

50 years ago, Vernonia was celebrating Oregon's 100th birthday

The February 12, 1959, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page reporting on events for Oregon's 100th year:

Oregon's Centennial officially begins with the celebration of the state's birthday February 14. In connection with this event, the eighth grade will present a Centennial program Friday at 1:30 in the Washington school auditorium.

It will be in two parts, the first a short Oregon Trail play: "We're

Turning Back," which tells of the hardships suffered by a family who lost all of their possessions when crossing the Snake river and decided to turn back but changed their minds after talking to their guide and continued on to Oregon.

Those taking parts are Nancy Howard, Carol Patterson, Ralph Anderegg, Wallace Pollock, Paul Weaver and Everett Haverland.

The second part of the program is an outgrowth of the study of Oregon history in the social studies classes. The material was ob-

tained through reading and research in library books and the making of reports in class. The script for the play was written by Patty Robertson, Linda Argo, Sam Hearing and David Brunsman. It is entitled: "Onward to Oregon."

The story begins with Jefferson telling Lewis and Clark of his purchase of the Louisiana Territory and the sending of them to explore the region and of incidents that happened along the Oregon Trail up through the time Oregon became a state. One scene will take place around the camp fire with songs, a square dance and a Indian attack.

Grant Bowerman will be the narrator.

The covered wagon, maps and scenery have been done by members of the class. Everyone in the class will take part.

The eighth grade is also sponsoring a Centennial Dress-up day on Monday, February 16 and has asked the rest of the school to participate if they wish.

Monday evening the program will be presented again for the PTA at which time the band will also play.

Included in a box in the middle of the same article was this Proclamation:

WHEREAS Oregon celebrates the 100th Anniversary of its admission to the Union on February 14, which will be the opening event in a long series culminating in a Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair, starting in June; and

WHEREAS every citizen of Vernonia should enter into the spirit of the occasion, I hereby, proclaim February 14 "Oregon's Birthday Day," and urge citizens to celebrate and serve Oregon Centennial birthday cakes to all friends and neighbors.

George Johnson, Mayor

Vernonia pioneer dies two days before Oregon's 100th birthday

The February 19, 1959, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following obituary of a Vernonia pioneer family:

Funeral services for Roy Tucker, 72 year old pioneer resident of Vernonia, were held Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the Fuiten and Davis Chapel in the Hills mortuary with Rev. F. M. Knoll of the Vernonia E.U.B. church officiating. Mrs. Elizabeth Serafin sang "In The Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by Mrs. Louise Thomas on the piano.

Mr. Tucker's parents, Thomas M. and Laura A. Tucker took up a homestead on Rock Creek in 1876 at the site that in latter years became known as the Parker place. It was here that Roy was born May 24th, 1886. On August 30, 1913 he was united in marriage to Miss Birdie Allen, whose parents also were among the early settlers on Rock Creek, having homesteaded

the adjoining property. Roy spent his entire lifetime at Vernonia, living at their home on the Rock Creek road, until last year when they moved to Vernonia to retire. He passed away at his home at 507 Rose Avenue on the morning of February 12, after an extended illness.

He is survived by his wife, Birdie and four children: Violet Mae Tucker, Mrs. Marion Weiderkehr, Thomas M. Tucker and Junior Tucker all of Vernonia; and two sisters, Mrs. Eda (Walt) Parker and Mrs. Hilda (Ted) Keasey both of Vernonia.

Concluding services and vault entombment were in the Pioneer cemetery with arrangements entrusted to Fuiten and Davis Chapel in the Hills.

He was a member of the Vernonia Grange and had received his 50 year membership certificate several years ago.

WEATHER REPORT

JANUARY 2009

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Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in January totalled 5.40 inches.

* No reading available due to power outage or weather.

Library may be down for upgrade

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online services to:

- Search for books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, and other library materials.

- Place holds on library materials.

- View personal library account information.

- Renew library materials either online or by telephone.

Questions about renewals or

due dates should be directed to local WCCLS member libraries.

The phone numbers for Banks Public Library is 503-324-1382.

Not all access will be interrupted during the upgrading process. The public will still be able to access all online resources and electronic databases, Library2Go, and other information available on the WCCLS website.

Letters

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you know, this can be a challenge the first thing in the morning, but no trouble for the two big dogs in the next camp spot. They are out there peeing and pooping and did not even had to leave their campsite. The only problem comes when they leave and the next campers that pull into that spot have a couple of little kids. I knew right away what was coming and sure enough it wasn't long before I heard, "Mom, I just stepped in some dog poop!"

We haven't designated Hawkins Park as a dog park, but it seems that is where a lot of people like to take their dogs to run and play because you see a lot of sticks that they have thrown for them to fetch and, of course, there is a lot of

poop.

Now, if you want to win the grand prize on America's Funniest Videos just bring your camera to the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Those little kids can't stand up, they are slipping and sliding and falling down all over the place and then there is an occasional one that you see that takes a flying leap and just jumps over a mess.

Sometimes that poop can work to your advantage, such as the time I was watching one of the baseball games, a kid was stealing second base, hit a pile of poop, and slid an extra five feet. He just whizzed by the kid who was trying to tag him out.

Now if we had equal rights with a dog look at the money

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