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Ambulance Dedication to Take Place at Dass Park August 30; Picnic Set

Formal dedication of the Vernonia community ambulance, now completely equipped to answer calls, has been scheduled at a picnic which will take place the end of this month at Dass park. First arrangements for the dedication were made last week by a committee named by the group which has been charged with handling the business affairs of the ambulance.

This committee is planning to give away a \$359.95 Philco console TV set at the picnic and donation

Field Contour Change Finished

Work that was planned earlier this year to take place during the summer vacation period on the high school football field has been nearly completed and growth of the turf has reached a height of several inches so that the field will be ready for use this fall. Eugene Dove, high school superintendent said Wednesday.

The work of relocating the field crown was done to make possible greater efficiency from the field lights. The work that remains is completion of the drainage that will remove the possibility of water settling between the football field and baseball diamond. This job will be completed within the next few days.

To change the contour of the turf, the west end of the property has been established at a lower level by the hauling out of about 900 cubic yards of earth, 430 of which were used for the reshaping. The remainder was placed in front of the building to establish the lawn contour.

Other work on the property back of the building has included cutting all brush on the southeast portion of the field to allow for leveling and laying out of two softball diamonds and a soccer field. One diamond will be available for girls' and one for boys' games.

Dirt moving equipment will be placed on the job within the next week or so to level for the diamonds and soccer field and also to prepare the track.

Work on the athletic field has been supervised by Coach Bill Vleck.

1st Grid Season Practice Slated

Two dates were pointed out as important to high school lettermen who will return for the coming grid season and both of those dates come within the next week and a half.

First was the date of Saturday, August 22 when football uniforms will be issued to lettermen from last year's squad who will turn out for play this year.

The second is Monday, August 24 when the first practice will be held at the high school under the direction of Coach Bill Vleck.

tickets have been placed on sale at business places in town and among IWA members. The set is on display at Sundland Electric.

The ambulance group points out that the donation ticket will provide money for the fund which will be used to offset expenses of operating the machine on the numerous trips it is making. Payments received from the trips is not sufficient to maintain payment of expenses without additional revenue.

Tentative plans for the picnic include the serving of free coffee to those who attend, but each group is expected to bring its own picnic lunch. Entertainment will be arranged by the committee.

Jim Cox, Jr., IWA business agent, said a few days ago that the ambulance is now fully equipped. Oxygen equipment has been purchased from Buck Ambulance, Portland, sheet and pillow cases have been donated by the American Legion Auxiliary and a bed pan and splints have been furnished by Bush Furniture. Oregon Physicians Service is responsible for supplying free a year's supply of first aid equipment.

The machine is stationed now at the corner of Third and Bridge streets to be available at all times for emergency calls, but an attempt is being made to obtain off-street parking suitable for construction later of a garage to house the equipment. So far no definite word is available about such a location that will be satisfactory.

29 Invited for Larger X-rays

Enlarged x-ray films will be taken of 29 people who have been invited to come to the IWA hall Monday of the coming week. Miss Grace Roumagoux, county health nurse, said Wednesday. The unit for taking the larger pictures will be ready to take care of the 29 anytime between 1 and 7 p.m. she said.

For some unknown reason, x-rays of these people were not clear, necessitating the taking of regular size shots.

Miss Roumagoux pointed out that anyone who missed the opportunity to be x-rayed while the unit was here can go to Scappoose Thursday or Friday between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. for the service. The unit will be on duty there at the Legion hall. She emphasized that all teachers and food handlers should be x-rayed.

Future Beavers Invited

An Oregon state college family program is scheduled at McBride school, St. Helens, at 8 p.m. Monday, August 17. Future Beavers and their parents are invited to attend. Officials to attend from the college are: Dr. D. T. Orderman, registrar; R. S. Keene, athletic director; Bert Farnes, dad's club president and Ted Carlson, assistant alumni director.

38TH COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR TO OPEN TODAY

District Board Orders Auto Parking Area

Intercom System to Be Placed in Use By School Opening

The directors of the union high school board, at their August meeting Tuesday evening took steps that will make possible the preparation of a car parking area at the west end of the property to handle autos of spectators who attend sports events of the school. That was one of several matters of business transacted during the evening.

The parking area will cover nearly an acre of ground and the work to prepare it includes removal of a fence, grading and graveling. The job is to start within the next few days so completion will be assured by the opening of football season, according to Eugene Dove, superintendent.

WORK OUTLINED

At Tuesday's meeting, the superintendent reported to the board the extent of work accomplished on the grounds and in the building during the summer.

One matter that has been in controversy since the opening of school last fall has been disposed of because the school has been able to obtain new locks for the lockers. The new locks are now on order and the board gave its approval for the change which will solve the locker problem.

About a week will be required to install the console which will complete the building intercommunication system. Up to date, wiring and speakers have been placed so that completion of the system awaits the central control panel installation.

CONSOLE TO COME

This console will include an amplifier, phonograph, radio and control panel so that communication with any one or all rooms together and the gym will be possible. Programs, either recorded or from the radio, may be played over the system also.

Other work remaining before the opening school date August 31 is installation of the new front curtain and back drapes for the auditorium stage. A work area has been installed in the commercial room and storage bins, cupboards and cabinets supplied for the physical education department, boiler room, and music room to complete work planned earlier in the year.

CANOPY REPAIRED

The board was informed that, through arrangements made by Vernonia Insurance agency, repair of the canopy at the east end of the building had been completed at a cost of a little over \$1000. This expense was covered by insurance carried by the paving concern which caused the damage when paving was done at the back of the building earlier this summer.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

A/1c Jack G. Gates, son of Mrs. Joyce C. Gates, Vernonia, Oregon, has been assigned to Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland as an aircraft mechanic with the maintenance squadron.

Ernest Harmon, a key base in the Northeast Air Command, is located on the west coast of Newfoundland. It is one of the first overseas refueling stops for military aircraft flying the North Atlantic route to Europe.

Airman Gates entered the service in April, 1953. Prior to entering the service he attended Corvallis high school and later was employed by Columbia county.

The Vernonia airman is married to the former Joyce Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Webb of Timber route, Vernonia. They have one child, Robin Gail, 1.

Board Abandons Heating Change

The board of directors of school district 47 met at Washington school Tuesday evening for their August session.

The heating plant was discussed in view of installing the boiler from the old high school as an auxiliary unit to supplement the present system during cold weather. Estimates of the cost of the installation were considered and because of high costs, it was felt the project was inadvisable at this time.

All positions on the teaching staff were filled when the board elected the following new instructors who will fill vacancies: Lyle Frazier, sixth grade; Marvin Wiggins, music; Daniel Lawler, seventh and Miss Marilyn Sannrud, physical education.

Approval was given a motion to join the State Association of School Boards and to attendance of Superintendent Darrold Prohl to the state meeting of school superintendents at Coos Bay August 20-21. The board also approved the bus drivers who will serve for the coming year and inspected parts of the summer work during the evening.

League Call Issued

The start of a bowling league later this year is intended, according to an announcement issued earlier this week by Desmond Laird, who will open the bowling alley in the near future. Persons interested in organizing a league are asked to call 291.

Secretary Employed

Secretarial work at the high school for the coming year will be handled by Mrs. Imogene Borgelt, who was employed recently to fill the vacancy which arose at the end of last school term.

New Features Added This Year, Plus Regular Events to Greet Attendants

Three days of entertainment and exhibits will be provided for this year's annual Columbia county fair for which the gates will open today at Deer Island. This fair, the 38th for the county, has been arranged by the fair board to offer new features that will increase the entertainment over that offered in previous years.

Along with the regular and extra features, the West Coast shows and carnival has again set up on the grounds. Grange, individual, 4-H and FFA exhibits will occupy the exhibit buildings and the stock barns and a forestry exhibit will also again greet spectators.

CONTESTS ELATED

Members of 4-H clubs, their leaders and others interested in club activities are reminded that judging of exhibits will take place Thursday. Both 4-H and FFA members will participate in showmanship and judging contests of animals during the day. Two rings for showing will speed up the judging and showmanship.

The auto daredevils brought to the fair by Joie Chitwood are scheduled to perform Thursday evening in front of the grandstand to provide the extra entertainment on opening day.

Entertainment on the afternoon of the second day will bring a new feature, the county fair Olympics, Friday afternoon featuring races and contests as well as the doubles horseshoe championship tournament. Cash prizes will be awarded winners.

STUNT TEAM BILLED

For Friday evening another new feature will be the Multnomah county sheriff's motorcycle stunt team featuring a troop of 17 expert motorcycle riders who will stage a 40-minute show. Included will be precision drills, stunts, board wall crash, broad jump and pyramiding of men on from one to three cycles. Square dancers can enjoy the county square dance jamboree Friday also. It is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the pavilion.

Again Saturday afternoon a new attraction will be offered. It is the free barbecue from 2 to 4 p.m. for which eight head of prime beef are being prepared. On the word of one of the fair board members, it is the intention of the board to provide general helpings of meat, so this should prove attractive to fairgoers.

HALT TOPS LIST

The popular hardtop races featuring drivers of the Columbia County Drivers association will perform Saturday evening with time trials at 4:30 and races at 5:30. The drivers have been racing this summer at McMinnville where Choice Hall has piloted his hardtop to the top point standing among association drivers. Probably at least 20 drivers will compete at the fair races.

To end the three-day event, a modern dance will be held in the pavilion from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A condensed program for those who may wish it is:

Thursday—4-H and FFA judging contests and showing of animals.

PROGRAM OUTLINED

Thursday evening—The Joie Chitwood show, an automobile thrill show that includes precision driving, ramp leaps, a head-on car crash and crashes into parked cars.

Friday afternoon—The county fair Olympics, an amateur series of races and contests open to all county residents. County-wide doubles horseshoe championship matches.

Friday evening—Multnomah county sheriff's motorcycle stunt team, a precision group with motorcycle drill and stunts. County square dance jamboree.

Saturday afternoon—Free barbecue, 2 to 4 p.m., with beef sandwiches for all present.

Saturday evening—Hardtop races by members of the Columbia Drivers' association. Modern dance.

Employees Picnic

The employees of the Safeway Store here were at Vancouver, Washington Sunday where they attended the annual district picnic for people working for the concern.

School Books Audited

At present the internal account books of the high school are in Portland where they are being audited. These accounts include funds of the four classes, the organizations and the student body.

Sanitarians Test County Restaurants for Bacteria

A "swab rinse" test of 43 Columbia county restaurants and cafes was conducted last week by Bob Rinehart, county sanitarian, and Tom Blair, Portland sanitarian with the state board of health.

A mobile laboratory operated by the board was brought to St. Helens Monday and Tuesday to aid in the tests. It completed its work Tuesday afternoon, although results of the survey will not be available for a few days.

Rinehart said the tests were

made to check the standards of dishwashing methods in various food establishments of the county. The county health department will aid cafes in improving methods found deficient, Rinehart said.

Rinehart and Blair checked 19 restaurants in St. Helens, eight in Clatskanie, six in Vernonia, six in Rainier and four in Scappoose, each with the owner's permission.

Cotton swabs, moistened with sterile salt water were rubbed over the lips of cups and glasses or over bowls of spoons to collect three bacteria samples at each establishment visited.

The swabs were then returned to test tubes of salt water and were taken to the laboratory truck. Two technicians placed the samples in specially-prepared containers where the bacteria colonies were permitted to grow for 48 hours. Bacteria counts taken at the end of the 48-hour period, disclose the state of cleanliness of utensils tested.

Rinehart said the tests serve two purposes: To help restaurant owners ascertain whether their dishwashing methods and manner of handling utensils are effective. To establish a means of measuring effective dish washing procedure and to help secure uniform standards throughout the state. A similar survey was made in the county in 1950.



NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT of Vernonia Circle will view their renowned district circle drill team in action August 30 at an initiation

scheduled for eight new members. Captain of the team is Kris Norgaard.