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Model Railroaders to Make Excursion Train Trip Here

Preparation for entertaining a group of model railroad enthusiasts, who will come here in August, has already been started because of word that they are planning an excursion trip to Vernonia. The visit here will be a side trip made by model building railroaders as part of the national convention in Portland of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc., which has headquarters at Canton, Ohio.

The national convention is scheduled to take place in August and during that time, Saturday, August 23, has been designated as the date for the excursion over the S.P.&S. line from Portland to Vernonia.

Arrangements for the trip were made by Stephen Donohoe, district traffic representative of the Chicago Northwestern Railway, who was contacted by Pete Brunsmann who is making the arrangements here. The train, which will be powered by a steam locomotive, according to the traffic representative, is expected to bring not less than 200 people and the number will probably approach 300 because the convention will bring model railroad builders from all over the nation to Portland. A large delegation is expected from as far as Boston.

The trip will start from Port-

land and arrive here at 11:30. The train is scheduled to leave here at 2:30, allowing a three-hour layover in Vernonia, during which time somewhat extensive plans are being developed tentatively for entertainment of the visitors.

A feature attraction, not only for the railroad-builders, but for people of this area as well, will be an Oregon-American shay which Judd Greenman will arrange to have on display. Glen Hawkins has indicated that the Columbia Tree Farm will arrange a display showing the procedure followed in tree planting, selective logging, methods of logging and harvesting cones for future tree planting operations, as well as fire equipment used by the tree farm.

Other entertainment may include an appearance of the grade or high school bands or both. The Nehalem Social club has been asked to prepare the noon lunch for the visitors, who will probably be served at the city park chuck wagon style. City councilmen, who learned of the coming event before their meeting Monday, devoted part of their meeting to plans for landscaping of the city park pool so that it would be an asset to the park, not only for the start of the swimming season, but for the excursion.

Mention of the scenic trip was also made at Monday evening's Lions club meeting where business men indicated they would devote every effort to making the stay of visitors here pleasant.

Any person or clubs who have suggestions to improve the reception are asked to contact Mr. Brunsmann.

Students View Air Force Films

Sgt. Bill Judy, St. Helens, recruiting representative for Columbia county, visited Vernonia high school Tuesday morning to talk to the Senior and Junior classes and show two films.

The films, entitled "Women of the Air Force" and "Men of the Air Force," pictured exactly the procedure as to what happens to them when they enlist. Sgt. Judy will be here weekly to talk to parents of prospective enlistees.

Death Claims Former Resident

Mrs. Fred Zeiner of Waldport passed away February 14. Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Donald, of Portland and Mrs. Lavina Lisanti of Oakland, California.

Funeral services were held on Monday at Riverview Abbey in Portland.

The Zeiners owned and operated a grocery store in Riverview for many years.

PTA Founding Observed By Association Program

Celebrating the 55th anniversary of the P.T.A. a Founder's day program was sponsored by the Vernonia Parent-Teacher association at the Washington school Monday, February 18 at 8:00 p.m. The entertainment followed a salute to the flag led by Boy Scouts, Richard O'Brien and Gary Strong and singing of the national anthem by everyone. Rev. H. L. Russell offered the invocation and then group singing was led by Mrs. Russell accompanied by Miss Pauline Bristlin.

A humorous sketch, "Telephoning Under Difficulties," was presented by Rosalie Kirkbride, Delores Olsen and Aaron Lofton, members of the 8th grade drama club directed by Mrs. Dorothy Sandon. Miss Janet Peterson, high school music director, conducted the band in several selections interspersed with varied instrumental numbers including: cornet solo by J. R. Kirkbride and a trombone duet by Mary

Lou Fredrickson and Phil Sisler, accompanied by Francis Kaspar; clarinet trio by Hazel Cook, Jean Kirkbride and Marcia Garner; clarinet and baritone horn duet by Sharon and Letha Hamilton.

Girls from the high school Thespian club, directed by Mr. Raines, gave a recital of a child welfare Rainbow pageant. Mrs. L. L. Wells, program chairman, gave a short message about founder's day and invited the audience to a social hour and refreshments arranged by Mrs. Byron Kirkbride, president of the association. A free-will silver offering was taken at a birthday table decorated by Mrs. George Johnson. This money is sent to the state office which keeps half for use in Oregon and the other goes to national headquarters, all funds being used to extend the work of the organization. In this state it is used as an extension work fund to finance P.T.A. workshop conferences each year.

Food Studied



CPL. Jim E. Peterson, 23, has completed the XVI Corps Food Service school at Camp Schimelpfenning, Japan with the second highest grade in his class. While attending the eight-week course, he received instruction in all phases of nutrition, sanitation, field cooking and mess management. He entered the army in November 1950 and arrived in Japan last April.

State President Due in County

Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead will be the guest of honor at a social evening sponsored by the John Gumm P.T.A. in St. Helens, February 26. The event is being given so that people in this area interested in meeting the state president of the P.T.A. may do so. The Vernonia P.T.A. has received a letter from the St. Helens association inviting them to attend the meeting at John Gumm that evening at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Moorhead is studying for a Doctor of Education degree at Oregon state college. Her specialty is family health problems. She is also employed by the general extension division of the state system of higher education to conduct an in-service training program in health education for teachers.

DHIA Test Shows Best Animals

Results of the January production of leading cow herds in the county, as tested by the dairy herd improvement association list several animals belonging to owners residing in the Nehalem valley.

Honor roll cows are determined by the number of pounds butterfat produced and listed for this valley are: Shalmon Libel, Mist, a mature cow with 469 pounds; Ralph McKee, Vernonia, two 2-year-olds with 421 and 369 pounds.

Calhoun to File For Sheriff Post

An indication of increasing political activity between now and the May primary is carried in an announcement made Tuesday by Sheriff M. R. Calhoun.

The sheriff, while here on an official visit, announced that he would definitely be a candidate again for the post and that he intended to file before the end of this week.

Rumors prior to the announcement this week had indicated that the sheriff might not file.

Society Slates Meet

The Columbia County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, February 26, at the Seapoose Congregation church. There will be a pot-luck lunch at noon, followed by the regular business session. An interesting program is being planned. All those interested are welcome.

Crew Starts Planting of Trees Monday

Four Areas on Farm To Be Restocked By Present Program

Four areas on the Columbia Tree Farm will be restocked with seedling Douglas firs under the current tree planting program started Monday by the Columbia Tree Farm.

A ten-man crew began the work Monday in the Crooked creek area where they will stock about 75 acres. The crew may be increased in size later during the planting program to about 14 men.

Other areas that will be stocked before planting is completed this spring include an area near the Oak ranch rock pit, an area up Pebble creek and another area up the Scappoose road.

The total planting will amount to over 100,000 trees which were started at the nursery at Nisqually, Washington from seed that had been harvested in previous years from cones picked in this area.

Candidate Seeks Post of Sheriff

Competition for the post of Columbia county sheriff developed with an announcement made Wednesday by John W. Whipple of Rainier who will seek the republican nomination on the May primary ballot.

An indication of his qualifications for the office were carried in a list of past and present accomplishments. He is at present in the peppermint business near Rainier where he is serving as local committeeman for P.M.A. and as president of the Rainier drainage district.

During the year Mr. Whipple was senior investigator for the U. S. civil service commission and was in charge of the training of all their investigators for the 11th U.S. region comprising Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

He also served on the war manpower commission for the 13th U. S. naval district during the war and was cited by Secretary of the Navy Forrestal for services rendered.

State Tax Men To Give Help

Assistance for those people who need help in preparing their state income tax reports will be available in Columbia county at two places before the deadline for filing the reports.

A schedule of visits of tax men was issued earlier this week to show that they will be at St. Helens at the court house February 25, 26, 28 and 29. They will also be at Rainier at the city hall April 4.

Office hours at both places will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Loggerettes Win Over Clatskanie

The Vernonia Loggerettes (the high school girls) recently organized to play basketball teams from Clatskanie, met and defeated the Clatskanie girls Wednesday afternoon in two games 20-2 and 23-13. The local girls defeated the same teams at Clatskanie last week 24-20.

These games organized through the GAA is the first time the girls have played outside schools for several years. There may be a two-game series arranged with Banks before the season is over.

Airport Lease Problem Considered at Council Meeting Monday Night

One of the most important items to be considered by city councilmen Monday evening was the matter of a lease for the Vernonia airport, along with an easement asked for hauling logs over the road which runs beside the airport on city property.

Both matters were presented to the council by Cecil Huff, who leased the airport last year from the city and who has held a lease on the property in previous years.

The easement question came up through a request of Art Johnston who wishes to haul logs over the road this summer. The road divides for part of the distance beside the airport and one of the branches is graveled. However, this branch is considered as not desirable because it cuts the property, making it of less value should it be needed for farm land.

Councilmen referred the easement matter to City Attorney Neal Bush with the stipulation that the gravel be removed from the road it now covers and be placed on the other branch road before the easement be granted.

The lease of the airport property was tabled Monday evening for referral to the city attorney

before definite action is considered at the next council meeting, which will take place March 3.

Councilmen were informed by Mayor Lyman Hawken of the proposed August 23 visit here of delegates who will attend the National Model Railroad convention in Portland.

He suggested that now was the time to landscape and plant grass on the beach at the city swimming pool so that it would be ready for the summer swimming season and also for the visit of the model train builders later. Councilmen approved the landscaping proposal.

Roy and Al Schneibel appeared to ask the council what action they intended to take about the pinball ordinance, pointing out that the operator license and machine fees were too high under the present ordinance. The council worked out a new proposal for charges which will be embodied in a new ordinance to be adopted at a future meeting.

The council also approved the qualified restaurant license application made in January by Lew's Place and the application will be referred to the Liquor commission for their approval. The application, if granted, calls for quite extensive changes in the present interior of the building to allow for the serving of set-ups.

City police are now following a policy of taking fingerprints of all people arrested on charges other than traffic. In order to satisfactorily classify the prints so that they can be checked with FBI records in Portland, the council authorized the purchase of a magnifying glass for the department.

City Recorder Sam Hearing read to the council a letter from E. H. Showalter, superintendent of the S.P.&S. Railway, telling councilmen that an electric heating installation is scheduled in the near future for the diesel-electric locomotive now used on the freight run into Vernonia.

Complaints had been heard by the council earlier this year, asking that some means of eliminating the noise be undertaken. The letter from the superintendent was the answer to a letter written about the noise problem. Installation of the heating system is scheduled for the near future.

Second Garden Meet Proposed

Only a small turnout of interested persons was present on Tuesday evening for the first meeting, which was announced last week, to start a garden club in this community.

The Tuesday meeting was announced Wednesday of last week by Mrs. R. H. Miner at whose home the gathering took place. Reason for the few people present was the conflict of the meeting date with other meetings Tuesday evening.

However, several projects were discussed and a future meeting date set for the evening of Friday, February 29, again at Mrs. Miner's home, 102 O-A hill. This future meeting will be open to both men and women and their attendance is urged if interested in the starting of such a club.

Tuesday Fray Marked By Poor Ball Playing

The Vernonia Loggers lost a ragged game to St. Helens on the Lions floor Tuesday night 44-32. Both teams played a poor brand of ball, featured by poor ball handling, poor passing and erratic shooting on the part of both teams.

Vernonia scored first on Gordon Crowston's foul shot and the game was three minutes old before either team scored a field goal. The score was knotted 8-8 at quarter and 17-17 at halftime.

The Lions jumped to a 29-25 third period lead and in the fourth quarter pulled steadily away from the luckless Loggers who couldn't seem to buy a basket despite many attempts. The Loggers could have won the game easily on gift shots missing 18 of 24 foul tries. The Lions tallied 6 of 12 tries from the free throw line.

Frances Crowston led the scoring for the locals with 10 points, while Jones and Poofs each garnered 9 for St. Helens. The B squad had an equally bad night, losing 48-25.

Inability to cope with the sensational shooting of Lund, Parkrose center cost the Loggers their game with Parkrose last Friday night. Lund couldn't seem to miss scoring 12 field goals on 16 tries and points on 8 tries from the free throw line for a total

of 31 points.

The first part of the game was all Parkrose as the visitors jumped to a quick 8-0 lead, only to see the locals suddenly come to life and lead 19-17 at quarter time. The second quarter was a furious affair as 42 points were poured through the hemp, Parkrose gathered in 25 of these to lead at halftime 42-36.

Both teams had apparently cooled off during the half as each scored 8 points in the third quarter. Parkrose dominated play enough in the last quarter to outscore the home team 13-9 and emerge with a final 63-53 victory.

The B squad found going exceedingly tough the first half of the game and was behind 24-10 at halftime. After spurting in the third quarter to overtake Parkrose they seemingly again ran out of gas to fall behind again and taste defeat 45-37.

Both teams play Seaside here Friday night. The Loggers lost to Seaside on the later's floor earlier in the season by 8 points and will be out to avenge this defeat.

The game with Warrenton originally scheduled for February 29 of next week has been moved ahead to Wednesday, next February 27.