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25-Man NYA Camp Trained To Fight Fire

One of Four Groups Located at Birkenfeld Is Announcement

At Birkenfeld in Columbia county, is a 25-man camp composed of NYA youths specially trained as a forest fire suppression unit and part of an organization of 175 known as Red Hats which will be available to Oregon's forest fire control forces this summer should emergencies arise, according to Ivan G. Munro, state administrator.

The NYA Red Hats, so named from the hats they wear, is a group co-sponsored by the Oregon State College school of forestry under the supervision of George H. Schroeder, assistant professor of forestry. About 80 youths were in the organization last summer which fought on 15 major fires in which the youths earned an average of \$120 for 52 days plus expenses.

Four Camps

Members of the NYA suppression crews will be stationed in four camps during June through September at strategic points in Western Oregon's timbered areas. The base camp of 100 men will be in McDonald forest; 25-man camps at Ski Lodge, near Sisters, Deschutes county; Camas mountain state park, Douglas county; at Birkenfeld in Columbia county.

The NYA will provide sufficient employment which will allow the boys to earn enough money on work projects to pay their subsistence and health service. The state college provides training facilities and instruction in forestry, fire fighting fundamentals, safety practices and first aid.

Places of Call

These mobile NYA units may be called to forest fire fighting on federal, state or private lands under jurisdiction of the co-operating agencies backing this plan which are: U. S. Forest service, Oregon state department of forestry, Oregon state fire association, U. S. D. I.-O. & C. reforested lands association, and U. S. D. A.—Pacific northwest experiment station. These agencies provide transportation, supervising personnel and necessary fire equipment for the camps.

Under the agreed plan of the fire control forces the youths will be subject to call as organized and equipped suppression crews on a moment's notice. For such work they will receive fire fighter's wages and their NYA duties and pay will be suspended during emergency employment, Munro stated.

Man Falls From Monorail

A report received here from Portland last Wednesday evening stated that McDonald's condition was very serious and that he was still unconscious. It was expected, however, that he would recover.

Pete McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDonald who live on the Keasey route, fell Tuesday night from the monorail at the O. A. mill where he works. The accident occurred about ten o'clock on the night shift. Young McDonald who has been working at the mill only a short time suffered severe injuries to the spine and pelvic bone, it is reported, and his condition is very grave. Bush's ambulance took him to Portland to the Emanuel hospital a few hours after the accident.

Here from Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Greathouse came Sunday to see Mrs. F. E. Malmsten before she left for Iowa and other places in the east. The visitors returned to Portland in the evening.

Softball League Play to Begin Soon, Decided Thurs.

Competition of the teams in the Vernonia Softball League is slated to begin at an early date it was determined this week when the work of wiring the lights for the field was started. The wiring began Tuesday following the placing of the remaining four poles last Friday and Saturday by members of the league. Six of the necessary ten poles had been raised at a previous time but lack of assistance prevented completing that phase of the work.

The decision to complete the work as soon as possible was made last Thursday evening when members of the league met at The Eagle office to discuss the situation. At that time interest in the work was rejuvenated and steps taken to complete the work. An exact date for the beginning of play has not been set according to Roy Williams, league president, but the delay will not be long.

May Be Seven Teams

Seven teams signified intention to play in the league when meetings were held in April but since that time two of the teams may have decided not to enter. Hence the exact number can not be determined until time for play to begin. However, the seven which at one time intended to enter league competition were: the O-A, Pal Shop, IWA, Mist, Camp 8, F. O. E. and Sunset Camp.

Life-Guard Gives Hours on Duty

Noble Dutton, life-guard at the Dewey Pool, has announced the hours he will be on duty at the pool which has been opened this week. Until after the Fourth of July the hours will be from 1 o'clock in the afternoon until 8 o'clock in the evening with the exception of the guard's dinner hour, 5 to 6 p. m.

After July 4, Dutton plans to start classes and will be at the pool as much as is necessary to take care of the classes and to keep regular guard hours in the afternoon and evening. It is expected that classes will be much larger than they were last year; beginners and students in the intermediate and in the advanced swim classes are expected to exceed the number registered last year, the first year of Mr. Dutton's acting as guard here. Life saving classes will also be organized.

To further safe-guard swimmers, Life-Guard Dutton states that bicycles and automobiles are prohibited on the beach. Last year the bicycles were ridden down the steep incline onto the beach, threatening bathers. Autoists in the previous year drove into the park on the road then drove onto the beach which is for the swimmers, not for cars.

Plymale Named As Cub Master

Friday, June 6, at the Legion hall, 14 boys signed for membership into the Cub Scouts. Ray Plymale was named as Cub Master and assistants are Reverend Livingston and Leslie Dewey. Den Mothers are Mrs. Leslie Dewey and Mrs. Oscar Kaphammer.

Responsible for the organizing of this group are the Mothers' Club of Lincoln school and the Legion Auxiliary.

Wednesday night at the Legion hall a re-registering of Boy Scouts will be held and, after their re-organization, some time in the future a Portland representative of the Council of Boy Scouts of America will be present in Vernonia to present charters to the Cub Scouts and to the Boy Scouts.

Last Visit

A special visit of the examiner for driver and chauffeur licenses is scheduled for Vernonia on June 19th. This visit of the examiner came Sunday to see Mrs. F. E. Malmsten before she left for Iowa and other places in the east. The visitors returned to Portland in the evening.

Legion to Sponsor Class

Vernonia Post No. 119 of the American Legion will conduct a Citizenship Class if enough applications are received to make the project possible, it was announced this week. Those desiring to join such a class are asked to leave their names and addresses with the Legion Adjutant, J. W. Nichols, or with J. C. Lincoln. Information concerning where and when the classes will be held will be released later.

Hoffman Rites Read Tuesday

The death of Charles Sumner Hoffman occurred Friday morning, June 6, at the Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene. The deceased, who had been ill with heart trouble for a number of months was resting in his summer home on the McKenzie river when a severe attack from which he never recovered, necessitated his being brought to Eugene for medical attention.

The body was brought from Eugene to Vernonia, his home, for the funeral services conducted at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning in the chapel of the Bush Funeral home. Interment was in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Eugene.

As a tribute to the deceased, merchants closed their doors for an hour during the funeral service in the morning.

Charles Sumner Hoffman was born in Elk Point, South Dakota, December 9, 1878. He was associated with his father in his hardware store in Elk Point. In March 15, 1905 he married Kate Grambling, of Ruston, Louisiana. He owned his first hardware business in 1904 in Artesia, New Mexico, and moved to Marshfield, Oregon, in 1910. The family then moved to Portland, Oregon, in 1919. In 1922 Mr. Hoffman opened a hardware store in Vernonia. The building completely burned down in 1923, and the present brick building was erected.

He served on the Vernonia City Council, High School Board, and PUD Board of Directors. He was a member of the Congregational Church and an inactive member of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic lodge.

He is survived by his widow, Kate G. Hoffman; two sons, Robert, of Waynesboro, Virginia, and Charles, 2nd, of Indianapolis, Indiana; three daughters, Cathrin and Alice; three grandchildren; his sister, Mrs. Jessica McNerny, of Elk Point, South Dakota; and his brother, Edwin M. Hoffman, of Berea, Kentucky.

Pioneers Meet for 18th Time Sunday

Pioneers of the Nehalem Valley gathered last Sunday at Birkenfeld for the 18th annual meeting of the Nehalem Valley Pioneer Association. The meeting was presided over by T. P. Johnston, president. A pot-luck lunch was served at noon.

A check of the rolls revealed that membership of the pioneer group was this year eight short by death of the number last year. Arthur I. Moulton, Portland attorney, was the speaker of the day.

Attends Wedding—

Sam Hearing, Jr., attended Sunday in McMinnville the double wedding of Alvenia Connell and her sister.

Returns from School—

Milton Scheuerman, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Scheuerman, returned from California Wednesday after attending a term of school there. He will remain here during the summer.

Vacation Camps For Women Being Planned

Arrangements Made to Provide Maximum of Rest, Entertainment

Two vacation camps are being planned for women of Columbia and other counties of Oregon, by the Oregon State Extension Service Staff, according to Mrs. Maud Purvine Casswell, home demonstration agent.

The first camp will be held from July 23 to July 27, the second from July 30 to August 3. These camps are to be held at Smith Creek in the Silver Creek Recreation Area about 34 miles from Albany. The camp area is a delightful place to rest and meet new friends.

Cabin Houses Four

Each camper's cabin houses four, thereby giving the maximum amount of rest and relaxation. In addition to a beautiful quiet camp area, there are recreational features that make a vacation in this area ideal. A concrete swimming pool and fire circle add to the enjoyment and the scenery is beautiful.

A library is provided at the camp by the state library so that book lovers will find a wealth of reading material available and a quiet retreat which is a reader's paradise.

Program Provided

The camp is planned to give those who attend a good rest, new interests and friends. A program is provided for those who wish to participate, a typical camp period including several crafts, sing periods, nature walks, health, book and travel talks, swimming, vesper and campfire programs.

Excellent food and good camp beds, with excellent springs, will be supplied at the camp but each camper must provide her own bedding. A fee is charged to cover the expenses of the camp. Craft materials are available at cost.

Camps are open to enrollment to any interested woman over 20 years of age. The camp will accommodate only 50, so enroll now by getting in touch with Mrs. Maud Purvine Casswell, home demonstration agent, St. Helens, phone 124. Dates for the camps are July 23 to 27, and July 30 to August 3.

Fifty Attend 4-H School

Four of the fifty 4-H Club boys and girls from Columbia county who left this week for the summer school at Corvallis are local club members: Etha Morris, Evelyn Morris, Patricia Moran and Norman Riggins. This delegation is the largest ever attending from Columbia county, states George A. Nelson, County Agricultural Agent. Accompanying the boys and girls were leaders, Mrs. Ben Hazen of McNulty and Frank Morris of Vernonia.

Nelson reports that Mrs. Maud Casswell, home demonstration agent, had preceded the 4-H Club members to Corvallis where she will have charge of the children and where she will also teach in the Home Economics department. Mrs. Azelia Duke of Clatskanie is also teaching at the 4-H summer school.

Induction Board Names Three

The following men from Columbia county have been named by the induction board to report at 11 a. m. on June 23, 1941, at the induction station of the United States Army at the Multnomah County Armory in Portland:

Samuel E. Crumb, Jr., St. Helens; Donald E. Abbott, St. Helens and Clifford Huhta, Clatskanie.

Voters to Choose Clerk, Director for District 47 At Annual School Meeting

Legal voters of School District No. 47, Jt., will be called upon to decide several matters of importance to the district next Monday evening, June 16th, the date of the annual school meeting. The term of one director has expired, the position held by Ted Keasey, and the term of the school clerk, Lee Schwab.

An election will be held to fill both positions. The term of the director to be elected will be three years and the clerk, one year.

On the same evening notice has been given that legal voters will decide upon the question of increasing the tax levy for the year 1941-1942 over the amount limited by the Constitution of Oregon. The reasons for increasing the levy is that the base is large enough to run only a rural school. The amount of tax, in excess of the six percent limitation, proposed to be levied for the year is \$32,642.51.

Annual Necessity

The procedure of voting to increase the tax levy over six percent is an annual necessity in order to maintain the school system due to the fact that the original base is too small.

The total amount to be raised by district tax this year is \$36,433.17 which is greater than was the figure last year which was \$34,588.50.

Oregon Prepared for July 1 Registration

Oregon is fully prepared to undertake registration on July 1 of men who have reached the age of 21 since October 16, 1940, when the first Selective Service registration was held, Lt. Colonel Elmer V. Wooton, state director of Selective Service, stated recently.

Principal registration centers will be local board offices throughout the state, Colonel Wooton said, but due to the large area under the jurisdiction of many Oregon boards it will be necessary to establish supplemental registration places at strategic points. It is not contemplated, however, that a registration place will be established in each voting precinct as was done during the registration last October.

To Name Assistants

Pending receipt of final instructions from National Headquarters of Selective Service, the Oregon headquarters is planning to name chief registrars to be located at each local board headquarters and assistant registrars at such places as may be necessary to prevent prospective registrants from traveling excessive distances for the purpose of registering.

It is estimated the actual number of registrants who might be added to the Selective Service lists in Oregon on July 1 should approximate 10,000. At the present time there are 135,000 on the Selective Service rolls in the state.

Difficulty in estimating the July 1 registration is heightened by the fact that many of the young men who have become 21 years of age since last October may have already enlisted in the armed forces.

Full details of the registration July 1 will be made public at an early date, Colonel Wooton announced.

New Art Teacher Is Award Winner

The eleventh annual Julia McCulloch Smith Memorial Award to the outstanding woman of the senior class at the Oregon College of Education was announced recently as being made to Miss Sylvia Claggett of Salem. She has been named to the position of art teacher in the Vernonia grade school, it was made known this week by E. H. Condit, superintendent.

The choice is based on proficiency in scholarship, participation in student activities, character and leadership.

Eight Dependent Children Get Aid

Eight dependent children from Columbia county are receiving care from the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon at the present time, according to a report released this week from society headquarters. Under supervision of the society, which provides clothing and medical and dental care, the children are placed in private family homes throughout the state.

63 Given Aid

The Boys' and Girls' Aid reports that since 1914, it has provided for 63 homeless and neglected children from Columbia county.

Fifty-five percent of the society's wards come from counties other than Multnomah, yet substantial financial support from private sources is provided by no other county, officials of the organization point out. Without additional funds from the counties to meet the increased cost of living, services to dependent children will have to be curtailed.

Cooperation Asked

The agency is asking the cooperation of every Oregon community in meeting present needs which total \$5,000. The fund-raising appeal, organized on a state-wide basis, is going forward rapidly in Columbia county.

Established in 1885, the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society has cared for more than 7,300 Oregon children since its inception. At the present time 355 boys and girls are receiving care under its supervision.

Bible School to End Session

The ending of this week will mark the ending of the Daily Vacation Bible School, an announcement Tuesday indicated. The school has been conducted this year for the second time during the vacation period of the public schools. Attendance this year was even larger than that of last year, it was stated.

The Bible school session is to be terminated with commencement services at the Evangelical church Sunday evening at 7:30. The evening program will be given by the various classes and individuals and will include singing and a display of Christocentric handicraft. Sunday evening services at the Christian church and the Assembly of God will be dismissed in order that parents may attend the commencement exercises. The three churches have cooperated in sponsoring the classes.

A picnic will be held Friday afternoon for students in the school.

Civil Service Exam Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following open competitive examinations: Pipefitter, Helper Trainee

These examinations are for the purpose of filling existing and future vacancies at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington. Applications may be filed with the Recorder, Labor Board, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington until further notice. Applications will be rated as received and certification made as the needs of the service require. Full information may be obtained from the Recorder, Labor Board, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington or from the Vernonia post office.