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School Opens August 30 for 1974-75 Year

All schools in Vernonia School District 47J will open August 30 this year for the 1974-75 school year. Prior to the opening date the total staff will meet August 26 through August 29 for an in-service and preparation for the opening of school.

School offices will be open beginning Monday, August 19 for all parents desiring registration information.

Parents of all kindergarten students and any first graders entering school for the first time are reminded that state laws require these new students to have a health examination, a birth certificate and proof of immunizations. Forms and application blanks may be obtained at the Washington Grade School office.

The school calendar for the '74-'75 school year lists the following schedule of classes and holidays:

August 30-School Opens (1/2 day session)
September 2-Labor Day (legal holiday)
October 11-State In-Service Day (no school)
November 11-Veterans Day (legal holiday)
November 26-29 - Thanksgiving Day and vacation
December 23-Jan 6-Christmas Vacation
March 17-21-Spring Vacation
May 26-Memorial Day (legal holiday)
June 6-School Closes

Quarterly Checks Due For School Support

State Supt. Jesse Fasold announced that Oregon school districts will receive a record \$170.7 million in basic school support for 1974-75. This is \$27.2 million more than last school year and \$66.6 million over than in 1972-73. The first quarterly check is expected to be issued this Thursday, Aug. 15. Columbia County payments include: Columbia-Scappoose \$197,362, Columbia \$147,709, Rainier \$117,757, Vernonia \$78,021, St. Helens \$186,326. Total \$727,177.

Servicemen Due Back Pay

The Comptroller of the United States has recently ruled that many former civil service employees and servicemen are entitled to back pay.

In 1972, Congress passed a salary increase for civil service and military employees, effective October 1 of that year, but the President of the United States administratively delayed the increase to January 1, 1973.

The recent Comptroller ruling overrides the presidential delay and entitles civil service employees and servicemen to a retroactive salary increase from October 1 to December 31, 1973. Former National Guardsmen who served during the period can secure necessary information and forms to obtain the back pay from the nearest National Guard armory or by writing to the Military Department, 2150 Fairgrounds Rd. N.E., Salem, 97310.

Personnel on active duty at the time should forward their claim to the U.S. Army Finance Support Agency, Dept. 77, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46249, together with their name, social security number, and a copy of their discharge certificate.

Food And Fun Highlight Day

Hungry people and good food were in happy accord at the second annual Community Picnic Sunday, August 11, co-hosted this year by Gordon Smith and Chris Hendryx of Vernonia Sentry Market and Dick Stearns of Lew's Place.

The feed fest was held on the Justice property located on Highway 47 and provided plenty of parking space and room for games of horseshoes, volleyball, softball with swimming for the kids and those adults brave enough to go in the chilly water.

Barbequed hamburgers, hot dogs, roasted ears of corn, pots of baked beans and salads galore tempted the appetites of the multitude who turned out to visit, play games and listen to the bands that entertained the guests.

It was fun in the sun and when the day was over, they all went happy, well fed, and, maybe a bit sunburned.

Senator Packwood Slates Views On Inflation

Following is an interview conducted with Senator Bob Packwood during his tour of Columbia County Wednesday, August 7.

Reporter: One question involves Watergate and the president. Do you think there is any chance that he can survive as President?

Packwood: I think there is no chance at all that he can survive as an effective president whether or not the Senate were to acquit him. I think his moral leadership is gone beyond any hope of revival, period! My hunch is that within a week he will have resigned, and we will be faced. We'll have Jerry Ford for President I'll say by a week from now. (This conversation took place on Wed. prior to the actual resignation on Thursday.)

Reporter: The second question concerns inflation. If you've been reading newspapers as I have you are aware that there is a kind of consensus that nobody really knows what to do with the situation and I was wondering if you had any answers to it.

Packwood: Yeah. You bet!

One is, we can cut federal spending this year by about ten billion dollars and bring the budget into balance. If our budget figures are right that would bring it in balance. The President has presented a budget of 305 billion and revenues of 295. I initially supported and co-sponsored with Senator Proxmire an amendment to just cut the budget across the board 10 billion. That failed. But we can cut six billion out of the military, principally by withdrawing our troops from Europe, which are unnecessary. We can take about two billion out of the foreign aid, four-and-one-half billion dollar foreign aid budget and there is about two billion we could pare off of housing and urban development, transportation, public works, HEW, and that would bring the budget in balance, and that in and of itself would be the single biggest thing we can do. It is to get the government out of the bond market so that the interest rates come down. The government goes and borrows

the same place you do. We borrow from banks and pension trusts and Savings bonds. There is only so much money to loan and when we are borrowing it forces the interest rates up.

Secondly, is tax reform. One is closing the loophole on the oil depletion allowance which would give us about 2.5 billion dollars a year in addition. Secondly, I would close the loophole on the hobby farms where people of a fair degree of wealth are investing, taking advantage of deductions that were intended for farmers and are using them to buy land farm it for five or ten years, normally to a tenant, or lease it and then develop it for real estate. And those tax loopholes were not intended, if you call them loopholes, they were not intended for city slickers to buy up real estate and turn it into developments. They were intended to help keep family farmers on the farm. Third, we were successful several years ago in limiting farm payments to 20 thousand dollars and no more than that to any single farmer and I think we ought to quit paying them to anybody except family farmers.

Third, we can change the anti-trust laws. If the present ones don't work and I am not sure they have ever been adequately enforced but assuming that they were and didn't work, I would change the anti-trust laws and almost make a standard of either size or proportion of the market. For some types of industries you might want one and for some types the other, because at the moment you have to try to prove conspiracy to restrain trade or conspiracy to monopolize or conspiracy to control prices and conspiracy is a hard thing to prove. And I just am so convinced that small business

RETRACTION:

The City Recorder wishes to apologize to Norman Davis and the Senior Citizens for apparently misunderstanding a statement at the August 5 council meeting. They encourage young people to make use of their transportation facilities and no abuse of this privilege has occurred.



SENATOR ROBERT PACKWOOD hit the campaign trail in Columbia County last Wednesday morning

Vernonia CATV Has New Owner

Bud Foster of Carson, Washington became the new owner-manager of Vernonia CATV effective August 1 with the purchase of the cable antenna service from Bud Seegar who has owned it for the past five years.

The service, which is located in the Quinn Building, provides cable antenna service for all Portland TV channels and FM stations, which often means better reception than that obtained by conventional antennas.

At present the service is available to anyone living within the city limits of Vernonia at a nominal cost, but Foster, who will commute from Washington, plans to build in areas where services haven't been available previously. "That's one of the first things on my agenda," he said, adding "and I'll continue to provide the same fine service customers have enjoyed in the past."

Local Control Hurt By New Election Law

State School Supt. Jesse Fasold, in the wake of 25 school elections Tuesday, said the new law restricting levy election dates for Oregon schools and other local governments infringes on local control.

Time is running out on 14 school districts without approved budgets as only two of eight election dates remain-September 17 and November 5.

Fasold wants the 1975 Legislature to consider revising the law. "The intent of the law was to make elections more orderly by restricting and specifying the dates," he said. "But I don't think government at the state level should be telling local officials and citizens when they can and cannot vote on matters which are mainly their concern."

"Even if a levy is approved on September 17, an assessor has only until October 14 to notify tax collectors, who must send tax notices by the first of November so that taxpayers can qualify for the three percent discount by paying before November 15."

Dedication Slated For JC Firewagon

The Firewagon for Camp Wilkerson, which was assembled through the efforts of the Scappoose Jaycees, will be given to the camp in dedication ceremonies on Saturday, August 17. The public is invited to attend the Saturday morning event from 11 a.m. to noon.

Featured speaker for the day will be County Commissioner Jay Ahlborn who was very instrumental in the rebuilding of Camp Wilkerson after the fire of 1970 which devastated the area.

For those interested in attending the ceremonies, Camp Wilkerson is located on Apiary Road about eight miles from the intersection on Apiary Road and the Vernonia-Mist Highway.

Trophy Given Dick Stearns

The Vernonia Jamboree Committee met this past week to accept nominations for officers for the coming year. Nominated for the position of chairman were Ruth Stearns, Gerald Russell, Chuck Hendry, Alice Menary and Del Harrison.

Bobbi Enneberg and Louise Hammett were nominated for secretary while Pat Goodman was nominated as treasurer.

During the meeting Gerald Russell awarded a trophy to Dick Stearns on behalf of the committee in appreciation for his hard work and many efforts to assure the success of the 18th annual Jamboree.

The final meeting of the Vernonia Jamboree Committee will be Wednesday, September 18 at which time more nominations will be accepted and elections held.

Reports will be completed and made at that time.

Chamber Meets

Due to a lack of attendance by several directors, a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for Wednesday, August 21, at the West Oregon meeting room at 8 p.m. Routine business and the payment of bills are on the agenda.

Packwood To Introduce Bill Restricting Oil Companies

Warning that the oil companies' stranglehold on the American public must be broken, Senator Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) said he will introduce legislation to prohibit oil companies from retailing or operating gas stations.

In a speech before the Seaside Rotary Club at the Crab Broiler, Packwood pointed out that more than 500 of Oregon's independent gas dealers were forced out of business during the energy crisis last winter. Unless the major oil companies are kept out of retailing, independent gasoline marketers, already weakened financially by two years of supply starvation, are going to be virtually destroyed," the Oregon Senator said.

Packwood, who is on a two-week swing through the western part of the state, explained that now that overseas oil-producing companies have seized control of much of the crude production and the associated profits, the major companies are turning increasing attention to tightening their grip on the downstream sectors such as pumping gas and to increasing profits there.

Some major companies are taking over previously franchised new stations for their own use, and all of them are continuing to build new stations, stations that will compete directly with the independent gasoline retailers, he said.

"This is a dangerous trend," Packwood said. "If we are to protect both the independent businessman and the consumer, we must preserve the competitive influence of the independents," he said.

The gravity of this problem is emphasized by the recent flurry of financial reports by oil companies, Packwood said. During the second quarter of this year, he said, 14 major oil companies reported profit increased ranging from a low of 18 percent to a high of 292 percent over the same period of last year.

"The victim who is paying for these enormous profits is the American consumer. He is paying 40 percent more for regular gas than he was last year and 70 percent more for home heating oil," Packwood said.

"Oil companies already dominate exploration, drilling, refining, transportation and retailing of the product, and this vertical integration must be stopped or the consumer, once again, is likely to be enveloped by yet another tentacle of the oil

companies," he said.

The Oregon Senator said representatives of the oil industry have pleaded before the Senate Interior Committee that they need enormous profits to finance development of petroleum resources. "If these companies would stick to petroleum development, fine. But they are expanding into alternative sources of energy such as geothermal, solar and coal. Two years ago Arco began acquiring property in downtown Los Angeles; Gulf Oil Real Estate is developing land in Reston, Va. and Florida; and recently Mobil announced its intention of purchasing a controlling interest in Marcor Corp., the parent company of Montgomery Ward and Container Corp. of America.

"These activities raise serious questions in regard to antitrust laws," Packwood said. "Vertical expansion must be ended, and one of the first steps we should take to accomplish this is to stop oil companies' robbery of the public by keeping them out of selling gas at the retail level," he said.

Baby Injured In Accidental Fall

A three-month-old baby girl apparently escaped serious injury following a fall from a pick-up truck at the corner of Weed Avenue and Bridge Street as the driver was preparing to make a left turn.

The infant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Redfern of Vernonia, was rushed to the Vernonia Clinic where she was examined by Dr. T.M. Hobart then transferred by ambulance to the Forest Grove Community Hospital for observation. Reports from the hospital at presstime indicate the baby is doing fine.

Oregon Log Truckers Meet In Vernonia

The monthly meeting of the Clatsop-Columbia-Washington Chapter of Oregon Log Truckers will be held this Saturday, August 17, at the Vernonia Golf Course. There will be a social hour at 7 with dinner being served at 7:30.

The Chapter president Fred Skidmore urges all members to attend and bring a friend. Also any interested log trucker is invited to attend the meeting. Truckers wives are also welcome to attend meetings.



FUN AND GOOD food highlighted the second annual Community Picnic held Sunday, August 11 on the Justice property on Highway 47. Carloads of people soon had the picnic grounds full and a warm sunny day aided in making the picnic a success.



THREE BANDS provided entertainment throughout the day at the Community Picnic where friends gathered to enjoy visiting and games.



SPECTATORS watch those with energy to get out in the hot sun and play a good game of softball at the Community Picnic.



ABOVE Ted White, Columbia County Charter Committee chairman is shown presenting the document to Deputy County Clerk Mrs. Fannie Rhine at the Court House in St. Helens. The Charter, presented Tuesday morning, August 6, now awaits a ballot title and will appear on the November ballot.