

# New Ordinance Recommended For Coin Operated Machines In City

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The second scheduled session of the Vernonia City Council was held Tuesday, February 19 due to Washington's Birthday holiday falling on the regular Monday meeting date with Mayor Sherman Fisher presiding and council members Tomlin, Miller, and Atkins attending. Dave Banta was absent.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes, business from the floor was heard.

First to speak was Mrs. Alice Mills who requested that the council check into the amount she was charged for sewer assessment, stating that the assessment was for 240 feet frontage but that approximately 90-100 feet would be sufficient. Council assured her investigation would be made and, if necessary, adjustment made in her assessment.

Albert Tandy then took the floor to query the council about inspection of his property in regard to damages caused by flooding. He was informed that the Corp of Engineers had been to Vernonia and investigated all damaged areas.

Ralph Herber, owner of Mike's Tavern, appeared to hear the verdict on his request for a renewal of application which was approved. Also approved was an application from Marlea Food Inc., a division of Vernonia SENTRY.

Appearing for Isabelle Anderegg, Pat Goodman asked if any decision had been reached on the air hockey coin machine the Andereggs wish to install in their business, Alpine Lanes. Mrs. Goodman also registered a complaint on the mud on the street in front of her house, stating that she requested its removal at the last meeting and had been assured it would be taken care of. Tommy Bruce and Roy Sanders will take care of the matter.

Chief of Police Jack Cunningham was then asked his opinion of the ordinance on coin operated machines. He recommended a new ordinance similar to that which regulates coin operated music machines be adopted. Discussion ensued on the matter but no decision was reached at that time.

Committee reports were then heard. Police Commissioner Tomlin read a letter from Cunningham asking the council to write and recommend that the old Hillcrest Girls School site, which is now available, be converted to use as a State Police Academy. Council approved the letter.

Mrs. Tomlin also requested a letter from the city to Mrs. Laura Carmichael in appreciation for her donated time and labor in caring for the bedding of the ambulance, citing the fact that Mrs. Carmichael washes all the sheets, blankets, etc., without pay. Council approved the matter.

Communications were then read with the city of Banks offering a bid of \$25 for the old recorder from the police department.

A letter from attorney Allan Coons was read in regard to a discussion he had with Terry Rahe, Columbia County Sanitarian concerning procedures for septic tank disposal touching on the following points:

1. Yes, tanks can be pumped into the sewer but there must be a licensed and bonded septic tank operator in charge.
2. Empty septic tanks can be filled with any material which will not settle in appreciable amount.
3. Atkins was right in stating that the county sanitarian could not enter the city without permission; however, that does not mean that the city does not

require a sanitarian. Only that, in lieu of the county sanitarian, they can hire someone to do it privately but since it was all under the jurisdiction of the DEQ there was really no difference.

A letter was read from the State Fire Marshall in answer to one from the council on clarification on fire laws. It informed council that as of July 1, 1974 all doors of businesses where the public congregates must open out. However the code usually requires that businesses have recessed doors which do not extend beyond property line when fully open.

Under unfinished business the matter of the air hockey machine was discussed again with the matter tabled until a new ordinance can be drafted.

It was also decided to reject Banks offer of \$25 for the recorder at this time.

Under new business Ed Miller requested that a strip down the center of cemetery, be vacated, leaving a one foot area for pipe if needed. Motion was approved.

Discussion ensued on CRAG. It was felt that perhaps the unit would operate on the manner of "Big Brother" and investigation will be made into it more thoroughly.

Following payment of bills, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting of the city council will be Monday, March 4 at 8 p.m. in city hall.



DESPITE the most optimistic outlook no one quite anticipated the size of the crowd which overflowed the Legion hall and caused a hurriedly improvised seating plan for those unable to

find places to eat. Even though more than the usual number of diners arrived, excellent service and delicious foods were enjoyed by all who attended the affair.

## March 1 Date Deadline For Canine Tags

Residents of Columbia County are reminded that March 1 is the deadline for purchasing dog licenses for pets. All those who have not complied with the law by providing their animals with license will be charged a \$5 penalty.

In 1973 there were close to a thousand dogs who had to pay a \$2 penalty for not licensing their dog before March 1. This year the penalty has been raised to \$5 and with the door-to-door plan already laid out by the Columbia County Dog Control Board there will be very few people who are not checked to see that they have a dog license purchased for each dog they own and that the license is attached to the dog's collar.

It is the duty of the Columbia County Clerk, in connection with the Dog Control program, to collect license fees and required penalties, issue the license and tags and keep all dog license records so it is possible to tell, alphabetically, who has or has not licensed a dog, and numerically for identification purposes. This is especially helpful in returning lost dogs or fixing blame in cases of livestock loss or damage.

One of the main purposes for use of dog license money is for claims of livestock damaged by canines. The balance is used to pay for the Dog Control officer, maintaining the dog pound and any other expenses directly related to maintaining the dog control program.

Fees for licensing dogs are as follows: male, \$4; spayed females, \$5; and females, \$5. The last notice ads were published Thursday, February 21 (today) and if anyone does not have a dog license application from the local paper then a letter and a check addressed to: Roy A. Nelson, Columbia County Clerk, Courthouse, St. Helens, Oregon 97051 with the required fee and listing the sex and breed of the dog, will get the animal properly licensed without penalty. Letters postmarked no later than March 1 will be accepted without penalty, even though they arrive late.

## Primary File Deadline Near

Deadline for filing for the four Columbia County positions on the May primary ballot, is drawing near with the date set for March 19.

The four positions to be filled in the November general election include Columbia County Commissioner, Columbia County Clerk, Columbia County Assessor and Columbia County Sheriff's office.

Only one person, Henry Hudson, has filed for the Democratic nomination for the post of Columbia County Assessor, a position now held by Frank LeMont who will not seek re-election.

At present no one has filed for the commissioner's chair and A.J. Ahlborn, who currently occupies that post, has not yet stated whether or not he will seek re-election.

Also undecided as to whether or not to seek re-election is Columbia County Sheriff Roy Wilburn. Deputy Sheriff Ernest Thompson has filed for that position on the Democratic ticket.

Roy A. Nelson, Columbia County Clerk has already filed for re-election on the Democratic ticket. Although no filing has yet been received, Daniel Linhares, St. Helens, has filed a preliminary report for the Democratic nomination. He wishes to file via petition.

Those interested in filing as candidates for any of those positions now open are advised to contact the elections division of the Columbia County Clerk's office to determine what steps they should take in having their names put on the May primary ballot.

## 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.

## Flood Damage Estimates Cause Public Confusion

Flood damage estimates ranging from \$20 million to \$60 million caused confusion during last month's floods, making people wonder which figures to believe.

The varying estimates were due more to differences in what the damage figures included than to interagency disagreement or haphazard forecasting.

The Oregon Department of Emergency Services and the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration (FDAA) worked together throughout the emergency to arrive at a total damage of \$58 million. That figure includes all damage due to weather conditions in Oregon.

The \$21 million figure quoted by the FDAA was an estimate of the Federal contribution to restoring flood damages, not an estimate of total damages.

The \$41 million estimate of the Corps of Engineers was lower than the \$58 million FDAA total damage estimate because Corps figures do not include all damage. Generally, Corps damage estimates include figures for streams protected by Corps projects, streams that have been studied by the Corps, and many major tributaries of those streams.

Some of the earliest damage estimates come from the Corps of Engineers. The Corps can make early preliminary estimates since Corps figures are based on existing statistical curves relating flood flows and stages to flooding damages. Data for the curves has been gathered in comprehensive interviews done after past floods, with the figures updated annually to allow for new property development and for changes in the value of existing development.

The Oregon Department of Emergency Services and the FDAA base their estimates on field reports from county emergency officials and Federal agency representatives.

The county reports are usually based on the surveys of local experts such as county engineers and assessors, real estate brokers, and contractors. The Federal agency representatives aid, and sometimes accompany, local officials, helping to prepare estimates in their areas of specialization. For example, Corps of Engineers personnel estimate damages to streambeds and channels, while Federal Highway Administration engineers gauge the losses to road and bridges.

## High Drama Offered By This Year's Melodrama

With auditions underway for the fourth annual Melodrama and chairman named for the various committees, the Pauper's Playhouse begins another season of high drama and fantastic humor.

But like any good production there are still parts to be filled; not all on stage — although auditions will continue Thursday (tonight) and Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in room 3 at Vernonia High School. Also needed are the backbone of the theatrical world, the people behind the scenes. There will be jobs for those who can hold a hammer, paint a dab of color or stitch a straight seam.

Needed too are items for the mini shops which have proved so popular in past years. Those to contact for further information are: Delores Webb, 429-7193, Sweet Shop, which will feature candies and baked goods ranging from cookies to fragrant loaves of bread; Claudine East, 429-6071, The Flower Cart, potted plants, etc.; Mary Deckebach, 429-5837, The Hand Craft Shop which could use all types of handmade items from knitted booties to tote painted coffee pots; Patty Lamping, 429-5671 or Fritz Harkson, 429-7272, The

## SBA Loan Aid Available

The Small Business Administration has reminded flood victims in 77 counties in Oregon, Idaho and Washington that they are eligible to apply for long term, low interest loans from SBA. Persons are eligible to apply for the 5 percent Federal loans if they suffered a loss as a result of flooding during the period January 14-21. SBA disaster loans are available to flood victims in declared disaster counties and adjacent counties.

Daniel B. Ward, Regional Director, SBA, Seattle said the purpose of an SBA disaster loan is to restore a victims home or business property as nearly as possible to its pre-disaster condition. In the case of a loan to an individual, the loan may be used to repair or replace damaged or destroyed furniture, household belongings and personal property as well as real estate. A business disaster loan may be used to repair or replace buildings, fixtures, machinery, equipment and inventory. Maturities are limited to the period necessary to repay and are based upon earnings.

## Male 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.

## Antique Display featuring items of yesterday.

Sponsored by the Vernonia Branch of the American Cancer Society, the money raised by the melodrama not only provides for sickroom equipment and aid in the local area but helps with the all-important cancer research which may someday make cancer as obsolete as small pox or diphtheria is today.

This year's drama, "Little Nell, The Orphan Girl or A Fight for A Woman's Honor" will be in the tradition of the finest in old time drama with a heroine in distress, a brave hero, and a villainess villain.

To introduce the stage production to the people on "the other side of the hill" Nancy Eckland, Bob Carson, Chris Boyle, Sally Harrison, Sharon Smejkal, and Cindy Galliano will enter the Ballad Town parade in Forest Grove, Saturday, February 23, dressed in costumes of the Gay Nineties period.

Anyone who likes the thrill of having a good time while helping others is urged to contact any of the project chairmen for more information on what is needed for this year's "season at the theatre."

Orders are now being taken until Monday, February 25 for business posters handdrawn in the style of the Victorian days. A donation of \$7.50 is asked for this year. For further information call Genny Hanson, 429-2973.

## 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, 1952 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.

## Pair Sponsor Relief Bill

Senator Bob Packwood and Senator James McClure have introduced a bill to temporarily waive the Jones Act to allow fertilizer to be shipped from Alaska to West Coast ports to relieve severe fertilizer shortages in agricultural areas in Oregon and the nation.

Packwood explained that the Jones Act requires goods be shipped from one U.S. port to another in American ships. But because of the excessive cost of using U.S. ships and because few American vessels are available, there is a threat the fertilizer supplies will go to foreign markets simply because of the transportation problem, he said.

## Canine Officer Due

Monty Brownlee, dog control officer for Columbia County, will be at the Vernonia City Hall Thursday, February 28 from 1-4 p.m. to sell dog licenses.



PEGGY BRUNSMAN, Vernonia Citizen of the Year, tearfully accepts award from Chamber of Commerce president, Gordon Smith at the Year, Sunday afternoon banquet.

As presstime is reached the current total in the Vernonia Heart Machine Fund has reached a total of \$4186.84. This does not include the contribution from proceeds of the dinner as a final tally has not been made of those funds as yet. However, it does mean that only one tiny step more is needed to reach the desired total of \$4800.

## IRS Changes Tax Aid Time

A change in Taxpayer Assistance hours for all Internal Revenue Service offices located outside of Portland was announced recently by Howard T. Martin, Acting IRS District Director in Oregon.

Martin explained that thus far, the number of people utilizing IRS services for assistance in preparing their federal tax returns during extended evening and Saturday hours has shown a marked decline, when compared with previous years. He attributed this reduction primarily to the current gasoline shortage which seems to be "making it difficult for people to get to our outside offices."

However, Martin explained, people are making full use of our statewide, toll-free telephone service to obtain answers to their tax questions. This, he said, seems to be the logical method for people to obtain tax information when unable to drive to reach our offices.

The first peak period of the filing period is now over, Martin said, which allows us to make the adjustments in our staffing and services in order to respond to the changing needs of the public. These changes are reflected in our new office assistance hours which are listed below and become effective on Friday, February 22.

In the Portland Office, hours will be: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Martin said that toll-free telephone service is offered statewide, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This tax assistance number, he said, is listed throughout the state in the white pages of local telephone directories under the heading U.S. Government. Local number to call is Portland — 221-3960 or elsewhere in Oregon — 1-800-452-1980.



SENATOR BETTY ROBERTS compliments guitarist Dewey Conroy on his excellent musical talents. Dewey provided the entertainment for the annual C of C-JC banquet, playing his guitar and singing a selection of songs ranging from today's modern airs to yesterday's folk music.

## Peggy Brunzman Chosen As Vernonia Citizen Of The Year

It was practically standing room only at the annual Chamber of Commerce-Jaycee Awards banquet held last Sunday in the American Legion Hall as residents of Vernonia gathered to enjoy a barbecued chicken dinner and honor both the Citizen of the Year and the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Guest of honor for the affair was Senator Betty Roberts, Democratic candidate for governor.

Tables were filled and improvised seating arranged for the overflow crowd as they heard Senator Roberts speak on the rarity of people honoring those in their own communities with only one mention of the current energy crisis as she related that she had been promised enough gas to get home on.

The Senator touched on politics near the conclusion of her talk, saying "we must not grow disillusioned with our nation. We must not consider politics a dishonorable profession. It is an honorable one, it is the one by which we govern ourselves...and if we call it corrupt or dishonest then we turn our backs on the whole country."

Following the standing ovation given Senator Roberts as she concluded her speech, Gordon Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce read a letter from Genny Hanson on her choice for the Citizen of the Year award, citing the lady's many outstanding qualities and services she had rendered to the community. Peggy Brunzman was then named Vernonia Citizen of the Year and was urged to the front to receive her award.

Bob Carson, president of the Vernonia Jaycees then announced that unfortunately, the recipient of the DSA award was not at the banquet but that Gene Baska, who is a member of the volunteer fire department and a reserve officer with the Vernonia police department had been awarded the DSA for his outstanding contributions during the past year.

The theme for this year's banquet was based on the Vernonia Heart Machine Fund with proceeds from the dinner to be contributed toward the purchase of a unit for the ambulance. Red and white heart placecards and styrofoam replicas of the Vernonia ambulance added to the enjoyment of the afternoon event.