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Relics Viewed Vernonia Day

Big Variety of Farm Exhibits Surprises Crowds

Park Fund is Increased

Rain Does not Dampen Enthusiasm Of Nehalem Valley Folk at Local Celebration

Resumption of the observance of Vernonia day was pronounced a great success by the many residents of the Nehalem who visited Vernonia Saturday. Tag sales, luncheon booths, candy booths and dances were all contributed by local organizations for the benefit of the city park fund.

One of the greatest attractions of the day was the exhibit of Nehalem valley farm products and relics of the pioneers. For the short time in which arrangements were made for the exhibit, a surprisingly great variety was shown.

The Nehalem Valley Ice & Creamery company showed samples of milk and butter now being produced here. Joseph Hershey had a display of his Swiss cheese, a product for which he is said to be unable to supply the demand.

Mrs. W. J. Gooding's display of dahlias, gladioli and other flowers was said by many to be on a par with similar exhibits at state fairs. Judge D. B. Reasner also had an attractive exhibit of dahlias and other flowers he has grown.

Mrs. Helen Doitcheff displayed some samples of her fancy work, an art which is said to require a training period of at least three years to master. H. Van Blaricom displayed some sweet potatoes; Lee Osborn, potatoes and carrots; H. E. McGraw, celery and filberts; A. Corey, Syrian squash; W. J. Gooding, cabbage; Mrs. C. R. Twineham dahlias.

Mrs. A. L. Parker had an assorted display of peppermint, winter cauliflower, filberts, crabapples, corn, squash, cantaloupes and apples. R. W. Duncan showed some potatoes, corn, beans, beets, carrots and turnips which were of unusual size. The Millview folk a large display of flowers.

Relics are Shown

Among the relics shown was a skillet holder that was said to have been brought over on the Mayflower and used by both the grand parents and parents of H. Van Blaricom. An ox yoke used by Mr. Van Blaricom in the Nehalem valley as early as 1874 was displayed also a muzzle loading gun, dated 1818.

Mrs. Sarah Spencer's exhibits included a rock, which many asserted was a petrified salmon, having the size and shape of that fish and showing the bones through the center. She also had the sheep shears she used here in the early days, a wool carder, and a spinning wheel made by a Mr. Easlick with a draw knife and pocket knife of maple and cedar.

The table made by Israel Spencer on which he wrote the first letter in 1876 to the girl who later became his bride was displayed, also a flail used on the Spencer ranch, and a yoke for carrying water. One object of interest in Mrs. Spencer's collection was a piece of fungus on the back of which was painted a picture of Mount Hood.

Products of the Spencer ranch that were displayed included an artichoke, a sunflower, peaches, and strawberries that were canned. During the day the Rebekahs, American Legion Auxiliary, and Women Relief Corps ran street booths selling lunches and warm drinks. In the evening the Sereaders supplied the music at the Legion dance, which was attended by a large crowd.

The American Legion turned in \$44.25 to the park fund; the Auxiliary \$18; the Chamber of Commerce \$5.35; the Pythian Sisters \$32; and the Study club \$6.50. Amounts that other organizations turned in was not learned.

Frank Willson and Frank L. Clarke have taken a contract from the Oregon-American Lumber company to haul logs from a point four miles up Rock creek by truck to Vernonia.

New Newspaper Plant Burns in Rainier

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a frame building on West A street in Rainier early Tuesday morning of last week in which part of the equipment for a new newspaper plant was being installed. E. T. Leslie, Seattle newspaperman who intended to publish the weekly newspaper, owned the contents.

Whether Leslie will carry out his plans to publish a newspaper there is not known. Insurance was carried, it is said.

Vetch Finding Favor In Coast Counties

Acres of vetch and oats is increasing each year in Oregon's coast counties, the state college extension service says. Success of the few pioneer fields planted in recent years under direction of county agents started a movement toward the crop that has made it increasingly popular.

More than 700 acres of vetch and oats were grown in Lincoln county this year, 500 acres in Clatsop, and a good start was made in Tillamook. Hay yields of from two to four tons an acre have resulted from growing practices recommended by the college experiment station.

"Vetch and oats is now considered one of the most important forage crops under coast conditions," says A. E. Engbretson, superintendent of the branch experiment station at Astoria, who has for many years carried on extensive experimental work with this crop. "It is in high favor with dairymen because of its fine hay producing qualities, its value as a soiling crop for July green feed and for silage when cut at the right time."

Inoculation of the seed and liming are essential, Engbretson says, especially when the crop is planted on a new field. Two tons of lime an acre, broadcast and then disked in just before seeding is a big help in getting a stand. The usual planting period, he advises, is between September 20 and October 15, with October 1 as the ideal time.

Where vetch and oats is planted for the first time, 60 pounds of vetch and 60 pounds of oats are mixed to seed an acre. The mixture can be reduced to 50 pounds of each on land that has previously grown the crop.

Common vetch is the variety most used. Hungarian is the chosen kind for heavy soils as river bottoms and tidelands, while hairy vetch is especially adapted to soils low in fertility.

Dairying Safe Venture for Nehalem Farmers

Events of the past few years have definitely proven to the agriculturalist the impossibility of successful operation of a farm on a "one-crop basis."

Bankers and economists are convinced of the same situation and are refusing or hesitating to lend financial aid to those raising wheat, corn, hay, etc. exclusively. But to the man raising such a crop who also has a herd of well-bred, producing cows they lend an attentive ear, for they know his stability is assured.

The same disadvantage applies to a community as to the individual when it is totally dependent on one crop or one industry. The Vernonia basin is essentially a lumbering territory and anything affecting the lumber market adversely is immediately reflected on our condition.

We should use every effort to promote the addition of other profitable industries. The establishment of the creamery at Vernonia is the most promising development in many a day. We should all get behind it, patronize it and put in dairy herds to furnish the creamery with raw material and ourselves with a good steady income.

Wisconsin was formerly a vast area with lumbering as its principal industry. Now Wisconsin, with most of its timber gone, is the most prosperous dairying section of the country.

The Vernonia section has many advantages over Wisconsin in climate, feed, moisture, home market, etc., but if we can only approach the success of Wisconsin everyone should be satisfied.

The opportunity is here.

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Local Legionnaires Favor Building Large Addition to New Hall

Present Need in the Community For Larger Hall; Many Think It Should be done Immediately.

A surprise movement was started at the meeting of the American Legion Tuesday evening when strong sentiment was expressed favoring the extension of the present home of Vernonia post about 35 feet toward the sidewalk in front.

That there is an immediate need for a larger hall in Vernonia was the opinion expressed by many present at the meeting. It is a good location for large community gatherings, it was said, and there are times when the number of persons who wish to attend a single dance in Vernonia can not all crowd into any of the present dance halls.

Because of the crowded condition of the first two dances given in the Legion hall, many have not attended since, saying they did not care to patronize a place that was too crowded for comfortable dancing. Although it is not the purpose of the Legion to continue giving regular dances, they will keep them up until the building is paid for, most of which has been accomplished. In case the addition is made it would then be necessary to continue the present plan throughout the winter.

As soon as the hall is paid for, it is then the plan of local legionnaires to turn to civic improvement work and devote the majority of their activities toward the help of local institutions.

O. A. C. Freshman Week Opens Monday

O.A.C. Corvallis, Sept. 12. The fourth annual freshman week at the Oregon state college will open September 19 and all freshmen will report at this time for a week of preparatory instruction in college life before other classes arrive on the campus. Lectures on various phases of college life will be given the newcomers by leading men and women on the campus, who will assist in every possible way to acquaint the new students with their environment. Part of the week will be devoted to English and physical examinations to be given all entering students and mathematics examinations for students choosing engineering. Final registration for freshmen will be Friday, September 23, and for other classes the following day. Regular work commences Monday, September 26.

Speed Limits Increased.

The development of the safety factor of the modern motor car has gradually caused the speed limits in various states to be increased without increasing the safety hazard.

A check of recent legislation in 25 states made by the motor association shows that increases in the maximum speed allowed in open country have been made as follows: Idaho, from 30 to 35 miles per hour; Indiana, 35 to 40; Maryland, 35 to 40; New Hampshire, 25 to 35; North Carolina, 35 to 45; North Dakota, 30 to 35; Oklahoma, 35 to 45; Oregon, 30 to 35; and Washington 30 to 40.

Oklahoma's change, however, has been held unconstitutional by the state's supreme court because of a defective title and a legal limit has been restored to 35 miles per hour as in the old law.

Many Pyrotol Orders.

"Orders for Pyrotol, the surplus war powder, are coming in quite rapidly," state Geo. A. Nelson, county agriculturist.

The apportionments for the state were pro-rated to the various counties in proportion to the amount of powder they had been using in the past years and Columbia county's quota was 71,000 pounds. Mr. Nelson states that orders have already been received for about 56,000 pounds. As the orders are coming in quite rapidly, the balance of the quota for the county will probably be ordered within a short time.

State planted almost 2,000,000 trout fry during August.

Sute will spend \$170,000 on seven miles Dallas California highway north of Beil.

St. Helens—New Pythian Castle will be dedicated September 24.

Market Road Engineer Makes Good Report on Columbia County Roads

County Roadmaster G. G. Hall is Commended for Good Condition Of Columbia County's Highways.

The county court and County Roadmaster G. G. Hall are especially well pleased with a report just received from J. H. Scott, state market road engineer. Mr. Scott recently made an inspection of work being done in this county on market roads and his report is most flattering to Mr. Hall, who has had personal charge of the work, and to the county court for the economy in construction.

Engineer Scott's report in full follows:

St. Helens-Pittsburg road—The project just west of St. Helens, which consists of shaping up and oiling the old macadam with the addition of a small amount of new rock, has produced excellent results and has completely salvaged all of the old work. The work further on in widening and straightening up road bed and providing better drainage ditches, has also been well done at a very low cost.

Birkenfeld and improvement just east of Mist—The work is well laid out and generally is producing a very good road. However, enough attention has not been given to finishing of subgrade and super-elevation. Other than these features the work has been done very well.

Nehalem river near Vernonia—Grading, surfacing and oiling have been well done on all the projects in this vicinity. The work shows evidence of care in its execution and the cost has been very low for the amount of work accomplished.

Mist-Clatskanie road—The grading work on this project is well organized and very good work is being done. With the equipment which you have on hand, you are able to do this work efficiently and cheaply and will undoubtedly be able to do this work for considerably less than you would have been able to contract.

Also we drove over some road district work near Rainier. I wish to mention this work in particular as the old macadam was very rough and seemed almost a total loss. By scarifying, spreading, adding binder and fine crushed rock top, you have salvaged everything of value in the old road and at a very small cost have made an excellent road which will give a number of years in service with proper care.

In general, your work is all well laid out and well done. I wish to speak particularly of the way you are bringing up the super-elevation on most of the projects. Your oiled roads show care and attention to detail in placing the oil and compare very favorably with the best oiled roads in the state. I wish to state that I am very well pleased with the way your program is being carried out and especially pleased with the small amount of money expended where you have widened and straightened sections of the existing road.—Sentinel.

Only One License Plate

A great deal of attention has been focused on foreign license plates during the last month, due to the activity of the police in checking over Oregon cars bearing license plates from other states.

This activity has resulted in a number of complaints regarding the use of a single license plate on some cars.

The Oregon State Motor association gives out the information that nine states require only a single license plate: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and South Carolina require only one number plate attached to the rear of the motor vehicle.

CHARACTERISTS OF BAD DRIVING POINTED OUT

There are many ways in which a motorist may prove himself to be a bad driver just when he is thinking how other drivers must be admiring his facility in handling a car, says Geo. O. Brandenburg, secretary of the Oregon State Motor association. The 10 most common forms of bad driving which too many motorists regard as good car operation, according to Mr. Brandenburg are:

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H. Mosman Honored at Naval Training Station

Henry L. Mossman, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mossman of Vernonia, who enlisted in the navy at Portland June 8, of this year, was recently awarded the distinction of being chosen the period of honor training man from Company C-4 at the training station.

Mosman won distinction because of attention to duty, attitude of respect to his superiors, his care of uniforms and personal effects, and because he was honest, reliable and obedient, according to the publication issued at the station.

Unique "Nanny" Pride Of California Ranch

Probably no one in California has a pet quite as unique as "Nanny," the prized possession of Mrs. A. R. Swarhout, of the Heart-Bar cattle ranch, far back in the San Bernardino mountains at the headwaters of the Santa Ana river. Nanny is a four month old desert mountain sheep, probably the wildest and most seldom seen of any of the wild creatures of the west, yet in spite of that heretofore background, there was never a puppy or kitten with a more trustful or friendly disposition than Nanny possesses toward the world in general, and toward Mrs. Swarhout in particular.

The Heart-Bar cattle range includes winter pasture on the Mojave desert near Old Woman Springs. Last April the Swarhout cowboys were out fixing up the cattle troughs at some of the more distant water-holes on the range. One evening they were amazed to see a tiny creature about the size of a cottontail toddling into camp. It proved to be a baby mountain sheep, only a very few days old. They fed it some condensed milk, and it laid down and slept by the fire. In the morning, they fed it again, and the little creature stayed in camp all day. When it came time to return to the home ranch at Old Woman Springs, there was still no sign of the mother, and they could not think of abandoning the little sheep to the mercy of the coyotes. They took it in to Mrs. Swarhout at Old Woman Springs. She improvised a nursing bottle with the end of a medicine dropper for a nipple, and "Nanny" thrived from the very start.

Many Civil War Veterans Were Among Pioneers

Vernonia, Sept. 12, 1927.

To the Editor: In checking over the names of the pioneer settlers of the upper Nehalem valley I was surprised to find that so large a per cent of these early settlers of the Nehalem valley were veterans of the Civil war. I thought it might be interesting to the older of your readers to see this list published for the memories it brings back of strenuous days gone by. I submit the list as well as I can recall them which you are at liberty to publish.

I have headed the list with the name of Joseph Van Blaricom, who marched with "Sherman to the sea" and to the best of my knowledge was the first Civil war veteran to penetrate the wilds of the Nehalem valley.

The list, as I have been able to recall them, follows: Joseph Van Blaricom, Israel Spencer, Brice Hacker, W. Webster, John Redmond, G. D. Stodars, Clark L. Parker, Thos. B. Denslow, August Zillgett, Alfred Shannahan, Martin Davison, Spencer Rose, Albert Tucker, Jonathan Pruet, Wm. W. Allen, Thos. E. Mills, Abel Reed, Jas. A. Ray, J. B. Wright, John H. Wilson, Wm. M. Wilsin, Thos. H. North, Seymore A. Hosford, Francis E. Curtis, Wm. E. Crissy, Douglas Magill, J. W. Armstrong, Judson Weed, J. W. Shaver, A. Nelson Early, James Turk, Ozias Cherington, E. E. Brand, Julius Ordway, John Price, Fred Haake, Mr. Prather, A. B. B. Lewis, William Lewis, Geo. B. Wood, N. C. Dale, Ezariah Soule, and Joe Wedrick.

I have included in the above list the names of two men, Mr. Haake and Mr. Turk, who were Confederate soldiers. In their youth they tried to destroy the Union, but in their mature years did their part toward making this valley what it is and deserve to have their names on the roll of honor. Of the above, all but two, Mr. Early of Tigard, Oregon, and the writer, have answered the last roll call.

These men in their youth gave

High School To Aid Orphan

J. J. Handsaker Addresses Student Body Monday.

Tells of Relief Work

Food and Education Effecting the Rejuvenation of Thousands Of Armenian Children.

A challenge to carry the spirit of the Vernonia high school into the Near East was made by J. J. Handsaker, regional director of the Near East Relief at a special assembly last Monday. Following Mr. Handsaker's presentation of the needs of the orphaned children of the Near East and of their great desire for an education that they might serve well the countries that have given them asylum, the student body voted unanimously to sponsor one of the children of the Near East for the coming year.

During two days visit in Vernonia Mr. Handsaker addressed the Sunday school of the Evangelical church, the Christian church, and the Vernonia and Pleasant Hill schools.

"In 10 years time America has saved from death more than a million people, including 132,000 of the finest children the world has ever seen," stated Mr. Handsaker. "We have prevented blindness in 42,000 children and where children have already gone blind, we have taught them to read, to play musical instruments, and to support themselves. Before this time the future of a blind child in the Near East was to be a beggar."

"Already the children are justifying our years of effort on their behalf. Older girls are going out as nurses into villages where doctors never come; boys trained on our great orphanage farms by American agricultural college graduates are teaching farmers modern methods of agriculture."

"Today some 35,000 children are dependent upon America, the children being of an average age of 12 years. Practically all the money contributed to Near East Relief now is expended on children, although more than 200,000 refugees are still homeless. Should we check the flow of our funds for a week, the suffering would be great among the children whom we have saved from starvation."

Mr. Handsaker paid the highest tribute to the relief workers, many of whom he said had died at their posts, while those who are still at their tasks are young men and women of the finest character. "No better illustration of this can be found than at the time of the Armenian earthquakes last fall when 6,000 orphans were awakened at night by the trembling of the great stone barracks where they were housed. At the risk of their own lives, our American girls rushed into the reeling buildings and did not pause until the last child had been brought to safety." Mr. Handsaker challenged his hearers to match the heroism of their representatives overseas by generous giving.

In addition to aid from the high school and the churches, public school children are busy this week filling "golden rulers" and envelopes with dimes and dollars for their less fortunate brothers and sisters overseas.

\$50 REWARD OFFERED WIT- NESSES WHO AID IN COR- RECTING RECKLESS DRIVERS

Difficulty in obtaining justice for the victimized party or parties in automobile accident cases centers around the inability of official agencies to get witnesses to appear in court and, if some way could be devised to get around this obstacle.

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the best that was in them for the preservation of the Union and their mature years blazed the trail built the first roads and school houses and churches to change wilderness into a beautiful valley of happy homes. And who shall say that their last service to the country was not as great or greater than the first?

Respectfully,
Judson Weed