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Primary Sets Fashion Show

Vernonia Primaries will present their fifth annual fashion show on March 2 at 8 p.m. in the Vernonia High School gym. This year "Fashions Make News" theme invites all home seamstresses to become part of the show.

Pick up a form from one of the following: Sew Simple Shop, Vernonia High School office, or Vernonia Primaries and fill it in, describing the article to be entered. Deadline for entry is February 21. Further information can be obtained from Marguerite Nice 429-8783 or Mary Cota, 429-3839.

EMT Class Cancelled Due To Gas Crisis

The energy crisis has struck again. Dick Pfeifer, representative of Advanced Medical Instruments, Inc. of Portland, who was to give Vernonia Emergency Medical Technicians training in the operation of the new ECG monitor machine, was forced to cancel the class because he couldn't get any gas for his car. Pfeifer will try again to reach Vernonia Monday, February 26.

TOWN TOPICS

Vicky Norestine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serafin, was here from San Mateo to help celebrate her mother's birthday. She was accompanied by a friend, Hans Dommaschk. While here she also attended a celebration for Janelle May, fiancée of her brother, David, and an engagement party given by Mrs. Jack Bergerson for the couple. Vicky and Mr. Dommaschk returned to San Mateo Tuesday.

CARD PARTY — Vernonia Grange Hall, March 2, 8 p.m. 82c

Visiting at the Frank Schmidlin home Thursday through Sunday was her sister Mrs. Bert Ward of St. Johns. Sunday visitors at the Schmidlins were Mr. and Mrs. Hans Sleette of Beaverton and the Schmidlins had lunch on Monday with the Sleettes.

Pastor Kenneth Wooten took Mrs. Arvela Robertson and daughter Jody, Cliff Fowler and Elgus Frank to visit Paul Robertson at Castle Rock, Washington on Wednesday. Mr. Robertson underwent surgery twice recently in a Seattle hospital and is feeling as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Maude Wells attended the meeting of the Tau chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma at the Warrenton High School on Saturday. The special guests that day were future teachers.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blount and children of Tillamook spent the weekend with his mother Mrs. Verner Blount. Overnight visitors Thursday night at her home were her grandson and family Mr. and Mrs. Don McAdams and children of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. (Winks) Parker of Coos Bay came Sunday to spend a while with his mother, Mrs. Annie Roberts.

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

A planning meeting was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Loren Stiff for the World Day of Prayer. Three churches were represented at the meeting; others are welcome. The day of prayer will be held at the Baptist church Friday March 1. The theme this year is "Loved we will love" that is, since God loves us we should love others. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK - - -

Open Letter to
Senator William Holmstrom
and
Representative Dick Magruder
Salem, Oregon

I am greatly concerned about the threat to personal freedom in Columbia County and the rights of local governments to determine for themselves the best paths under local conditions.

I have personally talked with several citizens who hold positions of importance and respect in their communities and I find them also fearful of loss of local control, and very definitely against Portland based regional authority over our Columbia County.

When first introduced CRAG was to be of advisory and research assistance on planning information, but now, CRAG's claws are showing; witness their rush and pressure at the last CCOG meeting to seize firm control over planning, land use, solid waste, sewers and water in Columbia County. CRAG was at the February 11, Planning Commission to make their pitch to the County planners.

The CRAG plan is to have a 2½ year growth blank, even a zero growth, until mid-year 1976, completion date for the CRAG Plan. By restricting areas, the plan is to push and force the people into only those areas deemed proper according to the ideas of a few planners—no extension of water or sewer lines outside of present city boundaries—no annexations—no developments—no subdivisions—without the specific approval of CRAG. The thumbscrews of restriction control will be screwed down as to make it virtually impossible to secure approval. Under the CRAG plan by required resolution or ordinance, each city will relinquish its local control and submit to CRAG control with its power to levy assessments against us and to receive federal grants and other monies etc.

We have a legislature of elected officials who must answer to the people and along with the local governments these are sufficient. We do not need and do not want additional layer of CRAG control who do not answer to the people. Such control is well typified by the recent capricious decision of the Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission, in which they dismembered and wrecked the financial capability of the Fern Hill Annexation to the City of Rainier (This decision is now being challenged in court.)

Therefore the Rainier City Council and I, as mayor, join with the hundreds of concerned people and signers of the hundreds of petitions, do ask you to exercise your fullest effort to keep Columbia County out from under CRAG and the Portland Boundary Commission Control.

We feel the portent of regional control is too great and grave for the decision of only a small group to lock Columbia County into CRAG. If this becomes necessary in the future it should be permitted only after a county wide voters approval. Until that time we shall retain full control in local governments in Columbia County.

Sincerely
Charles E. Van Gorder, Mayor
City of Rainier

Organizations or Groups who wish to raise money for special projects or worthy causes would do well to follow the example of the Senior Citizens group.

Last Thursday February 14, at 6:30 p.m., the Seniors went all out and decorated the room and dining tables with red and white streamers and valentine hearts, and held an "old-fashioned" box supper.

The money raised—\$115 was not for the use of the Senior Citizens however. It will go the very worthy Vernonia Ambulance Fund. Citizens of Vernonia who missed the affair missed a good time as well.

Mel Baker, the auctioneer really did an outstanding job of asking for and getting some good prices for the gaily decorated boxes. His services were donated to the fund also.

Approximately 39 people attended, and it would have helped the fund along, had more people participated.

I feel "Hats off" is in order for this group and to Mr. Baker who gave so generously of time, talent and funds.

It was rumored an "old-fashioned" pie supper is planned for later this spring by the group.

As a future member I hope that all of Vernonia residents not just the Seniors will try to attend.

Sincerely
Mrs. John Yaden

Dear Editor:

In 1964 I attended a legislative conference in Washington, D.C. I suddenly found myself a local celebrity of sorts among the 100 conferees—not because of anything I had done, but simply because I was from Oregon.

"How do you manage to elect such wonderful people from Oregon—like Senator Morse and Senator Maureen Newberger?" they asked.

"Oh, it's not hard," I replied. "They are such capable people that Oregonians just naturally recognize their outstanding qualities."

I remember when Morse and Newberger stood together (and alone among all Senators) in a

filibuster against our government's giving away Teletar to ITT—the same ITT that has won for its monopolistic self so many favors and special privileges direct from the treasury.

Do you remember when Morse single-handedly began to lecture and inveigh against our getting involved in a war in Indo-China? People did not understand the implications of this matter at the time—but how right his judgement proved to be!

People of integrity and vision and deep understanding are too rare in Washington today. So, if Wayne Morse decides to run for his old seat in the Senate, I shall wholeheartedly work for his election with all the resources at my command.

If there is anything our government needs today, it is integrity and clear thinking. With these qualities Morse is richly blessed—in the same way Irving Brant, Justice William O. Douglas and Archibald Cox are. We need their counsel, their advice, their rare sagacity.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Leeper
Temporary address:
36 Brooks St.
Concord, Massachusetts

Open Letter to the Residents of Vernonia:

Dear Fellow Vernonians:
What went through your mind when you read an article appearing in last week's Eagle, if you read it, appearing on the last page in the Timberline section, headed "Lack of Activities Leaves Little to do"? If you don't have school age children you probably didn't read that section and missed the article.

Written by a high school student, it began with the comment that due to the closing of the Joy Theatre and the existing gas shortage, VHS students are faced with an ever decreasing amount of activities. It asked, "Where can you go on a date?" and noted the only activities left for students are sports, and this is limited. School activities and bus services are now somewhat curtailed due to the gas shortage. The article closes with these two sentences: "To promote more activities, students and businessmen should get together to create more activities for the students and adults of Vernonia. More activities could benefit both the high school and the town."

The article reminded me of the comments made over the past several years by so many high school seniors in the interviews accompanying their pictures in the Eagle. It seems to me that a majority of these young people would praise Vernonia as a great place to live and grow up, and then comment that their only complaint was the lack of recreational activities. My thought was that these young voices shouldn't go unheeded.

Well, there is a group of people in Vernonia which is concerned very much with the recreational needs of our local students and adults of all ages, as well. We are called the Vernonia Recreation Council and we have a meeting planned for Wednesday of next week, February 27, at 8 p.m. at the West Oregon meeting room. We urge all interested students and adults to meet with us and talk over some exciting possibilities we've been looking into. We need you. We need your ideas and your support.

It really is within the realm of possibility for Vernonia to create a recreation district which would build and operate a community swimming pool; to have a local roller skating facility; to have a Community or Little Theatre group; to have an expanded summer park and recreation program with a wide variety of activities for all ages; and other recreational programs throughout the year. You may have more ideas to contribute, too.

The Vernonia Recreation Council wants to promote more recreational opportunities, and the students and businessmen, and all interested parents and citizens are urged to come to this meeting and get together. One of a few cannot accomplish what a strong dedicated group can, if we get together and work together for our goal of creating recreational opportunities for all of us to have fun and keep fit. We can make Vernonia an even better place to live and grow up in.

If you are interested, let's see you at our meeting.

Sincerely,
Mrs. W.E. (June) Wilson

Mr. Thomas Tucker et al.
1108 Rose Avenue
Vernonia, Oregon 97064

Dear Friends:
Thank you for your remarks pertaining to Oregon's unique energy problems. I have been working to lessen the impact of these gasoline shortages in the State and to obtain factual answers as to their causes.

Certainly, Oregon should not be forced to grapple with a worse situation than that facing the rest of the nation. I have spoken with Energy Chief Bill Simon and his top deputies about the fact that Oregon has been affected by unusually adverse circumstance and have pointed out the urgency of addressing these shortage problems immediately. The Federal energy officials have given me repeated assurances that steps will be taken to ensure that Oregon will receive

its share of gasoline and that allocation decisions will be made on an area-by-area, region-by-region basis, rather than a station-by-station basis. Part of the problem, as you know, has been that Oregon has an uncommonly large number of independent gasoline stations without regular suppliers. These stations have been forced to close resulting in fewer stations serving the State. To distribute gasoline on a station-by-station basis, would therefore, be unquestionably inequitable. Another reason behind the extreme gasoline shortages has been that allocation has been based on corresponding months of 1972 and, thus, gasoline sales were down, not a good measurement for determining what was needed in late 1973 or will be needed this year. In addition, some oil companies have pulled out of Oregon, strictly a marketing decision, but an unfortunate one for the State. Too, Oregon has had a higher rate of economic growth and activity than surrounding states, resulting in increased rates of demand for fuel supplies.

The foregoing touches on what energy experts feel has contributed, at least in part, to the State's energy difficulties. Full-scale inquiries are being implemented into oil industry prices, profits, and supply records, as well as the matter of United States petroleum exports, in order to provide us with additional information and the tools necessary for dealing with the energy crisis. Oregon's particular situation will, of course, continue to receive my immediate attention, and I will be doing everything I can to ensure that Oregon will have its fair share of our nation's fuel supplies.

Cordially,
Bob Packwood

To the Editor:
My thanks to the people of Vernonia for the undeserved but greatly appreciated award as Citizen of the Year. It has been "A Privilege and a Pleasure" to have lived here and worked with, and for, so many fine people. The Chamber and Jaycee's wish to thank all those who made our 1974 dinner such a success: Florence and Cecil Huff for their incomparable chicken; Judy Bates for collecting pies and to all the women who baked the pies. To Louise Hammet, Pat Goodman, Genny and Chris Hanson and the Rainbow Girls for the decorations; the Girl Scouts for the greatest and fastest food service Vernonia has ever seen; to Don Jackson and his scouts; Dewey Conroy

for his professional type entertainment. To Marv Deckenbach, Velma Hopkins, Vicki Mawhitter, Genny Hanson, Pat Goodman and Mary Tololen for their K.P. duty. To all the merchants who donated food, materials, etc. to make this a financial success and swell our Heart Fund. And, most important, to all the townspeople who attended the dinner and made it a success. Peggy Brunzman

18th Annual Show Slated

The 18th Annual Portland Roadster Show moves into Portland's Memorial Coliseum, Thursday February 28 through Sunday, March 3.

The Roadster Show is sponsored by the Multnomah Hot Rod Council, a non-profit organization of Portland area hot rod clubs.

Hours are Thursday and Friday, February 28-March 1, 6 p.m.-11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3; Noon - 11 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults; children under 12, \$1; children under 6 free.

Car Pool's are the In thing.

PCC Basic Ed Needs Tutors

Do you have a lot of heart, a reasonable amount of patience, and a little spare time? Portland Community College needs you!

People from the Hillsboro, St. Helens, and Scappoose areas are flocking to classes at Portland Community College centers for basic education, GED preparation, and to learn English as a second language. Learning programs in these classes are highly individualized in order to meet specific student needs. Volunteer tutors to listen to students read aloud or speak newly learned English are an essential part of the teaching time.

There are no educational requirements for tutor volunteers. Tutor supervisor Virginia Wilkinson says that "People involved in the program often say they feel they get more out of it than the students do because of the opportunity to give of themselves and to be of personal value. There is no finer gift than help in opening the door to education."

To volunteer help or for more information, call PCC's Hillsboro Center, 648-8928, or PCC in St. Helens, 397-1311.

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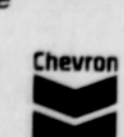
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