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City Council Enjoys Quiet Meeting At Monday Session

The Vernonia City Council met in regular session Monday night, March 18 for the quietest meeting thus far this year as visitors chairs remained vacant throughout most of the evening. Mayor Sherman Fisher presided with council members Ed Miller, Lucille Tomlin and Bud Atkins in attendance.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes, business from the floor was called for but since no one was there, the meeting moved on to committee reports. There were none. Communications were then read. First was a letter from Daniel Koch Inc. with a bid of \$1.90 per yard for hauling rock.

Next was a letter from attorney Allan Coon which explained uses for Federal Revenue Sharing Funds including the degree of latitude the city had in spending the monies and the eight categories which spending must fall under.

A letter from Chairman of the Board of commissioners, Fred Foshaug, was read in regard to the state purchase of the railroad right-of-way from Banks to Vernonia for the purpose of development as a linear park and trail area.

Ron Norwood, Mayor of St. Helens went inviting the council department heads, city attorney and Planning Commission to attend a League of Oregon Cities regional meeting and dinner at the Village Inn, St. Helens April 8.

A letter was then read from the League of Oregon Cities submitting the subscriber fee for cities for 1974-75 which would be \$100 for Vernonia.

A late arrival was then heard from under business from the floor. Chuck Steele from HUD explained the National Flood Insurance Program to the council and what steps were entailed in applying for it. This program is slated to provide reasonable flood insurance costs for the

homeowner and businessman, but only if the cities themselves meet certain criteria and apply for consideration into the program. Steele also informed the council that this program could get FHA or other federal financing for building in a known flood plain area, in Vernonia.

Unfinished business was then heard with the recorder to send a letter to Mr. Remington informing him that the city of Vernonia is in favor of the state purchasing the Banks to Vernonia right-of-way for linear park and trail development.

Under new business, a bid was received from Larry Bair for hauling rock. His low bid of \$1.56 per yard was accepted by the council.

The council voted to approve a two month leave of absence for councilman Dave Banta.

Council agreed to table the League of Oregon Cities Regional meet until April 1.

CRA meeting for March 25 was announced for the purpose of going over Land Use Concept Maps.

The council voted to apply for the Flood Insurance Program.

Recorder William Nelson is to contact Zen Dutton, engineer, to arrange a meeting with the county and state regarding drainage in the Riverview area.

Upon payment of bills, the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m. but was called back to order at 10:20 when it was discovered one order of business had been overlooked.

A resolution designating the State Coordinating Officer, Harvey Latham, as applicant's agent for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Act was approved.

Council then adjourned once more at 10:25 p.m. The next meeting of the Vernonia City Council will be Monday, April 1 at 8 p.m. in the Vernonia City Hall.

Two Girls Softball Teams Scheduled

Organizing will begin immediately of two local girls softball teams, to play in the Forest Grove League. Two teams will be formed, one for girls ages 8 to 11 and one for girls ages 12 to 15.

The teams are sponsored by the Vernonia Recreation Council and will be supervised and coached by Harly Traylor. Interested girls should contact Mr. Traylor by telephoning 429-2393.

VERNONIA WEATHER

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

The weather turned spring-like during the week March 12 to 19 with a maximum high temperature of 59 degrees March 16 and a low of 31 degrees on March 13. Maximum precipitation for the period was .73 also on March 13.

VERNONIA REACHES GOAL!

THE VERNONIA Heart Machine Fund has reached its goal with the donation from the Fishhawk area, of over \$240 dollars. Thanks to them, the residents of Vernonia and, all the other wonderful people who gave—not only in money but in time and work—Vernonia will now have one of the finest equipped emergency services available. The machine, already sent for, should arrive sometime in the very near future and will then be installed in the new ambulance.

Free Instruction In CPR Now Available

A Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class was given March 12 by instructors Jack Cunningham, Ray Lamping, and Tommy Bruce to employees of the Olympic Forest Products.

Additional classes will be given March 25 from 7-10 p.m. to members of the Columbia County police agencies in St. Helens and on March 26, 7:30 p.m. to residents of the Mist area. The class will be held in the Mist School gym.

Any unit that is interested in receiving instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation is invited to call the city hall, or any of the instructors for appointments and further information. There is no charge for this class.

False Alarm Mystery Ends

Vernonia Police cooperating with Deputy Earl (Ozzie) Ray Columbia County Sheriff's office, and General Telephone personnel took two Vernonia girls into protective custody this past week.

The girls, age 5 and 8 years were released to their grandparents. They allegedly admitted to calling the Vernonia Fire Dept. Emergency Telephone number and reporting non-existing fires over a three-day period.

At one point firemen responded four miles north of Vernonia on Keasey Rt. on a false alarm. Making a false report to a police or fire department is a crime in Oregon (ORS 162.375), a class C misdemeanor which has a maximum term of 30 days and or \$250 fine.

Rec Council Meets March 27

Election of officers will be held at the meeting of the Vernonia Recreation Council Wednesday evening, March 27, 8 p.m. at the West Oregon Electric meeting room.

Progress reports will be heard from committees on a community swimming pool, roller skating facility and summer recreation.

Appointed at the council meeting of March 13 were chairmen of several committees. Harly Traylor was appointed chairman of the Girls Softball teams committee. Further information is given elsewhere in this issue of the Eagle.

Other appointments were roller skating, Joan Dotter; Sue Cavine, Darlene Parrow and June Wilson; Playground equipment, Bob Todd and Bob Warburton; Nominating committee, Penny Port, Lea Forbes, Jack Cunningham, Penny Port was appointed Secretary Pro-tem.

Jorgs Appear On TV

Local talent will appear on KGW-TV Channel 8 Sunday, March 24 as Debbie Galiano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Walker of Timber Route, and Mark Jorg, billed as The Jorgs star on the Sunday Show at 5:30 p.m. The couple now are appearing at the Benson.

Ambulance Has Busy Weekend

The Vernonia Ambulance had a busy weekend as five calls were answered, the first Friday evening when a small Volkswagen, driven by Mary J. Fullerton, was involved in a one-car accident in the Riverview area.

Although the car left the road, rolled and burned, Mrs. Fullerton suffered only abrasions, a dislocated right ankle and broken right leg. She was taken to Forest Grove Community Hospital where she was treated then released two days later and is now home recuperating.

Sunday evening another accident call was handled by the ambulance crew as they responded to a call on Keasey Rd. near the Ted Keasey residence. Four youths were injured in another one-car accident at approximately 9:20 p.m. when the driver apparently lost control of his vehicle.

Transported to the Forest Grove hospital were Nancy Brackett of Vernonia, and Kim Brown, Allen Siegel, and Ralph Smith, all of Portland.

County deputy sheriff Ozzie Ray was the investigating officer.

CCOG Meet Slated

There will be a special session of the Columbia County Organization of Governments Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the employee's lunchroom in the old courthouse in St. Helens.

Yesterday Revisited In Vernonia Museum Tour

Nostalgia seems to be the name of the game today judging from the revival of old songs, dress fashions, televisions, and radio programs now heard once more, but for a really honest and interesting look at the past, pay a visit to the Vernonia Historical Museum, located on Bridge Street just at the base of OA Hill.

The rustic cedar shingled building was once the site of the Oregon American mill office which was donated to the city of Vernonia following the closing of the mill in 1957 and in 1963 the museum first opened its doors to the public, filled with the memorabilia of the early days in the Nehalem Valley.

For many, a stroll past the glass cases and through the rooms, is the first glimpse of a world that was, at once harder to live in yet strangely more innocent than that of today. A world where legs were called limbs to avoid vulgarities even when most men and women work hard from the time they could toddle and seldom knew

the luxury of doing nothing.

Upon entering, the sight of an old hand-operated washing machine is enough to make the most old-fashion female glad she had ancestors. It's small comfort to realize that it was a vast improvement over the scrub board and cast iron boiling pot and that the gasoline operated machine next to it, was once the height of modern home-making—not when they go home to an automatic washer and dryer, both of which seem capable of everything but speech.

In the bride's room a mannikin wears the filmy handmade gown a young girl was wed in, each tiny stitch meticulously taken as she dreamed of how it would be to have a home of her own, not thinking of the years of sorrow and hard work but rather, of the warmth she would bring as a dowry, the joy she would reap as reward, as she carefully sewed on the lace and smoothed out the veil.

Walk farther and there is the pram or baby buggy that perhaps that same young woman wheeled her brand new son in, taking him out to sleep under a shading tree and strolling downtown, the carriage wheels bumping along the wooden sidewalks. Is she the sweet faced girl in the old lithotype on the wall; the one with the dark hair and sad eyes?

One of the most interesting areas of the museum is that of the old dolls. Made of wax, china or composition, wearing styles of the late 1800's or early 1900's, they are relics of some child's forgotten childhood, lovingly cherished through the years until they came to rest in their glass case, perhaps tired of waiting in the manner of Eugene Fields little toy do and little toy soldier.

Did some mother decide that it was time her little girl's Christmas present be a real "store bought" doll instead of one made from cloth, and pennies were counted to buy the longed-for "baby" that now sits alone? Did some little girl have so many that this one wasn't missed when time came to put away the things of childhood?

See it all, behind glass cases, untouched by time, itself it seems. The kid boots with high

button tops; the handstitched baby dresses worn by boy or girl, tortoise shell combs and thick hankies, delicate fans—all reminders of another time; another world.

More mundane yet just as interesting are office machines that reside at the museum. The modern day typewriter doesn't seem to hold much in common with those on display unless one mentally strips away the colorful plastic housing and realizes that those of yesterday operated much like today's. And it seems strange to learn that the original typing machine was operated by a type writer who was generally a man since everyone knew women were too dainty; not coordinated nor mechanically inclined toward using such complicated machinery.

If life seemed hard for women with wood ranges, kerosene lamps and water from a pump, it wasn't much easier for a man who worked 12 to 16 hours a day, often for only 25 cents with tools that seem terribly crude today yet helped to bring about the changes in the world through their ingenious use.

Still, it's fun to look back at the past; to see what has been read; to feel the fabric of a life that seems today—with freeways, electricity, and miniskirts—as remote to many as the stars in the sky and to do it without cost.

The Vernonia Historical Museum—with Ellen Devine as curator—is open each weekday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and invites many visitors each year from throughout the state for free. Last year over 3000 came to view the displays and this year with only two months gone, almost three hundred have come to enjoy what their ancestors labored with love in their era.

For a stroll into the past and a delightful time, drop by the Vernonia Historical Museum, enjoy the nostalgia of the "good old days", and perhaps then, the gasoline shortage, the energy crisis and all the other petty annoyances of today, won't seem quite so bad when compared to what use to be.

Flower Cart Offers Beauty

The mini-shops at the Pauper's Playhouse will be filled with delightful surprises if the energy and dedication of the ladies involved is any indication. One such lady is Mrs. Claudine East, chairman of the Flower Cart, a well-received feature from its inception.

"Originally the flower cart was just an idea for decoration that started with Barbara Hicks about two years ago," said Claudine. "But people enjoyed it so much that it was decided to bring it into the regular mini-shop line up."

Claudine, married and the mother of a boy, 12 and a girl, 13, is a native Vernonian. Her husband is employed by West Oregon Electric.

"We can use donations for the Flower Cart," she went on to say, mentioning, "house plants are especially a nice idea but so are started cuttings such as African violets, begonias, geraniums or almost anything in the plant and flower line."

Claudine has been working with the Pauper's Playhouse for the past two years with sewing and posters. Last year was her first with one of the mini-shops.

"It's fun. Lots of work and sometimes awful tiring but so rewarding," she said smiling.

"Another thing we could use might be small pots or small garden supplies. Oh, yes," she added, "we will also have a selection of nosegays and flower wristlets will be a special feature this year."

Claudine advises that plants can be picked up if necessary by calling 429-6071 a week prior to the opening date of May 3 or they can be left at the grade school Friday May 3 after school or delivered to the East residence at 226 B. Street.

"Next year? Why of course, I'll still be working with the Pauper's Playhouse."



THE GUTTED Volkswagen, above, is mute evidence of a one-car accident that occurred in the Riverview area last Friday evening. The driver and only occupant, Mary J. Fullerton, was taken to the Forest Grove Hospital for treatment.



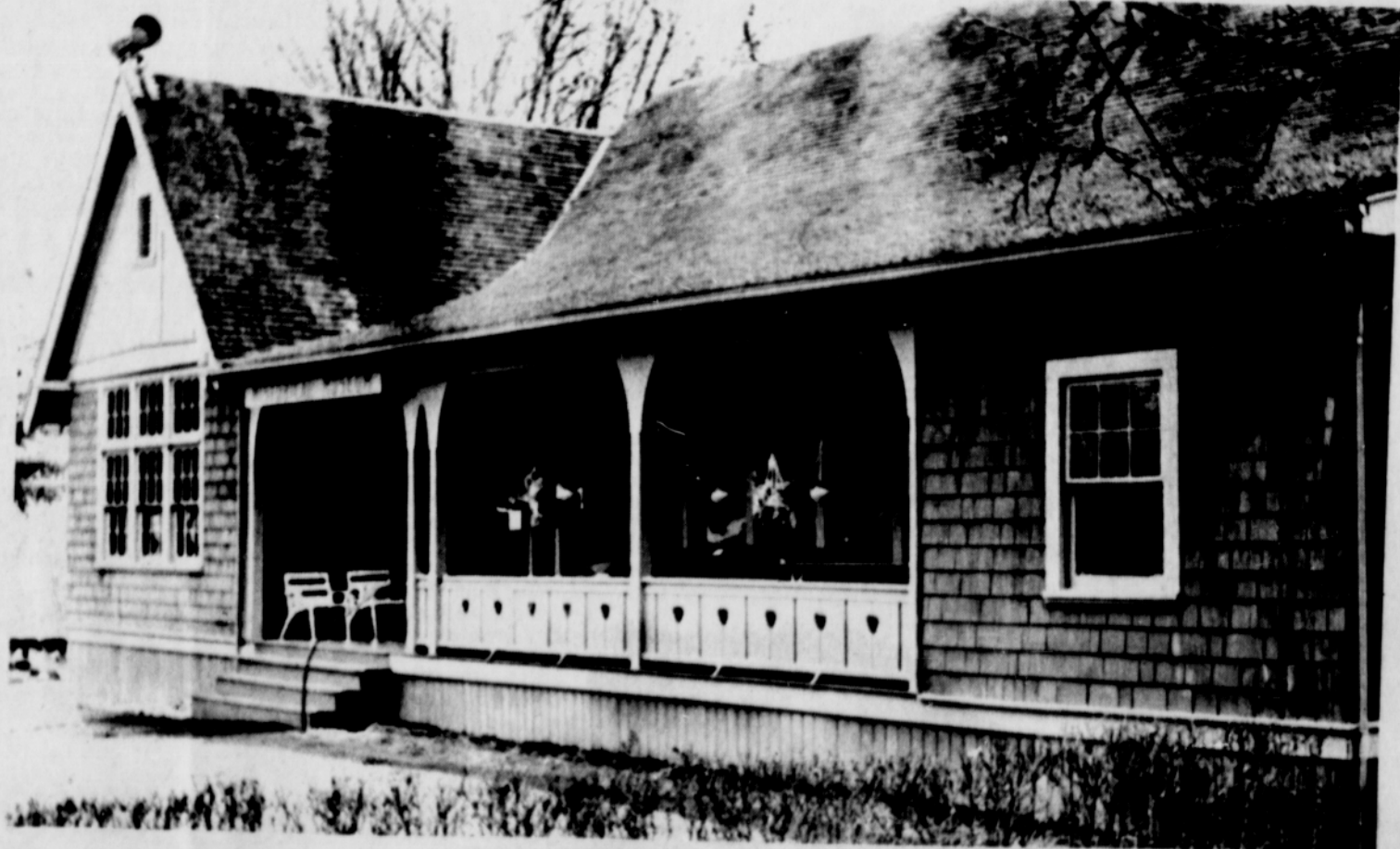
MRS. ELLEN DEVINE has been curator of the Vernonia Historical Museum for the past five years. Nearly 4000 people toured the premises last year viewing the many items donated for their enjoyment—a reminder that life wasn't always as convenient as it is today.

Clay Myers Visits Area

Answering questions in St. Helens Friday, March 15 was Oregon Secretary of State Clay Myers, who has filed as candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor in the May primary.

Commenting on the current controversy in Columbia County over membership in the Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG), Myers felt that better local government can be obtained through joint cooperation in many areas, emphasizing however, the need for maintaining the decision making process at the local level.

He cited the need for citizen involvement at all levels of government and said that places like Columbia County can avoid being swallowed up by a larger governmental organization if the people are willing to participate in decision making and planning



THE VERNONIA Historical Museum was originally the office for the Oregon-American mill which ended operations in the area in the latter part of 1957. The building, donated to the city of Vernonia, became the home for an outstanding array of items of the past, in 1966. Located at the base of OA hill,

the cedar sided building is itself a reminder of days when Vernonia was a booming logging town and the population almost double that of today.

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