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Schmidlin Starts Overseas Trip



PICTURED is the Oregon delegation for the first Oregon Future Farmers of America People to People Goodwill Mission to Eastern and Western Europe. Leonard Schmidlin stands on the third step fourth person from the left. Delegation was just ready to leave Portland Monday for New York. Man and lady at front and right of picture are the tour leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Etsel. Today, July 19, the group is in Scotland. Friday, they go to London and Monday they will reach Paris where they will be until next Thursday.

State Board Orders Repair of Sewer Lagoon After Inspection

At the meeting of the Vernonia city council Monday evening of this week, members were informed through a letter from E. J. Weatherbee, district sanitary engineer with the Oregon state board of health, that some action must be taken immediately to make the sewage lagoon operable.

According to the letter, local citizens had appealed to the authority and as a result, R. E. Caine, assistant sanitary engineer, came here July 6 for an inspection of the facility. He found two-thirds of the lagoon bottom exposed and offensive odors resulting.

In the letter, Weatherbee stated that in such lagoons, a minimum liquid depth of approximately three feet must be maintained over the entire bottom of the lagoon at all times to prevent it being a possible health hazard and a nuisance.

The city council stated Monday evening that action had already been taken to effect a correction of the situation. A consultation had been arranged for this week with the consulting engineers who designed the lagoon. Steps are being outlined and will be undertaken to make the lagoon effective.

The council authorized the issuance of a Friendship Jamboree proclamation to be published next week asking all citizens to participate in the event and help make it a success.

Permission was given to the Home Water association for use of the city backhoe in rebuilding their water line after consultation with the city employees responsible for its use.

Scouting authorities asked for clarification of the "reasonable price" mentioned at the preceding council meeting in arranging for cutting of wood by the Scouts for city use. The Scout spokesman suggested a price of \$10 per cord and the council countered with an offer of \$8 per cord for him to submit for Scout consideration.

The Scout cabin committee asked for information concerning a walk at the cabin and a decision was reached to lay a crushed rock walkway which might be black-topped later.

The council voted to secure the services of Gene Franklin of St.

Helens for the annual audit of the city books at a cost of \$550.

The ordinance providing for salary increases for city employees was given its third reading and passed. Also, the ordinance for the vacation and replating of "Linwood Heights" in Second addition was given its third reading and was approved and signed. A third resolution, a routine one authorizing signatures for banking transactions also was approved.

A permit has been received by the city from the county permitting the placing of a fire hydrant as previously approved in the Stoney Point area.

After the approval of bills, the council adjourned to meet again August 6.

Ratios Posted For Tax Year

While meeting as a board of equalization and review, the State Tax Commission has approved locally posted ratios for Oregon's 36 counties for the 1962-63 tax year.

Completion of reappraisal in Lincoln and Union counties resulted in the 25% fixed ratio being posted in both these counties. Three counties, Multnomah, Baker and Umatilla, may legally post ratios other than 25%. The latter two counties are undergoing reappraisal and will be required to use the 25% ratio when reappraisal is completed for the 1963 assessment year. The Multnomah county ratio was lowered from 40% posted in 1961 to 36% for 1962. The Multnomah County Assessor may continue to post ratios higher than 25%, but cannot increase the posted ratio over the one used the previous year.

The same ratios used for locally assessed property were again assigned for use in determining the assessments of centrally assessed utility property. Posted ratios and assigned utility ratios for 1961 and 1962 for Columbia county are: 1961-25 per cent; 1962-25 per cent.

Jaycees Back Band In Pageant

Band members, drill team girls, banner bearers and flag carriers will go to Seaside on the George Johnson bus Saturday to appear in the Miss Oregon Pageant parade at 2:00 p.m. All who are included are to assemble at the high school before 11:00 a.m. Saturday to be ready to leave at 11:00. Their instruments, uniforms and music will be issued to them prior to departure.

The bus for the band is being sponsored by the newly organized Vernonia Jaycees as their first community project.

Mrs. T. M. Hobart will take the Jamboree court to Seaside to appear in the parade, also.

John Jensen, band leader, reminds all players that they are to practice next Monday at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to be ready for the Jamboree parade Saturday of next week.

Savings Bond Sales Go Up

"Current state participation in the national Freedom Bond Drive is boosting United States Savings Bonds sales in Oregon," County Savings Bonds Chairman Phil Hickey reports.

"During June alone the 1962 drive was supported by citizens in the state who bought \$2,807,563 worth of Series E and Series H Savings Bonds," the chairman said and compared this with sales for June of last year which reached \$2,469,144, a gain of 13.5%. This was the best June since 1956. In Columbia county bond sales were \$38,361 in June of this year compared with \$30,858 last year. Through June 30 this year sales totaled \$232,590 compared with \$191,146 through June 30, 1961.

POST OFFICES OF EARLY DAYS

Albion post office was located at a point approximately 1 1/2 miles due south of Vernonia on a dirt and puncheon road leading from the homestead of Peter and Hannah Bergerson to Buxton. The Melvin R. Sheppard family now occupy the Peter Bergerson homestead.

From the Peter Bergerson homestead, the Cape Horn road ascended the mountain on the east prominence of the divide between the Nehalem Valley and the west fork of Dairy creek at Buxton.

Albion was situated on the Geo. M. Holt homestead on the Nehalem side of the summit and was established March 17, 1902 and discontinued on December 31, 1908, when its business was incorporated in the Vernonia post office. George M. Holt was Albion's only postmaster.

This office was served once a week by a carrier from Vernonia who followed the dirt and puncheon road which lead from Vernonia along Nehalem river to a point now known as Treharne, thence along the mountain over a road known as the Grindstone road (named for an old grindstone left by an early settler) to its intersection with the Cape Horn road and thence to the top of the divide to the post office at Albion.

Frank Tracy was the first mail carrier. He was affectionately known as Peg Leg Tracy, from the absence of one leg lost in his fighting proclivities, and was no relation to Harry Tracy. Walter Parker then carried the mail for his uncle George Parker up until the close of the office in 1908. Walter informs the writer that he was only 16 years old at the time, but bear, cougar and other wild animals held no deterrence to sons of the early settlers.

(Historical information supplied by Lester Sheeley.)

Jamboree Events Ready For Showing Next Week

The Tillicum Trailers will begin moving into Vernonia Tuesday of next week, July 24, and some 75 or more trailers are expected to be parked on the high school lot through the Jamboree week end, July 27, 28 and 29. Robert Wall of Portland, who, incidentally, was a Vernonia resident when a boy, is wagonmaster in charge of the arrangements for the group which is coming for the Jamboree for the third consecutive year. He stated this week that the Jamboree which is always the last week end in July has been established as a permanent part of the Tillicum Trailer's calendar of events.

COURT TO APPEAR

Next Tuesday, July 24, at 4:00 p.m., the Jamboree court will be heard over radio station KOHI at St. Helens, 1600 on the radio dial, Wednesday at noon they will be at Hillsboro for interviews over KUIK radio. That station is located at 1360 on the radio dial. The girls are Patti Chandler, Suzi

Alexander and Toni Monaco and they will be accompanied by their chaperone, Mrs. T. M. Hobart and Jamboree publicity chairman, Lou Towne.

One of the three girls will be crowned as queen of the Jamboree Friday evening, July 27, at the Journal Junior show.

BLEACHERS SHAPE UP

New bleachers are almost complete for use at the horse show Saturday afternoon at Anderson park and at the logging show Sunday afternoon at the city park. Ralph Keasey has been in charge of this project for which material for three units was provided by the city and for another by the Jamboree committee. All work is volunteer. They are being painted an attractive green.

TOURNAMENTS SET

Plans are now complete for the golf and bowling tournaments which will be in progress during the Jamboree week end, Saturday and Sunday, the Vernonia Golf

Club will have in progress the fun-filled million dollar golf tournament which has become a traditional part of the Jamboree. It is open to anyone with no handicap required. The entry fee for 18 holes of golf is \$4.00.

Players will be provided with \$10,000 in play money and a set of rules which will provide hilarious fun from start to finish and there are lots of prizes, according to Gordon Reed, course owner. Also on Saturday, the Portland Scottish Bagpipe band which is being sponsored in the parade by the Vernonia Golf Club, will be at the course following the parade to add entertainment features there.

TROPHIES FOR BOWLERS

The bowling tournament starts Friday evening at Dessy's in Riverview and is open to all league bowlers no matter where they bowl. The only cost is the regular bowling fee and those entering may bowl any time from Friday, July 27 until Sunday night. Trophies are offered for men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles according to Louis Lemaick, bowling alley owner who has arranged for the tournament.

BAND TO APPEAR

The high school band under the direction of John Jensen is ready for the parade and this coming Saturday, July 21, they will enter the Miss Oregon Pageant parade at Seaside. They will be accompanied by the girls' drill team and the Jamboree court so Vernonia will be well represented there.

PARADE ADDS FEATURES

Parade features at the Jamboree will include the Kelly Cadets sponsored by Vernonia Drug company, the Portland Scottish Bagpipe band sponsored by the Vernonia Golf Club and the Portland Rainmakers sponsored by the Crown Zellerbach E. P. Stamm Tree farm. The Fifth Engineers Reserves, U.S. Marine Corps color guard, a four-man contingent will also be here.

FANCY RIBBONS DUE

Elaborate rosette ribbons will be given parade winners in all 12 classes and a sweepstakes trophy will be presented. All children who participate in the parade will receive treats after it disbands, courtesy of Sam's Food Store.

Added attractions announced Wednesday of this week by Dr. T. M. Hobart include a 4 by 12 foot model in three dimensions of the torpedo test area from Keyport, Washington which will have its first public showing here in the old West Oregon office which will be maintained by Vernonia Barracks of World War I as a hospitality center. The display is being brought here by the Navy which also will bring actual torpedo models.

Goodwill Asks Help

The Goodwill Industries truck will make its next call here Monday, July 30, according to Mrs. Frank Lange, local representative. All persons having clothing, household items, appliances, toys, or furniture to donate should call her at HAZEL 9-3161 so the truck can call at their home. Discards given to Goodwill provide employment for some 400 persons in Portland and the articles sold at low cost are of benefit to many families.

60th Year of Pomona Noted

The next month promises to be a busy time for the Granges of the county. Since the annual Pomona picnic is scheduled for the last Sunday in July, the 29th, the Past Masters' Club will meet at Big Eddy park on July 22 to get the grounds ready for the picnic.

It is 38 years since the park was acquired by Pomona Grange, and each year a celebration is held there. This is a special year since Pomona Grange is celebrating their 60th anniversary, with a special program being planned at the Pomona meeting at Birkenfeld on August 4, with recognition of the history of Pomona and the many accomplishments throughout the years.

Each of the county Granges is being asked to provide a number for the program. State Grange officers are asked to be present to help celebrate.

Another historic Grange symbol is being circulated at present, the Pomona traveling gavel. This started on its journey first in 1924 and visited the State Grange in June of that year. It has visited all the Granges at different times, has gone to sleep, been on vacation occasionally, but is still going strong. It was brought to Warren Grange recently by Beaver Valley Grange, and was taken to the State Grange session at Grants Pass last month and signed by the state Grange officers. Warren Grange is scheduled to take it on its way soon.

Planners Seek Code

The Vernonia Planning Commission, at a meeting held July 3, set August 21 as the date for a public meeting to discuss building codes being considered for the City of Vernonia. Place for the meeting will be announced later, according to Louis Towne, commission secretary and Robert C. Lindsay, chairman.



THE Portland Rainmakers will come here for the Jamboree parade for the second year under sponsorship of the Crown Zellerbach E. P. Stamm Tree Farm.