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AT LEAST three girls will participate in Vernonia's competition to select a representative who will vie for the title of Miss Columbia County of 1953. They met Sunday evening to receive instructions from Miss Elaine Haling, St. Helens, on details concerning their appearance at the talent show scheduled to take place at the high school April 30. Miss Haling will arrange the show for that date and the Lions club will take care of publicity. The three girls who have already said they will compete are Frances Kaspar, Barbara Howard and Donna Knightwine.

Wet Weather, Wet Field Cause Baseball Delays

Hope runs low in Mudville tonight as ole man weather, the curse of baseball fans, has once again caused havoc with the Vernonia Logger nine with nasty old rain and inclement weather washing out all the future Casey's games to date except the first encounter with the St. Helens Lions.

The Loggers aren't alone in their plight as the other participants in Lower Columbia league play face the same handicap as Vernonia. Vernonia's biggest difficulty to date is due not only to weather conditions, but also lies in the fact that the new ball diamond has no drainage and is like a huge swimming pool, which, until sunny skies appear once again in this part of the state, will be practically impossible to play on.

Shoot to Aid Scouts

A benefit trap shoot is scheduled to take place Sunday, April 26 at the O-A ball park and the funds from the venture will go to assist in financing local boy Scouts on a trip to the Scout Jubilee in California in June. Sponsor of the shoot will be the Vernonia Trap club.

PTA to See Cancer Film

At the regular monthly P-T-A meeting next Monday evening, April 20, part of the program at that time will be devoted to showing a cartoon film concerning cancer. Announcement of the showing was made by Mrs. Bill Horn, county cancer official. The association will also elect new officers Monday.

Date for Plays Set

The eighth grades of the Washington school will present their annual plays April 22 at the auditorium. The presentation will include two one-act plays and a pantomime with musical numbers between the acts. Directing are Darrold Proehl and Mrs. Harry Sandon.

To date, the local ball-sluggers have had little chance to show off their potential talents even in practice. The only workout Coach Bill Vleck was able to give his charges prior to the St. Helens game, which was originally scheduled here but played there because of field conditions, was a light infield workout. St. Helens defeated the local nine 7 to 4 in this one and only game of the 1953 season.

Vernonia has had to cancel games with Warrenton, Seaside, and Rainier to date. The hope of the local lads is to be able to play their second contest of the season scheduled for Friday, the 17th, against the Clatskanie nine at Clatskanie without once again being disappointed by the actions of Mother Nature.

Very likely the games the Loggers are now being forced to postpone will be made up in the next few ensuing weeks by playing double-headers.

Sub-district representative from this league will be decided on May 7 regardless of how many games each team will have to make up. The team picked from this league will be the one with the best record. This squad will then play off with the Mid-Columbia league, and the winner will represent A-2 schools. The victor will then take on the winner of the A-1 schools, comprised of the Portland institutions, and the winner of that game will proceed to battle it out with the seven other districts in the state for state championship honors.

Scouts Express Thanks for Sale

Vernonia Girl Scouts who participated in the recent sale of cookies have expressed their appreciation to the people of this area for their cooperation in making this year's sale a success. Word of their appreciation Wednesday also brought the information that 600 boxes of cookies were sold.

Forty-three girls were taken to the Oak's rink in Portland last Sunday as one part of this year's scout activity. Chaperones that day were Irene Minger, Lucille Fowler, Ruth Sullivan and Faith Reynolds. The trip was made in the Dan Cason bus.

Former Valley Resident Dies

William Henry Ruddiman, a former resident of the Nehalem valley, passed away at the Pacific Communities hospital in Newport April 7. He had been in ill health for the past 12 years.

He was born at Natal February 26, 1898 and was married to Louise Iler November 4, 1921.

Survivors include: his wife, Louise; two sons, Ronald and Russell, both of Newport; two grandsons, Walter and David; brother, Earl, of Newport and a sister, Ruth McMullen, of Lebanon.

Historical Meet Due

The Columbia County Historical society will meet Tuesday, April 21 at Columbia City in the little school house. Those coming are asked to bring silverware, plate and cup. Program will be based on local early history.

Pre-School Clinic Being Prepared by PTA April 30

There will be some 500 new faces in first grade classes in Columbia county next year and to help these children be ready physically for school is one of the aims of the Parent-Teacher association. In cooperation with the Columbia county medical society and the Columbia county health department, the P-T-A. is sponsoring pre-school clinics during April.

Invitations are being sent to about 95 children and their mothers in Vernonia and surrounding area to attend the clinic on April 30. Dr. R. D. Eby will donate his time for the clinic to be held at the Washington school from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Mrs. H. L. Russell is chairman of the Vernonia P-T-A. health committee.

Since the county school superintendent, family physician and health department strongly recommend that every child have a physical examination before entering school for the first time, the clinic offers the opportunity for a screening examination without charge. If anything is found that requires attention, the child is referred to his own physician.

Members of P-T-A. will be on hand to weigh and measure the children and help mothers fill out a history of growth and development. Following the physician's examination of the eyes, ears, throat, skin and heart, Miss Grace Roumagoux, public health nurse, will talk with the mothers about any recommendations for further

examination. This year for the first time an analysis of urine will be done to detect the presence of sugar and albumin. Instructions for obtaining the sample will be included in the clinic invitation.

Should there be any who do not receive invitations to the clinic and who will have a child entering school for the first time, they are asked to bring the child to the Washington school April 30 by 1 p.m.

Auto Accident Cause of Death

An auto accident Saturday night on the Sunset highway near Elsie claimed the life of Carl Goodburn who resided at Treharne. The accident took place near the Nehalem river bridge when his car skidded and rammed a bank. He was wedged behind the steering wheel of the car and his death was caused by head injuries.

The remains were taken to Voiles Funeral home at Sumner, Washington where the services will take place. Information concerning survivors was not available here this week. He is the father of a son, Laverne, who is a student in the high school.

2 Meetings Due in Valley on 4-H

A 4-H community meeting will be held at the Winema Grange hall at Birkenfeld Tuesday night April 21 at 8:00 for club members, leaders, parents and friends in the Mist and Birkenfeld area.

Miss Frances Gallatin and Harold Black, county extension agents, will explain various activities and phases of the 4-H program. The 4-H clubs in the area will also take an active part in the meeting.

Included in the program will be a demonstration, a judging contest, and a showing of slides taken during the 4-H dress revue at the Oregon state fair in 1952.

The purpose of 4-H club work, the parents part in the 4-H program and activities at the county fair will also be emphasized.

Anyone interested in club work is invited. A similar meeting will be held at Vernonia on April 29 for clubs in the Vernonia area.

Tree Farm Offers Free Cedar Trees

Free Port Orford cedar seedlings are again being made available to any person interested in planting and caring for them, according to an announcement this week from the Vernonia headquarters of the Columbia Tree Farm. These trees are suitable for ornamental or hedge planting as well as for field planting to produce timber. With a minimum of care they will grow rapidly and if desired, may be easily pruned and shaped.

This will mark the seventh consecutive year that the Columbia Tree Farm division of Crown Zellerbach corporation has made gift trees available to the residents of Columbia county. It is hoped that everyone who plants and grows a tree will thus be taking part in the current movement to grow more trees. Everyone can be a tree farmer in his own right.

The gift cedars will be wrapped in peat moss in packages of 25 trees. Normally this is enough trees to meet the planting needs of most individuals. Printed instructions for planting and caring for the trees will be given with each bundle of trees.

The trees are now ready for distribution. In this area they may be obtained at The Vernonia Eagle office and the Columbia Tree Farm office.

Ambulance to Be Ready for Use Here Soon

Applications Asked From Those Wishing To Serve as Drivers

At the Monday evening meeting of the executive committee charged with working out details of handling this community's ambulance, the group was informed that the equipment would be ready for use within a short time. The ambulance unit was taken to Portland last week for equipment installation and was expected back by the end of this week.

Two matters face solution by the committee before the machine will be ready to provide service. One is the training of personnel to handle the machine and the other is the purchase of insurance. It is hoped to have both solved by the first of the coming month.

The committee asks that people interested in serving as drivers volunteer their names either to Jewell Lloyd, secretary, to Jim Cox, Jr., IWA business agent, or to The Eagle office. Drivers who make a trip to Portland will be compensated in the amount of \$5. Training on both ambulance driving and first aid will be provided for applicants.

The matter of insurance will be examined by Wesley Bolmeier and Mr. Lloyd to reach a solution of coverage for the vehicle and occupants.

The committee was informed that the ambulance fund totaled \$2296.63 as of Monday on deposit in the bank. To that will be added the amount of \$500 which was voted to the fund last Thursday and some contributions from logging companies, other organizations and individuals. With these amounts, it is believed the fund will approach the \$3000 needed to finance the project.

Executive committee members are: Dessy Laird, Wesley Bolmeier, Mike Anderson, Henry Ade, Sr., Sherman Fisher, Ed Burton, Sam Hearing, Sr., L. O. Clossner, Earl Atkins, J. L. Lloyd, Jim Cox, Pat Wallace, Bill Wilson and Marvin Kamholz.

Board Acts on Report, Rehires

The board of school district 47, at its Tuesday evening meeting took official action on two matters in addition to the routine business of the evening.

The directors studied a report on the schools submitted by Ben Rinehart, county sanitarian, in which it was suggested that the drinking fountain fixtures be changed and that closets and storage bins be installed in the cafeteria kitchen. Suggestions in the report will be given compliance, the board decided.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Welsh, Washington school custodians, were rehired for the coming year as was Miss Delores Thompson, school secretary.

Students Prepare Play for Friday

The Inner Willy, the student body play that is being presented at the high school gymnasium April 17, is the play to see for pleasant entertainment.

Have you ever wondered what happens when a boy has several dates at the same time? This is just one experience that faces Willoughby Adams in The Inner Willy.

This delightful comedy is sure to "keep you in stitches" with the problems Willoughby has with his three "old maid" aunts who are struggling to dominate him and with Inner Willy who keeps him in hot water.

Inner Willy by Bettye Knapp will be presented by the Vernonia high school student body.

The Vernonia Trading company is sponsoring the meeting.