

## Vernonia women run rapids

by Ruth Burkett

The Deschutes River, near the town of Maupin, is the starting point of a thirteen mile rafting run of some of the most scenic white water in central Oregon. Five Vernonia women got together on Tuesday, July 21 for the three hour drive to Maupin over the beautiful Mt. Hood highway and then into large rubber rafts for the exciting white water run. Mary Schaub, the only one with previous rafting experience assured one and all that it would be the time of their lives. Mary along with Edna Seeberger, Jennifer Ragsdale, Ruth Burkett and Julie Prohaska of Vernonia, and Julie's sister, Marilyn Congdon of Beaverton, put in the river at 9:30 am for the first six hours of excitement.

White Water Inc., of the Dalles, led the expedition with their river expertise and a gourmet lunch. Since there were two rafts plus one other with beverages and equipment, that opened the way for terrific water fights while floating along the calm portions of the river. Five gallon buckets were the weapons and no one escaped the siege without a dousing. Though nearly all were novices of the sport, rapids ranging from one to four-plus were negotiated safely. White water is rated from one, which is very simple rapids to six which should not be attempted.

Julie Prohaska summed the entire expedition up perfectly, "Just say we all had a GREAT time!" This may be the beginning of an annual event.

### VISITORS IN VERNONIA

Mr. and Mrs. John Kudrna were busy this last month with houseguests. Irene Zissler of Oakland, California spent three days with them.

John Kudrna's cousin, Bill Schumack from Ft. Dodge, Iowa, spent the month of July with them. This was a special visitor as they hadn't seen each other in over 50 years.

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