

Public executions topic at Library

Justice in Frontier Oregon is the topic of a Chautauqua program to be held at the Vernonia Library on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. Diane Goeres-Gardner will discuss the evolution of punishment and justice in Oregon.

Just over one hundred years ago many Oregon cities held public executions with men, women and children congregating to watch convicted crim-

inals hang from local gallows. The presentation explores changing attitudes from 1850 to 1905, when the last execution outside of a state penitentiary took place in Oregon.

There will be refreshments following the program, which is presented by the Vernonia Library, the Friends of the Library and with funding by the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

50 Years Ago This Month

The April 9, 1959, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

A centennial queen will be selected from among the women who have lived in the Nehalem Valley for fifty years or more, the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree committee decided at its meeting Friday night, April 2.

All organizations in the Nehalem Valley are invited to sponsor a candidate for centennial queen. Entries must be turned in to the queen chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Garlock at Mist or the general chairman, Mrs. Amy Kamholz, by May 15. Organizations need the consent of their candidate as the queen will be present at a number of events and will be honored at each.

The queen will be crowned at the queen's ball which will be held July 17. Mrs. Guy Thomas is chairman of the queen's ball committee and is in charge of arrangements.

It was announced that the Browning Brothers carnival will be in Vernonia from July 15 through July 18 and will set up at the east side of the high school grounds.

James Johns, chairman of the parade committee, announced that the parade this year will begin at Weed Avenue and Bridge St. It will proceed east on Bridge to State Ave., north on State to North St., west on North to Washington, back to Bridge, then west to First St. and south to Maple. The parade will return up Maple to Weed and disband. The parade will be judged between 10:15 and 11:00 a.m. on July 18. It will move out at 11:00 a.m.

Johns announced the following parade classifications: Float, horse drawn vehicle, marching unit, mounted, children and pets, an-

cient vehicles, open, and commercial. A special award for the entry carrying out the best idea for the centennial will be made.

Don Webb announced that ten men attended the special meeting on logging events April 2. The following events are set with the chairman of the event listed: Falling, Wilfred Holce; Burling, Claude Gibson Jr.; bucking, Carter Service and Ted's Saw Shop; Hand bucking, Ted Keasey; truck backing, Don Tiffney; log chopping, E. E. Larson; splicing, Harold Bergerson. Other events will be announced later.

A change in the method of charging for concessions and the country store was made. For the past two years concessions were charged at 50 per cent of profits. This has proved to be confusing to many people. The new method will be fifteen percent of total sales.

Also in the same issue was this story under TEN YEARS AGO from The Eagle, April 7, 1949:

City Marshall Shirley Kirtland reported \$136 in fines collected for arrests made by city policemen during the month of March at the council meeting Monday night.

The Vernonia rifle team took second place in sharpshooters division of the Columbia-Willamette Rifle league. Team members were Ralph Aldrich, Bernard Lamping, Harold Peterson, Ben George and Milton Lamping.

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Jamboree theme announced

The theme chosen for the 2009 Vernonia Friendship Jamboree is: Moving Forward.

Next, the Jamboree committee is looking for design submissions for t-shirt and advertising purposes. Please submit your designs to Donna Webb at donnatwebb@gmail.com or call 503-429-5201 (by May 6).

The next Jamboree meeting is May 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the learning center and is open to anyone interested in helping with Jamboree. One area of help needed is for a group willing to set out and take down signage for Jamboree.

Below; a scene from this year's Easter Concert. The Vernonia Community Choir, directed by Lynda Cahill, performed *Bow The Knee*, a dramatic musical for Easter with three free shows the weekend of April 3.



Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Has your get up and go got up and went? Hello. It may be Spring but even

the bears woke up slow. So, don't rush out into your yard with rake, hoe and shovel. It's too muddy and puddly in my yard yet, besides my grass (ho, ho) is now a moss bed with all sorts of weeds, twigs, cones and tree branches - so - I'm waiting for a miracle. Seven days of "nice" dry warm sunshine, then I'll look for someone with the afore-mentioned tools plus an aerating machine. Then I can sit, sip tea, knit and watch my front yard become what it hasn't looked like in about ten years. Yes, when my go got up and went, it didn't

come back. I have accepted this fact but I don't like it.

I notice there is one less possum at the lake. Poor thing, it had a pretty multi-colored brown fur though. The last one Shadow and I saw was on our back porch about four years ago or was it longer? Time flies.

And the "Dead Light Bulb" award goes to - the Liquor Commission who is considering letting a fast food drive-through have a license to sell beer and wine with your burger and fries. This "STOPS" any pre-adult (under 21) from being able to work there as a server (or even take your order) also who will check your I.D. to see if you are old enough, and will they have take-out at the drive through window? It only took one to develop the "mini burger" now everyone has them, consider Carl's Jr. Bourbon Burger ad. It's disgusting - (a doctor no less) - booze and gluttony in one sitting.

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