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60,000 MAN-HOURS of work without a lost-time accident won for Columbia Tree Farm employees this plaque from the National Safety Council last Friday evening. Presentation was made by Chas. Nichols, logging manager for Crown Zellerbach Brightwood, Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook and Neah Eay divisions. Period covered was the calendar year of 1953.

Four Columbia Tree Farm employees, one Crown Zellerbach employee from the Brightwood division and three from Tillamook, were awarded service pins at a dinner honoring the men Friday evening at the Masonic temple and the tree farm here was accorded recognition for a year without a lost-time accident (photo above).

Ed Stamm, vice-president of the timber division, Portland, was the principal speaker of the evening and told listeners some of the history of the company as well as the necessity of continued scientific timber management along with research to produce paper products acceptable on today's competitive market.

Columbia Tree Farm men who

were awarded service pins, all for completing five-year periods of employment were: Harry Sanden, Grover Howard, Newell Wood and Ray McCoy. From the Brightwood and Tillamook divisions, one of the service pins given was for a 10-year service period, one for 20 and one for 25 years.

WORK WITH LEATHER INTERESTING, PRODUCTIVE

To be worthwhile a hobby must not be merely a time killer but must be productive of something both useful and lasting, is the opinion of Mrs. A. W. Gardner, proprietor of the Hy-Van hotel. She has found the answer to this requirement for herself in the tooling and lacing of leather.

Like many other women when their families are grown, Mrs. Gardner felt the need for a new interest. She was fortunate in that she then lived in Long Beach, California and had access to the general adult division of Long Beach City College which offered a wide range of adult education classes. She chose a class in leather tooling and lacing and took a course lasting through one summer.

She has a small tools cabinet well filled with implements for her work and uses the best quality of calf skin for most of her products. For some she does use steer or cow hide and has made a bag from alligator. The leather has to be wet when worked and designs are first developed on tracing paper, then transferred to the wet leather for tooling.

Mrs. Gardner displayed many lovely and interesting articles that she had made which showed that she has the talent and imagination of an artist in working out unique and attractive designs.

One article of special interest was a large scrap-book made for her son while he was in the service. The cover bears designs representing his branch of the service and various places he had been stationed. It was lined with blue suede and beautifully laced with a contrasting leather. It is a lasting and fitting binding for the wonderful store of souvenirs he had accumulated.

To show the versatility of her art, an old high backed chair had been cut down and the seat and back padded with tooled leather to make an attractive and comfortable occasional chair.

A durable and beautiful cover protected a Bible which had been a gift to the Gardners from a church in which they had worshiped before coming here. Note book covers, folders for preserving V-mail letters, billfolds and other articles showed the wide use to which the hobby could be put.

Because of the tools needed and the quality of material used, leather tooling is an expensive hobby but in skilled hands it is also a hobby which has a definite commercial value. Mrs. Gardner finds that people who see her articles want similar ones made for them and she has been able to fill enough orders to make her hobby pay its way by covering the cost of materials she has used for herself and the



MRS. A. W. GARDNER

many gift items she has enjoyed making her friends and relatives.

In making articles for other people she finds a real challenge for her imagination and creative ability in developing unique designs appropriate to the individual. In this way each item is distinctive and different with definite personal appeal.

Mrs. Gardner has found that a number of Vernonia people are interested in learning to tool leather and she has been approached with requests to form a class and teach it, but the responsibility of the business which she and her husband operate do not leave her sufficient time at present.

However, when her duties permit, she finds for herself a satisfying relaxation in her hobby

Heart Attack Claims Man

Death struck suddenly in another Vernonia home early Wednesday morning when Pete Weidman was taken by a heart attack. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Evangelical United Brethren church here and committal will be at the Willamette Nation cemetery in Portland at 2:00 p.m. A military service will be conducted there.

and is sure that others could, too. By the very nature of its exacting demands on one's attention and skill, it would of necessity push from one's mind all worry and problems. And, the finished articles are both useful and lasting, giving satisfaction of both accomplishment and pleasure.

Show Cattle Must Have Tests

Cattle owners planning to exhibit stock at the Columbia County Fair, or other fairs will need to be making plans to have cattle tested beforehand, suggests Don Coin Walrod, County Agent.

Paul G. DeShazer, general livestock superintendent at the Columbia County Fair, indicates that all bovine animals over six months of age must have passed a negative test for tuberculosis within the 90 days previous to the fair.

All cattle exhibited at the Columbia County Fair are to come from disease-free herds, and in addition, all animals except steers must have passed a negative test for brucellosis within 45 days preceding the fair, with some exceptions.

Civil Defense Head Selects Group Leaders

Eight Divisions for Area Listed as Part Of County Program

Bill J. Horn, chairman of arrangements for setting up the civil defense program for this area so that it will be a part of the overall county program, has named the leaders of eight divisions of the program. He released the names Monday. Working with Horn as assistant chairman for this area is Bert Brunsmann.

Each division head will pick the men and women to work in that department and in some instances these selections have already been made, the chairman pointed out. Some of the divisions will work only as local units while others will serve on a county-wide basis or in conjunction with a staging area near Portland.

Named to head the divisions are: Sam Cagle, fire; Glen Hawkins, Red Cross; Guy Thomas, communications; Mrs. Ed Buckner, welfare; A. D. Lolley, law enforcement; Harry Culbertson, demolition; water protection James McCrory and Les McMullen and transportation, W. A. Davis.

The county plans concerning the division on fire specifies that this unit include 15 firemen and one piece of equipment that could serve on a county-wide basis. The Red Cross part of the program includes a rescue crew which would be composed of those who participate in operation of the Vernonia ambulance. All members of the Red Cross crew, which has been selected, are qualified in first aid work.

Final Services Read Wednesday

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the Evangelical United Brethren church for Mrs. Norris Soden who passed away Sunday evening at the Hillsboro Convalescent home after a long illness.

Randi Flaten was born March 16, 1874 at Denison, Minnesota and was 80 years, 3 months and 10 days old at the time of her death. She lived in various places in Minnesota until 1923 when she came to Portland.

On June 21, 1941 she was married to Norris Soden at Astoria, and came to Vernonia to make her home.

She is survived by her husband, and by one sister, Dorothea Pearson of Portland, and two brothers, Ole Flaten of Havre, Montana and Ingvoid Flaten of Portland.

She was a member of the Lutheran church and of Vernonia Temple No. 61, Pythian Sisters. She also belonged to the Ruth Circle of the Evangelical United Brethren church here.

Services were conducted by Reverend F. M. Knoll and burial was in the Vernonia Memorial cemetery. Bush Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Wesley Hunt spent last week end here at the Fred Hunt home. He has recently been promoted from Pfc. to corporal.

BM2/c Elmer Goodman who is home on leave is a guest at the Rex Normand home. Last Friday he and Patricia, Glenda and Bonnie Normand motored to the coast and now he and Patricia Normand are visiting his brother and family and the Beryl Normand family at Prospect.

Al c Harold Crowston arrived home last week from Alaska for a forty day leave after which he will go to Delaware about August 1.

Stores to Close 5th

Nearly all places of business will be closed here next Monday, July 5, the day following the July 4 holiday which falls on Sunday, a check with owners and managers indicated earlier this week.

The Monday closure conforms with the procedure ordinarily followed when a legal holiday takes place Sunday.

Rain Prevents Sunday Game

Rain prevented another game for the town team Sunday at Longview and accounts for the third delay in the schedule so far this season for the Oregon-Washington league. Make-up games will be arranged later to bring the schedule up to date.

So far this season Charles Johnson and Foster head the batting average list for this team with a percentage of .500. The full listing is:

	AB	H	Av
Johnson	4	2	500
Foster	2	1	500
Powell	2	1	500
Franks	13	6	462
Fulton	17	6	353
Brewer	15	4	266
Fuller	8	2	250
Crowston	18	4	222
Gwin	15	3	200
Nightwine	5	1	200
Roberts	12	2	165
Higley	12	2	165
Desordi	10	1	100
Hunt	1	0	000

District Names New Director

Voters who participated in Monday afternoon's union high school election named Sam Hearing Jr. to fill the vacant position on the board for a term of five years and gave their approval to the proposed tax levy of over the six per cent limitation.

Total tax levy for the coming fiscal year, as specified in the budget, is \$115,762.04 of which amount \$94,656.05 is outside the six per cent limitation.

Hearing was sworn in as a member of the board at the meeting following the election. Mrs. Paul Gordon was named as clerk of the board for another year and the school custodians were appointed to their jobs again.

Board members authorized a survey of other districts in the state to obtain comparative price data for the operation of school buses. This action came after a discussion of adverse road conditions which apply to one of the bus routes operated for this district.

\$61,073 Paid to People In County Each Month

"At the end of 1953, 1390 Columbia county people were receiving a total of \$61,073.00 per month in old-age and survivors insurance checks," Ev Cummins, field representative of the Portland social security office announced this week.

One hundred and ninety-six more county people were receiving the checks as compared with 1952. Total monthly payments increased 22 per cent in 1953.

Retired workers and their dependents in Columbia county were getting about 80 per cent of the \$61,073 in old-age and survivors insurance monthly payments, according to the representative.

In making this announcement, Cummins released newly available figures showing the number of persons in the several beneficiary groups in the county and the total in benefits being paid. In December, 807 retired workers received a total of \$42,649; 236 aged wives and dependent husbands got \$6,304; a total of \$1170

No Response Results from Call for Bids

City to Ask State Purchase of \$85,000 Issue for Sewer

City councilmen at their meeting Monday, which was the date specified for the opening of bids for the \$85,000 sewer bond issue, learned that no bids had been received. The call for bids was issued early in June after voters at the primary election authorized a chartered amendment which specified terms of repayment of the bonds.

After it was determined Monday that no bids were at hand, councilmen issued an order that will refer the city issue to the state bonding commission. The order specified that City Attorney C. F. Bradley refer the matter to the state as soon as possible.

The city attempted to sell the \$85,000 issue last year, but as technicality in the charter amendment adopted at that time brought a rejection from the state to purchase the bonds.

Races Scheduled During Holiday

Final arrangements for a special July 4 celebration in St. Helens were being whipped into shape this week as various organizations planned several events.

The Jaycees' jalopy races are expected to draw a throng of Columbia county residents in the afternoon, with time trials set for 2:30 p.m. and the races at 3:30 p.m. Times for this event were changed this week to allow fans time for picnic lunches prior to the afternoon and evening activities.

At 7:30, at the Columbia county fairgrounds, the St. Helens firemen will sponsor a free talent show, with Miss Elaine Haling assisting in the production. Following the variety show, a fireworks display will go on, probably around or after 8:30 p.m. The fireworks display is also sponsored by the firemen with funds provided by that group and other civic organizations. There will be no charge for either the talent show or fireworks.

A July 4 dance with Hal Cook's orchestra and vocalist Connie Becker, is scheduled to begin at the fairgrounds immediately following the fireworks. The dance is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

went to 217 children, including a few children of retired aged workers; 34 mothers with minor children in their care were receiving a total of \$1363 monthly; and \$129 in survivors payments went to three dependent aged parents on the beneficiary rolls. The total in monthly benefit amounts paid in Columbia county increased \$11,235.00 in the 12-month period.

These local figures for old-age insurance payments also reflect a national trend, Cummins pointed out. In the country as a whole, more than six million persons were receiving such benefit payments at the end of 1953, almost a million more than in December, 1952.

"The payment monthly of \$61,073.00 to 1390 persons in this county is a real significance to the economic well-being of the community at large," Cummins said, "and in many cases represents the greatest or only source of income to the individual family concerned."