

EAGLE EDITORIALS

A Recreation Plan That Is Working--

SO GRADUAL has been the development of the Vernonia summer recreation program, and so smoothly is it working out that many of us have allowed to pass the good which is most assuredly coming from what we deem one of the most thorough of its kind in any community of similar size.

There are hundreds of local people enjoying the evening soft ball games at the city park diamond. There are others who enjoy the swimming at Dewey pool. There are more who "mosey" to the park with the little tots to use the playground facilities. And there are others who, on off-days, take the family to use the shores of the pool created by Rock creek dam and there enjoy rest or picnic.

In Vernonia's recreation plan one can find a place for every person. Let us start with the pre-school youngsters. Let us drift to the park any reasonably warm day . . . and on cool days, too . . . and watch these tots using the teeters, the swings and the diamond. Watch them frolic in the outfield of the ball park. Here they are enjoying life at its best in an outdoor atmosphere that is unequalled.

The facilities thus used may be extended to older children. And then consider the roped-off portion of the pool where dozens gather to refresh themselves, usually with mothers or fathers, during the warmer days.

Consider the worth of the pool for all ages . . . yes, to 90 or more if you will. Consider the softball for the young, the middle aged and the elders. Consider the plan as entertainment to participants from 14 to 50 . . . and for the fans from four to 90.

Saunter over to the tennis court. And there's the Camp Fire Girls' cabin. A program of fine proportion and well-rounded activity.

Those who have been instrumental in bringing about the improvements and the program are proud of their efforts and none would wish for time spent returned.

Someone always says: "A one-horse town. Nothing to do. Nowhere to go."

Nothing to do? Nowhere to go? What can they be speaking of?

Vernonia has the most interesting, best arranged and most "thoroughly thorough" recreation program for young and old of any community, and 10 times as large, we have ever known.

Our program, for a large part, is centered in the arms of Nature herself. There is no stifling city heat, no hustle and bustle of the city streets, no coldness in attitude . . . and, we hope, no lack of appreciation.

FINALLY SETTLED--

VERNONIA RECENTLY witnessed its two annual school elections. The Union high school event found ballots on which were printed the candidates' names. The grade school election does not provide for printed candidates' names, hence the voter writes in the man's or woman's name voted for.

During that election it appeared to us that many names had been written in that few "x's" could be found preceding the names. We have been sorely troubled since, wondering if those ballots where the name was written in but where no "x" appeared were legal.

We knew full well that the voter intended his ballot to be tallied for the candidate but felt that there would be some question concerning the technical legality should someone wish to contest the election.

There were others who wondered, too, we find, and Attorney General VanWinkle settled the matter this week when he ruled:

"When a name is written on the ballot by an elector at a school election in a first class district, he is not required to make a cross to the left of such name.

"The writing of the name is one of the methods by which a voter is authorized to express his intention at the polls," the attorney ruled, "and the other method is making a cross before the name which is printed on the ballot."

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Sam's Got Something In Hardtack, You Bet!--

EVERYONE KNOWS Sam Conklin. Sam knows about everybody, too.

But everyone doesn't know that Sam's got a mighty interesting curio over home. That curio comes in mighty handy for a groping editorial writer this week. And the reason it comes in handy is that the current period is marked historically, by the huge encampment of Civil War veterans, grizzled old figures who in '65 wore the Blue or the Gray, depending upon their individual opinions concerning slavery and Abe Lincoln.

But whether they cast lots with Grant or Lee is of little import, at this time. What they were able to wiggle out of mess sergeants was probably as important as anything. And if you could but be back at Gettysburg this week (and we'd love to write those biographies) and interview some of those old fellows you'd soon find that about the best mess sergeants could do in emergencies, was dole out hard tack. Hard tack, according to Webster, is a biscuit, baked hard, without salt, and is much-used by soldiers and sailors.

Well, sir, Sam's got one of these biscuits. It was one of the few . . . very few . . . that escaped unscathed, or at the termination of hostilities, "undestroyed" by the innocent hard tack victims.

G. W. Snyder (dead now), Sam's uncle, a volunteer with the Sixth Ohio Infantry (if we're correct) saved that hard tack and for 72 or 73 years that "infantryman's food" has been handed from shelf to shelf until it rests in Vernonia.

"It's so darned hard," says Sam, "that it'll last forever."

And to this statement any veteran will give ear and cheer. Hard tack is true to its name. That 73-old biscuit shows little wear through the years. As a matter of fact, we'd bet that those old veterans at Gettysburg this week will readily admit that the "tack" was worse on their indigestion over a 24-hour period than the nearly three-quarter century period has been on the hard tack.

You'll be interested in this curio.

WE'RE FOR IT!--

WE HAVE read, with a great degree of disgust, 25 or 30 editorial pages, the bulk of them written prior to July 4, all of which belittled the use of firecrackers and related fireworks connected, as it were, with the celebration of Independence Day.

These editors, unless our youthful tendencies carry us afield, have forgotten what their little hearts desired at an early age.

Yes, we know. Those pesky firecrackers are nerve wrecking. The bombs are criminal. Those "nigger chasers" are illegal. Those Roman candles are a menace. The sky rockets are positively the last word in fire danger. The whole deal . . . bad!

When we were small . . . and fireworks meant about half our life around the Fourth of July . . . well!

We're for the fireworks, noise, danger, nerve wrecking and all. And we are a parent. And we have a family. And we had 15 kids shooting off firecrackers around our home for a week during the holiday period. And we're still in sympathy with a noisy Fourth.

The community whose city fathers belittle fireworks, who tell these kids they can't have them, who pass foolish anti-laws affecting fireworks . . . who take the impression out of July 4 for the youth . . . we're "agin" 'em.

The exercise of sanity . . . not prohibition of celebration . . . it what the Fourth needs.

ANOTHER IDEA--

WHILE WE write lustily concerning the possibilities that the many acres of range land available in the Nehalem valley possess for the livestock, especially cattle, along comes a Portland man and tells us we're passing a bet in not publicizing the land for the projection of hog-raising.

The Portland man, a hog fancier, if hog fanciers there are, tells us that our country is ideally situated for successful pig raising, that the soil will raise the better hog feeds and that the abundance of moisture is an item not to be overlooked.

We shall come into our own sooner or later.

YOU MIGHT be able to convince some Vernonia girls that some day their hair will turn gray, but you'll have a tough time convincing them that their dimples will ever become wrinkles.

A NEWS report states that cows at Oregon State College may be milked three times a day to increase production. We can see difficulties arising there if the tax collectors hear of it.

WE'D BET our bottom dollar that there are some Vernonia women who sit down and worry about the fact that they have nothing about which to worry.

AN EASTERN editor says that when a man has been in politics for 10 years he's fit for nothing else--except to crab about the other party when his is not in power.

IF GABRIEL were to sound his trumpet tomorrow, there would be some who would criticize that his musical education had been neglected.

ANOTHER DIFFERENCE between a dog and a man is that when a dog doesn't like you he doesn't let on like he does.

JUST IMAGINE how much worse it would be if we were born old and had to look forward to growing young and childish and silly.

VACCINATIONS--

THE HUB-BUB and hurry of the modern age many times forces forgetfulness on individuals. Take vaccinations, for instance. Do you remember when your family physician recommended a thorough pricking of the arm's skin so that small pox would find someone else upon which to prey? Sure you do! Those were horrible days.

And then, we have found in the past two weeks, there were those who submitted to a yet more horrible experience . . . a double-vaccination. That person, and brave he was, indeed, has to show to this day, a scar on his upper arm that is visible proof that the deadly small pox germs could find no abode in that carcass. Great days, those, when a vaccination really meant defying the very laws of disease and nature.

But don't let anyone kid you that modern small pox vaccinations are any picnic. We speak from

experience. No, we did not submit to the ordeal, but the wife and daughter did. It has been sore arms for 10 days. One can hardly turn and eye toward either without receiving a quick and deadly retort: "Oh, my arm." And after so long a time, an occasional tear trickled out of the eye's glassy substance, lamenting in reality the terribleness of modern vaccination.

Now, we are wondering, after hearing experts propound that modern vaccination is "so easy" and "so painless" whether it be brilliant to submit to the immunization or suffer with the disease. Sore arms and troubled minds, pained physiques and injured consciences are to be compared with the actual submission to the disease.

The wife and daughter, we are certain (for the vaccine "took") will never suffer small pox. It remains for us, after viewing the vaccination's results, to make the comparison. We knock on wood.

One Hundred Sixty Second Birthday



State Woods Closed; Must Have Permit

Governor Issues Edict as of July 1; Cannot Smoke While Traveling

Governor Martin, acting under authority of state law, has just announced the closing of certain forest areas in Oregon, because of conditions tending to allow the rapid spread of fires, such as debris on the ground, wind-thrown timber, standing snags, and inaccessible character.

His proclamations include areas adjacent to the Deschutes, Fremont, Mount Hood, Ochoco, Rogue River, Siskiyou, Umpqua, Whitman, Willamette and Umatilla national forests.

Under the closure order, all entrants are required to comply with all of the following requirements or conditions: 1. To refrain from smoking while traveling in such areas, except on paved or surfaced highways; 2. To secure a permit issued by the forester or a fire warden before building a camp fire other than at improved, designated, and posted camp grounds on such areas; and 3. To have as a part of his equipment when using camp fires, except when traveling as a pedestrian or camping at improved, designated, and posted camp grounds, tools as specified by the forester suitable for extinguishing fires.

Four additional proclamations govern the use of certain specified areas having high fire hazard caused by an excessive amount of inflammable debris resulting from logging operations or wind-thrown timber or standing snags.

These include closure to unregulated use of four areas, of which two are in or adjacent to the Siskiyou National Forest; one, the Mt. Hood National Forest; and one, the Umatilla National Forest; and the closure to all use of three additional areas in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

These closure orders, according to the proclamation, are effective from July 1 to December 31.

Eagle Items Of Other Years

FIVE YEARS AGO--

Dr. H. M. Bigelow is to take over the dental practice of Dr. M. D. Cole on July 15. Dr. Cole will go to Longview to assume the practice of the late Dr. F. R. Rood. John Erickson has finished painting the exterior of the Lincoln Candy Kitchen.

TEN YEARS AGO--

Business through the local post office has shown an increase over that of last year. Domestic money orders issued amounted to \$14,765 last year and increased to \$16,664 at the termination of the current

period. Money represented by the orders amounted to \$152,336.95 and \$170,098.18 respectively for the two years.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO--

Snyder's milk route has been purchased by O. G. Weed and a daily

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POST 119
AMERICAN
LEGION
Meets First and
Third Mondays



AUXILIARY
First and Third Mondays

service had been placed in operation.

The city water system has been sufficiently completed to be placed in operation. A few fire plugs are yet to be connected and the system will be finished.

Interested in Hogs--

J. E. Shank, Portland manufacturer, was in Vernonia the past week conferring here with Bert Mills, local realtor. Mr. Shank is interested in acquiring property in this vicinity suitable to the raising of hogs. He looked at several valley farms, including cutover land.

Mussolini is said to consume at least four glasses of milk a day.

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