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Homemaker's Festival to Take Place Next Thurs.

The annual Columbia County Homemaker's Festival will be held Tuesday, April 26, at the First Methodist church, St. Helens, beginning at 10:15 a.m. Special music and group singing will start at 10:20 a.m. according to Mrs. Maude Casswell, county extension agent, home economics.

Exhibits will be a part of the morning program. The exhibits are planned and set up by extension units. Projects to be represented are upholstery, flower arrangement, weed control, floor finishes, inner spring cushion repair, clothing, floral exhibit, and 4-H club.

A special day nursery school for children has been planned to give mothers who attend more of an opportunity to attend the program and exhibits. Mrs. T. F. Keasey is the Vernonia member of the extension service committee which has been acting in planning the county-wide festival.

Two speakers will appear on the day's program for the event.

Life in Korea, illustrated colored slides, will be discussed by Miss Jessalee Mallalieu, recreation specialist, Oregon State college. Miss Mallalieu was a home demonstration agent for seven

years, a 4-H club agent for a time, and she taught vocational home economics for three years in Missouri. Miss Mallalieu spent four years with the American Red Cross in overseas work. During this time she served in Iceland, the Philippines, and Korea.

Rev. Gilbert B. Christian will talk on "Our World Today and Tomorrow." He is executive secretary, Oregon Council of Churches and state director of Church World Service, representing the United overseas relief efforts of thirty denominations.

Scholarship Awards Made

Announcement of the awarding of 4-H summer school scholarships was made following a meeting of the scholarship board held Wednesday of last week in the courthouse. Other awards are to be decided and announced later.

The scholarship winners with the sponsors include: U. S. National Bank, JoAnn DeLong, St. Helens, Stephen Rennells; Columbia County Health association, Laura May Seibert, Keasey route, Vernonia; Margie Howard, Rt. 1, St. Helens; Kiwanis, Bruce Cave, Rt. 1, St. Helens.

Marshland Women's club, Sonja Multanen, Clatskanie; Clatskanie J. C. Penny's, Sue Johnson; Lower Columbia Co-op, Dallis Colvin, Clatskanie; Beaver Homes grange, Gene Cantrall, Rt. 1, Goble; Beaver Homes extension unit, Kenny Gregory, Rt. 1, Goble, and David Smith, Rt. 1, Goble; J. C. Penny's, St. Helens, Rose Barr, Rt. 1, St. Helens; Pythian Sisters, Vernonia, Janet Siedelman Vernonia and Vernonia Grange 305, Jerol Moran, Vernonia.

Mecklem Rites Set for Saturday

Final rites for Gideon N. Mecklem will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Bush Funeral home chapel following his death which occurred here Wednesday, April 20 at the age of 87 years, four months. The deceased was born December 25, 1862 at Port Washington, Wisconsin.

Gideon Mecklem is survived by a daughter, Myrtle E. Buffmire; a son, Lloyd G. Mecklem of Los Angeles and a granddaughter, Bonnie Quinn. Interment will be at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery and Rev. H. L. Russell will officiate at the services.

Mr. Mecklem has been a resident of Vernonia for 27 years, having come here from Basin, Wyoming. He built the first house on Corey hill and was also well known for his writings for popular magazines and newspapers. The cause of his death was cerebral hemorrhage.

Piano Recital, Plays to Come

A piano recital for students will be heard Wednesday afternoon of next week at the Washington school and those who are judged to have given the best performance in the competition will appear again Friday evening of next week when two eighth grade plays are presented. Announcement of the recital and play dates was made Wednesday morning by Paul Gordon, grade superintendent.

Students appearing in the recital will be grouped in five divisions and a winner picked from each. The five judged best will appear between acts of the two plays.

Mrs. Harry Sandon is directing one of the plays entitled "The Curiosity Cure" and Miss Marion Schwartz is directing the other, "The Child Wonder."

Drug Company Store Broken Into Wednesday

About \$250 Taken By Thieves; Entry Made Through Roof

Robbery of another place of business took place here early Wednesday morning when thieves broke into the Vernonia Drug company and forced entry into the firm's safe. The theft occurred early Wednesday morning, apparently after 1 a.m. because the tavern located next door remained open until that hour, according to Shirley Kirtland, city marshal.

The store was entered through a hole broken in the roof of the building. The safe was removed to the back of the store, farther from the street than where it is usually located, and was forced open there.

As nearly as could be determined, the loss to the firm was confined to money, approximately \$250 being taken. Expensive jewelry was left and no loss of narcotics was experienced. Insurance covering damage to the building, the safe and for loss of money was carried.

State police were here Wednesday to examine the scene.

Mobile X-ray Canvass Made

The start of the house-to-house canvass to sign up people for appearance at the mobile x-ray unit was started earlier this week under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Kirk who had made her committee appointments and assigned areas for the appointees to cover. This year's visit of the unit is being sponsored by the grade school P-T.A.

Named to canvass the various districts were: Mrs. Arthur Nanson, O-A hill; Mrs. Lester Wells, Riverview; Mrs. Byron Kirkbride, Treharne; Mrs. Eldon Wildt, Corey Hill; Mrs. Milton Lamping, Vernonia business district; Mrs. Charles Hickman and Mrs. George Peters, Rock creek bridge to O-A hill. Ray Mills, high school principal is in charge of arrangements at the high school and Mrs. Kirk will canvass the O-A flat district.

The unit is scheduled to be here May 2 when it will set up at the Oregon-American mill and May 3 when it will be located at the high school.

PTA Officers for Year Elected

Mrs. George Johnson, who has headed the grade school Parents-teachers association for the past year, was again elected to the office Monday when the annual election was carried out at the Washington school.

Serving with Mrs. Johnson for the coming year will be Mrs. John Kirk, vice-president; Miss Marion Schwartz, secretary and Mrs. Arthur Nanson, treasurer.

Four delegates to represent the group at the state convention next week were also selected Monday. They are Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kirk, Paul Gordon and Mrs. L. L. Wells. That session is scheduled for Eugene Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On the 16th of next month, the association will entertain the county council here at a meeting scheduled to begin at 1 o'clock and to be followed with a dinner in the evening.

Final Turn-in Made

Red Cross contributions for this area swelled to \$1261.46 late last week when final turn-ins of funds was made. A contribution of \$25 from the Natal grange brought the total to the above figure.

State Leaders



KELLY OWENS
State Commander



MRS. MITCHELL THORN
State Auxiliary President

District No. 1 Conference Due

Vernonia Post No. 119, American Legion and its Auxiliary will be hosts to department officers and visiting Legionnaires who are to convene here Saturday, April 23, for the annual district conference. An attendance of at least 200 visitors is expected in addition to all the local post members who can be present.

"Kelly" Owens of Salem, State Commander of The American Legion will head the group of state officers which includes Sam Bowe, department vice-commander, Tom Collins, department adjutant, Art Miller, department service officer who will also attend the conference. Commander Owens said the conference is for the purpose of discussing problems, program and policies of the Legion and to acquaint the membership of the actions taken at the recent national convention held in Miami. Mrs. Mitchell Thorn of The Dalles, state president of the Auxiliary, will hold a separate conference during the afternoon and will be assisted by other state officers.

The sessions will close with a banquet at the Legion hall at 5:30 p.m. after which short addresses will be made by both Commander Owens and President Thorn. Commander Owens predicts that the coming year will see the Legion increase tremendously in membership accomplishment. He points out that the Legion is the largest veterans organization in the world with approximately 3,500,000 members.

More convention details appear on page 3.

Last Service Preached Sun.

Rev. Howard Hollar, pastor of the Assembly of God church since August of last year, preached his last service at the Vernonia church Sunday, he said early this week. He moved his household belongings the middle of the week.

Rev. Hollar's children, Arthur and Mardell, will remain here to complete the current school year, he said.

Street Light Rate Problem Settled; Curfew Changed

A new schedule of charges for the lighting of city streets was placed in effect with the acceptance Monday of a rate proposed by Manager Guy Thomas of West Oregon Electric and considered by city councilmen that evening. Acceptance of the schedule by the council settles a problem that has been pending since last year and which carried over from last year's council to the present officials.

The new rate structures calls for an increased outlay of \$259 per year over the old street light rate which has been in effect for many years. The old rate cost the city \$960 per year while the new one calls for an expenditure of \$1219 per year. The charge covers 63 incandescent lights and 13 of the mercury-vapor fixtures installed in the business section. Of the incandescent bulbs, 59 are 100-watt in size and four are 200-watt.

Another application for the job of lifeguard at the city park pool was received Monday, this one from Doug Culbertson who held the job last year. Culbertson, a student at Pacific university, plans to spend the summer here before leaving for Vienna, Austria for further study this fall. He holds a senior lifesaving certificate. No action has been taken as yet regarding the applications, but the matter will be considered when the swimming season approaches. The council also has an application from Marvin Turner for the job.

Adoption of the curfew ordinance changes a restriction that

has been in effect for many years so that young people 16 years of age or less have until 10 p.m. before they must be off the streets unless accompanied by parents. The former ruling restricted them to 9 p.m.

Further details of the new act are: Section 1. It is hereby made unlawful for any persons under the age of 16 years to be in or remain in or upon any of the streets, alleys, or other public places in the city of Vernonia, at night after the hour ten o'clock p.m. unless such person is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other person having care and custody of such minor person or whose employment makes it necessary to be in or upon such streets.

Section 2. It is hereby made unlawful for any parents, guardian or other person having the legal care and custody of any person under the age of sixteen years to allow or permit any such child, ward, or other person under such age, while in such legal custody, to go or to be in or upon any street, alley or public place within the time prohibited in Section 1 of this ordinance, unless there exists a reasonable necessity therefor.

Penalty for violation of the ordinance is a minimum fine of \$10 up to a maximum of \$25 and not less than 10 days nor more than 20 days in jail or both such fine and imprisonment.

The ordinance was declared an emergency and became effective immediately when approved Monday by councilmen.

Vets to Back Marble Play

Some good marble shot will have the chance to represent Vernonia in the state marble tournament at Portland May 14 at Jantzen Beach because of a local tournament that will be sponsored by Smith-Christensen post, V.F.W. May 4.

The tournament here will be held at the Washington grade school and definite information on age limits, rules, registration and other details will be announced by the post next week.

County Traffic Deaths Down

Deaths from motor vehicle accidents in 1948 in Columbia county decreased 10 over the previous year of 1947 according to a release of data from the secretary of state's office this week. Recorded in 1948 were three fatalities as compared with 13 for 1947.

Accidents, however, increased from 628 in 1947 to 641 in 1948 the report shows. Injuries decreased from 173 in '47 to 140 in '48.

Boards Consider Bus Contracts

Directors of both union high school district 1 and school district 47 Jt., met jointly Monday evening to consider the awarding of contracts for drivers of school buses for the districts for another year, but no definite action was taken.

The absence of some of the directors made it necessary that a future meeting be held to again discuss the contracts before a definite decision is reached.

Cub Dance Talked

Members of the Cub Scout committee met Tuesday evening to talk plans for a benefit dance later. The regularly scheduled monthly pack meeting will be held next Tuesday at the union hall.

Humidity Drop Stops Logging

The logging and woods activity halt called Tuesday of last week came as the result of a humidity drop that reached a reading of 18 on high points that day and led to conditions as favorable for fire this spring as at any time up to mid-August of last year. This early season fire danger brought a warning from Glen Hawkins, county Keep Oregon Green chairman, pointing out the need for greater care if a disastrous fire season is to be prevented.

A minimum humidity reading of 30, or 35 in some instances such as a high wind makes it necessary to stop logging activity.

Some work on this year's KOG campaign has already been started with the posting of signs urging care with fire Mr. Hawkins said.

Egg Hunters Get Awards Saturday

Children who participated in Saturday's Easter egg hunt won prizes donated by local firms for their success in finding the hidden eggs. This year's hunt was one of the most successful to be conducted so far by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Merchants who helped with the prizes were: Vernonia 5 & 10, Thomas Variety, Apparel Shop, Nehalem Market, Bush Furniture, Nance Pharmacy, Pal Shop, Brunsmann Hardware, Western Store, Hoffman Hardware, Brous Shop, C & C Cafe, Cozy Confectionary, Kullander's Jewelry Store, Miller's, Vernonia Bakery, Sam's Food Store, Vernonia Drug Co., Vernonia Texaco Service, Sundland Electric and Vernonia Eagle.

New PTA to Meet Mon.

Scheduled for Monday evening of next week, April 25, is a meeting of the high school Parent-Teachers association at the high school. The session is to begin at 7:30.

Mrs. Bell Taken By Death Tues.

Funeral services are to be held here Friday at 2 p.m. for Mrs. George Bell who passed away at her home in Riverview Tuesday. The rites will be conducted at the Evangelical U. B. church and interment will take place at Parker Idaho. Bush Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Deborah Bell was born October 19, 1883 in Weber county, Utah and passed away at the age of 65 years and six months.

Surviving are: her husband, George Bell; a son, Kenneth of DeLake; four daughters, Mrs. George Woods, Mrs. H. T. Hudson, and Mrs. N. G. Wells, all of Vernonia and Mrs. D. G. Glenn of Kernville; a sister, Mrs. Don R. Potter of Chester, Idaho, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bell was a member of the Latter Day Saints church.

2 More Airports Recommended

Two more airports for Columbia county, both class 1, are recommended in the annual report of the civil aeronautics administration released last week. One of the fields should be located at Vernonia and the other at Clatskanie the report indicated. It also proposed retention of the class 3 airport at Scappoose.

A class 1 airport, such as suggested here and at Clatskanie, call for strips from 1800 to 2700 feet, while class 3 calls for a runway from 3700 to 4500 feet.

The list of 96 airports proposed for Oregon should be constructed or improved on the basis of expected air service demands.

Cost of the development in the state was estimated at \$17,143,002 of which federal funds would provide \$9,172,000 and \$7,971,000 would come from the airport sponsors.

27 Boys Turn Out

Twenty-seven Boy Scouts turned out for Monday evening's meeting Scoutmaster Ed Frazee said Tuesday. In addition three officers and three visitors were present. Pat O'Brien passed his tenderfoot test and received his badge at the meeting. The Scouts extended their appreciation for the refreshments which were furnished by Dr. R. D. Eby, Pete Brunsmann, Harry King and Allen Landers.