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THIS INDIAN group took the sweepstakes prize and members from left to right, are Ricky, Steve and Joe Curl, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cur, and Jerry Hanson, son of Mrs. Ellen Hanson. Becky Curl, also a member of the group, did not get in the picture.

200 Participate In Parade Event

Youngsters from the Vernonia and Mist schools presented an excellent centennial parade last Saturday afternoon with about 200 taking part. The entries showed a lot of work on the part of children and parents and a great deal of ingenuity in thinking up costume and entry ideas. High school students seemed somewhat reluctant to enter so Robert Weidman and Caroline Fowler who were awarded the high school costume prizes encountered no competition.

For the grade school, costume winners for boys were Jim Proehl first and Doug Johnson second, chosen from a group of 35. For the girls, Mary Andrus was first and Kathy Steele second from among 33 entrants.

From 19 grade school group entries, first prize went to the Indian group made up of the Curl

children and Jerry Hanson and second to the McMinn children. The Indian group also took the grand sweepstakes award.

In animal and pets division, 13 entries were made. First prize went to watermaids, Marian Mathews and Janet Johnson and second to Jim Hurtado and John Biggs, early American trappers. Five floats were entered from which the Mist school took first and the hot dog stand manned by Darwin Welch and Jack Greenwood, second.

In open class, the junior centennial band took first and the Vernonia ghosts, Bill Bergerson and David Foster, second.

Most of the first place winners are pictured elsewhere in this paper.

James Johns, chairman for the parade, expressed his appreciation for all the help rendered by parents and others. Mrs. Harry Sandon and Mrs. Homer Fuller registered entries and Mrs. R. D. Eby, Mrs. Marion Steers and Robert L. Thompson were judges. Numerous parents assisted with lining up the parade and getting it moving on time.

One thing noted along the route was that applause seemed to be a lost art among Vernonia residents. Children and adults alike responded wonderfully with a glow of accomplishment when people let them know their efforts were appreciated.

Reorganization Meet Scheduled

Residents of the Vernonia, Mist and Birkenfeld elementary school districts are invited to a meeting at the Washington grade school next Wednesday evening, May 27 for a hearing on the revised plan for reorganization of these school districts to form a unified district R 1 J.

The plan as now suggested will be presented and those attending will have opportunity to express their opinions and discuss the matter.

This meeting is a preliminary step to a vote on the matter.

Governor Regrets

Mayor George Johnson received a letter this week from Governor Mark Hatfield in reply to the invitation to the Friendship Jamboree sent to him by Pony Express May 1. The governor expressed his regrets at not being able to accept the invitation because of previous commitments.

Council Hears Proposal for Sewage Plant

A proposal that could save from a third to a half on the cost of constructing a sewage disposal system was voiced to city councilmen Monday by a representative of Clark and Groff, engineering firm from Salem.

The proposal suggested use of a sewer lagoon system instead of the mechanical disposal of sewage and it was pointed out that this method is being used in other towns in Oregon and that the University of Oregon is trying one out at Eugene. Councilmen took no definite action on the matter Monday but will give it further consideration.

Officials of the rural fire district were present to ask city help on the contract payment due on the rural fire truck. They have been informed by the county assessor the district will get \$1800 from taxes this year which will not cover the \$2000 payment due on the truck. An opinion of the city attorney will be asked before councilmen decide what help they can give the district.

Clark Anderson talked with councilmen about this summer's recreation program at the city park and the swimming pool. The council voted to employ Anderson as lifeguard for two and a half months if an agreement on a suitable recreation program can be worked out.

Development of the park program also led to appointment by each park committee member of one man to serve on a park advisory board. Councilmen R. L. Spencer, H. H. Sturdevant, and C. E. Miller, who comprise the council park committee, appointed respectively C. J. Schaumburg, Clarence Nance and R. J. White to the advisory board.

Postmaster O. T. Bateman asked for a "no parking" area in front of the courtesy mailbox in front of the post office and Recorder Sam L. Hearing was authorized to draft a resolution to this effect.

Three other matters of business also received council attention Monday night. They were:

Adoption of a resolution selling house 8 on the O-A hill to Jesse J. Eggers of Ryderwood, Washington;

Approval of the sale of some surplus one-inch fire hose to Deri Roberts; and

Approval of the expenditure of \$13 at the rate of 1c per capita, this fund to be used by the Columbia County Development Commission for advertising purposes. Other cities of the county have also voted similar funds.

Two Classes To Graduate From Schools

Commencement exercises for the 48 seniors at Vernonia high school will be held in the high school auditorium Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock with Henry E. Tetz, assistant professor of education at Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, as speaker. Honor speakers for the class will be Carolyn Garlock of Mist and Janelle Thomas.

Next Tuesday evening, 36 eighth graders will receive diplomas in exercises at the Washington school. Maynard L. Christensen, president of the Oregon Elementary Principals association and also principal of Robert Gray elementary school at Astoria will speak.

The Paul A. Gordon memorial awards and the American Legion and auxiliary citizenship awards will be made at this time, also, and a special retirement presentation will be made to Mrs. Irma Chance who this year completes 40 years of teaching, 29 of which have been in Vernonia area schools. She also will be honored by faculty and friends at the coffee hour in the teachers' lunchroom following the graduation exercises.

Eighth graders who will receive diplomas include:

Sharon Akers, Judy Aldrich, Suzi Alexander, Ralph Anderregg, Gerald Andrus, Linda Argo, Sandra Arndt, William Bergerson, John L. Biggs, Grant Bowerman, David, Brunson, John Carter, Lorita Ceballos, David Foster, Dennis Graham, Everett Haveland, Samuel Hearing, Nancy Howard, James Hurtado, Janet Johnson, Marian Mathews, Johnny Moreland, Evelyn Patterson, Delores Pelster, Wallace Pollock, Harvey Redmond, Roy Reynolds, Patricia Robertson, Sarretta D. Shepherd, Mary Steen, Vern Smith, Linda Thomas, Paul Weaver, Barbara Weed, Leon Welch and Larry Wright.

An awards assembly is being held today at 1:15 p.m. at the high school and the grade school awards assembly will be tomorrow, Friday, at the Washington school at 2:30 p.m. Interested persons are welcome at both of them.

Eighth grade classes will have their annual picnic next Monday.

Lions to Install

At the meeting of the Vernonia Lions club held Monday evening at the City cafe, Darrold Proehl was elected as president of the club for the coming year. He and the other officers will be installed at the meeting at the cafe next Monday evening. Royal Chappel, district governor, from Portland has been invited to act as installing officer.

Bowlers to Meet

A meeting of the Men's Bowling association has been called for next Wednesday evening, May 27 at Dessy's alleys at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers for next year and presenting trophies won during the season just concluded. All who have bowled this year and all those interested in bowling next year are invited to attend.

Square Dancers to Aid Little League

An invitation is issued this week to those who enjoy square dancing and those who enjoy watching it to turn out next Sunday afternoon for the Square Dance Jamboree which will be held in the high school gym from 2 to 6 p.m. This affair is a benefit for the Little League baseball program in Vernonia this summer and those who attend will not only find the best of entertainment but will lend their sup-

Jamboree Hears Reports Of Chairmen; Centennial Garb Proposed for Event

The steering committee for the third Vernonia Friendship Jamboree met Monday evening and reports from committee chairmen showed all events shaping up well.

Last week, the logging events committee began the distribution of 1000 posters advertising the logging events. Don Webb who heads that committee, has a well planned program of events and persons wishing to enter them should contact him. They will take place the afternoon of July 18, Saturday.

Centennial dress is expected to be the uniform of the Jamboree week end and all residents are asked to prepare such costumes to really put the event over. It is suggested that all businesses open have clerks dress accordingly and offer centennial specials for that week end.

Carl Schaumburg, chairman for the horseshoe tournament states that it will be known as the second annual Pacific Northwest Horseshoe Tournament and pitchers from a wide area are expected to enter. Qualifying will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18 for classes A, B and C and playoffs will start immediately after the qualifying rounds. There will be first, second and third place trophies and in addition, a Schaumburg revolving trophy will be offered which, if won three times will belong to the winner. Barney Hampton was the 1958 winner.

Columbia county residents who enter will be classified and play off in the evening for county championship.

The list of queen candidates is growing and all groups and individuals who have a nominee are reminded that the names and sketches must be filed with Mrs. Lloyd Garlock, Mist, by June 1.

2 Plan Nehalem Canoe Journey

A canoe will be launched with great ceremony this afternoon at the Nehalem river bridge at Riverview and will then travel down the Nehalem River the 90 miles to the city of Nehalem. The project is being undertaken by Buzz Haag, of Sherwood and David Hain of Portland. Both are 29 years old and juniors at Portland State college, Haag in pre-dentistry and Hain in pre-medicine. They are members of Adventure Incorporated and their plan is to take moving pictures enroute and offer the film to the Bob Brown show for TV release.

The launching here will take place at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon and representatives from Portland TV stations and newspapers are expected to be on hand. George Johnson, Vernonia mayor, will give the boys a letter to the mayor of Nehalem, Walter Randolph, inviting him and his citizenry to the Friendship Jamboree July 18. The boys expect to reach Nehalem by 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening.

This summer, they expect to make a trip through Oregon and Washington on the Pacific Crest trail in 59 days.

Don Hites orchestra from Portland which was here last year has been secured for the queen's coronation ball the evening of July 17.

A re-union of high school alumni will be held at the Legion hall the afternoon of July 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. Other attractions planned are Caylite factory open house and a tour of the Cedarwood shingle mill.

The horse show will be the big attraction the evening of July

All candidates for centennial queen are asked to come to the Vernonia Eagle office next Monday evening, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. to have pictures taken. They are to wear centennial dress and if their own is not completed should borrow a dress for the picture taking. Any candidate who finds it entirely impossible to come at that time should call Mrs. Marvin Kamholz, HAzel 9-6671 advising her of the fact and she will arrange another time for her. Persons or groups who have nominated candidates are asked to make sure they are informed of this time for taking of pictures.

With regard to the country store, Louis Towne asks that all who plan to have items for sale contact him. So far, several ladies have indicated they would have aprons, but a variety of items is needed to make it a success. It will be open both Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Glen Hawkins, window display chairman, indicates that many have reserved space and all other groups or individuals wishing display space should contact her soon. Hobby exhibits, collections of individuals and all such items are of great interest, as has been evidenced the past two years. There will be a sweepstakes cup for the most outstanding window.

The carnival will be in Vernonia on Wednesday through Saturday of that week at the school grounds.

Mayor Proclaims 1959 Poppy Day

Saturday, May 23, was named Poppy Day and all citizens were urged to observe the day by wearing memorial poppies in tribute to the nation's war dead in a proclamation issued today by Mayor George W. Johnson. The proclamation stated:

"Remembrance of those who gave their lives in defense of our country and its freedom being an inspiring part of our American heritage, and all of us having personal memories of young men from our city who died in war service, it is fitting that we keep those memories bright by wearing on one day each year the Memorial Poppy. I therefore am proclaiming Saturday, May 23, 1959, to be Poppy Day in the City of Vernonia and urging all citizens to observe the day by wearing the Memorial Poppy."

Mig Champs Go To Jantzen Meet

The annual city marble tournament sponsored by Smith-Christensen post, VFW, was completed at the grade schools this week. The local competition was handled by Dan Lawler of the grade school staff.

Winners in the competition were: Class A, 1st Kenneth Bateman, 2nd Jerry Hayes, 3rd Bill Shaw.

Class B, 1st Duane Justice, 2nd Gary George, 3rd Harvey Redmond.

At Lincoln school: Larry Elton 1st, Geff Proehl 2nd and Stanley Johnson 3rd.

The winners of first and second places in classes A and B will enter the state marble tournament at Jantzen beach this Saturday, May 23. Members of the sponsoring organization will take the boys to Jantzen beach.

Community 4-H Day Scheduled

The Nehalem Valley Community Day for 4-H club members will be held at Vernonia on May 23, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Activities will be in and around the American Legion hall and the West Oregon Electric Co-op. demonstration kitchen. Demonstrations, judging contests and the judging of exhibits will take place in the morning. Livestock showmanship contests will take place directly across the street from the West Oregon Electric Co-op. office.

entertainment at intermission and a unicycle team from Portland will perform.

Admission will be \$1.00 per couple or 50 cents each for spectators who came singly. It is hoped the bleacher will be filled with spectators for the very fine show promised as well as to aid the worthwhile cause.

The entire program is given on page 2.