administration; H. Repair of building flood control structures - Corps of Engineers.

2. Federal aid for the individual disaster victims, including: A. Legal services for the needy; B. Food coupons or surplus commodities for needy victims; C. Unemployment assistance for persons unemployed because of disaster; D. Temporary housing accommodations for persons displaced by disaster; E. "Mini-repair" program - a program that provides minimum essential repairs so that families may return to their flood-damaged homes; F. Mortgage or rental payments - the Federal Government may provide assistance on

Merchants Plan Sale For Ambulance Fund

On Thursday, February 14 several merchants in the Vernonia downtown shopping district will offer special merchandise for sale with portions of the money allotted to the Vernonia Heart Machine Fund.

In the traditional of Valentine's Day, it is a gift of love for life. Each merchant (see special advertisement in today's Eagle) has selected an item or items which it was felt would draw the most response from the public.

Since gasoline is once again in very short supply in Oregon, it would be a good opportunity to shop the local stores while helping in a good cause.

At present the Vernonia Heart Machine Fund is growing steadily but prices are raising rapidly in the medical instrument field and it is hoped that the complete life saving unit purchase can be made before inflation causes another rise in price. Already the cost has gone from \$3500 to \$4200 in the short span of a few months.

Patronize the local merchants, save gas, enjoy the many fine things for sale in Vernonia and help the city ambulance get a unit that could save a life—perhaps that of someone dear.

Merchants participating in this special Valentine's Day Event include Vernonia Drug, Brunsmann Hardware, Scott Sim-

ple Shop, Vernonia Golf Course (which will continue through the week), Vernonia Eagle, Vernonia Variety and Western Auto.

Also joining in the event will be Vernonia Sentry who will donate 3 1/2 percent of gross dollars taken in through the market on Thursday, February 14 date to the Heart Machine Fund.

After shopping at the local merchants residents of the area might enjoy joining the group at the Senior Citizens Center in the old VFW building where a Box Social will be the event of the evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring a box supper and have fun. All proceeds go toward the Vernonia Heart Machine Fund.

Rec Council Meets Feb. 20

The Vernonia Recreational Council will meet next week on Wednesday evening, February 20 at 8 p.m. at the West Oregon Electric meeting room.

The council is concentrating on ways of developing local recreational facilities and opportunities. Studied at the meeting will be the possibilities of forming a recreation district for the purpose of building and operating a local swimming pool. Also being studied are ways of developing a summer recreation program to fill local needs.

All individuals and groups interested in these projects are urged by the council to attend this meeting or send representatives. Anyone wishing to serve on the council may do so.

Council Date Altered

The Vernonia City Council will meet Tuesday, February 19 at the city hall instead of the originally announced date of February 18 due to Washington's birthday holiday falling on that day. Meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Lloyd L. Wood New Manager Of Local Bank



LLOYD WOOD, new manager at Vernonia Branch of U.S. National Bank.

Lloyd L. Wood, general loan officer at the Sheridan Branch of United States National Bank of Oregon for four years has been named manager of both the Banks and Vernonia branches, according to Robert J. Brunmeier, vice-president and manager of the Northwest Region. He took charge of his new position February 1.

Wood participated in the bank's work college program beginning in 1962, fulfilling his training portion at the Beaverton Branch. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1962, and was then named operations supervisor at the St. Helens Branch. Before becoming loan counter assistant and general loan officer at the Sheridan Branch, he was operations supervisor at the Astoria Branch.

While a resident of Sheridan, he was elected the 1974 president of the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce. Fishing and hunting are among his hobbies. "Vernonia is a great deal like Sheridan," Woods said, "and I'm sure I'll enjoy working here."

He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two daughters, and presently reside in Hillsboro.

Wood replaces Ron Rexroad who is now with the Hillsboro branch of U.S. National. He will be at the Vernonia office each Tuesday and Thursday.

Railroad Will Provide Tour

A delightful way to spend a beautiful week in spring will be found on the Vernonia, South Park, and Sunset Railroad's escorted rail tour to the Grand Canyon. Departing Portland on Amtrak's Coast Starlight Saturday, April 20, arrival in Phoenix is scheduled for Monday morning. An afternoon tour of the Salt River Valley includes greater Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa, and Tempe.

The route to the Grand Canyon is through lesser known, but equally beautiful Oak Creek Canyon. A stop at the Montezuma Castle National Monument is included. Accommodations in breathtaking surroundings are offered at the Thunderbird Hotel on the rim of the Grand Canyon. Take the Rim of the Canyon tour and then return to Phoenix by way of the old territorial capital at Prescott.

After a visit to the Desert Botanical Gardens and its 1,000 species of cacti, a final afternoon is spent in the atmosphere of the "Old West" at Rawhide and Carefree. Depart Phoenix Thursday evening aboard Amtrak's Sunset Limited and arrive home Saturday, April 27.

Azumano Travel Service, 200 S.W. 4th Ave., Portland, Oregon, 97204, (503) 223-6245, has additional information and reservations.

Goodwill Due February 20

The Goodwill Industries truck will be in the Vernonia area Wednesday, February 20 to pick up repairable items from those wishing to donate them.

Representative to contact is Mrs. Cora Lange, 429-3421 who will see that the truck calls at home or business.

Contributions to Goodwill Industries assure handicapped people of a handup—not a hand-out, while training for employment.

Theater Closes Doors On Generations Of Memories

The Joy Theatre has closed its doors and rung down the curtain on 47 years of providing wholesome entertainment to the whole family. Rising costs and lack of attendance were cited as the reasons behind the closure.

When J.R. Bush moved to Vernonia from Corvallis, he couldn't foresee that he would build a landmark. He only planned to erect a new modern building showing "the latest in quality films in keeping with those shown in larger cities."

When his theatre, the Majestic opened in June of 1923, the public found he had been true to his word. During its four years of operation, the Majestic thrilled viewers with famous stars of the silent screen era like Rudolph Valentino, Hoot Gibson, and Jackie Coogan.

When the Majestic burned down in 1927, Bush immediately made plans to rebuild his theater, choosing a new site for it and a new name, The Joy Theatre, chosen for his daughter.

Time past, Bush died, leaving the business to his daughter who then sold it to Sherman Fisher who had come to Vernonia in 1948. Fisher worked at the theatre until he purchased the building so that the children of Vernonia could still know the treat of an evening at the movies.

But the Joy Theatre is closed. Who can blame an owner for ceasing to operate a business at a loss. It cost just as much to light and heat a building for six people as it does for a hundred. Film rental has no markdown for lack of attendance. The full

cost must be paid. Still, it's sad to watch the doors shut upon yesterday's memories where generations of young and old enjoyed the excitement of a night at the show before television crept across the land.

The fun of watching Abbott and Costello or cheering for Dennis Morgan in the Flying Tigers while enjoying the hot salty taste of buttered popcorn.

A place where an evening's entertainment recalled a first date, tentatively holding hands in the dark while sighing over Gary Cooper, Clark Gable and Tyrone Power; the days of the ducktail hair style for boys, the poodle cut for girls, hot rods and full skirts made fuller still but stiffly starched net petticoats.

Saturday movies and Walt Disney cartoons; Rock Hudson and James Dean; Doris Day and Audrey Hepburn.

It's always an unhappy moment when an old institution dies but the closing of the Joy Theatre is sadder still for in a town that lacks little in the way of recreation for its young, the show was a place where children were welcome; where they could go for an evening's enjoyment and parents could be sure of the quality of the film, knowing that the pictures would be suitable and the atmosphere safe.

Hopefully the public will realize how lucky they were in having a walk-in theatre for their families and prevail upon the Fishers to re-open the Joy Theatre and give it their full support so that more generations of children and adults can enjoy the fun of an evening at the movies.

EMTs To Take Training Class

Dick Pfeifer of Advanced Medical Instruments will be in Vernonia, Monday, February 18, in Room No. 1, Vernonia High School at 7 p.m. to familiarize the Vernonia Ambulance crews with the new coronary (E.C.G.) monitor unit, which was purchased out of monies donated to the Vernonia Ambulance Fund.

The E.C.G. machine is the first part of the new equipment for the ambulance. It is hoped that the balance of the Life Pack Three unit can be purchased shortly.

Date Set For Class

Hunter Safety classes will once more be available for boys and girls, ages 11 to 18 years of age. The Vernonia Hunter Safety Council will hold a sign-up night for classes, Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the old city hall building located behind the U.S. National Bank.



DICK PFEIFER, sales representative for Advanced Medical Instruments and Jack Cumming will purchase at a recent instructive meeting of Emergency Medical Technicians in Portland.