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Scouts Plan Camping Trip, Weekly Events

Boy Scouts and their families had a very enjoyable get-together at the city park last Wednesday evening and decided to make it a weekly event for the remaining summer weeks. The softball games are slated to start at 6:30 p.m. and each boy or family group is to bring wieners to roast in the fireplaces after dark. The parents meeting with the boys will hold the troop together until a scoutmaster is obtained and fall activities are begun.

At last Wednesday's meeting, plans were made for a camping trip to Fort Stevens state park below Astoria this week end, August 23, 24 and 25. This is for all Boy Scouts, former Scouts, prospective Scouts and their families. Cars will leave from the Vernonia swimming pool area about 6:00 p.m. Friday. The group will camp out the two nights and return home Sunday afternoon.

Parents who can provide transportation are asked to contact Marvin Meyer or Truman Knight. Each scout and family is to take their own food and camping equipment, but pup tents will be available for the boys. They should also take fishing and clam digging equipment. There are very good clam tides both Saturday and Sunday mornings. There will also be swimming, softball, hikes, games and other activities.

Rites Saturday For Mrs. Biggs

Funeral services for Mrs. Cora Biggs, 82-year-old resident of Mist route, Vernonia, will be held Saturday August 24 at 10:30 a.m. at Fuiten's Chapel in the Hills Mortuary in Vernonia. (Formerly Bush Funeral home). Burial will be the Vernonia Pioneer cemetery on Rock creek road.

Mrs. Biggs, who had resided in the Vernonia and Mist communities for the past 34 years, passed away at the Columbia Nursing home in St. Helens Tuesday afternoon following an extended illness. She had been at the nursing home for the past ten months. Immediate survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Clifford (Ruby) Fowler of Mist route and a son, Carl Biggs of San Jose, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made to the Child for Christ crusade. They may be given to Mrs. Robert Tunnell, local director.

Development Commission Asks Court Action on Hiring Road Engineer

The Columbia County Development Commission took definite action urging the employment of a qualified roadmaster for the county at the commission session Wednesday of last week, pointing out a number of reasons why such a move would be beneficial and urging immediate action.

The resolution, signed by Lou Towne as chairman, pointed out that roads and highways of a county are the arterials of progress towards a healthy industrial, agricultural and business growth and that it is the opinion of the commission that substantial base roads are not available now.

The resolution continued: "... it is the opinion of the board of directors that expert, efficient engineering is most important in the overall planning of roads and highways and the county court has reviewed the possibilities of hiring a roadmaster for Columbia county, but at present no action has been taken; therefore

Industry Welcomed Thursday

Speaking to a crowd of well over 200 people last Thursday evening, Governor Robert D. Holmes congratulated this community for its efforts in seeking new industry and for the accomplishments made so far when he delivered the feature address at the dinner following open house observance for Smithwick Concrete Products' aggregate plant at Haydite.

Arrangements for the dinner were made by S. Carl Smithwick, president of the firm, and the Vernonia chamber.

The benefit of a new industry is not confined to the particular area in which it is located the governor emphasized when he pointed out that the entire state is helped. The new state department of planning and development has scheduled a series of meetings throughout Oregon to learn the thinking of those interested in state development, he told the group.

Taxes levied to carry on state services cannot be lowered without reducing these services the governor said.

Mayor Don Bayley welcomed the Smithwick firm to the Vernonia area at the opening of the evening program. Other speakers on the program included David C. Duncan, president of the Portland chamber; Wm. A. Bowes, Portland city commissioner of public works and J. R. Jensen, new director of the department of planning and development.

Smithwick expressed appreciation to those who participated in the open house observance, told the group of his firm's desire to become a part of the community and introduced many of the guests present.

Glen Hawkins acted as master of ceremonies for the occasion for which the dinner was served by the American Legion Auxiliary.

New Game Man Assigned Area

State Police Sergeant Harold Krieger announced last week that Henry Neukam, Astoria, had been appointed to fill the position of game officer for the Vernonia area. This position was left vacant by the recent resignation of Claude Shaw.

Neukam is no stranger to state police work, having served with the force from 1948 until he resigned to go into business for himself in 1955. He was reappointed to the game position on August 1.

Many Win Ribbons, Prizes During Fair

Vernonia again this year made a very excellent showing at the Columbia county fair and brought home a generous number of ribbons and awards to this community. The Natal grange took first place honors on their booth which was designed by Ron Anderegg and Mrs. Ruth Steers and arranged by Mrs.

Steers and her committee. They received a ribbon and trophy which are displayed in the Vernonia Variety window. The booth is pictured elsewhere in the paper.

Julius Enevoldsen and Carl Schaumburg who can be seen most any nice evening pitching horseshoes near the Enevoldsen

home, entered the competition at the fair grounds Saturday afternoon and made a clean sweep of every game and the match to bring home a ribbon and cash prize.

Mrs. Art Davis entered three items in the open classes of textile exhibits and got blue ribbons on all three. Her entries

were a crocheted tablecloth, a textile painted wall sampler and a novelty item, a hosiery bag and drier made with wash cloths and clothes hanger and crochet.

Other who may have exhibited have not been reported so that in all probability there were others who entered textile, flower or other items.

In the livestock exhibits, over two-thirds of the cattle shown were from the Nehalem valley. Carroll Buckley exhibited Ayrshire cattle and horses and made a clean sweep of prizes in both. J. C. Moran exhibited 11 head of beef-type Shorthorn cattle on which they took 15 first places and several seconds and in addition, had a junior champion bull, reserve champion junior bull, grand champion bull, reserve grand champion bull, reserve senior champion female, junior champion female, reserve junior champion female, and grand champion female. Reed Holding exhibited seven head of the beef-type Shorthorns and took two firsts, several seconds and thirds and a senior champion female and reserve grand champion female.

Many 4-H club members and FFA boys made fine showings in exhibits, contests and demonstrations and a complete list of those are given on page 4.



GOVERNOR ROBERT D. HOLMES set off blast last Thursday afternoon in lieu of christening to observe open house at Smithwick Concrete Products aggregate plant at Haydite. At left of Governor Holmes is David C. Duncan, president of Portland chamber and at right, S. Carl Smithwick, head of firm. Open house was attended by many state officials and Vernonia people to observe start of operations at plant.

Schools Prepare for Opening Date September 3; Faculties to Meet

September 3 is the date for Vernonia schools to open, according to information given this week by Darrold Proehl, elementary superintendent, and E. E. Dove, high school superintendent. Sessions will start at 9 a.m. and buses will bring students in on the same time and route schedule as last year and will return them to their homes in time for lunch. No advance registration will be held this year. However, faculty members for the elementary schools will meet August 30 to get organized for the opening day and high school teachers will meet both August 29 and 30.

Mr. Proehl advises that where possible, parents should bring kindergarten and first grade pupils to the school the morning of September 3 and take them home again as soon as they are registered.

Parents are advised that children must be six years of age on or before November 15, 1957 to be old enough to enter first grade this year and for kindergarten they must be five years old on or before November 15. Also, children entering school for the first time, either kindergarten or first grade, are required by law to have a medical examination and a birth certificate. This requirement will be strictly enforced and forms to fill out for children who have not already had the

examination may be obtained at the local doctor's offices or the Washington school, which will be open August 26, next Monday. Birth certificates should be applied for at once in order to obtain them in time.

Additional information as to zones, buses and lunch program will be found on page 4.

Council Accepts Two Bids Mon.

Bids for furnishing gravel for the city and for tires for the city police car were awarded on Monday by city councilmen at their second August meeting among other items of business.

Dutton Construction company and C. E. Buckner bid on the gravel work, the latter's price of \$1.17 per yard being accepted. Four new nylon tires for the city police car will be bought from Vernonia Texaco service for \$99.80. The only other bid submitted was by Hawken Motors.

George Roland headed a delegation asking council action to enforce an ordinance regulating cutting of grass on property located in the northeast section of town. The present ordinance was adopted in 1927 so a new regulation will be drafted and adopted at an early meeting.

Ownership Of Chapel Changes

Ownership of the Bush Funeral home and adjacent property was changed last Sunday when a transaction was completed whereby Mr. and Mrs. James Fuiten of Forest Grove became the new owners. They made the purchase from J. A. Bush Jr. and E. L. Purdy of Portland, former owners.

In an announcement issued on Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Fuiten indicated they plan to continue operation of the home here as a complete funeral home for the Nehalem valley area. Calls for service should be made to Commerce 9725.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuiten, owners of Fuiten's Chapel in the Grove will operate the home here under the name of Fuiten's Chapel in the Hills.

Urgent Call Sounded

A second meeting has been called for men bowlers at the alleys Friday, August 23, at 3 p.m. Bowlers are needed to fill out the leagues for the coming season. Any prospective bowlers who will not be able to attend the meeting are asked to call Len Rauch or Bill Nelson so that they may be placed on the teams.

Logger Coach Sets Turnout

First football practice for the Vernonia Loggers will be on Tuesday afternoon, September 3. The Oregon School Activities association has set September 1 as the earliest date for high schools to begin practice this year, but since that date falls on Sunday during Labor Day weekend Coach Bill Vleck decided to delay opening practice until after the holiday. It is hoped that all players will draw uniforms on August 29, 30 and 31 so that the workout on Tuesday can be conducted on the field.

As usual there has been a realignment of teams in the two leagues which make up District 1 A2. The Columbia River League will be composed of Hood River, WyEast, Reynolds (Troutdale), Scappoose, Rainier and Vernonia. The North Coast League will include Clatskanie, Warrenton, Seaside, Neahkahnie and Nestucca. Clatskanie volunteered to switch leagues in order to provide a more even distribution in number of teams. Winners of the two leagues will meet in a playoff game to determine the district representative in the state playoffs. Pre-season speculation indicates Seaside, last year's district winner, will be strong again this year. WyEast, last year's league co-champ with Vernonia, and Reynolds, fielding their entire last year's team, seem to draw the nod in the eastern half of the district.

It is unfortunate that the Loggers and Forest Grove Vikings have been forced by other commitments to discontinue their series at least temporarily. Vernonia will open the season at Neahkahnie on Friday night, September 20 in a non-league match. The complete schedule is as follows:

Sept. 20—Neahkahnie, here.
Sept. 27—Hood River, here.
Oct. 4—WyEast, here.
Oct. 11—Rainier, here.
Oct. 18—Scappoose, here.
Oct. 25—Reynolds, here.
Nov. 1—Clatskanie, there.
Nov. 8—Nestucca, here.

Vleck Takes Training

Bill Vleck is attending classes this week at Portland State college where he is taking the course designed for drivers training instructors. He will teach the drivers training classes at Vernonia high school this fall.