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County-wide Council Is Meet Purpose

Sunday, August 25 Set for Meeting at Wilkerson Park

Camp Wilkerson or Wilkerson Park as it has been called here will be the scene for a county-wide meeting Sunday, August 25. C. A. Poff, St. Helens, chairman of the county Boy Scout council has set the date and the time at 2 p. m. and is asking that representatives of various organizations be present then.

In a letter from the scout council chairman, he mentions that, "It is hoped that at this meeting a county-wide planning council be appointed for the purpose of studying camp requirements for permanent camps as set up by the various organizations and so planned that none would be barred by reason of failure to comply to set national specifications, and that the entire county be permitted to work out a permanent camp for use of all youngsters of the county."

A bulldozer, which was made available by a local firm, was busy at the park early this week and completed the building of a swimming pool and road which will add much to the park site. Vernonia Boy Scouts and their scoutmaster, Ed Frazee, have made use of the park several times this summer and have done considerable cleaning work.

The Wilkerson site consists of 200 acres that was set aside in 1940 by the county court with the specification that it be used "by scouting and other juvenile organizations of this county." The Boy Scout council of this county was named as governing body.

According to Mr. Poff "There are Camp Fire Girls, Junior Granges, church groups and 4-H clubs which alone include 350 boys and girls who want such facilities. For the past five years the 4-H club members and their leaders have tried to have a camp. This was impossible because of inadequate facilities." In the announcement it is mentioned every effort is being made to contact by letter all leaders or definitely interested people, but, should they not be reached in that manner, an invitation is extended to be present Sunday.

New Amendments Make GI Insurance More Liberal

New amendments liberalizing the national service life insurance add numerous advantages for veterans holding G. I. insurance policies, but the veterans administration is urging that inquiries be delayed for a short time until new forms and full information can be obtained and distributed. Thomas M. Craig, VA representative who meets with ex-service men and women each Wednesday morning at the city hall, said Wednesday.

About 60,000 policies in Oregon, part of the 6,000,000 now in force in the nation, are eligible for the liberalized peace-time benefits. Ten million others that were permitted to lapse throughout the U. S. are still entitled to reinstatement.

The new amendments, Craig pointed out, offer endowment types of policies not included in the original NSLI law, permit naming of beneficiaries outside the restricted classes allowed by the original bill, offer lump sum payment and total disability benefits which were not previously included.

Veterans now holding term in-

Emergency Child Care Homes Are Welfare Need

Failure to secure a home to provide emergency care for children was reported at the August 14 meeting of the Columbia County public welfare commission in St. Helens and the need is just as great now as before because the commission believes there will continue to be emergencies. In one recent instance a child was detained in the county jail because no such home was available.

A home certified for this purpose is to be mainly a study home where the youth can feel secure the commission report states. In many instances further planning will rest almost completely on the

Vernonia Man Held in Jail

Apprehended by city police Monday night of last week in McMinnville was Ray Harvey, 30, who is charged with grand larceny, burglary and breaking and entering.

The charges were made for breaking into a cooperative creamery and a food market and when caught had \$89.75 in his possession which allegedly had been taken from the food market.

The accused waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury. Bail was set at \$1000.

Harvey was at one time associated with the United Electric and Supply company and later started a supply company selling electrical appliances and other items.

120 Go to Picnic

The all-day picnic Sunday for members and friends of the Christian church drew an attendance of about 1200 people. Rev. Ernest Baker said this week. The picnic was held at Roger's Park and Bible school classes, morning worship and afternoon vesper services were conducted in the open.

New Equipment Added

A foam heater and air space thermometer, new equipment which insures thoroughpasteurization of milk has been added to the Nehalem Dairy Products company plant, Floyd Bush, owner, said Tuesday. Other improvements at the plant include painting of the interior which was started early this week. Mr. Bush plans to hold open house at a later time when the work is completed.

evaluation of the foster mother. Care for any one child is limited to 30 days—long enough for suitable permanent homes to be found or court decisions to be rendered. The foster mother would of necessity have to be willing to relinquish any child placed when other plans had been made and should consider the difficulty in parting with some boy or girl as of minor moment in her overall service to many girls and boys.

Car Accident Injures Three

MIST—A bad accident occurred early last Saturday on the Clatskanie mountain when a car carrying two men and three women from Seattle enroute to visit friends here met a coupe on the wrong side of the road and in trying to avoid hitting the car, went down some 100 feet.

The women were taken to the Clatskanie hospital quite badly cut. They were sent back to Seattle on the third day. The car was badly smashed and reports state that it is difficult to believe that a car leaving the road at this point could do so without killing its occupants.

The accident took place at the same spot that an army truck went over last year, killing one soldier and injuring several.

Cafe Opening Date Is Mon.

The Palace Cafe will open its doors Monday and be ready to serve meals the owners said Tuesday evening when some of the cooking equipment arrived. All cooking will be done with butane gas and the stove which will use the gas arrived that evening to assure the opening August 26.

The cafe has been closed for several weeks, during which time remodeling has been underway. The interior redecorating has been completed and installation of the equipment, which includes new booths and a different counter arrangement, will be done this week.

Car Registration Up 7 Per Cent

Record motor car registrations marked the first half of this year in Oregon. 423,000 vehicles were licensed with fees adding to 34 million dollars, it has been announced by Robert S. Farrell, Jr., secretary of state.

The number of vehicles has swelled seven per cent over last year. The great bulk—336,000—are passenger cars, with trucks and light deliveries totaling 90,000. Of the rest 3000 were motorcycles and 1300 buses. Every classification showed gains.

"The tremendous mileage piled up by this record number of vehicles," said Farrell, "explains how the death rate in Oregon is falling although the actual toll in numbers is increasing."

In view of the increasing shift of fatalities to rural areas, motorists and pedestrians were urged to exercise new caution on intercity highways and main-traveled roads. The first half of this year over 70 per cent of Oregon's traffic deaths took place outside towns or cities.

Sign Painted

The exterior of the west wall of the building housing Greenwood Motors now bears a sign announcing the name of the business and the Chrysler products sold.

REA Begins Making Loans From Fund

Part of Large Fund Being Used By West Oregon

On June 1, REA began to make loans from the \$250,000,000 fund authorized by congress for the fiscal year of 1946-47 and the West Oregon Electric is benefiting by \$190,000. Loans from the 1947 fund will be used largely to finance the expansion of present rural electric systems. Some loans, however, will be used to finance the construction of new electric systems in rural areas where there are no existing facilities.

The allocation to the local cooperative is being used for the construction of the Warren-Vernonia transmission line and substation facilities and 26 miles of line to serve 146 new consumers.

During the 1946 fiscal year, which ended June 30, REA made loans totalling \$290,463,910 to borrowers in 45 states and Alaska. This was the largest one-year loan total in the 11-year history of REA. State loan totals ranged from \$37,000 in Nevada to \$23,685,000 in Texas. These loans financed the addition of more than 183,000 miles of rural distribution line and more than 565,000 consumers of REA-financed systems.

Three Appear in Circuit Court

Appearing in the circuit court before Judge Howard K. Zimmerman last week was Carl C. Miller, 47, a district attorney's information charging sodomy. He was sentenced to two years. Also appearing on a district attorney's information was Joseph Benjamin Brissett, 69, who was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He also received a sentence of two years.

State police arrested Fred Biggs here Monday morning on a charge of larceny and he was taken to St. Helens that afternoon where he will appear before Judge Zimmerman in the circuit court.

Surplus Property Lists Received

Bulletins listing surplus government property are being received nearly every day and are available for inspection at The Vernonia Eagle office.

Invitations to place sealed bids for the items are asked by the war assets administration which is offering the surplus property to priority claimants including veterans of World War II and to all other buyers concurrently.

Listed in recent bulletins received are plumbing, heating and restaurant supplies, and construction and miscellaneous materials. Local people interested in examining the bulletins are welcome to call at The Eagle office where the bulletins are on file.

Vernonia 4-H Club Wins First in Judging Contest

The Vernonia Livestock 4-H club judging team placed first against all other clubs of the county in the judging contests at the county fair at Deer Island and Harold Schmidlin tied for first with Bernard Miller in the individual judging. The Vernonia club is led by Mrs. Florence Kirkbride who has spent considerable time leading the club and who accompanied the members to the fair and camped on the grounds while supervising their work.

Club members making up the team were Harold Schmidlin, Edwina Siedelman and Melvin Beck, each being rated first, second and third respectively.

Exhibits by the club members also brought several wins. Results were: Herefords—Jerol Moran, first; Jerry Oakes, third; Duroc sows—Pearl Siedelman, first; Edwina Siedelman, second; Guernsey—Melvin Beck, fourth. Pearl Siedelman also tied for first in roping. The calf was sold for \$75 and the money divided between the winners.

In most of the departments there was heavy competition. In the showmanship contest there were over 30 contestants and Jerol Moran won third place as a first-year boy in club work with his fine Hereford steer.

Horse racing events in the afternoon of the first three days at the fair also brought wins for local riders. Transportation for the mounts and riders was provided to and from the fair grounds at Deer Island by Albert Reynolds and Bert Tisdale and this was the first time that such a number of local people competed in fair racing events.

Events for the three days and local winners were:

Thursday—Boys and girls quarter-mile, Ruth Beck, 3rd; barrel race, Bob Pringle 2nd; half-mile derby, Loren Dodge, 2nd; tail race, Bob Pringle and Sam Beck, tie for 2nd.

Friday—Girls' half-mile, Ruth Beck, 1st, Lavonne McCool, 2nd; four-man, one-horse relay, Sam Beck, 1st; Columbia county derby, Loren Dodge, 1st, Sam Beck, 3rd; flag

Restaurant Redecorated

Lewis' place was closed by the owners Monday morning of this week for complete redecoration of the interior. Announcement of the closure was made by Lew Floaten who also said that the restaurant and bar will be opened again Friday, August 23.

The work is being done by Earl Maddox, paint contractor from Portland. Mr. Maddox is a relative of Mr. and Mrs. Floaten.

Business to Reopen

D. P. Spofford announced Tuesday that he intends to reopen the Vernonia Card Room Friday or Saturday of this week and that free cards and pool will be offered customers on the opening day. The card room was closed the last day of June for repairs and remodeling of the building which is owned by John Erickson. The interior floor space was enlarged considerably and is now 24 feet by 48 feet in size.

race, Loren Dodge, 2nd; tail race, Loren Dodge, 2nd, Don Reynolds, 3rd.

Saturday—Boys' quarter-mile, Gene Beck, 2nd, Bob Pringle, 3rd; girls' quarter-mile, Lavonne McCool, 1st, Ruth Beck, 2nd; Columbia county derby, Sam Beck, 3rd; flag race, Sam Beck, 3rd; bareback quarter-mile, Ruth Beck, 2nd, Sam Beck, 3rd; tail race, Loren Dodge, 2nd, Don Reynolds 3rd.

COUNTY NEWS

PEACHES HEAVY, BUYERS SCARCE

ST. HELENS—Peach crop this year is a good one, in fact there are more peaches than there are buyers, possibly because sugar is scarce and still rationed, according to J. A. Johnson of Warren.

Johnson, who has 10 1/2 acres of peaches, says his trees are heavy with ripened fruit, but that demand has not been brisk, perhaps because home canners can't get sugar to preserve the fruit.

FLOWER SHOW SEPTEMBER 6

CLATSKANIE—The Clatskanie Garden club will revive their annual flower show this fall and have set the date for Friday, September 6 at the Methodist church.

This is the first flower show staged since September, 1942.

HAIR FARMER GETS LIFE

ST. HELENS—Life magazine may be the next national publication to carry the story of the Yankton "hair farmer," Carl Brandenfels, it developed last week when a reporter and a cameraman who act as correspondents for the magazine were in St. Helens to photograph some of Carl's guinea pigs and the Yankton man himself.

After the St. Helens shots were made, the group went to Salem where Governor Earl Snell and Brandenfels were photographed, looking at plans for the new 50x50 foot laboratory Carl is building at his farm in Yankton. Work started Thursday on the new unit and when it is completed the "hair farmer" will abandon the bathroom lab where the hair-raising concoction was created.

COLUMBIA TAXES RISE THIS YEAR

ST. HELENS—Like new automobiles, tax levies in Columbia county have gone up. A release of the new tax levies for the current fiscal year by the county assessor last week disclosed that most of these levies had shown a distinct rise though there was one notable exception—the road fund levy dropped from 9.36 last year to only 6.6 this year.

Missing from the road fund levy was the 2.78 mill assessment to provide funds for a special sinking fund for road oiling. Last year, road taxes raised a total of \$129,498.74, while this year they are expected to bring in \$91,936.91.

The county general fund levy took a sharp rise, going to 11.5 mills from 5.40. It will raise \$164,372.05 in tax cash this year as compared to \$74,710.81 last year.

DAIRY COOPERATIVE SETS NEW RECORD

CLATSKANIE—The Clatskanie dairy plant of the Lower Columbia Cooperative Dairy association established a new record in monthly payments to the farmers of this community during the month of July, 1946.

A total of \$106,132.91 was paid during the one month to farmers delivering milk at the plant. This was the first time in the 16 years history of the factory that over \$100,000 was paid out in any one month.

The association paid \$1.03 per pound butterfat for premium milk during the period.

