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Caravan Visits 2 Road Projects In This County

Three Miles Remain to Be Built On Pittsburg-Scappoose Road Into Clark Wilson Camp 8

A link of three miles remains to be built on the new Pittsburg-Chapman road project connecting with Scappoose and the Columbia highway, as explained to members of the caravan who participated Wednesday in a tour of that project and the Nehalem valley-Apiary project leading to Rainier and the Longview bridge.

Seven miles of the Pittsburg-Chapman project have been built, most of them rocked and surfaced, in good condition for travel. Work is now being carried on at a high bluff this side of the Clark and Wilson tunnel where a considerable fill is needed. A 22 foot road is being constructed, though parts of the road built last year are somewhat narrower. Work is progressing a little more rapidly now by means of a bulldozer brought to the job a week ago. Three shifts of six hours each are employed. The three miles when completed will put the road into Camp 8, saving 14 miles in the distance from Vernonia to Scappoose. There will be a short cut from Chapman to St. Helens, known as the Cater road, now under construction. The saving in distance to St. Helens will be only 3 miles, but the heavy grades and curvature of the St. Helens mountain road will be avoided.

The Nehalem-Apiary road project is not so far advanced. Much of the right of way had to be blasted, and the Little Clatskanie had to be forced into a new channel to make room for the road for a considerable distance. A stretch of nine miles between the Nehalem highway and Camp Apiary remains, though about a mile and a half of this is already under construction. Four miles are graded and mostly rocked, but not surfaced, and the going at present is rather rough.

About 100 participated in the trip, headed by E. J. Griffith, state administrator for the WPA, and Judge J. B. Wilkerson of the county court. From Vernonia were A. F. Baker, Emil F. Messing, Lester Sheeley and Ray D. Fisher. They went by speeder from Camp 8 to Chapman, where they joined the caravan from St. Helens and other county points.

Mrs. F. M. Ruhl returned Tuesday from South Pasadena, California, where she attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Pauline Duram to Mr. C. C. Halberg of Kansas City, Mo. The wedding took place August 4, at Glendale, California.

Delegation Attends Legion Convention

Vernonia's delegation to the American Legion state convention in Albany this week end left Wednesday and Thursday. In the group leaving Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Thompson, J. C. Lincoln, J. W. Nichols, Mrs. Lloyd Cummings and Mrs. Floy K. Hammack. Earl Atkins left at the close of work Thursday.

E. S. Thompson was named by the state commander as a member of the distinguished guests committee, and J. W. Nichols as a member of the credentials committee. Mr. Thompson has been requested to be a candidate for commander of District No. 1, which includes Portland.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

Folks are wondering why L. H. Dewey forsook his swimming pool at the park and went swimming in the O.-A. pond. For particulars ask his audience.

WITH THE CARAVAN

Three of the Vernonia delegation in Emil Messing's coupe to Camp 8, then the four on Frank Baker's speeder to Chapman . . . Frank Baker stopping the speeder while a baby rabbit took its time in hopping off the track . . . The tunnel, 1998 feet long, a new experience for all but the superintendent-chauffeur of the speeder . . . and probably all but the aforesaid driver of the giloppi a bit dizzy as it clacked over the high trestles . . . At Chapman, the leaders of the caravan all high-hatting the Vernonia hitch-hikers, and the tail-enders taking pity and giving them a lift . . . At the end of construction, a candid camera man taking a picture of Judge Wilkerson, in shirt sleeves, attacking a bank of dirt . . . And Judge dropping the pick in a hurry as soon as the shot was taken . . . Dinner at Camp Chapman, all any one could hold for 25 cents . . . Frank Baker in a C. and W. truck, starting out ahead of the caravan, and reaching Camp Apiary last because the others took a shorter cut . . . On the return to Camp 8 over CCC roads, Les Sheeley sitting on a box in the bed of the truck, and nobody to talk to.

OUTSTANDING PICTURE IS COMING TO JOY THEATRE

One of the outstanding pictures of the year, now running in Portland and classed as one of the hits of the season, "The Toast of New York", is coming to the Joy theatre next Sunday and Monday, according to John Collins, manager.

Grange Opposes Land Sale Policy

A resolution opposing the indiscriminate sale of logged-off and other county owned lands unless properly cruised and appraised so as to know its actual value was adopted by the Columbia County Pomona grange in its session Saturday at Beaver Homes. The selling of most land at this time will be as sacrificial prices, principally to those who can monopolize large areas, or to people without means who will become relief burdens, the resolution stated. The grange also expressed itself as being unfavorable to sale of certain tracts which are in such location as to be keys to other county owned tracts which might thus be tied up in the future.

A further recommendation was made that in the administration of the large amount of county owned land it is in the interest of good business and economy that someone be put in charge of the classifying and checking of these lands for their timber, agricultural, mineral and other values and prevent the unlawful removal of timber and other property from these lands before transfer is made.

Ray W. Gill, state grange master, talked of grange work in the state, and reported unusual interest for this season of the year.

He explained the proposed plan of the Dept. of Agriculture for a national program in soil conservation and lauded the efforts of the national grange in securing the renewal of the 3 1/2% farm land bank interest rate, thus causing a great saving to farmers. He estimated the saving to be \$750,000 in this state alone, besides a general reduction in interest rates.

Work on the project of weed control was discussed, efforts by the state grange agricultural committee having led to a conference in Corvallis recently with other farm organizations cooperating. This conference has led to advanced legislation on this important subject. The 11 western states are planned a a district in attack on weeds.

Cooperative buying as operated in the grange supply companies was explained. This has been limited to grange members, but is now to be opened to non-members, they to be able to share in the savings but to have no vote. Tires, refrigerators, machinery, etc. may be bought at a great saving. Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho have been formed into a district, bringing lower prices by this increased volume of business.

An interesting program was presented by the lecturer in the evening, after which the follow-

Line Falling on Tree Is News Says Nichols

When a tree falls on a line, that's no news, declares J. W. Nichols, manager of the Oregon Gas and Electric Co., but when a line falls on a tree, that's news.

It so happened that a pole on the company's line to Keasey rotted out, and the wires were dumped into a tree. A fire lookout caught sight of smoke pouring from the tree, and notified the company.

There was no interruption of service, and the wires were promptly disentangled by J. L. Timmons, lineman.

Better Upkeep of Roads Is Urged By Local Chamber

Better maintenance of county roads in this district was urged by the chamber of commerce in its meetings Tuesday noon in the Masonic temple. Upon motion by T. M. Crawford the secretary was instructed to write a letter to the county court asking that more money be spent in upkeep of the highways in this section.

The subject was brought up by A. F. Baker, who stated that the county has in this locality as good a grader as is made, but there is too much work for one operator. There should be a double shift, he asserted.

More Work Needed In Park

L. H. Dewey of the park committee declared that 200 more loads of dirt are needed behind the retaining wall to keep it from being washed out this winter.

J. W. Nichols, secretary, read a letter from R. H. Baldock, chief engineer of the state highway department, stating that the highway commission had applied to the public works administration for money with which to build a new bridge and approaches over the Nehalem River at Riverview. The project had been approved by the PWA, the letter said, but no money as yet has been allocated. The secretary was directed to write a letter to the proper authority requested that action on the allocation be speeded up.

Lawrence J. Sohler of Port-Flying service, announced that he intended to put on an air meet at the local airport Sunday provided a little necessary work be done on the field. This-les have to be cut and the ground smoothed over, he stated. The chamber voted \$5 of its funds to have the work done.

Band Support Urged

Support of the junior band in its activities was urged by Mrs. Floy Hammack and T. M. Crawford. It is a distinctly worth-

Council Passes Ordinance for Sidewalk Repair

New Regulation Provides for City Making Repairs after Notice to Property Owners

A new ordinance providing for construction and repair of sidewalks was adopted by the city council at an adjourned meeting Friday night. The ordinance stipulates that residents shall be given ten days and non-residents twenty days to make repairs after being notified by the city marshal. If the property owner fails to comply the city will make the repairs and the cost becomes a lien on the property. The ordinance specifies the size of nails and boards to be used.

Under the old ordinance the marshal made a report as to defective sidewalks, then it was necessary to pass an additional ordinance ordering the work done before there could be any action against dilatory property owners.

The council named the budget committee as follows: R. M. Aldrich, Ed Bollinger, Emil F. Messing and Ed Salomonsen. Alternates are Dr. R. I. Hall, E. H. Washburn and Vern Adams.

Three Teams Tie For First In Softball Series

This week finds the shipping department, sorters and the Legion tied for first place in the local softball series, the union and Smitty's Beer Barons tied for fourth, while the business men, Treharne and the CCC's are bringing up the rear.

The regular schedule is being suspended this week in order to give opportunity for a number of play-offs to determine the members of an all-star aggregation scheduled to meet Astoria Sunday at 10 a. m. in a district meet on the John Gumm field, St. Helens. The 15-man team will be announced tonight.

An open meeting of managers and players is to be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday in Jack's Place, when several games will be contested.

The schedule for next week is as follows:

Monday - Business Men vs. Legion.
Tuesday - Stacker vs. Beer Barons.
Wednesday - Union vs. Treharne.
Thursday - Shipping vs. CCC.

A son, Judd Charles, was born Aug. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Burrow of Vale, Oregon. Mrs. Burrow is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judd Greenman of Vernonia.

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