

Jamboree Afterthoughts

Editorial

The sixth Friendship Jamboree is over and in most ways, the memory that lingers on is a very pleasant one. As always, after thought brings to mind certain things that could have been done to make it better but those can be put on record to do next year. This has been done each year which is the reason the event improves with time.

Much credit is due to Leslie Caron who has been general chairman this year and the members of the steering committee that have worked with him. These include Dr. John Buell, vice-chairman, who is expected to step up to chairman next year and for whom this has been valuable training; Mrs. Don Webb, secretary-treasurer; Dr. T. M. Hobart, parade chairman; Ralph Keasey, logging show chairman; Archie Dass, horse show chairman; Bill J. Horn, dance chairman; Melvin Schwab, fishing event and Louis Towne, publicity.

There also were vice-chairmen for some events with Bob Thompson acting in that capacity on the parade and Lynn Michener on the logging.

Extra plaudits are due John Jensen and all the young people who turned out for the band and drill team. They were such an important part of our own parade and made such a good appearance for us at Seaside. Mr. Jensen showed his interest in the community and its young people by his many trips here and tireless efforts in getting these young people together and drilling them. It was a real thrill to see them in the parade.

Speaking of young people, the papers are full of stories about the ones who do wrong but so seldom is due credit given to those who do the worthwhile things. In this Jamboree we had many of the latter. In addition to the 34 in the band and the 15 in the drill team (49 in all), the three girls who consented to be the Jamboree court did us proud. True, as the scheme of things goes, one was selected as queen but all were equally gracious and the best kind of representation for the town.

Then, it was a group of teenage girls who decorated the hall for the dance. And, Friday as windows were being trimmed, some other teen-age girls, seeing that one window was going to be bare, put into it a cleverly designed Japanese garden scene. Another group, the Combo, added that special touch to the logging show.

The general chairman this year, Les Caron, was the youngest chairman to date and he had several other of the younger people working with him. Then, with the recent organizational efforts of the JayCees, more of the young men were brought into the picture. This is good for they have fresh, young ideas and the energy to carry them out. With them on the ball, the future of the town looks good.

On the other hand, it was good during this Jamboree to honor some of the senior citizens who have played important parts in the development of the community. There are many others to whom credit is due but those honored this year were a good representation of the men of that generation and period in the growth of the Nehalem valley.

One comment worthy of repeating was that of Merle Graham, former Vernonia police officer, who stated that the coin collectors' display in the Miller building was better than the one he had seen at Gill's in Portland and showed more variety than most such displays. The interest in it made it worthwhile for those who put it in and stayed with it during the Jamboree.

This Jamboree seemed to have more of the edge of tragedy than other years and it is a cause for great thankfulness that near serious tragedy was avoided. Friday night, as the truck of Dave Skidmore was bringing in a 120-foot long load of piling with Jim Johns riding the trailer to steer the back end of the load, mechanical failure of some sort in the trailer caused it to dump Jim into a fence, causing considerable injury, which easily could have been much worse. The steering motor caught fire and the piling was scorched but the truck and Mr. Skidmore were unharmed.

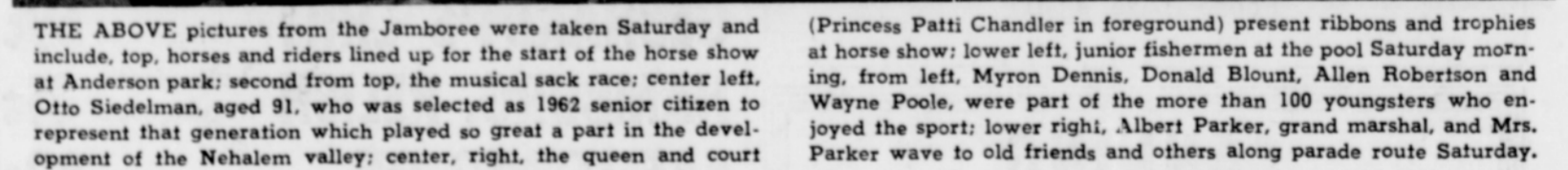
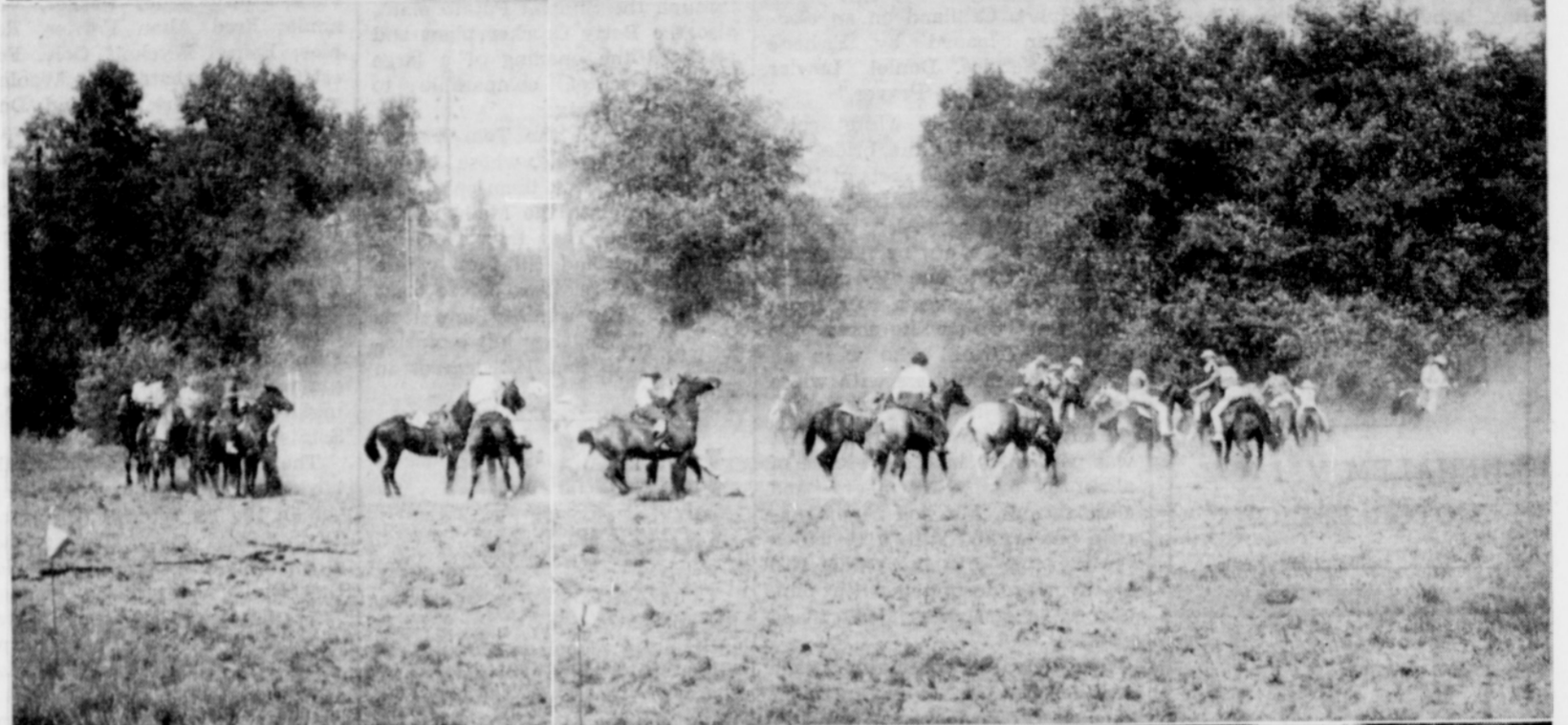
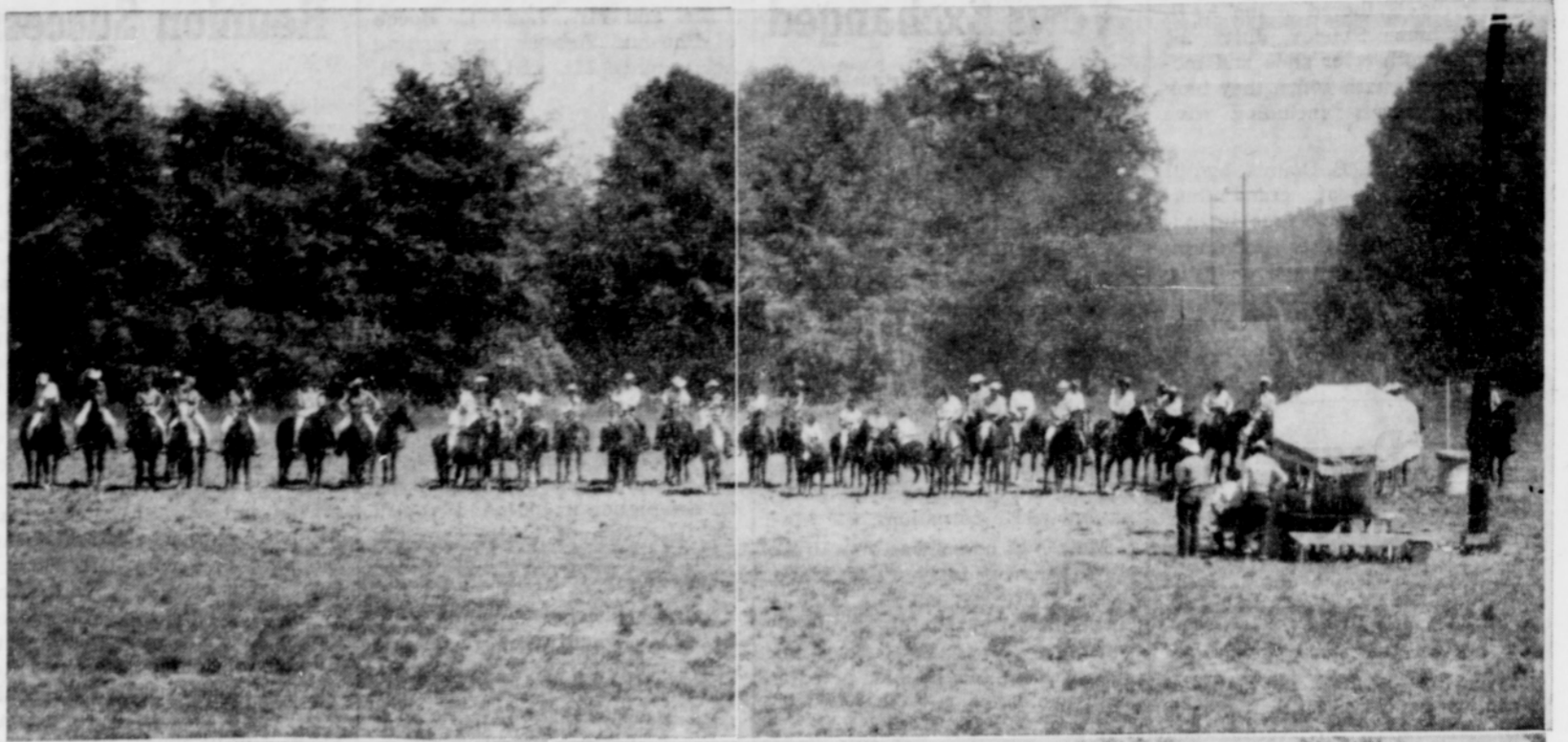
The heart attack which struck Tommy Tomlin at the dance dampened spirits there and those who had cheered John Siedelman Saturday when he won the high point horse show trophy were sorry to hear that a horse he was training fell on him Sunday and again he is disabled with a broken leg.

Some of the things everyone could do next year to make the Jamboree better include getting their hands out of their pockets and cheering the parade entries. People seem so afraid of showing enthusiasm. It is the only way those in the parade have of knowing they are appreciated. There were many good entries from other communities this year and it is too bad they weren't applauded loudly.

Then, why are people so apt to forget courtesy to the flag? They let the flag go by without a salute or the baring of the head. If a few start being more careful of this, others will follow suit. If this was not a free land with Old Glory flying perhaps there would be no Jamboree such as was held last week end.

Those who have suggestions for making the next event better should turn them to some member of the committee now while thoughts are fresh in their minds. Everyone can start thinking of what part they will take in putting the next event across, too. Maybe some have things they could exhibit next year if they plan ahead to do it.

Horse Show, Other Events Provide Saturday Entertainment



THE ABOVE pictures from the Jamboree were taken Saturday and include, top, horses and riders lined up for the start of the horse show at Anderson park; second from top, the musical sack race; center left, Otto Siedelman, aged 91, who was selected as 1962 senior citizen to represent that generation which played so great a part in the development of the Nehalem valley; center, right, the queen and court (Princess Patti Chandler in foreground) present ribbons and trophies at horse show; lower left, junior fishermen at the pool Saturday morning, from left, Myron Dennis, Donald Blount, Allen Robertson and Wayne Poole, were part of the more than 100 youngsters who enjoyed the sport; lower right, Albert Parker, grand marshal, and Mrs. Parker wave to old friends and others along parade route Saturday.



QUESTION: My wife and I are partners in a business. For three years we have reported our income on Form 1040 as a joint return. We sent to Baltimore for a record of our earnings and we learned that my wife is not receiving social security credit for her earnings. Can you explain the reason for this, and how we may go about reporting her earnings for social security credit?

ANSWER: You have incorrectly reported your earnings—every partnership should be reported on Form 1065, Partnership Return. Even though you file a joint income tax return with your wife, she is not assumed to be self-employed, unless a partnership return is filed. Her self-employment tax should be computed on a separate Schedule SE 1040, if you wish to file a joint income tax return.

QUESTION: Your representative estimated my social security benefit, but I can't live on those payments after a 20% reduction because I am only 62 years of age. How will I get by?

ANSWER: Two recent changes in the retirement test may help you decide whether to apply for social security benefits. First, we may now pay partial benefits based on estimated earnings. Thus,

you do not need to terminate your employment before benefits may be paid. Also, most beneficiaries who work now have less benefits withheld. You must give careful consideration to an application made before age 65, but these points may help you reach a decision. Contact your social security office for full information.

QUESTION: I filed a claim in January and at that time estimated on my application for benefits that I expected to earn about \$1450 during this year. Is there anything further for me to do during the year?

ANSWER: No, as long as you continue to earn about \$1450. However, if you find later in the year that your earnings will probably be higher or lower than your original estimate, you should notify the social security administration, and revise your estimate on the special postcard provided for that purpose. That office will then adjust your benefits for the year.

QUESTION: I understand that a worker must have credit for a certain amount of work under social security to be eligible for payments. What are these credits and how do you earn them?

ANSWER: Social security credits are called "quarters of coverage." Employees (other than farm employees) earn a quarter of coverage for each calendar quarter in which they are paid wages of \$50 or more. You cannot earn more than four quarters of coverage in a year. For detailed information on social security credits and how you earn them, ask for Leaflet OASI-855.

QUESTION: All I read about applying the reduced social security benefits is to the effect that this will be a permanent reduction and

the payments I receive fixed for the rest of my life. I still hope to work. Can I receive credit for those earnings?

ANSWER: While the benefits established by applying for social security benefits before age 65 generally will remain the same after age 65, there are two conditions under which payments may be increased. First, if there are months before age 65 in which benefits are withheld because of earnings in excess of \$1200, the benefit will be increased automatically at age 65, by giving credit for those months. Second, the

benefit may be further increased if the earnings after the original application are higher than those before the application was filed. This is not done automatically and a new claim must be filed.

QUESTION: I have hired a couple to work for me. First, the husband tells me to report all the wages under his name and number; then, the wife tells me to report it all under her name and number. How should I settle this?

ANSWER: If both of these people are considered by you to be your employees, you should determine how much of the total wages

is being earned by the husband and report that amount under his name and number. The remainder of the wages should be reported under the wife's name and number. The law provides that each worker must have his individual wages reported to his account. This provision in the law is not changed merely because an employee desires to have wages reported in a different manner.

QUESTION: I first began working under social security two years ago when I was 60 years of age. Now I am 62 and would like to retire. Can I do so under the new

law which permits men to receive reduced benefits between ages 62 and 65?

ANSWER: Although you can qualify for benefits on the basis of your age, apparently you do not have sufficient work credit as yet. Congress enacted the provision benefits could be paid to men at age 62, but men must still use age 65 to figure the amount of work needed. You will be 65 in 1965; therefore, you need 3 1/2 years of work to be entitled to benefits. Contact your Social Security office next year when you have met this work requirement.