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Sunday Ends Contest For Miss Oregon

Week End Activities Devoted to Choosing Of Winning Girl

Miss Columbia County, Vernonia's Sharlee Powers, is recuperating this week from a strenuous round of activities last week end at Seaside which ended Sunday afternoon with the naming of Miss Beaverton as Miss Oregon of 1955. Miss Portland was runner-up and Miss Coos Bay won the title of Miss Congeniality.

Sharlee and her chaperone, Mrs. Guy Thomas, went to Seaside Thursday to join the other contestants and their chaperones for the preliminary preparations for week end events. They were greeted by the Seaside hostess and assigned to their rooms in the Seaside hotel. Sharlee and Mrs. Thomas were in the Pent House. The Seaside chamber of commerce had placed flowers in all the rooms and from the time the girls arrived until the events were over, they did everything possible to make things pleasant and convenient for the girls. Both Sharlee and Mrs. Thomas report that Seaside went all out for them and did a wonderful job of entertaining.

The girls were given the schedule Thursday afternoon and briefed on rules they would abide by during the week end. A personal hostess was assigned to each contestant also.

Friday morning, bathing suits were issued to the girls by the Seaside chamber of commerce.

Saturday morning the contestants had breakfast alone with the five judges and Saturday afternoon they were guests of honor at a tea at The Tides for which Mrs. Scoggins was hostess and Miss Oregon of 1954, Diane Carmen, and the Seaside hostess, Patti Boyer, poured. TV pictures were taken here as well as at the performances and these will be run in a series later on.

After the Saturday evening show, the girls and their chaperones enjoyed a get-together at the Parlor Room at the golf course.

Sunday afternoon, the parade through the Seaside streets in which each girl and her Seaside hostess rode in a convertible, preceded the final performance at the central school.

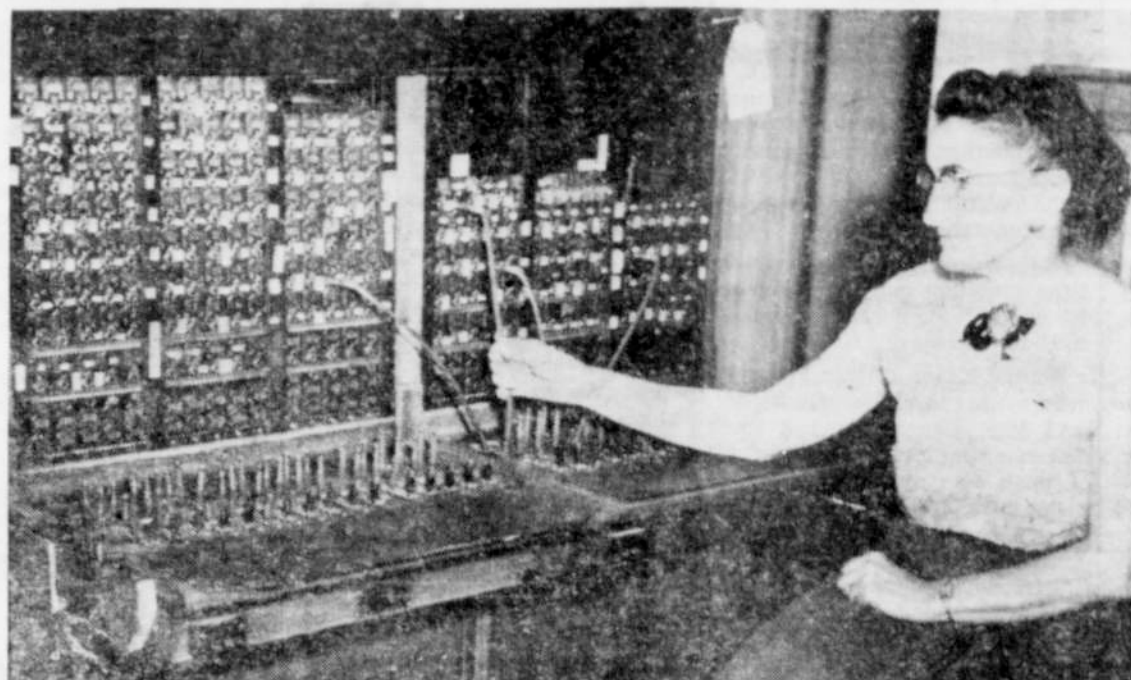
Each day the girls made appearances on the beach to give camera fans a change for pictures.

Each girl received a sterling silver Miss American bracelet as a memento of the occasion.

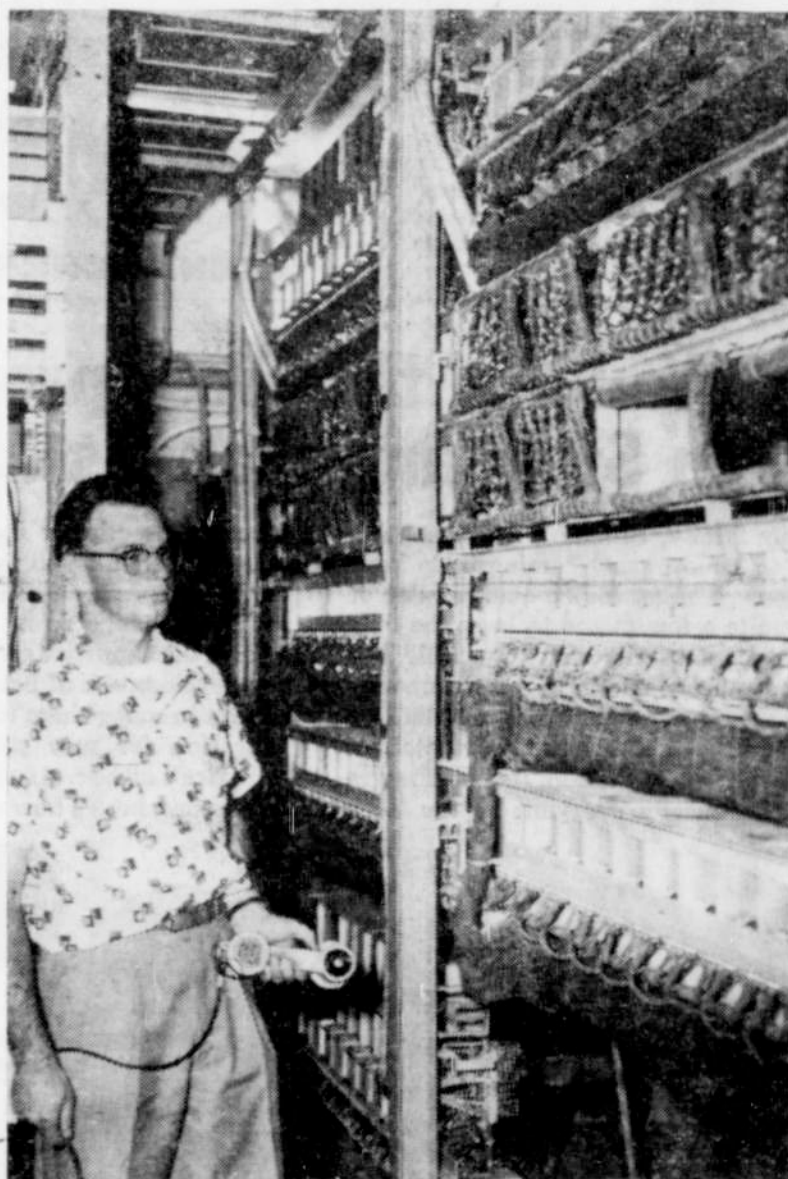
Sharlee has expressed her sincere appreciation for the privilege of representing Vernonia and Columbia county and says it is a never to be forgotten experience.

Pomona Grange August 6

Beaver Valley Grange will entertain Pomona Grange on August 6th, with the session being held in the Fern Hill Grange hall. All Grangers are asked to take note of this change in meeting place.



MRS. SILVIA WOLFF looks at the old switch board which was relegated this week to the back room with a bit of nostalgia. It was put out of service Sunday morning when the switch-over to dials was accomplished. Mrs. Wolff began work in the local office in 1942 and shortly afterwards became manager of the local office, a position she held as long as the office was open here. Retirement of the board meant her retirement also.



LOWELL SHEELAR of Forest Grove, equipment man for the West Coast telephone company, is shown with the "switch board with a brain" which went into operation here Sunday morning and which cares for the dialed calls without the aid of an operator.

Help for Farm Problems Available

Arrangements have been made for Virgil R. Lance, soil conservationist with the USDA soil conservation service to be in the Vernonia area on Fridays to give assistance in soil and water problems to farmers in this part of Columbia county.

In making this announcement, M. P. Mills, Birkenfeld, who represents this area on the board of supervisors of the Clatskanie soil conservation district states: "Our purpose in arranging for one of the SCS technicians to be

available every Friday is to allow more farmers to take advantage of this program through which they can get help in soils and engineering problems on their farms without cost."

Through the cooperation of West Oregon Electric, Lance, or one of the other technicians, will be in that office from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 on Fridays. The afternoons will be used for farm visits and service work in this area.

This service will start tomorrow, July 22.

Phone Change Accomplished; Rules Noted

The switchover to the new dial system was accomplished here by the West Coast Telephone Co. last Sunday morning with very good success considering the amount of work it had entailed. However, some "bugs" were present this week and the company has been busy getting them out. Lack of understanding of the correct method of dialing has been responsible for some of the difficulty to date. The switch board has to receive the correct impulse before it can transmit correctly and that is where the responsibility of the dialer comes in. If the rules are carefully noted much of the difficulty encountered this week can be overcome.

Telephone users are urged not to confuse the letter O with the figure zero, or the letter I with the numeral 1. Letters are BLACK and numbers are RED.

When dialing, the dial must be turned as far as possible to the right, then let go back of its own accord. If the dialer forces it back, the impulse transmitted is not correct.

When taking the receiver down, the user must hear the dial tone before beginning to dial or the whole number is not transmitted correctly.

Mr. Goodrich of the West Coast Telephone Co. has also urged people wishing to dial someone on their own line to read directions carefully. If your number is HA 9-5841 and you wish to call HA 9-5842, remember that the 584 is the line number. You dial 119-1-2, then hang up and let the phone ring. When it stops ringing that means your party has answered and the receiver can be raised and conversation begun.

The new switchboard is only as efficient as the dialers make it. Mr. Goodrich expressed the desire of the company to give help with any problem and this may be obtained by dialing the operator.

Highway Group Plans Meeting

Badger Inn, Forest Grove, was the meeting place for the directors of the Highway 99W Alternate Road association Wednesday night, July 13. Present at the dinner meeting were: Jim Stanard and Cliff Elliott, McMinnville; Ralph Kletzing, Carlton-Yamhill; Review, Carlton; Homer Waltz, Bill Eaton, Chet Broders, John Richardson and Leonard Dunlap, chairman of civilian defense, Forest Grove; Patricia Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gonich, Kelso,

Washington and Art Ostrander, president, Guy Thomas and Mona Gordon, secretary, Vernonia.

The meeting was called to discuss the information gained from the committee meeting with State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock last week and to formulate plans for the meeting of the association committee with the state highway commissioners Chandler, McIver and Reynolds at the Imperial Hotel, Portland, Friday, August 12. Clifford Elliott, manager of the McMinnville chamber of commerce, was selected spokesman for the group.

Parents Warned Records Needed

Parents who have not already arranged for complete physical and dental examinations for children entering school for the first time this fall were urged to do so Thursday by the state board of health.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, pointed out that Oregon school authorities ask parents for records of such medical and dental examinations at the time children first register for school.

Dr. Erickson also pointed out that many school districts require copies of birth certificates for all new admissions. This is true of Vernonia. These copies may be obtained by writing or visiting the state board of health, room 979, 1400 S.W. Fifth Ave., Portland 1. One dollar should accompany the request for each copy.

Information should include the full name of the child and the parents, and the date and place of birth, to enable state board of health staff members to search the records. These should be applied for at once to avoid a last minute rush and delay in receiving the certificates.

Local Garage Robbed

The Rose Avenue Garage operated by Herb and Ralph Sturdevant was broken into through a back door Wednesday night of last week and tools valued at between \$250 and \$300 taken. As yet no clues as to the identity of the robbers have been revealed.

License Examiner Due

A Drivers License Examiner will be on duty in Vernonia Friday, July 29, at the city hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Chest Unit Visit Scheduled Sept. 1-3

Mrs. Stella Harris, executive secretary for the Tuberculosis and Health association in Columbia county, was in Vernonia Monday to make arrangements for a meeting here at the union hall next Wednesday evening, July 27, at 8:00 p.m. at which preliminary plans will be made for the visit here of the chest X-ray unit September 1, 2 and 3. George Safford and Christine Ling from the state organization will be

here to speak at that meeting.

This will be the first visit of the X-ray unit here for several years and it is hoped that the survey can be very thorough. Heads of all civic and fraternal organizations and any others interested in the program are asked to attend the Wednesday night meeting and help with the planning work. Bill Horn is in charge of local arrangements.



JUST PART of the crew that participated in this year's strawberry picking season at Rolling Hills Farm were lined up Monday noon at the Ferd Hartwick home for pop and ice cream at the close of picking. About 130 youngsters and adults from this vicinity picked at the farm this year, starting June 17. Bad weather conditions destroyed part of the crop and shortened the picking season to four weeks. Otherwise the season would have been at least six weeks.

At right, Mary Katherine Hartwick, seated, hands check to Joyce Akers for berries picked during season. Miss Akers picked the most berries of anyone in the crew this year and received \$195.22 for her work. She picked about 325 flats. Mrs. Joe Magoff, one of checkers during season, also seated at pay-off table. The Hartwicks expressed appreciation of the satisfactory job of picking by this year's crew.

