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Elk Season Extended by Game Group

A week longer general elk season and an earlier pheasant and quail opening highlighted several changes in the tentative rules adopted by the game commission Friday, July 26, as final hunting regulations for the 1957 season.

The rules as adopted would open the general elk season on October 26 on both the east and west side areas. Closing dates would remain the same, November 11 on the coast ranges and November 24 in the Cascade, northeastern, and southeastern ranges. In addition, Josephine county in southwestern Oregon was included in the spike bull area.

The pheasant, quail, and partridge season was moved ahead one week, opening on October 19 and extending through November 4. Because of excellent brood counts, Jackson and Josephine counties were opened up for valley quail, the season to run concurrent with the pheasant season dates. Bag limit was set at 5 per day and not over 10 in possession.

An additional controlled deer shoot was set up to be held November 16 and 17 on tree farms in central Lane and a portion of Linn counties. This area encompasses a long, narrow strip east of U.S. highway 99 from Cottage Grove and Culp creek on the south to Halsey and highway 225 on the north. A total of 2,000 tags would be issued for this controlled shoot.

The commission granted one more proposal by Clatsop county hunters and extended the buck season three days. In this area the general buck season was set from September 28 through October 21.

All other regulations remain the same as tentatively set two weeks ago with a general buck season running from September 28 through October 18 and an either sex season from October 19 through October 21.

A complete synopsis of the regulation will be available to the public in three or four weeks.

County Pioneers to Picnic

The Columbia County Pioneer association will hold its annual picnic Sunday August 12 in Hudson Park. In case of stormy weather the meeting will be held in the Beaver Valley Grange hall. Those who attend are to bring lunch and dishes. Coffee will be provided by the association. Members may bring their friends, also.

PeeWees End Season with Holbrook Game Monday; Appreciate Response

The Vernonia PeeWees ended their season with a valiant effort but still lost to Holbrook Monday night 4-2. The game was well played by both teams and a much better attitude prevailed on the part of the host team. Extra base hits by Holbrook, a triple and double by Golden and a triple by Ford were largely responsible for their team's victory. Twice Vernonia established a one-run lead only to see their opponents tie the score in their half of the inning.

In the fourth and fifth innings Vernonia had runners advance as far as third only to be left stranded as Holbrook's pitcher, Ferris, bore down and registered strikeouts to retire the side. The margin of victory was provided in the fourth inning when Ford led off with a triple followed by a Vernonia error, a fielder's choice, another error, and a balk on which a run scored. Marvin Crowston had good control throughout the game not walking a single batter and striking out three.

Line score:

Preparation Rushed for 42nd Annual Fair Event; Varied Program Offered

Final preparations for the 42nd annual Columbia county fair scheduled for August 15, 16 and 17 at the fairgrounds at Deer Island were being rushed this week with final program planning, work on fair facilities and preparation for receiving a host of exhibits all underway.

This year's Columbia county fair will offer a variety of attractions with three days of contests, exhibits and entertainment planned for Columbia county residents.

Featured at the fair this year will be the work and projects of the county's youth active in 4-H and Future Farmers of America, a county-wide flower show that is being re-instituted this year after several years' absence, the All-Star Monte Brooks' "Sawdust and Spangles" circus type show and a variety of other events.

4-H, FFA and other exhibitors this week were beginning grooming and planning their exhibits, displays and demonstrations.

Reports from the various points in the county indicated that the adults too were getting ready to put Columbia county's finest on display in the fields of agriculture, homemaking and hobbies.

Exhibitors are reminded to check their premium lists for times entries are to be in place and the rules for showing their prize exhibits in the county-wide competition.

"Sawdust and Spangles," with Monte Brooks of Portland as master of ceremonies, is a fast paced show with animal acts including a performing elephant, dogs and horses, an outstanding team of foot jugglers and acrobats and a bevy of beauties bringing songs and dancing. Monte Brooks' band will provide the music for the show and will also provide the music for the fair's end dance on Saturday night.

Giles F. Ohmart of St. Helens is in charge of sports entertainment with a horseshoe pitching contest, pie and watermelon eating contest, a fat man's race and a pig scramble for the FFA. The pig scramble will see two events on Friday and three on Saturday with one team from each of the county's five FFA chapters participating.

Another feature of the fair on Friday afternoon previously unannounced will be a tractor driving contest with Hudson Farm Supply of Scappoose and Click's Farm Supply of St. Helens in charge. It is open competition for prizes and registrations may be made at either of the two firms.

Entry and judging times for the various departments of the fair vary and exhibitors are urged to check their premium books for details on their individual fields.

Exhibits in textiles and culinary departments must be in place by 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 13 to be judged Wednesday.

All entries should be made as early as possible and must be made and in place excepting textiles and culinary on or before midnight of the day preceding the opening of the fair excepting those exhibiting stock 26 or more miles from the fairgrounds. They will be given until 8 o'clock on Thursday morning to have their stock in place.

The special floral department will receive entries on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. with potted plants accepted Wednesday evening only. Judging of floral entries will be at 11 a.m. Thursday.

State Fair To Open August 31

The most colorful state fair in Oregon history is promised when the gates open for the 92nd fair the morning of August 31. Nearly all the buildings are shining in newly painted pastel colors of yellow, green and pink. Set among the shaded lawns and trees, the fairgrounds will present a strikingly different appearance to visitors.

The 4-H building will be in use for the last time by 4-H youngsters. The list legislature appropriated \$300,000 for a new 4-H dormitory and work on the new building will be started just as soon as the long range survey on fairgrounds planning has been completed.

The midway is being doubled in width to 52 feet. This has always been one of the most congested areas on the grounds.

There will be parking space for several thousand cars. Most of this will be near the 17th street entrance but some parking area will also be available at the Silvertown road entrance.

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Clark Extends County Duties

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At present, Clark is spending Monday and Friday in the Scappoose district and Tuesday and Thursday in the Clatskanie district. Wednesdays are devoted to what ever area needs his attention and some of the time he is at the West Oregon office here for consultation with people in this area.

Mr. Clark has been working in the Scappoose district since 1952.

Two Fire Calls Made Last Week

The Vernonia Fire department received two calls last week and were able to reach both fires in time to prevent extensive damage.

First call was about 10 p.m. Wednesday evening when they were called to extinguish a roof fire on a store room at the home of Phil Reeder on Rose Avenue. Fire had apparently started from sparks from a stove used for burning trash.

Thursday noon, the rural fire truck was taken to the farm of Dean Woods four miles out on Timber road to extinguish a tractor fire.

'Woody' Attends 4-H Camp

Woody, the forest industries symbol of Tree Farming and good forest management, met several Oregon 4-H club members at the 4-H forestry club camp at Camp Wilkerson in Columbia county last week. Over 100 boys and girls, members of Oregon 4-H forestry clubs, attended the camp and received instruction on forest and wildlife management.

Plans for the incinerator had been prepared by S. A. Ross, engineer, but information about costs was not yet available. The council requested W. A. Davis, who has the garbage franchise, to make arrangements to burn as frequently as possible.

The dump was burned Monday night of this week under supervision of the state forestry department.

Correction

The yard of the month selected in precinct 3 belongs to Mr. and Mrs. George Wells of Riverside Drive instead of to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wells as was stated last week. They have the sign in their yard to prove it.

Premium Lists Available

Columbia county fair premium lists are available free of charge at the West Oregon office, the Vernonia Trading Co., Steer's Vernonia Variety store, the U.S. National bank and the Vernonia Eagle office. They contain a full list of all entries that will be accepted and rules for entering them.

Program for Scouts Topic Of Meeting

Marvin Meyer, neighborhood commissioner for the Boy Scouts in this area, has called a meeting of all parents of scouts and prospective scouts for next Wednesday evening, August 7, at the IOOF hall at 8 p.m. Cooperating with him on plans for the meeting are Frank Lentz and Truman Knight, representatives of the Odd Fellows lodge which sponsors the Boy Scout movement here.

A representative from Portland will be here to present the scout program and to explain the needs for carrying on such a program here. At present, there is no local scoutmaster. Jewel Lloyd who has been scoutmaster for a number of years, resigned several weeks ago. His son, Pat Lloyd, who is home from college for the summer, has been carrying on in the interim, but if the scout program is to be carried on this fall, a new scoutmaster is imperative.

Also, in the past, parents have shown very little interest in the program and the desired support from parents has been lacking. Purpose of this meeting is to explain to parents the need for their cooperation and the ways in which they can and should assist the scoutmaster. One person cannot carry the load alone and proper success of the movement depends on the interest and help of parents of boys who enroll.

The attendance of scouts at Camp Meriwether will also be discussed at the meeting. Some are signed up for the sessions which will occur soon but lack adults to accompany them.

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Open House Scheduled by Smithwick Haydite Plant

The welcoming of a new industry for this area will be officially observed August 15 when an open house is scheduled to take place at the newly located processing plant of Smithwick Concrete Products at Haydite about nine miles south of Vernonia. The plant has been moved from Portland to the quarry and is scheduled to start operation next week.

An open house at the plant at

4:30 that day will be followed by a hospitality hour and dinner here at the Legion hall at 6 p.m. and for the affair Governor and Mrs. Robert Holmes have accepted an invitation to be present. He will be one of the main speakers. Invitations are being extended other state officials, mayors of towns in northwest Oregon, heads of various professional and construction organizations, state representatives and senators and county officials.

Arrangements for the open house are being handled jointly by Smithwick Concrete Products and the new industries committee of the Vernonia chamber of commerce and 200 are expected to be present for the affair as it is shaping up at present.

Warden Orders Burn Closure

Closure of the Tillamook Burn area to all travel has been ordered by Frank Sargent, district warden, state forest service, due to extraordinary fire hazard brought on by a long rainless period. While the area affected may be designated by area 5 P in Zone 3, the Tillamook burn, it might be well for possible entrants to consider the entire burn area affected. The order became effective at midnight Friday, July 26.

Entrance may be gained by permit, according to Sargent. This may be applied for at the Forest Grove district headquarters, Henry Rierson's at Elsie; Rogers camp, summit of Wilson river; Nehalem, Salmonberry, Tillamook, Jewell, Trask or Jordan Creek guard stations, Orville Buxton's at Yamhill, the Sterling ranch on Sunset, or the High Heaven lookout.

Extreme care is being taken because this is the sixth year after the disastrous fire of 1951, which followed the fires of 1945, 1939 and 1933, all in intervals of six years.

Even after gaining a permit to enter the 300,000 acre area, berry pickers, fern pickers, loggers, fishermen and hikers are warned that smoking is permissible only in certain designated areas and use of campfires also is regulated to certain areas. All those entering the burn are required to have in their possession certain fire extinguishing equipment.

Wooden Nickels Used By Scouts

A letter was received this week by Mrs. Paul Gordon, chamber of commerce secretary, from the boys of Jamboree Troop 8, Portland council, Boy Scouts of America, who had attended the Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, thanking her for sending them wooden nickels which they used as traders for souvenirs at the jamboree. The letter stated that by now the nickels were all over the United States. Thirty-seven boys signed the letter.

Natal Grange Is Told of Ragwort

At the meeting of Natal Grange held July 24, Clyde Henderson, agriculture chairman, gave reports on present conditions in the lumber business and on farm harvest crops, which are reported large in this area due to much rainfall. Hog prices were shown to be about the same as last year and egg prices are expected to rise some.

It was also reported that some tansy ragwort, a weed very poisonous to cattle, has been found in the Nehalem valley and every one was urged to be on the lookout for it and destroy any that was found by burning. Canadian thistles are also bad in some areas and each land owner was urged to try to eradicate those on their place.

Mrs. Ruth Steers, fair booth chairman, asked members for the best of their produce and canned goods for the exhibit at the county fair.

Future events announced included party night August 3, Pomona Grange at Yankton August 3, a special meeting at the little school house to prepare grains and grasses for the fair August 12 and the next regular meeting August 14.

A program of songs and readings was presented by Myrtle and Grace Mathews and the meeting was followed by the usual social hour and refreshments.

Fluke to Attend Event

Darrell J. Fluke, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fluke of 8 O-A hill, Vernonia, Oregon, and husband of the former Miss Bonnie M. Russom of 123 North St., Vernonia, is aboard the submarine USS Menhaden, which is one of the 22 ships which will visit Seattle, Washington August 7-12, during the annual Sea Fair.

County Welfare Costs Rise \$37,000 During Past Fiscal Year, Reported

Welfare expenditures in Columbia county for the past fiscal year showed an increase of \$37,000 over the previous year, according to Mrs. Eva Tice, administrator. The total expenditure for the year was \$425,153.

Mrs. Tice said that there were increases in general assistance, old age assistance, aid to disabled, and foster home care. A decrease was noted in the aid to dependent children bracket.

In general assistance there was an increase of \$12,186, bringing the total cost to \$40,229 general and \$8,129 for medical general assistance. In the bracket there was an average case load of 62 persons.

The increase in the old age assistance was \$16,885, Mrs. Tice said, with the total amount for June, 1956, \$15,803 and \$19,031 for June, 1957. The cause of the increase was mainly due to increased nursing home rates, and increased standards. The total

cost for the year was \$205,736 for general assistance and \$24,414 for medical. There was an average case load of 272.

An increase in standards was the main cause of the \$4,015 increase in the aid to the disabled, Mrs. Tice said. The total cost for the fiscal year was \$44,412 general and \$5,300 medical. There was an average case load of 48.

The only decrease, which was in the aid to dependent children, \$232 with the total of \$66,959 in 1955-56 and \$66,727 in 1956-57. The average case load was 52.

The increase in foster home care, with current costs of \$22,313 as compared to \$19,180 during the 1955-56 fiscal year, was due to an increase in foster home rates, the administrator said. There was an average case load in this bracket of 27.

The total case load for each month during the past fiscal year was 613, Mrs. Tice said.