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Start of Day Camps Set For July 5

Program Sponsored By Girl Scout Leaders for Month

Day Camps, sponsored by the Vernonia Girl Scouts, are scheduled to begin Tuesday of next week, July 5, and continue through the month to the 29th on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week, according to an announcement made earlier this week by Mrs. Ralph Reynolds.

The camp will be at Maple Meadows four miles from Vernonia on the Mist highway. Day camp is a place where any girl between the ages of 6 and 18 years can have fun of camping without going away from home. Mrs. Reynolds explained. Transportation to and from the camp will be provided and will leave at 9:30 a.m. each morning camp is held from Second and Maple streets.

Girls are asked to bring carfare, lunch, parent consent form, drinking cup and money for milk. Girls 10 years old or older, who have attended at least three days of camp and have proven themselves good campers will have a chance to camp out one night.

11-Year China Stay Completed

Miss Adeline Bertha Gray, a former Vernonia resident, recently returned to Oregon after 11 years spent in China and a very short stay in Japan. Miss Gray who was known in Vernonia as Bertha Gray, is at present making a short stay with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parker, 125 Clairmont St., Gladstone.

Miss Gray, whose aunt is Mrs. Albert Parker, an old Vernonia resident now living in Clatskanie, spent much of her childhood in Vernonia and graduated from Vernonia high school in 1931. She then entered the U. of O., Eugene.

Miss Gray, who speaks Chinese which she studied at the University of California, was teaching in Chinese universities in China, also worked on the English press, and with the U. S. Army, UNRRA, etc.

She also visited other parts of Asia, including India, Indo-China, Japan, while she was in the Orient.

Examiner to Come

A drivers license examiner will be in Vernonia Friday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and may be contacted at the city hall during that time by persons wishing permits or licenses to drive.

Most Stores To Close 4th

Owners and employees of nearly all Vernonia places of business will enjoy a longer week end free of their regular jobs because of the July 4th holiday Monday, a check earlier this week indicates. Many firms plan to reopen for business again Tuesday morning, July 5, but in at least one instance that of the Vernonia Cleaners, the business will be closed also on the 5th, and 6th and possibly on the 7th. An announcement of the longer closing was made Tuesday by Mrs. Bob Cline.

Publication of The Eagle will be delayed one day and will be received by subscribers Friday, July 8.

Community Sing Well Attended

Last Sunday's community sing, the second since the organization was formed, brought an attendance at the Baptist church that nearly filled the building, nearly all seats being filled. At the close of the meeting, Miss Beverly Herrin was selected as secretary of the group.

The sing features group singing as well as special music and members of all churches are cordially invited to participate according to Marshall Crowell, president of the group.

Rev. Thomas J. Kilcoyne has suggested that the meetings be held at the different churches, the place to be decided by the group at the preceding gathering. It is believed that the activity would soon outgrow the present quarters of the church in which it was organized.

However, the next gathering will take place at the Baptist church Sunday, July 10, at 2 o'clock and there will be no charge, the president said.

Large Booster Needed for TV

A larger booster to assure a proper reception of television broadcasts here from Seattle was indicated by tests made late last week at the Bush Furniture store when TV experts were here to attempt pickup of the Seattle station.

TV broadcasts were received Mr. Bush said, and were considered satisfactory considering the distance from the station, but they could and would be improved with the addition of the larger booster.

Success of the test indicated that reception from Longview and Portland would be good when stations are installed there.

Herrin Named To Board of High School

Exceeding of Six Percent Limit Gets Approval on Ballot

The vacant position on the board of Vernonia union high school was filled Monday afternoon when voters selected M. L. Herrin to fill the position which was vacated by the expired term of Noble Dunlap. Mr. Herrin's name had been placed on the ballot by a petition which had been circulated locally two or three weeks before the election by members of the high school parent-teachers association.

The ballot also asked for approval or rejection of the right to exceed the six per cent limitation. The vote Monday granted the right to exceed the limit.

Cubs Get Awards At Pack Meeting

At a pack meeting of the Cub Scouts Tuesday evening of this week, the boys received awards for their work and the future date was set when their picnic will be held, weather permitting. The recent picnic date was postponed because of the weather.

The future date for the event is July 24.

Receiving awards Tuesday were: Wolf badge — Richard O'Brien, Jack Howard, Joe Taylor, Ronnie O'Brien and Delbert Tunnell; Bear badge — Ronald Anderegg, Dale Hing, John Kirk and Kenneth Wagner; Lion badge — Bobby Hackney, Leslie Harding and Larry Bernardi; Webelos badge — James Kirkbride; Gold arrow — Bobby Hackney, Larry Bernardi, Dale Hing, Jim Peters and Ronald Anderegg; Silver Arrows — Bobby Hackney, Larry Bernardi, Dale Hing and Jim Peters and Bobcat pins — Ronnie O'Brien, Dane Brady and Gary Strong.

Laborer Takes Truck, Money

Minnard Hawks, workman for the Johnson Construction company which is working on the Timber road into the junction with the Sunset highway, is being sought by state police following a robbery here Monday night. Hawks worked Monday with the construction gang and roomed that night with Boyd Summers at the Vernonia hotel.

He left during the night with \$50 of Summers money and a pickup truck belonging to the construction firm.

Welfare Expenditures in June Total \$29,803.81

Expenditures for the month of June in Columbia county on welfare were released earlier this week by Mrs. Eva L. Tice, administrator of the Columbia County Public Welfare commission as totaling \$29,803.81. Mrs. Tice also released a statement of matters reviewed at the commission meeting for the month.

The report of expenditures was itemized as follows:

General Assistance, 118 cases, \$5,985.26. (Three applications on hand).

Old Age Assistance, 368 cases, \$15,248.00 (Eight applications on hand).

Aid to Dependent Children, 73 cases, \$6,745.00. (Seven applications on hand).

Aid to the Blind, 5 cases, \$324.00. Administration, 7 cases \$1,501.55. Total, \$29,803.81.

In the statement released by the commission was pointed out the support given dependent children as well as the disposition made of several complaints regarding expenditures of funds where not justified. The statement follows:

"This month we have had two pleasant inquiries and several condemnatory criticisms regarding families supposedly on public funds who have no right to assistance. No one family identified was actually receiving assistance and most of them were not known to this organization. "However, the complaints would not identify two families, so no determination could be made regarding them. In both cases the complaints were 'sure' of their 'facts', but would not identify so status could actually be determined.

"Such complaints have value in interpreting welfare standards, and may without violation of the law regarding the confidential nature of our records result in the complaint securing information that she needs to have to understand what becomes of the welfare dollar.

"Rarely is a complaint or inquiry received regarding a family for whom a long-range plan has been made. Occasionally an approval is registered. Recently there have been several regarding children under care in foster homes supervised by this agency. Currently there are 30 Columbia county children in foster homes, one is partially self-supporting, another is fully supported by his father, although supervision is by this agency. At this time, four of these children persist in some unapproved attitude or activity, the

Shipman Added To County Force

A new state patrolman has been added to the Columbia county force to replace William Radosevich, who has been transferred to the Milwaukie area, according to Patrolman Roy Wilburn.

The new patrolman is Glen Shipman, Vernonia. Shipman has been with the state police for seven months, having been assigned to the Milwaukie office prior to his transfer to the Columbia county force.

Sgt. Holly Holcomb, who has been training with the air force reserve in Washington during the past two weeks was due to return to St. Helens last Sunday and was back on duty Monday of this week.

Blood Donors Wanted

The visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile in Vernonia is scheduled for July 13 of the coming month. People who wish to contribute blood at that time are asked to call Mrs. Guy Thomas, 1011, or Mrs. John Kirk, 84, so that a list of the names of donors can be prepared before the day the unit will be here.

Fire Warning Sounded by KOG Chairman

Extra Care Over Holiday Period Asked in Forests

The practice of extreme care with fire in forest areas was urged earlier this week for the coming long week end when many people will take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a short vacation over the 4th. The warning was issued by Glen Hawkins, county chairman of Keep Oregon Green. He pointed out that people can camp now without first obtaining a permit, as a general forest area closure has not been declared, but that extreme care should be exercised in picking the camp site and in the use of fire.

Forest fires can start at this time even though there have been recent rains in this locality. For the state as a whole, the past two months of dryness has turned forests into a tinder box and a carelessly started fire could cause another Tillamook burn from a forest fire standpoint, the extremely dry weather having created a situation identical with 1933 when 350,000 acres went up in smoke in the Tillamook burn.

In this vicinity a very enviable record has been maintained on the Columbia Tree Farm where no calls to suppress fires have been received so far this season. The Pittsburg guard station, however, has been called into action, mostly beyond the St. Helens mountain.

The KOG chairman pointed out that five large signs reminding people of the need for care have been posted in this part of the Nehalem valley along with other smaller signs. The large posters, which are mounted in a substantial wood frame of rustic construction, have proven so popular that three of them have also been made by Columbia Farm workmen for use on the Clatsop Tree farm with headquarters at Seaside.

Six precautions have been listed for Oregonians who take to the woods this week end. They are: 1. Never leave a camp fire burning. Use plenty of water to drown it out. 2. Never smoke when walking or traveling through forest land. 3. Never throw a lighted cigarette, matches or burning material from cars. 4. Always use an ash tray. 5. Never light fire crackers in the woods. 6. Be sure cigarette or pipe ashes are ground out in mineral soil.

Building Painted

The exterior of the building owned by West Oregon Electric Cooperative was being painted earlier this week by Ed Hartzell, employee of the Cooperative.

Vernonia 4-Hers Take Part in Summer School Program at OSC

Columbia county's delegation of 38 club members and four leaders to 4-H summer school at Corvallis returned home Friday, June 24, after spending 10 days at Oregon State college.

A full schedule of classes dealing with all phases of agriculture and home economics, organized athletic games and swimming, special assemblies, programs, and parties kept everybody busy every day while at the school.

Upon arriving home, one of the 4-H club members remarked that it was the happiest 10 days that he ever had.

Ralph Gabrielson, Warren, placed third in the livestock judging contest held the last day. Girls from Columbia county who took part in the style review and modeled their dresses were Nancy Seline, Scappoose, Marry Barr, and Rose Barr, both of St. Helens.

In the state poster contest sponsored by the State 4-H leaders association, the poster made by

Billy Waller, Neer City, won a white award.

Four members from Columbia county took part in a special recreation leadership training class. The purpose of the class was to train boys and girls in the technique of leading certain phases of recreation so they can help with these activities in their home community. Those taking this class were Frances Brady, Warren; Phyllis Laramore, Vernonia; Clifford Shoemaker, Scappoose and Harold Schmidlin, Vernonia.

Those who took part in Columbia county's radio program over KOAC were Sue Johnson, Clatskanie; Jean Kirkbride, Vernonia; Mildred Thomas, St. Helens; Charles Schwab, Deer Island; Mrs. John Harvey, Quincy and Harold Black, county extension agent.

Local club leaders from Columbia county acted as chaperones were Mrs. Alta James, Deer Island and Mrs. John Harvey, Quincy.

