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Early Day Mist Hotel



PICTURED above is the first hotel at Mist in a photo taken in 1890. The hotel was owned by John Backman and since that time has been remodeled and is now the Garlock residence. The picture is owned by Irving Knowles who identified some of the people who will be remembered by many people still living in the Mist area. At left on the lower porch are C. F. Knowles, father, and Irving, Mr. Ray and Charles Fisher. On the upper porch were two school teachers, then Mr. and Mrs. Backman.

District Net Tournney Due

Vernonia's Logger netmen will meet Rainier tonight, Thursday, in the opening fray of the district 14 basketball tournney, the winner of which will represent this district in the state tournament scheduled for March 20-24.

If the Loggers win tonight's game, they will not play again until next Tuesday, but if they lose, they play again Saturday night. All games are being fought on the floor at St. Helens high school.

To be eliminated a team must lose two games. Five nights of play are planned and possibly a sixth if it should be necessary in the double elimination set-up. Games will be played March 1, 3, 6, 8 and 10 and if another game is needed, the 12th.

Favored to win will be the Scappoose Indians who lost only three games in league play and won nine to tie for second with Parkrose in the Lower Columbia schedule. Seaside topped the league, but neither Seaside or Parkrose will play in the district 14 event.

The final game tonight will match St. Helens with Scappoose, while Clatskanie draws a bye.

Former Resident Dies

George Hankel, a Vernonia resident some years past, died suddenly at his home at Dallas February 12. Commitment took place at Wilbur, Washington on February 15. Surviving the deceased are: his wife of Dallas; four daughters, Viola, Delores, Nona and Pearl; one son, Harry, and three brothers, Carl, Victor and Frank, all living in Canada.

Recreation Training to Be Stressed at Meetings

The second in the series of two recreation leader training meetings will be conducted by the Co-



MISS JESSALEE MALLALIEU

Annual Dinner Being Planned

The annual banquet for members of the high school football team and squad, last year's winners of the county championship, as well as players of this year's basketball squad is being prepared for by the Lions club and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Decision to help sponsor the affair was first discussed by the Lions a week ago Monday evening and more details were worked out Monday of this week. Tickets will be sold to provide the funds necessary in making the banquet possible. J. A. Bush, Jr., was named to head the ticket and arrangements committee.

The Legion Auxiliary will prepare the dinner which will be served at the Legion hall March 13. Featured speaker of the evening will be Joe Huston, coach at Lewis and Clark college, who fielded an outstanding grid team last year.

Changes Being Made

Extensive remodeling of the interior display shelving at Hoffman Hardware has been started by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. George Hahn. The work completed so far includes new window display shelves, a new case for display of fishing tackle and a new merchandise island. The work is being done by H. L. Russell.

John Glassner Dies

Final rites for John Glassner, a former Vernonia resident who was living at Albany when death came, were conducted Monday. He passed away Friday or Saturday of last week following a lengthy illness.

Lack of Quorum Halts Election

Lack of a quorum for Tuesday evening's Rod and Gun club meeting prevented the election of officers originally scheduled for that night, but some of the club's pending business was taken care of regardless. A later meeting will probably be called and effort increased to have more members present in order to carry out the election.

Most important item of business for the evening was the granting of an easement across about 200 feet of the land owned by the club at Keasey. The easement will make possible the building of a spur track across the land by the Oregon-American Lumber corporation for the corporation's use in developing timber in that area.

Members of the Rod and Gun club who are members of the corporation that was formed when the land at Keasey was purchased will receive stock certificates in the near future. A favorable vote at the meeting authorized R. M. Aldrich, secretary, to order the certificates printed. He was also authorized to rent the residence on the club property at Keasey for \$15 per month.

Dance Provides Club with \$122

Junior police club members will have at least \$122.60 to spend for supplies for their organization and possibly more when complete ticket sales are tabulated from their dance Saturday night.

The fund will be used for the purchase of items needed in carrying on club work and the amount will increase with the turn-in of sales made by Lions club members.

Appreciation for the cooperation of those who helped make the fund possible was expressed by the club.

Lindley Rites Performed Sat.

Mrs. Gertrude Lindley, a resident of this community for 26 years, passed away after a lingering illness of several years at her home February 22 at six p.m. She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, W. V. Lindley; one daughter, Mrs. Irvon Ackley of Roseburg and two grandchildren.

Funeral services with the Bush Funeral Home in charge were held in the Christian church with Rev. Gerald F. Heskett officiating on Saturday at 3 p.m. Interment was in the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

History of Valley Topic Of Meeting

Events of Early Days Mentioned by Early Residents

As a result of interest in securing a historical marker honoring Al Parker, first white child born in this valley, by Vernonia Grange No. 305, the Columbia county historical society met at the Evangelical U. B. church social hall in Vernonia on Wednesday, February 21. A delicious noon pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by about 40 members and friends from Mist, St. Helens, Birkenfeld, Warren, Clatskanie, Portland and Vernonia. The ladies of the Grange were in charge of the dinner.

George A. Nelson, St. Helens, president of the society, conducted this most interesting and informative meeting. He was assisted by Mrs. Marion Sten, St. Helens, vice-president and Mrs. Pearl Becker, Warren, secretary-treasurer.

The program was opened by an invocation by Rev. Paul D. Sisler. Mr. Nelson greeted and welcomed the members and guests and acted as moderator.

Mrs. Oral (Spencer) Faulkner; Mrs. Winifred (Newth) Higgins, daughter of Vernonia's first doctor, of Portland; O. G. Weed and Wm. Pringle, Sr., of Vernonia and A. Parker, Clatskanie, told of various historically interesting and humorous incidents of pioneer life in this valley, ranging from the semi-annual shopping expeditions out, for the home, the building of the first roads and railroads, the first religious services, the first stock and cattle, the first mail and post office, the worst wind in January 1880, the first schools and many other events.

Mr. Weed introduced the special guest speaker, Omar C. Spencer, born and raised here and a prominent Portland attorney, member of the board of directors of the Oregon Historical Society and author of "The Story of Sauvie Island," newly published. Mr. Spencer told many entertaining true stories including a murder story, told the background of his own parents and other early settlers and answered questions.

Mr. Spencer plans on writing another book soon. The title will be "Going Outside." While it will be an autobiography, since all of these small valleys are of a common pattern, it will be a history of the pioneers of this locale.

The next regular meeting of the County Historical Society will be held at Scappoose at the Congregational church March 21. A committee was appointed to report on findings on Fruit and Indian Relics as a nucleus for the program. All members and friends are invited to attend.

Council Plans County Meeting

The Columbia County Council of Parent-Teacher associations has scheduled its next regular meeting for next Monday evening, March 5, according to an announcement made Wednesday.

The meeting for March will take place at the Clatskanie grade school and will start promptly at 1 p.m. All P.T.A. units in the county are urged to have representatives present for the occasion.

Service Held Tuesday

Final rites for Lewis E. Coryell took place at the chapel of McGinnis and Wilhelm, Portland, Tuesday. He was the father of Mrs. Lyman Hawken, Ernest L. Coryell, Mist, Lewis P. Byrne, West Linn, and Mrs. Otto Koos, Albany. He passed away February 23.

Two Years Without Lost Time Accident Achieved By Columbia Tree Farm

What safety means from the standpoint of careful working practices and the fact that such practices have resulted in two years of work on the Columbia Tree Farm without a lost time accident will be stressed at a safety achievement dinner Friday night.

The dinner will mark the completion of two years from March, 1949 to March, 1951 without an accident that has prevented a man from being on the job at the time he was supposed to appear.

At the dinner, to take place at the Masonic Temple, featured speakers will include W. D. Welsh, director of public relations for Crown Zellerbach corporation, Paul E. Gurske, chairman of the state industrial accident commission, and E. P. Stamm, general logging manager. Glen Hawkins, farm supervisor, will give the address of welcome.

A better understanding of the two years without a lost time accident can be gained from the work that has been achieved during those two years. During that time the men have worked 78,570 hours and have produced a footage totaling 14,977,747. Loads of logs hauled have amounted to 3,948 and the number of pieces handled, 39,969. The mileage traveled by trucks in transporting logs also amounted to a large figure, 223,010, and in addition, crew pick-up and patrol mileage added another 61,786 miles of travel.

During the same period, tree harvesting was not the only activity on the farm. Seedlings were planted totaling 157,450 and 12½ miles of roads were built. Fire prevention was another successful undertaking with 59,000 acres in the fire protection area and under patrol during summer months by Crown employees. Seventy-five per cent of the employees have been trained in first aid.

The present safety committee is headed by Earl L. Atkins, chairman, with Loren E. Atkins as secretary. Other members of the committee are: Charles Colvard, Merle Cline, Frank E. Floeter, Grover Howard, Robert McNair, Thomas Tomlin and William Wood. The slogan being stressed this year in furthering the safety program is: "Don't Be the ONE in '51."

Steps Taken for New Scout Unit

At a meeting of the local scout committee last Wednesday night, steps were taken for the organization of an Explorer Post, which is the new scouting unit for boys from 14 to 18 years of age.

Columbia Encampment No. 89, I.O.O.F., will sponsor the new unit with Allen Ray as advisor. The post committee will consist of George Frye, chairman, Cloyd Thompson, M. B. Willard, Harry Culbertson and Louis Schroeder.

The regular district scout court of honor will be held tonight, March 1, at the Washington grade school at 8:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend this ceremony. Earl Ray will be awarded the Eagle badge of scouting at this ceremony.

PTA Anniversary Well Attended

The February 19 meeting of the Washington Grade P.T.A. was a very successful and entertaining evening with a large group of parents and teachers in attendance.

A very clever skit and musical numbers by the grade school sextette and Charlotte Welty and Allan Ade were on the program. Also a visit to the new rooms, an explanation of equipment and a visit to the rest of the school building was made, after which refreshments were served by the Girl Scouts.

The evening closed with the showing of two short movies. Officers of the P.T.A. wish to express their thanks to the following for their help: Rev. H. L. Russell, Mrs. Harry Sandon, Miss Harriet Bronaugh, Paul Gordon, Derrold Proehl, James Johns, Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts and their leader, Mrs. Henry Anderregg.

The next meeting of the group will be Monday, March 19 at 8 p.m. at the Washington school when another entertaining evening is being planned. That program will be announced later.

Library Shelves Get New Books

New books purchased recently by the Vernonia library include volumes in four classifications. The classes, authors and the books are:

Non-fiction — The Sunset Flower Garden Book; Visual Gardening Book; Lt. Col. J. H. Williams; Elephant Bill; Randall V. Mills, Railroads Down the Valleys; Lowell Thomas, Jr., Out of This World — Tibet; Schoyer's Vital Anniversaries of 1951.

Fiction — Taylor Caldwell, The Balance Wheel; James R. Ullman, River of the Sun; Anya Seton, Fox Fire; H. E. Bates, The Scarlet Sword; Emile Loring, To Love and To Honor; Ruth Moore, Candemas Bay; Rufus King, Duenna to a Murder; Seldon Truss, Never Fight a Lady; Louise A. Stinetor, White Witch Doctor; Henry James, Best Short Stories and Brete Hart, Short Stories.

Teen-age — Marguerite Henry, Sea Star (orphan of chinbotegaue); Alice Rogers Hager, Janice Airline Hostess; Adele DeLeu, Curtain Call; Wilfred McCormick, The Three Two Pitch.

Children — Eleanor Estes, One Hundred Dresses; Leo Politi, Son of the Swallows (The Caldecott Medal Award); Tengren's Story Book.

Anniversary Planned

Scheduled for next week end is the annual anniversary sale for Brunsmann Hardware. This year will be the sixth that the sale has been held along with gifts for visitors to the store. Over \$400 in merchandise will be given away to ladies visiting the store's second floor.