

Pioneer Day History of Area Found

Ever so often, a bit of information from the early history of this upper Nehalem valley is revealed because the descendants of pioneers decide to delve into information concerning the activities of their relatives in the settling of the area.

Such an incident occurred recently when George L. Slate of Geneva, New York came here looking for the place homesteaded by his father, L. Dwight Slate in the early 1890s. According to Slate, his father and Fred Severance came to this area from Massachusetts and took up adjoining claims on Cook Creek below Pittsburg in the general area of the Apiary road and not too far from Oak Creek ranch. They had proved upon their claims but his father remained here only a few years, then returned East due to illness in the family.

The son, George, is a professor of pomology at the New York State Agricultural Experiment station and was at Corvallis this summer at a special conference at Oregon State University. When he had been at Corvallis five years ago, he had visited Mrs. Bertha Keasey, mother of Ted Keasey, and gathered from her some information concerning his father and this area.

Previous to that, he had corresponded with Mrs. Keasey, and earlier, with her mother, Mrs. Detrick. His father had worked for Mr. Detrick at his mill at Pittsburg during the time he lived here.

This year, Mr. Slate determined to visit this area, but he first went to St. Helens to the county clerk's office and searched the records where he found the deeds of his father and Mr. Severance recorded. He then came to the area and contacted Bill Pringle who helped him find the approximate location of the two homesteads.

He also contacted Robert S. Lindsay at Pittsburg who took him across the Nehalem river and showed him the location of the Detrick mill.

This was the first visit to the valley for Mr. Slate but he expressed his liking for the area and appreciation for the friendliness of the persons who helped him in his search for places known by his father. He stated that he hoped to return here again some time.

Co-op Users to Meet Saturday

There will be a meeting at the Vernonia fire hall at 8:00 p.m. Saturday of the West Oregon Cooperative Users Association, according to an announcement made this week by Hans Slette.

The purpose of the organization, as announced in a previous press release by the group, is "to investigate and determine justification of the increase in rates and look into the entire operation of the organization."

Slette stated that the purpose of the Saturday meeting is to elect officers and directors for the association.

He further stated that the general public is invited but that employees of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative are excluded.

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Sharp Shooters Compete at Fair

Sharp shooters had their day at the Oregon state fair Saturday as 4-H club members in gun safety projects showed off their prowess with a rifle.

Dale Stennett, Portland, shooting on the Washington county team, walked off with top honors for target rifles in the senior division. Mark Medges, Vernonia, took the sporting rifle award.

In the intermediate division, Larry Cushman, Portland, won the award for sporting rifle and Michael Bechtol, Portland, won the target rifle competition.

Stennett and Medges in the senior division each received permanent trophies sponsored by the Oregon Wildlife Federation. Similar trophies presented by the Izaak Walton League, went to the winners in the intermediate division.

Team honors in the senior division went to the Washington county team of Stennett and Pat Donovan and Lynn Robinson, both of Tigard. Columbia county's team composed of Medges, Ben Fowler and Ed Kamholz was second. Top team in the intermediate division was Bechtol, Cushman and Tom Cushman, all of Portland, shooting for Multnomah county. Kenny Vealey of Vernonia shot as an individual in this division.

This is the second year that the marksmanship contest has been held. The contest, part of the 4-H gun safety program, was set up to help the Oregon State Game commission in the Oregon hunter safety training program. The program is open to 4-H club members throughout Oregon.

Contestants in both divisions fired 40 shots at 50 feet; 10 shots each prone, sitting, kneeling and standing. In addition to their marksmanship skill, each shooter was given a written examination which included questions from the hunter safety course and from the gun safety and advancement program.

Individuals winning blue ribbons for Saturday's event included Ben Fowler, Ed Kamholz and Mark Medges.

Leaders of the Vernonia club are Ben Fowler and Larry Garner. They state that if their team had been able to have target rifles instead of having to use their sports rifles, their chances of first place might have been very good.

Help Needed to Move Hospital

Bill J. Horn, local civil defense head, announced this week that space in the basement of the former mill office building is now ready to house the civil defense hospital equipment and the move to this permanent location will be effected Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers to assist with the move will be appreciated.

The basement space has been cemented and prepared by the city of Vernonia and the move will leave the office space available for the museum on which work is progressing rapidly.

Students Increase

First day enrollment in the schools of district 47 joint was 35 higher than first day figures a year ago, states Joey W. Acaturri, district superintendent. The total figure this year is 635.

Of these, 36 are enrolled in the Mist school in grades one through six. This is up eight from last year.

At Lincoln school, there are 75 enrolled in grades one, two and three, an increase of five over last year.

At the Washington school, figures Tuesday stood at 357, up 25 over last year.

Only place where a decrease was noted was Vernonia high school where the first day registration was 167, down three from last year.

Permit Needed To Pick Cones

With the harvest of the forest tree cone crop soon to commence, individual pickers are reminded that it is necessary to secure a permit to harvest miscellaneous forest tree products and certify thereon that the permission of the landowner has been obtained. State Forester Dwight L. Phipps made this announcement in response to a concern shown by forest land owners as they recall the extensive damage done in past years to their crop trees by cone pickers ill equipped with both know how and tools to properly do the job.

State law places the defacing of trees on the property of another as a misdemeanor subject to a fine or imprisonment or both.

The cone picking season extends through a period when the fire hazard in the woods is usually high. Certain forest areas are closed to entry and a notice of such closures is posted on access roads.

Voters Reminded

Robert A. Welwood, County Clerk, wishes to remind all electors of the county that now is the time to check their registration to be certain they are qualified to vote in the November 6 election. Mr. Welwood states his office registration books will close October 6.

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WITH FIRE
AND
KEEP OREGON
GREEN**

Self-Help Class To Begin Soon

The class in Medical Self-Help will start Wednesday evening of next week at 7:30 p.m. at the West Oregon Electric building, according to Mrs. Charles Minger who has been in charge of local arrangements.

The class will be taught by Spencer Younce and is a part of the Civil Defense training program designed to teach people what to do in an emergency and until a doctor is available. It is especially valuable to parents. Mouth to mouth resuscitation is included in the instructions.

To date, only 10 persons have signed with Mrs. Minger for the course. It has been very disappointing that in a community of this size, so few people have shown an interest in receiving this valuable instruction which is offered free of charge.

Others who wish to take the course may sign now with Mrs. Minger or just report at the West Oregon building at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

Death Claims Riverview Man

Clarence Casper, aged 76, whose home for the past four years has been on Riverside drive in Riverview, passed away at his home last Sunday, September 3.

Mr. Casper was born January 17, 1886 at Vancouver, Washington and had lived in Washington and Oregon most of his life. He had lived at Clatskanie previous to moving here. He had been a government employee.

August 25, 1909 he had married Ellen M. Boardman in Portland and she survives him. Other survivors include a number of nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church and the Elder Eldon Stratton of the Vernonia church will officiate at services Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Haakinson Funeral Chapel at Clatskanie.

Interment will be in the Green Mountain cemetery at Rainier and casket bearers will be Henry Sproul, Clint Seibert, Ira Peterson, Henry Hudson, Joe Schrieber and Albert Blehm.

Ambulance Called

Victor Larson Peterson of Deer Island was killed in an accident Sunday afternoon which occurred on his 26th birthday. It took place on the Scappoose-Vernonia road about 12 miles from Scappoose. The Vernonia ambulance was called and was taken to the scene by Sam Hearing, Jr., but was not used.

Lions Start Season

The Vernonia Lions club will open its fall season with a ladies night according to an announcement made this week by the club president, John Jensen. The affair will be held at the city park at 6:30 p.m. and the barbecue dinner will be served by John Wyldie of Lews Restaurant.

City Approves Work on Lagoon

The Vernonia city council, at its meeting Tuesday evening of this week, approved change order number 4 as required by the state sanitary authority and the U.S. Public Health Service for work on the city sewage lagoon to correct present inefficiency. Arrangements were made with Clark and Groff, engineers for supplemental work on the lagoon to seal against leakage at a cost of \$1000 for their survey, plans and supervision. The earth work, including removal of vegetation, discing and packing of lagoon floor and building of a divisional dike, to be added to the

original contract of John Havlik, was estimated at \$6500. The job is to be completed by October 1.

An ordinance providing for the lease of the mill office for a museum was given its third reading and passed. The ordinance provides for leasing it to the county for 99 years, and they in turn will lease it to the county historical society. This was necessary to insure county financial aid for the project.

An ordinance repealing the \$1.50 sewer use charge and setting up a new \$1.00 per month charge was given its third reading and passed. The change will be effective on the next billing.

A letter was received from the chamber of commerce asking the council to consider condemnation of the two vacant hotel buildings east of the Rock creek bridge. The council asked the city attorney to outline condemnation procedure prior to any definite action. He also will investigate the tax status of the property to see if condemnation will be necessary.

A report showed that the O.A. area to be platted is being cleared of brush and readied for a platting survey.

Among correspondence, the council received a complimentary letter from Mrs. A. B. Counts concerning the clearing of the alley adjacent to her property.

The meeting concluded with the approving of bills.

Brothers Back From Last Rites

Dave and Albert Brunsmann were called to LaMoore, North Dakota Friday of last week by the death of their father, Albert A. Brunsmann, aged 69, who succumbed to a heart ailment. Services for him were held Monday at the First Presbyterian church in LaMoore and the brothers returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Brunsmann was born in Paris, Illinois October 2, 1892 and moved to North Dakota in 1912. He had been a sheepman and farmer in the LaMoore area until 1956 when he retired.

Other survivors are his wife, Dora; two sons, John LaMoore and Frank of Moorhead, Minnesota; three daughters, Mrs. Donald Spencer of Gorham, Maine; Mrs. Wallace Muir of Tukwila, Washington and Mrs. Duane Little of Hopkins, Minnesota; two brothers, Peter of Vernonia and Paul of Paris, Illinois; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Curl, also of Paris, and 22 grandchildren.

Society Thanks Exhibit Donors

Now that the Columbia county fair is past, it is with a feeling of gratitude that the county Historical Society wishes to thank those who brought interesting articles for the historical exhibit and those who promised to bring more next year, and to all who visited this department, thus assuring a successful fair.

Many who registered were from far away, others who were pioneers were reminded of early times when viewing old relics, etc. Since the county museum is now about ready for occupancy, the society feels that added interest will help in its organization.

The September meeting of the society should be well attended as plans will be worked out at that date, to be announced later.

Rites Read for Former Minister

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the First Christian church of Hood River for the Rev. W. O. Livingstone, longtime preacher in various Oregon Christian churches.

Rev. Livingstone was born in Salisbury, Md., June 15, 1870 and started preaching in 1892. He served in churches in Oregon at Heppner, Hood River, Silverton and Vernonia. A daughter, Mrs. Lois Talbott, Hood River, survives.

Nominees Seek Board Places

Contests will occur in the elections for directors of West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc. in both districts for which members will vote this year.

At Natal Grange hall, nominations were held August 28 for director from district 2, which includes the Birkenfeld, Mist, Pittsburg, Chapman and Spitzenberg areas. Those nominated were incumbent Noble Dunlap, Mist route, Vernonia; and Robert Mathews, Mist.

At Vernonia Grange hall nominations were held August 29 for director from district 5 which includes that portion of Vernonia west of the SP&S tracks, most of Timber route, Vernonia and Timber. Those nominated were George L. Smith, incumbent, and Hans Slette, both of Timber route, Vernonia, and Dudley Spofford of Vernonia.

The election for directors will take place at the cooperative's annual meeting Saturday, October 20 at the headquarters building in Vernonia.

Other business will include reports of the officers, a discussion of the past years operations and other business that may come up.

Two Enter Hospitals

Tom Wolf was taken by the Vernonia ambulance to the Columbia district hospital at St. Helens Wednesday of last week. He was moved from there to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland on Monday.

That same day, the ambulance was called for a logging accident on Kasey route in which Thomas Hill received a broken leg. He was taken to Portland Sanitarium.

Monday Joe Baker of Capitol Hill was taken to Physicians and Surgeons hospital.



PICTURED are part of the 72 riders who left Anderson park in Vernonia at 10:30 Saturday morning for a trail ride to Wilkerson park which they reached at 3:30 p.m. Bob Thompson of Vernonia, trailmaster for the ride, is shown giving instructions just before the take-off. Others trailed in to the camp and a total of 120 were registered

for the meals which were served by the auxiliary to the Washington county sheriff's posse. Clubs represented were Sherwood, Yamhill, Forest Grove Ranch Riders, Forest Grove Westerners, Washington County Sheriff's Posse and the Vernonia Ridge Riders. The Forest Grove Westerners took the revolving trophy for the most members

in attendance for the week end camp that included a playday Sunday for which many others came in. The ride back to Vernonia was made Monday.