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TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Bruce McDonald has been hospitalized with broken bones. She has enjoyed receiving all the cards and letters from her old friends in Vernonia and would like to hear from them again. Her new address is: Mrs. Hazel McDonald, Gateway Care Center, 39 N.E. 102nd Ave., Portland, Oregon.

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

Mrs. Frank Schmidlin visited Mrs. Albert Reynolds on Thursday and found her much improved since her recent hospital stay. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seal and family of Hillsboro had dinner at the Schmidlin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrin of Dallas visited at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Weller Thursday and Friday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Nice of Goshen visited their son and family Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nice Friday until Monday. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wakefield of Longview also visited the Nice's.

Watermaster Slated

Clayton J. Gardner, State Watermaster, is in Room 308, Columbia County Courthouse, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. to answer any questions pertaining to water rights. His next visit will be on February 20.

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THE PEOPLE SPEAK - - -

To the Federal Energy Office:
 I as a merchant in Vernonia, representing Sears Roebuck & Co. feel that our little community is being discriminated against by your office in its allocation of gasoline to the people of this remote community.

In behalf of the people of Vernonia, I wish to register a formal protest to your actions. The gasoline crisis in Vernonia demands an immediate investigation by your office to relieve the human hardship the shortage has created for all our citizens.

Sincerely
 Edward Balla

the few, for the few and at the expense of the people as a whole.

A government, which is all-powerful, and over which the people have no control, has up to now been called a dictatorship. Double thinkers and Double speakers are still just plain liars or dupes and the COGO and CRAG type units of regional government all over the nation are just exactly the small units and forerunners of a DICTATORSHIP.

Dale N. Brooks
 Scappoose, Oregon

Dick Magruder
 State Representative
 Salem, Oregon

Dear Dick:

Attached is a copy of a letter I received from Vesta E. Thomas in Clatskanie and also a copy of my answer to her in which I promised to contact you about what I feel is a serious injustice to our senior citizens. This is probably just an oversight on the legislatures part that nothing has been done to relieve the senior citizens of the hardship of paying the current high dog license fees. The fees are justifiably necessary to run the dog control program but certainly a hardship on senior citizens on fixed incomes who are having a tougher time each and every day making ends meet.

In this case the lady is 76 years old and a widow with a spayed chihuahua dog. It certainly will not cause the county any damage but still under the law I was forced to collect from her \$4.00 as the county dog license fee and if she had not paid she would have been liable for the \$5.00 penalty after March 1st plus still paying the \$4.00 license fee.

I feel this license fee is an unjust burden on this lady and any other senior citizen on a limited income. I would propose that you sponsor a law hopefully in the special session starting Monday or in the next regular session of the legislature for sure that would reduce the dog license fee to all our senior citizens over 65 years of age to \$1.00 or less at your discretion. Our administrative costs of dog tags, license books and issuing the license averages out about \$1.00 for each license issued. This way the senior citizens will have met the letter of the law in having a license on their dogs and the protection factor is still there so if their dog is lost we can tell who the owner is for return of the dog.

This type of license is already in effect for hunting and fishing licenses which we assist senior citizens in obtaining for 50 cents each from the Oregon Wildlife Commission. Also we have laws that reduce or eliminate property taxes for senior citizens so I would expect favorable response from the legislature if a bill were introduced reducing this financial hardship on our senior citizens.

Thanking you for myself and our senior citizens for any consideration and help you might render them.
 Sincerely
 Roy A. Nelson
 Columbia County Clerk

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 Dear Sir:

I am a widow 76 years old. I have a little chihuahua spaded dog. She never leaves the house unless in the car with me. This seems a big price to pay for a license for her. I just moved here, and don't know your laws. I thought Senior Citizens got some reductions.

Inclosed is check for \$4.00
 Sincerely,
 Vesta Thomas
 P.O. Box 506
 Clatskanie, Ore. 97016

Vesta E. Thomas
 P.O. Box 506
 Clatskanie, Or 97016
 Dear Mrs. Thomas:

We have received your letter along with the fee for a dog license. We are enclosing your license.
 We have sympathy with your request for reductions for senior citizens that must buy licenses for their dogs. However, as it stands now under Oregon Law, there are no reductions and all persons owning a dog must pay the regular rate.

A copy of your letter will be sent to Dick Magruder, State Representative. Perhaps if the problem were brought to his attention, he might start legislation to reduce the fees that senior citizens have to pay to comply with the law.

Thank you for writing to us. Perhaps something can be done in the future to help our senior citizens.
 Sincerely,
 Roy A. Nelson
 Columbia County Clerk

Road Deaths Hit New Low

Oregon's January 1974 traffic death total was the lowest for any month since April, 1960 according to the figures released by the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission.



CHIEF of Police Jack Cunningham gives Mrs. Laura Carmichael a quick buss on the cheek after awarding her a letter of commendation for her donation of time and labor. She has been washing all the bedding for the Vernonia Ambulance for the past several years at no charge to the city.

Police Report

January 28, 1974, Wally Groche, EXXON, reported a man drove off without paying for gas.
 1-28-74, Sool T. Schneider, reported loss or stolen, \$15,600 in American Express Travelers checks, sometime between February and June 1973.
 1-29-74, Susan B. Fenner, Vernonia Court Apt. 420 A. Street, reported theft of a rear view mirror, value \$10.
 2-1-74, a man was arrested on 2 warrants from Washington County Court. Bail \$900.
 2-3-74, a man was arrested for D.U.I.L.

February 13, 1974, two city employees will attend meeting with the Washington Medical Emergency Radio System (MERS) Public Safety Wing, Washington County Court House, Hillsboro. Purpose of the conference is approval of the system to be used by City of Vernonia Ambulance. Those who will attend will be Tommy Bruce and Lee Ackers.

TV Players Set Auditions

Tualatin Valley Players will be holding auditions for "Happy Birthday Wanda June", Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 17 at 2 p.m. in the theatre at the Old Nut Loft, 17210 S.W. Shaw, Alhwa. "Happy Birthday, Wanda June" was written by novelist Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Bill McClane will direct. He's directed at Mt. Hood Community College and he played the lead, Harold Ryan, when Mt. Hood did not play a couple of years ago.

Actors are needed to fill the following roles:
 Penelope Ryan, age 30; Paul Ryan, her son, age 12; Harold Ryan, her husband, age 55; Colonel Loosleaf Harper, her husband's sidekick, age 50; Dr. Norbert Woody, a suitor, age 35; Wanda June, a ghost, age 10; Major Siegfried Von Konigswald a german ghost, age 50; Mildred, Harold's former wife, a ghost, age 45; three females, age 10, 30, 45; five males, age 12, 35, 50, 50, 55.

Police Have Quiet Month

Misdemeanor thefts headed the police report for the month of January as submitted to the Vernonia City Council under the signature of Chief of Police Jack Cunningham. The record also showed one burglary for the month.

Traffic violations totaled 26 with one arrest shown. There were four VBR's, one disobeyed traffic signal, one improper turn; one violation of vehicle laws, two DUIL's, one violation of municipal ordinances; 14 parking violations and two excessive noise citations issued.

The department investigated four traffic accidents, assisted two fire calls and answered six ambulance calls with six assists to other departments. They also made 11 home checks and located two missing persons and handled eight miscellaneous complaints.

Members of the department spent 2 1/2 hours in St. Helens for in-service training on the handling of mental patients in addition to regular work.

Officers contributed 22 non-paid overtime hours to the department while reserve police contributed 153 hours.

Police car No. 130 logged 2,938 miles for the month of January.

County Unit Of ACS Holds Crusade Meet

The Columbia County Unit of the American Cancer Society had their "lift-up" meeting at the Elks Club in St. Helens February 11. There was good representation from each city in the county.

Those attending from Vernonia were: Columbia County Chairman Louise Hamnett and volunteers Francis Lentz, Carolyn Keasey, Evelyn Heath, Leona Aldrich and Genny Hanson.

Restauranteur, Page Yaw, vice chairman of the business crusade and Nora Janik, vice president of the Oregon Division spoke on "What is Crusade." Also present from Portland were staff representatives Lana Buck and Fran Eckhart.

Louise Hamnett stated "we were going to be in orbit during the month of March with our crusade, and our county sights are set at \$19,000."

The volunteers in Columbia County are dedicating the crusade this year to LaVerne Crouse of St. Helens. A devoted volunteer, who has for the past several years done a terrific job in organizing the crusade for the county, but has now fallen victim to the disease she has fought so hard to conquer. It was mainly due to her efforts that Columbia county is considered as one of the best organized in the state.

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 We hope you'll visit us soon. The Center is located off Highway 30, between Prescott and Goble, and the welcome mat is out.

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