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Councilmen Approve Figure for Automation of City Water Plant, Plan Drainage Study, Grant Increase

The regular city council meeting August 5 was called to order by Council President C.E. Miller in the absence of Mayor Sherman Fisher. Councilmen L.E. Atkins, L.G. Bowerman and Lucille Tomlin and Attorney Allan Coon were present. Approval was voted the minutes of the July 15 meeting.

J.J. Thoenes complained of extremely noisy cars nightly at First and Nehalem Streets. Councilwoman Tomlin stated that the police would check this out.

Norman Davis, representing the Senior Citizens, rose to thank everyone involved for helping in their transportation but asked that possible abuse of their van and extra cars by younger passengers might be controlled. He then asked for voluntary assistance in clearing thistles and repairing the roof on the Grange Hall.

Pat Goodman asked why the boys working for the city were allowed to drive the city trucks on weekends. Roy Sanders defended this question by replying the boys were working under his direction and the trucks were not misused.

A letter from Henry Anderegg asked for inspection of the finish job done by North American Contractors on his property before a release is made. A copy of his letter was forwarded to the engineers and contractors.

A communication from Bump Young & Walker, Attorneys at Law, representing Charles and Margaret Stith claim sewer

work on their property resulted in great damage, no improvement. Attorney Coon will assume the necessary legal correspondence and action to be taken.

Z.M. Dutson, representing R.E. Meyer Engineers, Inc., presented their proposal regarding overtime costs of North American Contractors incurred in October, 1972, when crossing the river. A decision was made to forward the unapproved proposal to North American for their comments before action would be discussed.

Mr. Hergeschmeyer, of Whiteley, Jacobsen & Associates, submitted an actual cost figure of \$10,172.80 for the automation of the water plant. Tomlin moved and Bowerman seconded the motion to go ahead with the project. Motion was carried.

Councilman Miller asked Roy Sanders for a report on the drainage problem on the Essie Nance property. Sanders reported drainage is coming from sur-

rounding buildings on the lower Nance land. Sanders stated that correction of the added problem involving the sanitation system would require extensive work by the city. Miller made a motion to change the sewer line and Tomlin seconded.

William Nelson requested the monies be refunded to Wright and Normand, parties who paid sewer amounts but were unable to be hooked up. Tomlin moved to refund. Bowerman seconded. Motion carried.

Applications for the utility man position were set aside for a special committee meeting on August 6 due to the number of applications submitted. Motion by Atkins, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Increase amounts submitted by Wilbur Davis to raise garbage rates on business accounts and dump charges were not approved, but a smaller rate increase was presented and accepted by Davis. Attorney Coon will write an ordinance stating the new

terms. Bowerman moved, Atkins seconded. Motion carried.

William Nelson submitted a General Telephone request to bury a telephone cable along the North and east side of East St. Moved by Atkins to grant permission, seconded by Bowerman. Motion carried.

A Federal Grant was received by the library and notice of insertion to the '74-'75 Budget was requested by William Nelson. Publication of a supplemental Budget Hearing on September 3, 1974, to appear in print August 15, and August 22 in the Vernonia Eagle. Bowerman moved, seconded by Atkins. Motion carried.

Phyllis Woods was sworn in as the new City Recorder by Attorney Allan Coon. Fred Oviatt was introduced by Chief of Police Cunningham as the new Columbia County Deputy Sheriff replacing Ozzie Ray.

Upon payment of bills, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Meeting Reveals Need For More Communication And Understanding

Members from state department offices and the Columbia County Commissioners met with the staff of the Vernonia Eagle and Scappoose Spotlight in Vernonia, early Wednesday afternoon, July 28, to clarify some points of contention and to answer questions the news media

felt pertinent.

Present at the press conference was Kess Cannon, director from the Department of Environmental Quality; Robert K. Logan, administrator of the Local Government Relations Division of the State Executive Department; and Laverne S. Miller, chief of the office of Sanitation Services of the Health Division, Department of Human Resources. Also in attendance were Columbia County Commissioner A.J. Ahlborn, Fred Foshaug, and Jack Minkoff.

The conference led off with Robert Logan stating that he felt some residents of Columbia County might not realize that the county commissioners did not have the authority to supersede instructions and rules from the state and of federal level.

"The members of the Board of Commissioners can't decide they'll enforce one set of rules then decide against another, simply because they or the county don't agree on the subject," Logan said. "They have no choice in the matter and, if they fail to enforce rulings from state or federal departments, then those agencies will step in and do the enforcing."

Discussion then ensued on those areas affecting Columbia County including the problems in the disposal of solid waste with Kess Cannon, DEQ, probing into the dissatisfaction many have found with Santosh. Noting that the DEQ wasn't aware of all the problems in the state, Cannon said, "that's why we came. To find out for ourselves what areas need clarification and to try and find a solution to such things as proper sanitary landfills."

Cannon also mentioned one point of dissent that of those who live in the area along the Columbia River on the Oregon side, who are forced to abide by strict DEQ rulings on air polluting while watching Washington, across the river, blissfully pollute not only their own air but that on the Oregon side also.

According to Cannon, meetings have been held with Washington and they will be expected to adhere to the same air quality regulations that prevail in Oregon at present, hinting that if Washington failed to meet these requirements, then other action might be taken.

In another area of interest that of septic tank regulations it was revealed that approval has now been given for septic tanks to be installed in rural areas where property exceeds ten acres regardless of soil condition. Unfortunately due to soil formation in Columbia County, at present no sanitary system has been found fool-proof for

sewage disposal.

"Even though land may seem fine in the summer months," Cannon said, "with more than adequate tritulation, in the winter months the rains force the water table up until, in many areas water stands one or two inches deep and often flooding occurs which pours raw sewage into the waterways even when areas have brand new sewer plants such as the one at Scappoose. The plants simply cannot cope with both the sewage and the over-abundance of water."

Logan then clarified another issue that has caused unhappiness in the area; that of the difference between belonging to District 1 which includes Tillamook and Clatsop counties; or District 2, made up of Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington and Columbia counties.

"Actually there's no choice in which district a county belongs to, although we try to follow the wishes of the residents," Logan said, adding, "the districts-all 14 of them-were formed mainly to prevent an overlapping of agencies and services. In that way a person doesn't have to go one place for one permit then another for the grant to go with the permit. It was simply more efficient and economical to divide the state into districts, and it really makes no difference in the performance expected by state or federal agencies. The same rules and regulations pretty much apply in each district."

Other subjects that came under scrutiny included the burning variance needed in Columbia County. It has presently been extended, due in great part to the work of commissioner Jay Ahlborn, and will again be studied when the DEQ meets in September of this year, according to Kess Cannon.

Logan then said, "one other fact I'd like to point out is the misconception many have about CRAG and the Metropolitan Boundary Board. Perhaps the fact that they are housed in the same building has led to these erroneous conclusions but in no way are the two agencies connected nor does CRAG have any influence on decisions made by the boundary board. "They are two separate and distinct functions," said Logan, commenting, "in fact no person can serve on the boundary board who is connected with another agency of governmental department. The boundary board is made up strictly by laymen and its function is to prevent cities from making illogical plans for expansion-the type that would cause more problems than it would solve."

The press conference concluded with the state officials and commissioners both assuring the press that they are always willing to listen to the problems that county residents might have and ready to answer questions on these subjects. That, in fact, they desired more public input since in that way, only then can they provide the service and efficiency expected of them.

Society Plans Annual Picnic

The annual Vernonia Society and Old Grads picnic will be held at Anderson Park, Sunday, August 18 with registration to begin at 10 a.m. Coffee and cups will be provided.

The picnic provides an opportunity for present and former Vernonia residents and school students to meet and renew acquaintances. The Camp 8 Caboose school group is also scheduled to meet at this time.

Girls Benefit From Sports Says Perry

Suddenly it's a brand new world for girls. Doors are opening to them, that were denied their mothers and no longer is it an unladylike thing to do, if a female should desire to play baseball or run the mile.

Still, many cluck their tongues and claim that girls should be content to be considered frail, delicate bits of fluff, fit for home but not for the rougher world of sports. Fortunately many others disagree on this issue.

One person who thinks girls can do all right in the field of sports is Bob Perry, director of Perry's Basketball Camp.

"I feel sports for girls is definitely to the good," said Perry, who was a basketball coach at Beaverton prior to accepting his present position in the Guidance Department. "It teaches not only skills but brings out the increased potential for self-confidence and a more positive attitude."

Perry backs up his words with facts, the first fact being that Perry's Basketball Camp is the first camp in the state of Oregon to accept girls for sports training and secondly, Perry's started their program for girls last year, long before everyone started getting on the sports for girls bandwagon.

"We have no special prerequisite for either boys and girls and they operate under the same rules. Our first year we sent home word with the boys who attended camp here and advised local junior and senior high schools. Before we knew it, we had fifty applicants for the week of summer camp. This year we had 70 girls turn out for instruction in basketball and volleyball. They also received coaching in soft ball."

The camp, located in the lush green of the Nehalem Valley only one mile from Vernonia, has been in operation for 11 years, providing an outdoor atmosphere with a homelike quality that makes all the kids feel at home.

Famous throughout the northwest for the quality of training boys receive in the art of bouncing ball, the camp has innovated their instruction for girls basically because they too feel girls are as capable and motivated as boys in the area of sports and should have an equal chance at enjoying the thrill of competition.

Sign-up Scheduled

The opportunity to learn to swim will be available at a two-week teaching session, the sign-up for which will take place next Monday, August 12.

The lessons are available for all ages and the sign-up will take place at the city pool from 10 to 12 a.m. Kelley Nance and Sue Cavinee will be the instructors.

Library
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon 97403



THIS LITTLE lady leaps but misses in an energetic game of volleyball at Perry's Basketball Camp which has opened its grounds to the instruction and recreation of girls for the second year in a row.



A FAST game of basketball is enjoyed at Perry's Basketball Camp. This year 70 girls turned out for the week's training and enjoyed instruction from experts in the field of both basketball and volleyball.

County Charter Proposal Submitted by Committee

The Chairman of the Home Rule Charter Committee, Ted White, presented the proposed Home Rule Charter to election officials at the Columbia Court House, Tuesday morning, Aug. 6. The charter report will now be submitted to the voters for their approval in November.

Election officials indicated Tuesday that, following the writing of a ballot title by the District Attorney's office, the charter will be submitted to the Secretary of State for inclusion in the November voters pamphlet under ORS 203.790.

The submission of the document Tuesday, ends the work of the nine member charter committee, headed by Ted White of Scappoose. The committee has spent 18 months drafting the new charter proposal.

Hearings on the charter were conducted in three areas of the county following published notice

in county newspapers.

One change in wording was made by the committee following the public hearings. This change concerns section 40, Regional Government. The section was changed to read, "The county may not be a member of an agency or organization whose prima purpose is land use planning without prior approval of the voters of the county unless membership therein is required by state or federal law."

The charter submission contained signatures of eight of the nine members of the committee. One member, Agnes Petersen, of St. Helens, was on vacation and unavailable for signing.

Citizens who served on the committee in addition to Chairman White were Pete Bartlett, Ben Coleman, Agnes Petersen, Buford Hayes, Howard Hopkins, E.T. Johnson, M.B. Morton, and David B. Williamson.

Dan Lawler Named As IMC Director For IED



DAN LAWLER, newly hired IED Instructional Center Director.

Dan Lawler, director of the Intermediate Media Center for the Columbia County Intermediate Education District-disclosed in an interview Tuesday, that the new Intermediate Media Center will be in operation at the beginning of school. The Media Center (IMC) will have available at least 1000 16 mm film titles which schools can borrow for their use. The IMC film library will have titles in a variety of curriculum areas both the elementary and secondary levels. According to Lawler, the 1000 titles have been purchased for an average cost of \$183. per title.

Plans call for a film delivery service to be established with all of the schools in the county on a rotating basis. Monday and Thursday Scappoose, St. Helens, and Vernonia will be serviced and Tuesday and Friday Rainier and Clatskanie 5J. Also an inter-school service will be provided. Another service to be provided by the IMC will be the repair and renovation of audio-visual equipment owned by the various school districts. This service will be done at no cost to the districts except for the cost of parts for the repairs. Currently the IMC Technician, Kris Kern, is checking and repairing audio-visual equipment in each school district.

Lawler noted that the film service is a supplement to the work of the teacher and should help the teacher in getting concepts across.

By September the IMC will have catalogs which will be provided to each school listing the film titles available.

The films ordered for the first year of operation have been purchased on an evaluation basis, stated Lawler. "If they fit the curriculum we will keep them. If not we will trade them in," he said. The average length of films purchased is around 15 to 20 minutes. Few films have been ordered which will run more than 28 minutes.

Lawler also indicated that the IMC will provide cooperative purchasing service of audio-visual, office and photo equipment through their office. "This kind of arrangement should re-

sult in considerable savings to the districts in Columbia County," he stated.

In the future it is planned to have a production facility which will produce audio-visual materials that are not easily purchased. Eventually a graphic artist will be hired to do in-house productions and productions for schools and districts and teachers. Productions will include: overhead transparencies, slide programs, slide copies, photographs, charts and maps. Also, with the cooperation of the district plans call for the house of expensive models for cooperative use.

Lawler heads a staff of five employees of the new IMC; a courier, a repair technician, a shipping clerk, a booking clerk and an offset press operator. The clerks and press operator will also be available to the IED office when necessary. These employees have all been hired and are presently assisting Lawler in putting the new program into operation.

Contingent upon a final agreement between St. Frederic Parish and Portland Community College, the IMC will be housed in several classrooms at St. Frederic.

Lawler comes to the Intermediate Education District program after four and one half years as a salesman for BFA Educational Media Incorporated, a division of CBS and 20 years as an educator. Prior to assuming his new title as IMC Director he had sold 16mm films to IED offices and school districts in the Pacific Northwest. Before that he had been a specialist in the Beaverton schools Curriculum Materials center, 1966-1969. He taught for 13 years in Vernonia from 1953-1966. He began his career in education in South Dakota where he taught in the high school from 1949-1953.

He is a graduate of Beadle State Teachers College, South Dakota and a graduate of Madison High School, Madison South Dakota.

Lawler's wife Lois works at Tektronics in Beaverton in the shipping department. His family presently resides in Hillsboro.

Man Held On Rape Charge

Vernon Dean Robbins, 21, of Vernonia was indicted by the Columbia County Grand Jury Friday, August 2 on a charge of rape in the first degree, following his arrest by the Vernonia Police Department Thursday, July 25 at the home of the victim.

Following the alleged attack, the woman, a 19-year-old housewife and mother-apparently managed to contact police who arrived at the scene to find Robbins still in the residence. He was taken into custody and transported to Columbia County Jail. Following a preliminary hearing by Judge Don Kalberer, he was bound over for the Grand Jury.

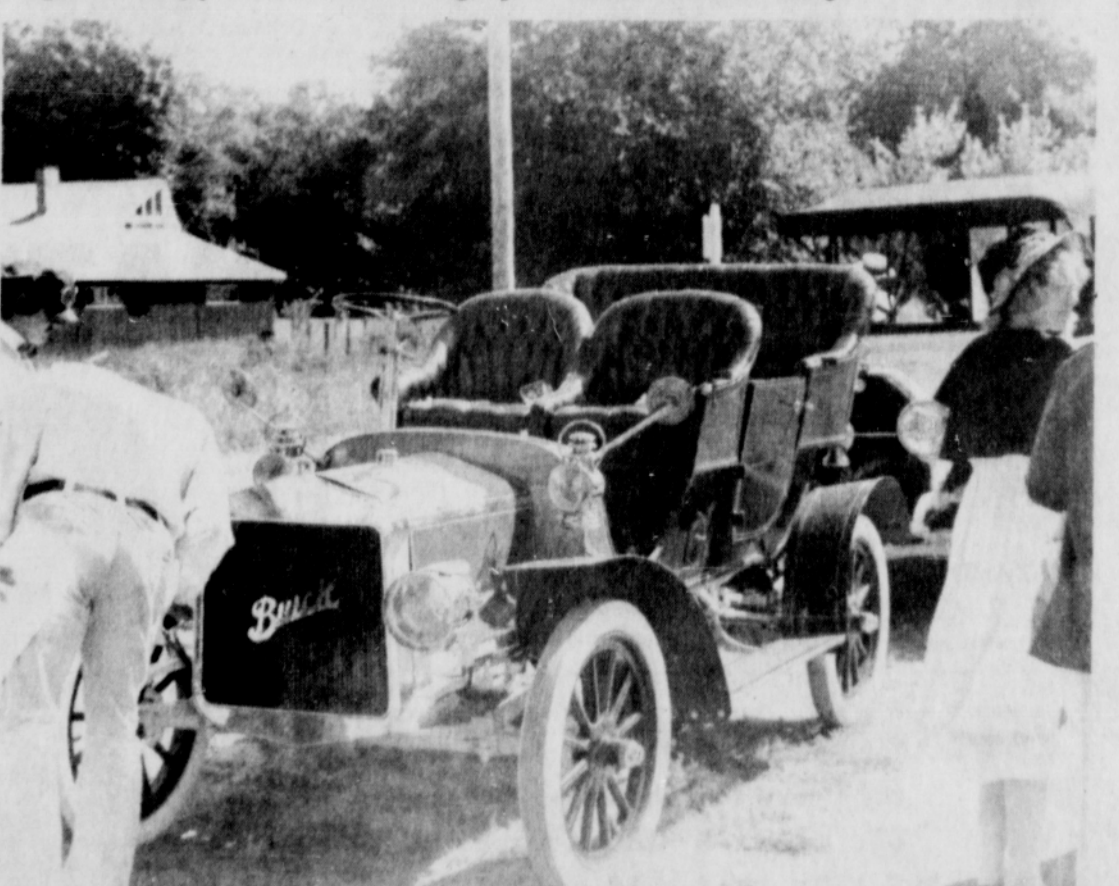
The youthful victim was examined at the Columbia County District Hospital in St. Helens where she was treated for shock then released.

Robbins is presently lodged in jail with bail set at \$10,000.



FORTY CARS and approximately 160 people converged on Anderson Park Saturday morning, August 3, to enjoy a coffee break. The group,

which belongs to the Horseless Carriages of America organization, had traveled from Portland for this 9th annual outing.



THE OLDEST car at the 9th annual outing of Horseless Carriages of America, was a 1906 Buick but other well-known as well as forgotten automobiles were represented including Fords, Cadillacs, Studebakers, Hupmobiles, Overlands,

Mitchell-Chalmers and more. The group left the park to travel to Hudson Park for lunch and from there they planned to visit the Trojan Nuclear Plant on Highway 30 near Rainier before returning home.