

Dance, Parade, Indian Village, Battle, Exhibits, Fireworks, Horse Show, Hill Climb Are July 4th Features

Many Port Orford residents are in a flurry of excitement, in last minute efforts to be ahead of anticipated crowds, with final preparations for the several phases of the annual Fourth of July Celebration. Menus are being planned, food, ribbons, trophies, concession prizes and a host of other items are being ordered to make this year's gala festivities the biggest and best ever to be presented.

The theme of this year's celebration has been set as "Beachcomber Dance" and a Miss Beachcomber will reign over the three-day affair, July 3, 4 and 5. The five candidates vying for the honor are Sheryl Mechals, sponsored by American Legion auxiliary; Vicki McDonald, Jaycees; Mary Ellen Bates, BPW; Dixie Jamieson, Rotary Club; Mary Geer, Lions Club.

Miss Beachcomber will be crowned at the big celebration dance the evening of July 3 at the Battle Rock school gym. The dance is being sponsored by the art association and tickets are now on sale by the candidates. Music will be by the Minutemen.

BREAKFAST

A Rotary Club-sponsored breakfast will start off activities at 6 a. m. the morning of the Fourth. Held at the grade school, the meal will feature hot cakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and milk, and will be served until 10 a. m. Prices will be \$1 adults, 50 cents children.

PARADE

The gala Beachcomber Parade will be lining up on 19th St. at 9 a. m. for the 19-block march to Battle Rock State Park at 10 o'clock. Parade chairman Jim Peterson said many floats have already been entered but there is still room for all others who wish to be included. There are six big divisions with trophies going for first place and ribbons for second and third. Divisions are: Commercial, Service Clubs, Marching Band, Junior Entry, Mounted Riding Group and miscellaneous floats.

Pacific high school's newly-uniformed band will command the position of honor at the head of the parade, just behind the Grand Marshal. Following will be Miss Beachcomber and her court, plus an outstanding variety of floats, Indians, horses, clowns, children and what have you.

As an added attraction to the parade, one of the local "Indians" is making arrangements to have his trained bear on hand to entertain the kiddies.

LITTLE LEAGUE BALL

Baseball fans will welcome two little league games right after the parade. Held at the grade school diamond, two local teams will meet two Gold Beach teams. The teams will also march in the big parade.

SPECIAL ACT

Immediately following the Parade, a special act will be featured at Battle Rock Park by a group from Coos Bay. Dancing girls, a German Band, singing and an act by outstanding maquettes.

BELL RINGING

Continuing the tradition started last year, local Jaycees will again conduct the bell ringing ceremony at Battle Rock Park in commemoration of Independence Day. The local ceremony will coincide with other ceremonies across the state and nation and all persons are urged to participate in the bell ringing portion of July 4th, at 11:45 a. m.

BARBECUE

A special treat at the noon-time meal will be a Jaycee-sponsored old-fashioned deep pit barbecue featuring lip-smacking beef, baked in special sauce, baked potatoes, salad, milk or coffee and bread. Prices will be reasonable.

Other food concessions will also be open in the park area for hamburgers, hotdogs, pretzels, coffee and soft drinks. Four local restaurants will also be open for complete meals or snacks, so there will be plenty of food available for visitors.

STANDING SHOWS

Standing shows of flowers, driftwood and paintings will be exhibited at the grade school all three days of the celebration. Included will be traveling art shows by several prominent Oregon artists. The flower and driftwood shows will be judged exhibits.

HORSE SHOW

Always a popular event is the rip-roaring horse show and this year should see many eager contestants trying for top prizes in flag races, pole bending, Texas barrel racing and other contests. Admission will be adults, \$1; children 50 cents. Location of the show, which starts at 1:30 p. m., will be in the arena across from the 76 Union Service.

INDIAN VILLAGE

Jaycees will have their Indian Village open all day the Fourth. Located in Battle Rock Park, along with other concessions, visitors will see the "world's largest tepee", Indian artifacts and plenty of wild redskins making war dances around the bonfire. Game and food booths will also be found in the Village.

BATTLE ROCK PAGEANT

Exciting drama will be presented about 7:30 p. m. in the Battle of Battle Rock Pageant. This will be the portrayal of the Historic Battle of 1851 between nine white settlers and local Indians. Site of the battle will be the beach at Battle Rock and the rock, just as the first one was.

SQUARE DANCE

The Beachcombers Square Dance Club is featuring a special square dance the evening of the Fourth with well-known caller Ruth Stillion, of Arcadia, California, commanding the squares. This dance will start at 8:30 at the Beachcombers Cove, about two miles north of the city.

All square dancers and visitors are welcome to attend.

FIREWORKS

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Fourth will be the increasingly popular gigantic fireworks display, also held at Battle Rock, under the direction of Ed Longton.

This show will start with a burning flag followed by scores of brilliant high-scoring rockets and breathtaking special effects. The natural amphitheatre formed by the hills overlooking the beach provides plenty of seating for all spectators.

HILL CLIMB

Winding up the three days of fun will be the thrill-packed motorcycle hill climb, sponsored by the Lions. Held on the "hill of challenge" on Agate Beach Road, the contest will start at 1 p. m. Famous riders from all over the Pacific Northwest are expected to attend the American Motorcycle Association sanctioned climb, trying for points and prize money. Novice and expert classes will be featured with two heats in each event. Admission will be adults, \$1, children, 50 cents. Refreshment booths will also be open on the grounds.

Businesses and organizations contributing to date include: Back Acres Garden Club, Bartlett's, Battle Rock Motel, BPW, Christian Womens Fellowship, City of Port Orford, Hazel Cram, Curry County Reporter, Depoe Bay Fish Co., Don Mechals Wood, Frank's Repair, Hahn Hardware, Johnny's Cafe, Matetka Jeweler, Meier & Frank, Niemann's Insurance, Noble Bros., Chevron Service, Rawliegh's, Sears Catalog Store, Latter Day Saints Church, South Coast Agency, Southwestern Motors, Western States Plywood and Rexall Drug Store.

Grange Picks Fair Princess

Miss Mary Margaret Helmen was nominated by the Sixes grange as their candidate for princess of the Curry County Fair which is being held August 6 through 9.

Virgil Cannon, agriculture committee chairman, reported a meeting to be held in Myrtle Point June 20 with county extension agents demonstrating "Methods of Caring for Sheep." Those attending will bring a potluck dinner for noon.

Clarence Brooks, legislative chairman, reported on false advertising about public power. A report was made on the work day at Boice-Cope park at which time rest rooms were completed, and a roof erected over stoves to provide shelter.

Al Brown reported that he and Art Strain had placed a flag pole at the cemetery on Floras Lake Road. A flag was flying on Flag Day and Memorial Day.

The Sweet Family's request for use of the Grange hall for Sunday, July 5, for the 50th wedding anniversary of Art and Docia Sweet was granted.

The evening's program was in charge of the chaplain who conducted a memorial program.

Fireworks Fund Donations Start

Minnie Jolly, chairman of the July 4th finance committee, said today that donations for the big show are starting to come in and that records as of Monday show a total of \$307 received. The fireworks display this year will cost \$600 plus freight.

Ed Longton, fireworks chairman, said this year most of the rockets and displays will be shot from atop Battle Rock and out over the bay. Starting the show will be a beautiful American flag. Many other fabulous displays and rockets of whistles, buzzers and fantastic exploding colors will light the night sky for nearly an hour.

Individuals are reminded of fireworks donation containers at various businesses in the city. They are painted to resemble a firecracker, tied with red, white and blue ribbon and marked "Fireworks Fund".

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Clark Heads Curry GOP

The Curry County Republican Central Committee at their regular monthly meeting, June 11, at the Curry County Court House, elected officers for the coming biennium.

Those elected to serve were Merwin Clark, Sr., of Brookings, chairman; Mildred M. Byrne, Brookings, vice chairman, and Neonta Hall of Sixes, secretary-treasurer.

E. J. Schneider of Agness and Martha Crayshel of Brookings were elected as alternate convention delegates.

The Republican State Convention will meet in Eugene on July 2nd and it is anticipated that chairman Clark and vice chairman Byrne will represent Curry county at this meeting.

POSING in the new Pacific high band uniforms are band members Mike McWilliams, left, Kathy Sevens and Bob Camara. The band will be a featured attraction for the July 4th parade.

Court Changes Road Aid Policy

Representatives of Curry's three city councils are expected to meet with the county court in Gold Beach next Monday night to discuss changes in policies of the county-city road aid agreement.

In the past, county allocated funds for the cities had to be used only for road surfacing. This is one phase of the policy that is planned to be changed to include any road improvements. The county will still administer and approve road projects.

Funds from the county are divided among the Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford on a per-capita basis.

Historical Society To Make Tour Of Curry County

A boat trip up the Rogue River from Gold Beach to Agness, once known as Oregon's most remote post office, is scheduled as part of the Oregon Historical Society's first "Trappers' Rendezvous" tour of this year, June 26-28.

The bus and auto expedition from every part of the Pacific Northwest will visit sites of historic and scenic interest in Roseburg, Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings during the three-day jaunt into Southwestern Oregon.

At Roseburg, touring historians will visit the Flood-Lane House, once the home of Joseph Lane, first territorial governor. The Douglas County Historical Society last year won a commemorative award from the American Association for State and Local History for its restoration of the house. Mrs. Kenneth Ford, state board member is host.

Another point of call will be Battle Rock at Port Orford, where Capt. J. M. Kirkpatrick and his party were besieged by Indians in 1851. In the battle the party of sailors used a small cannon to hold off the Indians for several days before escaping their besiegers.

Other stopping places are Cape Blanco Lighthouse, standing on the first place in Oregon to be named by a white man; Humburg State Park, Azalea State Park, where Brookings people will be breakfast hosts; and Loeb State Park, and the Josephine County Historical Society Museum in Kerby. The party will spend both nights of its tour in Gold Beach. Return to Portland will be via Highway 199, for a view of the most northern Redwood forests, and Interstate 5, from Grants Pass.

Bus travelers on two chartered Trailways busses will be limited to 78.

Oregon Artist To Show Here On July Fourth

Word has been received that famous Oregon artist Arthur Selander will exhibit paintings of Oregon scenes here on the Fourth of July.

Selander is well known throughout the state for his work in oils and as an instructor.

His exhibit is one of several scheduled for the annual July 4th Celebration.

DONATE TO THE FIREWORKS FUND

Fifteen Respond To Fire Department Plea

Port Orford's volunteer fire department is again up to full complement, largely through the efforts of newly-elected Chief A. E. "Pappy" Haight who took it upon himself to get something done before the city lost its fire rating classification.

Haight said the city was now as low as it could go and that if it lost its present rating insurance premiums would nearly triple.

At the chief's urging, 13

men responded to the plea for new members at last Wednesday night's meeting and two more signed up the following day. New members include: Dal Wier, Floyd Keeler, Paul Leutwyler, Ira Tucker, Gary McMains, Carl Kinter, Leo Klinner, Carlos White, Fred Kowal, Dale Bartlett, Charles Balzer, Mayor Lloyd Bates, fire commissioner George Hahn, Orris Smith and Delbert Neal.

Chief Haight began a stepped-up training program for the department Monday night at 7 p. m. Training was also set for Tuesday and Thursday nights. This phase of training will deal primarily with operation of both trucks and handling of the high pressure hoses.

Bruce Eddy, West Coast Telephone representative, also attended the meeting to explain the new telephone fire warning system to be installed on its arrival from the factory. The system will be connected to a minimum of 10 firemen phones through a central control panel at the local exchange.

When the fire number is called all phones thus connected will ring with a steady signal until answered. The phone siren now used will be discontinued. A timer will permit up to four minutes of conference on the phone line before reverting it back to normal service. If a line is busy, a warning signal will sound on the line until the connection is broken, then the phone will ring with the fire signal.

Eddy explained that the system would increase the efficiency of the department because false alarms could be weeded out and that response to actual fires could be speeded up because firemen would have directions immediately and could be dispatched from their homes.

Cost of the system, Eddy said would be around \$20.50 per month after installation. This would include two or three buttons that would be connected to trigger the big siren. Extra phones on the system would run \$2 per month after installation.

Auxiliary
Chief Haight also urged wives of firemen to join an auxiliary unit, for the purpose of conducting home fire inspections and fire prevention campaigns. The auxiliary could also handle social affairs for the department, Haight said. Mrs. Mary Bates volunteered to serve as temporary chairman, to replace Geneva Tucker, until the organization is completed.

Other Business
Haight also stressed the immediate need for state inspection of fire fighting equipment and the water system in an effort to increase the city's fire ratings.

Assistance from the Coos Forest Protective Patrol was also pledged whenever needed by the city.

Arizona Ranch Plans Open House

The Arizona Ranch Resort, located half-way between Port Orford and Gold Beach on Highway 101, is holding open house Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Operated by Jim and Alta Tweedy, the Arizona Ranch Resort offers a complete vacation spot for the entire family located in a sheltered valley which opens out on miles of ocean beach.

There are 11 ultra modern motel units, some with kitchen facilities. At the present time there are 56 trailer spaces, eight of which are available for all electric trailers with sewer facilities.

A large shower and bath house has been installed for the trailer occupants, with complete laundry facilities also available. A modern well stocked store is operated for the convenience of the guests, and there are picnic tables and camping sites both in the valley and on the beach.

A community hall is provided for groups who wish to hold lunches or meetings inside and there are miles of forest trails to explore.

Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy were successful Iowa corn growers who specialized in hybrid corn which is used extensively in Iowa. They lost their heart to the Oregon coastland some seven years ago while spending a vacation in Oregon, and two years ago purchased 125 acres in the little valley which is just across the highway from the famous Prehistoric Gardens. The resort is on the site of the old Arizona Inn, which was a famous stage stop in the pioneer days of Curry county.

The open house is being held to acquaint the people of Coos and Curry counties with the facilities they have available, and everyone is invited to spend the day, and get acquainted. Refreshments will be served, balloons for the kiddies, and registration prizes will be given away each day.

A Russian who lives happily under the present system of government in Russia must either believe that man has no soul, or that, if he has, it is not worth developing.

—Oscar Wilde

God bless America for a sense of humor.

—Will Rogers



Judy Albom, Coquille, Honored Queen of Port Orford Jobs Daughters.

—Photo by Lucille Ellis



BEACHCOMBER GARB is the natural attire for contestants in the "Miss Beachcomber" contest, pictured here on Battle

Rock, scene of the historic Indian fight in 1851. Left to right are Sheryl Mechals, Dixie Jamieson, Vicki McDonald,

Mary Ellen Bates and Mary Geer. Miss Beachcomber will be crowned at the Celebration Dance July 3. Tickets for the

dance are on sale by the candidates.