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Many Attend K. of P. Picnic

Parker's Grove Was Scene of
County Gathering Sunday

Field Events are Featured

Local Merchants Donate Prizes
For Races and Contests
At Picnic.

Harding lodge of Vernonia was host to members of the Columbia county lodges of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters at a picnic at Parker's grove Sunday attended by a crowd of nearly 150.

Meeting in the morning, a large picnic lunch was enjoyed by the fraternal folk at noon. Shortly after lunch the feature entertainment of the day was started in the form of races and contests. Prizes were awarded for the following races and contests by Vernonia merchants:

Log rolling contest, 1 box hose, Corey Economy store.

Fat man's race, 1 sack of flour, Miller Mercantile company; second prize, \$2 in trade at Vernonia Mercantile company, Butternut Bread company.

Fat women's race, \$5 picture frame, Brown Furniture company. Pie eating contest for boys under 15, knife, Hoffman Hardware company; second prize, show tickets, Majestic theatre.

Race for boys, hair cut and shampoo, Columbia Barber shop.

Women's race, box of candy, Keller Candy Kitchen.

Broad jumping, spotlight, Aspland Electric company; second prize, \$1 roast, Emmott & Culver.

Bathing beauty contest, silk underwear, People's store; second prize, \$1 in trade, Lincoln Candy Kitchen; third prize, \$1 in trade, Lincoln Candy Kitchen.

Girls race under 18, vanity set, Vernonia Mercantile company.

Three-legged race for men, two gallons of lubricating oil, Shell Oil company; second prize, five gallons gasoline, Crawford Motor company.

Free for all swimming race, water ball, Vernonia Hollywood.

Race for women (Pythians only), pin, Kullander Jewelry store; second prize, kettle, Mellinger Hardware.

Race for married women, aluminum kettle, Hoffman Hardware; second prize, \$1 in trade at Miller Mercantile company, by Butternut Bread company.

Horseshoe pitching contest, nam, Nehalem market. The ham, which was won by Wm. Bridges of Mist, was returned to the Pythian Sisters, who raffled it off, netting \$25.05.

Race for married men, 1 year's subscription, Vernonia Eagle.

Single men's race, five gallons gasoline, Gilby Motor company; second prize, bottle hair paste, Rose Barber shop.

Sack race, free for all, cake, Vernonia bakery.

Race for all girls under 10, \$1 in trade, Horseshoe cafe; second prize, 50 cents in trade, Horseshoe cafe; third prize, 50 cents in trade, Horseshoe cafe.

Runaway Boys Caught.

Melvin Lee, 14, Wilbur Land, 15, and Mike Frazer, 15, of Forest Grove and Gales Creek were apprehended yesterday afternoon by Marshal W. J. Kelly, who arrested them at first on suspicion. Later they admitted running away from home. They had rifles, bullets and cigarettes and impertinent dispositions in their possession, according to Marshal Kelly. He has been endeavoring to get in touch with the parents before preferring charges.

Keep Garbage Away From Roads

Rainier, Ore.,
August 10, 1927.

To the Editor: The following resolution was adopted by Beaver Valley Juvenile Grange, which we hope you will print in your paper with any comment you may see fit to make, as we wish it to apply to the entire county:

Resolved, by Beaver Valley Juvenile Grange, that we request the public to refrain from dumping garbage within sight or smell of any public road.

Grace Burns, Secretary.

Local Boy Entered in National Rifle Shoot

Wayne Wittmore, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wittmore of Vernonia, left yesterday for Camp Perry, Ohio, to participate in the national rifle shoot of the Citizens Military Training Corps.

Young Wittmore was given this opportunity by reason of having secured the highest rating at the tournament held at the C. M. T. C. at Vancouver, Wash., this spring. It is expected that the shoot will last two weeks.

State Christian Endeavor Conference Will Be Held At Turner on August 29

Oregon's eighth annual summer conference of the Christian Endeavor Union will be held at Turner August 29 to September 5. Turner is on the main Southern Pacific line, 10 miles south of Salem.

The conference committee consists of Miss M. W. Walker of Forest Grove, general chairman; Miss Josephine Bothman of Corvallis, publicity manager; Dallas Rice of Portland, business manager; Miss Viola Ogden of Portland, registrar; Rev. Walter L. Myers of Eugene Bible university, dean.

The conference faculty is composed of Rev. Walter L. Myers of Eugene, dean of conference; Miss Hulda Anderson of La Grande, dean of women; Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of First Presbyterian church of Salem, Bible study; Rev. C. D. Gaffney, pastor of Congregational church of Ashland, recreational director; Rev. Paul C. Brown, Pacific coast secretary of Christian Endeavor, devotional leader. Classes for the study of methods and activities will be taught by the following: June Walker of Forest Grove, expert endeavor; Viola Ogden of Portland, progressive endeavor; Catherine Mothack of Banks, junior leadership; Paul C. Brown, union leadership; Kathryn Rice of Portland, intermediate leadership; Walter J. Meyers of Eugene, life vocations; Alice Guiley of Eugene, poster making; Ross Guiley of Eugene, song leadership; Dallas Rice of Portland, society leadership; Mary Harding of Sherwood, missionary leadership.

Dr. Tully's topics for Bible study will be "Jesus' Pathway to the Cross," "His Baptism," "Temptation," "Peter's Confession," "The Transfiguration," and "The Last Supper."

One of the interesting special speakers will be Zenas Olson of Hillsboro, former president of the Washington Christian Endeavor union and high school teacher in Hillsboro, who is home on a furlough from Bangalore, India. Some interesting features of the conference will be reports from the recent international convention at Cleveland by Oregon delegates, evening bonfire meetings under the leadership of Paul Brown; stunt night, and the annual conference banquet.

Advance registrations received at Christian Endeavor headquarters, 303 Abington building, Portland, indicate a state-wide interest in the coming conference as delegates have registered from Pendleton, Freewater, La Grande, Eugene and Ashland, as well as many other towns closer in. Delegates are urged to register early in order to facilitate accommodations.

75 Per Cent of Tourist Travel From California

In an analysis of tourist traffic, the State Motor association points out that 75 per cent of tourist travel comes into Oregon from California. This 75 per cent of travel does not necessarily mean that the motorists are residents of California. Many eastern cars bear California license plates due to the fact that the residents of eastern states winter in California and purchase license plates there the first of the year.

California is the concentration point for tourists and the association points out that the proper place to increase tourist volume is to have salesmen of Oregon in the places where tourists congregate.

Through its affiliation with the American Automobile association, the State Motor association has representatives in every city in California and these tourist information bureaus are equipped with detailed tourist and road information regarding Oregon. Literally, they are salesmen of Oregon and a great proportion of the flow of traffic into Oregon from the south is traceable to the activities of those directors of tourist traffic.

Ice & Creamery Co. Purchased by Local Business Men Yesterday

Messrs. McGraw, Bush and Tapp
To Form Corporation to Handle
Creamery and Ice Business Here.

The hectic affairs of the Davidson Ice & Creamery company are now regarded by local folk to be in safe hands, with the announcement yesterday by its purchase by three local business men: J. N. Bush, Ed. Tapp, and H. E. McGraw. The new concern, which has not been officially named yet, will be incorporated immediately, it was announced.

A first-class buttermaker, S. O. Rice, who has had charge of that department of creamery work in the Astoria, Corvallis and Forest Grove creameries, among many others in the past ten years, starts work soon making the local product. It is expected that the local creamery will in time supply all the demand for local butter.

The creamery concern plans to continue the pasteurizing of milk and delivering both this and whole milk to local patrons immediately.

Big Future For Dairying In the Nehalem Valley

Those who have made a careful study of the situation are unanimously of the opinion that dairying is destined to successful expansion in the Nehalem valley.

The days of the "one-crop farmer" are numbered, since it has been proven that a farmer having plenty of feed and pasture for ten or more well bred cows is independent. Heavy demand for milk, butter and cheese insures him a stable market for his product and an assured monthly income that is very welcome.

The Bank of Vernonia, is enthusiastically interested in the development of high grade dairy herds in this territory and is prepared to cooperate with anyone to this end. They will gladly outline a plan for the beginning or enlargement of a herd of high grade dairy stock.

Mr. McGraw states: "The demand for dairy products of all kinds is constantly increasing, due largely to the health campaigns pointing out the necessity of milk foods, and exports to the orient. California cities are heavy purchasers of Oregon and Idaho butter and cheese. The man who has a good herd along with his other products has a steady income and is practically assured of successful independence. Not only has he the sale of milk and cream for his income but there is a constant demand for well bred animals for city dairies. I am informed that it requires over 1500 new animals per month for Los Angeles alone, and a big proportion of them come from this state."

"It is far better to pay a little more for good animals than to build up a herd of low producing scrubs with no sale for the offspring."

"We are anxious to aid anyone interested and prepared to care for a herd in getting started or in adding to his herd."

Highway Traffic Has Increased This Summer

The trend of tourist travel over central Oregon highways has materially increased during the past few months. The completion of The Dalles-California highway has drawn a great many more tourists into the central portion of the state and now that the oiling program has been completed, Oregonians are finding that central Oregon country is not only a new but a most delightful country in which to spend their vacation time.

August travel shows a decided increase over July, due to the late season and oiling activities, and it is expected that this increase in volume will continue until school bells put a stop to a percentage of the vacationists.

The percentage of tourists who are coming into Oregon from the south by the Pacific highway and returning by way of The Dalles-California highway is increasing daily. The tourist by making this loop trip gains a perspective and a knowledge of the variety of Oregon scenery that is not gained any other way.

J. W. Brown Elected School Director on Board of District 47

Plans for the Reconstruction of
Washington Building To Be Dis-
cussed at Board Meeting Tonight

J. W. Brown, local furniture dealer was elected a member of the school board of district No. 47 at the meeting held Monday at the Washington school, to succeed Mrs. T. Mills, resigned. He will serve the rest of Mrs. Mills' unexpired term of a little less than one year.

Members of the school board met Tuesday night to discuss plans of improving the school building to care for the needs of the coming year. They expect to meet again tonight in the Washington school and expressed the hope that a number of townspeople would be present to lend their advice on the best method of procedure.

It is thought by some that by putting larger windows in the first-floor rooms and changing the heating arrangements so that heat is supplied to the floor of the rooms and not the ceiling, that the objections to these quarters will be eliminated.

Agitation by some to spend the \$20,000 available for the first unit of a new building is not expected to meet with approval by the board. It is pointed out that the season is too late to start building, with no hope of using the structure before January, and that there is insufficient room on the grounds to start such a building without tearing down the old original building. Meanwhile the housing question would be a difficult one.

Contracts for transportation of pupils have been granted to T. Mills for the down river, Ross Duncan for the Rock creek route, and Mr. Woods for the Stony Point route. W. J. Goeding has been appointed janitor of the Washington school and Mr. McDonald for the Lincoln school.

The front fence at the Washington school has been torn out and work begun on the new concrete sidewalk along the entire front.

To Aid High School Graduates in Select- ing College Courses

With a desire to aid the high school graduates who intend to attend college this fall and in accordance with Governor Patterson's plan for harmony between the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college, members of the Greater Oregon committee of the University of Oregon are explaining the courses offered by that institution.

Wade Rutherford of St. Helens has been appointed in charge of the work of the committee in Columbia county.

Students in agriculture, basic arts and sciences, commerce, engineering and mechanic arts, forestry, home economics, mines, pharmacy, vocational education, chemical engineering, military science, and physical education are advised to attend O.A.C., while those wishing courses in the sciences, arts and literature are advised to enter the university.

Besides explaining the courses offered in the different schools of the university, members of the committee give information in regard to expenses and fees, and aid is given the student in securing catalogs and other printed informational matter.

Legion and Auxiliary To Picnic on Sunday

The American Legion Auxiliary unit will be host at a picnic for the local members of the Auxiliary and American Legion posts at Sheeley's grove Sunday, August 21, according to Mrs. Harry Wilson, in charge of the function.

Beside the picnic, contests and races are planned for the afternoon, and a general good time is being assured all who attend. Visiting members of these organizations are especially invited to be present.

Automobiles will leave from the Vernonia Drug company at 10 a. m. which will provide room for all those not already having transportation.

St. Helens — Hall mill resumes work to cut 50,000 feet of lumber capacity daily.

Vernonia Water Gets High Rating in Test

Superintendent M. L. Gaines of the Vernonia water department, received a report on the condition of the local water from the laboratory of the Oregon state board of health this week which stated that the local water, from which a test had been made, was in "A" condition, which classification is meant that it is safe for drinking purposes.

The test, which was the standard method of testing of the American Public Health association, showed a bacterial count of 300 per cubic centimeter. The test for gas in the fermentation tube showed an entire absence of organisms of the B. Coli group. These organisms, which are very closely related to the typhoid bacteria, inhabit the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals. Their presence in water, therefore, shows sewage contamination of pollution from surface drainage.

Mrs. Emma A. Alford, 73, Passed Away August 10

The death of Mrs. Emma A. Alford, 73, occurred Wednesday of last week at the home of her son-in-law, Levert Goodin of Vernonia.

Emma A. Perry was born in Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., October 14, 1853. When a small girl she moved to Illinois with her mother, after the death of her father in 1857. She was married to Milton A. Alford in 1874 and moved to western Nebraska. A few years later they moved to eastern Nebraska, where they resided until 1922, moving to Lakeview, Oregon.

Mr. Alford died at Lakeview in February, 1924. Mrs. Alford was in poor health and went to Baker county to live with her daughter, Mrs. Levert Goodin. They came to Vernonia, where Mrs. Goodin died a year ago.

Interment was in the Vernonia cemetery, beside her only child. Services were held in the Brown chapel, with Rev. Teddy Leavitt officiating.

Mrs. Alford leaves her son-in-law, Levert Goodin, and two grandchildren, Warren and Vera Goodin, to mourn her loss.

Mrs. A. L. Clark of Rainier Killed By Car

Mrs. Edith E. Clark, a resident of Rainier since 1869 and known throughout the county, was injured fatally Thursday forenoon when struck by a car while on the edge of the highway between Deer Island and Goble. She died two hours later without regaining consciousness.

Because of the confusion around the accident and tragic outcome, it has been difficult for anyone to piece together a fairly accurate account of what actually happened. Mrs. Clark, with her husband, A. L. Clark, were riding in the direction of Portland when they came up behind a Chevrolet coach driven by J. A. Martin, car salesman connected with the City garage of Rainier. The hub caps nicked, and Mr. Clark pulled up ahead of Mr. Martin's car to see how much damage was done.

When the two cars were pulled up on their side of the road, Mrs. Clark stepped out of the car in which she was riding, and walked around to the rear of the two cars, possibly to inspect Mr. Martin's car with Mr. Clark and Mr. Martin. As she stepped behind the car onto the highway, a large car, driven by Mrs. L. Kaufman of Portland, came up behind the two parked cars, and when Mrs. Kaufman swung to the middle of the highway, she saw the Lincoln, driven by a Mrs. Kelly, also of Portland, coming in the opposite direction.

What happened then is not definitely known. From the nature of the damage done to Mrs. Kaufman's car, indications point to the possibility that the machine skidded first to the left, sliding into the path of the Lincoln, and then, with the impact of the heavy car, was swung back to the right side of the road. Whether this happened or she undertook to back out of the way in reverse, seems to be a question. Mrs. Clark, however, was caught by the rear end of Mrs. Kaufman's car and pinned against the bank.

Mrs. Clark's chest was crushed, her collar bone broken and her skull crushed. The accident happened at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and she died at 1 o'clock in the afternoon in the Rainier hospital, where she was brought for treatment.

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New Inland Route Favored

Short Route Through Vernonia
To Sea Approved Locally

Relieve Columbia Traffic

Proposed Route Would Be About
85 Miles From Portland To
Seaside, Through Nehalem

Upon the announcement of Seaside business men and their Chamber of Commerce, also of the Gearhart resort folk, that they propose fostering the building of a new road to the Roosevelt highway from Portland which would pass through Vernonia, Lester Sheeley, secretary of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce assured them that they would have the full cooperation of this district toward the completion of plans to build the new road.

From Portland to the coast, the route would go due west from the metropolis to Cedar Hill, northwest to Bethany, almost due west to Roy, then northwest through Banks to Buxton, when it would proceed almost due north to Vernonia, following present roads all the way, the improvement of which would be nominal.

From Vernonia it is planned to make a new cut northwest, after following the Rock creek road for about five miles, and then due west to a few miles below Jewell, meeting the Jewell-Elsie road. From Jewell the road would follow the Fishhawk creek, Saddle mountain, the Lewis and Clark river, and into Seaside over the county road.

New construction would be necessitated most of the distance between Seaside and Vernonia. The grade of the Lewis and Clark logging railroad extending from Saddle mountain about seven miles towards Seaside, will be abandoned in about two years and might be incorporated in the highway, the promoters believe. The grades would be easily negotiated, it is pointed out, as the summit of the road would not be more than 1000 feet above sea level.

It is estimated by many that the distance from Portland to the coast will not be more than 85 miles by the new route, which will give a running time from Portland to the sea of approximately three hours, thus encouraging more traffic to the coast and lessening the great present congestion on the Columbia highway.

Because of the great amount of traffic on the Columbia highway, the commission is now confronted with the necessity of widening and straightening the present highway, or finding a new route. It is believed that the proposed route could be built at a cost not exceeding that required to widen the present Columbia highway.

To Dedicate Rocky Creek Bride on September 17

The Oregon State Motor association announces the date of the dedication of the new Rocky Creek bridge on the Roosevelt highway north of Newport as of Saturday, September 17.

The dedication will take place at 10 a. m. and addresses will be made by many prominent men. It is possible that governors of three states may attend. Undoubtedly the highway departments of Oregon and the two neighboring states, California and Washington, will be represented.

The association announces that cars will leave Portland Friday night, stopping en route either at Corvallis or Newport, starting Saturday morning so as to reach the scene of the celebration at 10 o'clock. Cars from other sections of the state will find roads in excellent condition as the highway department will see that all roads leading to Newport are cleared of any maintenance or construction equipment so as to allow easy and convenient travel to this point.

Chamber Meets Today.

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular luncheon at noon today at the R. R. Lunch. "The Introduction of New Dairy Herds to the Nehalem," will be the topic for discussion.