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## City Council To Accept Bids On Construction of Seawall At Pool

The Vernonia City Council met in regular session Monday, June 17 with the meeting called to order by Mayor Sherman Fisher and council members Ed Miller, Bud Atkins, Lucille Tomlin, and Todd Bowerman. Also in attendance was attorney Allan Coon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved then business from the floor was heard. First to speak was Mrs. Ralph Borton who questioned the building permit costs on modular homes. John Lentz, building inspector, explained the method used to figure costs on permits and it was decided to check with the county building inspector to ascertain the permit charges for modular homes in that area.

Dick Stearns then inquired if the swimming pool would be ready by Jamboree as he has several events planned for the pool at that time. Council informed him that it would be ready. He also took the opportunity to state that he thought the police should spend less time on petty things and more on serious things, citing once more the ticketing of cars parked in

the alley near his place of business. He also commented that if tickets were to be issued then signs should be posted informing the public that parking was prohibited.

Mrs. Wilbur Wilson then presented the recreation program that is to start the week of June 24 mentioning the programs already planned. She was followed by Pat Goodman who requested the use of the large flag for the Sea Scouts to be used in the parade on Jamboree. Council agreed to this request. She also requested stop signs on North and Grant and was informed that the signs had already been ordered and would be installed.

Mario Leonetti inquired about the height of the fence he is installing in his front yard. The zoning ordinance reads, fence shall not be over three feet high in front yard but the council was in agreement that since the fence had been started prior to the effective date of the zoning ordinance, he would not have to comply with the three foot height regulation.

Council requested that Zen Dutton, Robert E. Meyer en-

gineer, who was present at the meeting, check the assessment of Mrs. Mills in the Riverview Sewer District.

Committee reports then followed with Lucille Tomlin reading the monthly police report.

Next on the agenda were communications with a letter from Tempie Nance on damages from construction of the sewer and high water, followed by a letter from North American Contractors, Inc., giving the city authorization to pay Vern Johnson direct for the paving of streets in the Riverview Sewer District upon approval of all invoices by North American.

This was followed by a letter from the EQC extending the burning variance 120 days from July 1, 1974 in the Vernonia area.

Under unfinished business Dean Zeigenscheimer, Whitely, Jacobson and Associates, explained to the council an error made by their office on the water plant automation caused the cost to be more than the bid. He also asked for payment for the contractor, Stadel Pump Co. of \$11,017 which the council approved.

A resolution was read declaring two resolutions of the city dated January 8, 1973, null and void, marked exhibit 1 and 2 and attached to the resolution. Council voted to adopt resolution.

New business was then heard with Todd Bowerman questioning the cleaning of city streets.

Atkins suggested that an article be put in the Vernonia Eagle informing the citizens that the zoning ordinance had become effective June 1 of this year.

Council then agreed to advertise for bids in the Vernonia Eagle for construction of a seawall at the swimming pool. Specs are available at the city hall. Deadline for bids set for 12 noon, June 22. Council approved the measure.

Following the payment of bills, the meeting was adjourned.

## Police Have Hectic Night In Vernonia

It was fun and games for the Vernonia Police Department Friday night, June 14 as one incident followed another and the department was forced to call into action civilian vehicles in order to keep the peace.

The first incident to start the evening off right, was an auto accident which occurred at approximately 11:25 p.m. when a 1966 Plymouth, operated by Robert Keith Robbins, 19, of Forest Grove, first struck a parked 1968 Pontiac then a 1969 Volkswagen bus that was also parked. The force of impact resulted in the Volkswagen mounting the sidewalk and coming to rest in the lobby of the Joy Theatre between the ticket booth and the wall. Both the Plymouth and Volkswagen were towed away.

Robbins was transported to the Forest Grove Community Hospital by the Vernonia Ambulance where he was examined then released the following morning. Charges are pending.

Details of the accident were still being completed when Officer Ray Lamping spotted a vehicle traveling an erratic course through town and stopped it, which resulted in an arrest for suspicion of DUI (driving under the influence of liquor). The man was transported to the Columbia County Jail in St. Helens.

While Lamping was taking his prisoner to St. Helens, a group of Scappoose youth then began to harass the community, fighting and apparently threatening to do some damage to the area. With no police vehicle available, local officers were forced to call the Columbia County Sheriff's office with the result that at last, peace reigned in Vernonia.

However the night wasn't over yet. Although reserve officers had been called out to patrol the streets, it was Chief of Police Jack Cunningham's fate to be the one to bring the evening's happenings to a climax.

Upon returning from Forest Grove with the ambulance, Cunningham proceeded to use his personal car to patrol the town and during the course of the evening, spotted another car also traveling rather erratically.

After stopping the vehicle and ascertaining that the driver was a bit under the weather, he took the man to the Vernonia Police Department, where a breathalyzer test was given, then the man was cited and driven home by one of the reserve officers since there was no patrol car in which to transport him to St. Helens.

At this point it would be tempting to do a bit of moralizing by mentioning the need for another patrol car and police man, but that's another story.

## 1974 Closed Fire Season Set June 24

The 1974 closed fire season will become effective Monday, June 24 at 12:01 a.m.

Burning permits will be issued by the State Forestry Department in compliance with Air Quality Regulations in all areas outside of the incorporated city limits, except in the St. Helens Rural Fire Protection District South of the old Columbia County Fairgrounds at Deer Island, and in the Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District East of the Burlington Northern Railroad track. Permits for these two Rural areas may be obtained from the respective Rural Fire Districts.

All logging and sawmill operators are required to have their fire fighting equipment on their operations at this time.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the local State Forestry Department Headquarters, Pittsburg, 429-2501; or St. Helens 397-1685 or the local Rural Fire Department.

## Seven Reach 4.00 GPA Goal

As the last honor roll for the 1973-74 school year was released by Vernonia High School, it showed seven students had reached that elite goal of a 4.00 Grade Point Average which is as high as any student can attain. Those named were Kay Batty, Candy Brunson, Patty Cone, Jim Etheridge, Clint Halsey, Joan Halsey, and Noel Sturdevant.

Named to High Honors - GPA 3.51 - 3.99, were Brad Bellingham, Scott Cameron, Becky Curl, Ken Enneberger, Roxxyne O'Neil, Vince Parker, Sheryl Ray, Renee Reck, Kelly Smith, Sandra Tupper.

Receiving Honors - 3.00 - 3.50, were Greg Bellingham, Debbie Bergerson, Dick Brunson, Rob Clason, Chris Collins, Dewey Conroy, Kris Crowston, Rena Cunningham, Pat Curl, Carmela Dennis, Kathy DeWitt, Scott Ellis, Carol Evans, Cyndie Galliano, Vicki Gilliland, James Goodman, Stephanie Gwin, Janis Hillsberry, Cathy Isaacson, Chris Johnson, Loren Kennedy, James King, Kathie Kretschmer, Connie Kysner, Sandra Leonard, Debbie McLean, Betty Miller, Amy Olson, Kathy Osgood, Evan Persyn, Rhonda Persyn, Diane Reck, Jodi Robertson, Vickie Serby, Mike Smiley, Mike Sutherland, Brian Traylor, Margy Tronson.

## IED Results

The Ied levy voted on Tuesday, June 18, went down to defeat for second time with the unofficial results reading 1475 yes; 1483 no, a loss by eight votes.

Despite petitions circulated throughout the area and announcement of the recall meeting held Tuesday night, June 18, few of the city's population felt called upon to attend the session to hear Mary Kangas speak on the subject of CRAG which she attempted to clarify for those in attendance. CRAG - Columbia Regional Association of Governments has been a controversial issue for some time and citizens protest against it have already caused the disbandment of CCOG. Recall action was taken following the public hearing on the Columbia County Budget at which time the Board of Commissioners were met with loud protests as the monies originally allotted for CRAG were not deleted but rather entered in the budget under regional planning.

## Burning Variance Extension Asked

Columbia County's extension of an open burning variance will expire June 30, 1974. The variance allows burning only with a permit.

Department of Environment Quality officials have indicated that they will ask the EQC board to grant a temporary 120 day variance until such time as hearings can be held in the county.

According to County Commissioner A.J. Ahiborn, DEQ officials said they would request the temporary 120 day extension of the variance which would permit summer burning and would arrange the hearing schedule. Two public hearings will be held in the county prior to the EQC's considering a longer variance extension.

The extension will be considered Friday when the EQC meet at Coos Bay.



THE MARQUEE, above the shiny red Volkswagen bus being towed away, seems strangely appropriate. The bus was the victim of an accident late Friday evening as it sat innocently parked on the street. Impact forced the bus between the ticket booth and lobby of the Joy Theatre.

## Engineer Thompson Resigns Col. County Highway Post

Citing dissatisfaction with the present organizational functions within the Road Department and general county management Columbia County Road Engineer, Keith Thompson tendered his resignation to the Board of Commissioners to become effective July 31.

The County Board of Commissioners accepted his letter of resignation Wednesday, June 12. Thompson was the first full time road engineer to be hired by the county and had been with the county for the past two years and seven months.

The Board of Commissioners is considering several options available in filling the vacancy created by Thompson's resignation.

Among the options being considered by the Commissioners are 1) hiring another fulltime engineer 2) sharing an engineer with another county 3) engaging an engineer from the State Highway Commission when engineering duties arise, and 4) hiring a fulltime engineer and permitting cities in the county to contract for his services.

Thompson indicated in his letter that he has not yet made application for any other positions.

He also stated that the experience he has gained in Columbia County will undoubtedly be valuable to him, and that he and his wife have enjoyed living in Columbia County and hope to be able to remain near here.

## Rec Council Schedule Set

Summertime fun for all ages of Vernonia has been planned by the Vernonia Recreation Council beginning June 24 with the following schedule to start off the season of excitement for kids aged 1-90.

Each Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. there will be a Story Hour presented by Sally Harrison at Hawkins Park near the bleachers.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, tumbling will be offered for those three-years-old through high school, under the direction of Vicki Mawhirter between the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Wednesdays will find archery instructions under the direction of Kelley Nance, also between the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Fridays there will be tennis lessons instructed by Kelley Nance and all ages are welcome to attend. The hours are between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

All the above are planned to take place at Hawkins Park except for the Tennis instructions. Tennis will taught at the Tennis Court at the High School.

Enjoy the fun of crafts in the art room at the grade school from 1-3 p.m. June 26, as Rhonda Persyn will work teaching children how to work with clay and paper mosaics. The cost will be a minimal 25 cents per child for each class.

Tuesday through Friday of each week equipment may be checked out at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park for the enjoyment of open recreation.

Those wishing to attend the tumbling class must have a signed release from their parents and if they do not have their own insurance, they may purchase insurance at a cost of \$1.50.

Those wishing to enjoy the fun of summer recreation are asked to please pre-register Friday, June 21, at the scout cabin in Hawkins Park between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Anyone wishing to donate to the summer recreation council to aid in purchasing materials and equipment, are asked to contact Gordon Crowston.

## Historical Society Plans Picnic June 26

The Columbia County Historical Society will hold a picnic on June 26 in Anderson Park at Vernonia. Those attending are asked to bring their own beverage for a noon potluck picnic lunch.

A visit to the Columbia County Historical Museum at Vernonia is planned for the afternoon. "We hope there will be a good attendance for this event," the society says.

## CRAG Names Etherington

Richard Etherington of Syracuse, New York, has been hired by Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) to serve as the agency's new transportation director.

## Special Meet

There will be a special meeting of the Vernonia City Council, Saturday, June 22 at 12 noon in the Vernonia City Hall to open bids on the seawall at the swimming pool.

## Church Plans

With successful quilt fairs and cookbooks sales helping St. Mary's parish in their goal of building a new Catholic church, the group has begun another project in their race to begin construction this summer. For two weekends - June 21-22 and June 28-29 they will hold a Relay Rummage Sale.

Several different features will take this sale out of the ordinary, the first being that the rummage sale will be held not only at St. Mary's Church in the parking lot on Bridge street, but also at Fisher's Electric building, and to other outdoor locations, weather permitting.

Secondly, all items - except for furniture and an assortment of like new things - will be priced at 50 cents or less and shopping bags filled to the brim will be only \$1.

"We want to sell everything," said one spokesman for the parish. "We have all kinds of things - clothing, household items, just about anything," she stated, adding "we already have local approval for the building of our church and hopefully we will get final approval soon. This rummage sale - if all goes well - could mean we start building sometime in August."



## Dana Andrus Plans Career

(Editor's Note: The following article is the first in a series of interviews with the vying candidates for the crown of Queen of the 1974 Vernonia Friendship Jamboree. Stories will be printed.

Each girl has two sponsors for the event. Their ensembles were made by Helen Lucore, Velora Sauer, Alice Ellson, Vicki Mawhirter, Arlene Seeley, Marguerite Nice, Jean Borton, and Louise Hamnett.

Tiara's for each princess were provided by Vernonia Variety and Vernonia Drug. Alice McNary is chaperone for all the out-of-town festivals the girls will be attending.)

At 15 years of age, Dana Andrus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Andrus, finds life exciting. "I like people," she said, adding, "except for those that are two-faced. I can't stand that kind of person."

As a contender for the crown of queen of the Vernonia Jamboree, Dana found that life is even more exciting. "It's fun. We get to meet a lot of people and I love the clothes that were chosen for us to wear. Everything is just great," she added with a burst of enthusiasm.

The blonde teenager, a junior at Vernonia High School, has lived in this area for the past nine years, coming originally from South Gate, California. With two younger sisters, she finds that life may not always be easy but there are compensations.

To Dana, Vernonia is a nice town with a lot of nice people and a place where people are friends forever. A natural love for horses adds to her enjoyment of the rural atmosphere of the community.

For enjoyment, other than horseback riding, which she admits is her first love, she likes to write letters and read. Until recently she was employed at the Pine Cone Cafe.

On Women's Lib, she and her counterparts were all outspoken and equally concerned that women receive equal pay for equal work but admitted that the rest of the more liberal ideas didn't do a thing for her. "I like being a girl," she said. "I like to wear pretty clothes and to look nice. I just can't understand how going around not caring about your appearance, can possibly help you get ahead in the world."

When Dana completes her high school education she hopes to attend secretarial school and then work as a secretary for awhile before making more permanent plans for the future. "I want to see some of the world," I guess," she said, with a flashing smile.

## New Bond Head

Announcement has been received of the appointment of Donald I. Berkey as the new head of the Columbia County Savings Bond Committee. The appointment was made by Thomas S. Priedaux, Portland, State Chairman of the Oregon Savings Bonds Committee.

Berkey served as Assistant Manager, Tillamook Branch, First National Bank of Oregon; Assistant Manager, Albany Branch, First National Bank of Oregon; Portland, for approximately ten years; presently, he is Vice-President and Manager of the Western Bank, St. Helens Branch.

