

Delegates for Confab Picked

The Columbia county committee on children and youth will meet October 15 at 8 p.m. at the court house in St. Helens for the purpose of reviewing the program of the past year and to select their delegates to the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth conference scheduled for November 29, 30 and December 1.

Columbia county will send 12 delegates to this conference in Salem. The delegates may be selected from any interested organization who will sponsor and underwrite the expenses of the delegate. The delegate may be adult or a senior in high school. The registration cost is \$2.00 and other expenses will be meals and rooms.

The organization sponsoring the delegate may advise Rev. Elmer J. Church, county chairman of Clatskanie of the name and address of delegate as soon as convenient.

Next Meeting Date Posted

The Columbia Association for Retarded Children will hold their monthly meeting at the chamber of commerce building in St. Helens on October 18 at 7 p.m.

There will be a program consisting of slides and sound track dealing with the problems of the mentally retarded at home.

Guest speaker will be Abe Burrows. He will discuss the legislation in connection with the special education program. All friends and parents of CARC are welcome to attend.

Suttons Return from Month at Medford

RIVERVIEW — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sutton returned home Sunday after spending a month at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker, at Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Underhill are the parents of a girl, Joyce Marie, who arrived October 4. She weighs 8 pounds, 12 ounces and joins three sisters and two brothers.

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JUDY MIKESH

County Girl to Enter Contest

Miss Judy Mikesh a 17-year-old, 9-year 4-H club member from Scappoose was chosen by the St. Helens JCs as the Columbia county representative for the Miss PIP contest. The final selection for this contest will be made by the Portland JCs at the Alpenrose Dairy on Thursday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. The one selected as Miss PIP and her court will be featured in the Pacific International parade in Portland on Saturday, October 13.

Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mikesh of Scappoose and has received many honors both in 4-H and Future Homemakers of America in high school. She has an older brother, Jim, and two younger brothers, Joe and Charles. She is presently doing secretarial work in Portland.

Also in the contest in Columbia county were Cathy DuPuis from Birkenfeld chosen as the first runner up and Joan Knusel of Scappoose, second runner up. Others were Margaret Swanson, Rainier; Sandra Moilanen, Clatskanie; Geraldine Holz, Columbia City; Christine and Kay Olson, Warren; Linda Gough, St. Helens and Pamela Gardiner of Goble.

Family Arrives for Visit at Slette Home

TIMBER RT.—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cappelli and children, Bruce and Cheryl, from Livermore, California arrived Saturday for a visit with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Slette and Joanne.

Mrs. Bud Gibson and son, Jeff, and Mrs. Carl Wiensack were in Forest Grove Friday and also called on Mrs. Pete Herinckx at Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Beal visited in Estacada from Wednesday until Saturday.

Vera Miller was hostess for a Tupper ware party Friday evening with Bobbi Pitner from Hillsboro as demonstrator.

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THE PEOPLE SPEAK . . .

"Union A strikes. Union B respects A's picket line for 30 days. What do you think of a law that would require the members of Union B to vote by secret ballot whether to continue to respect A's picket line?"

"Naturally B will vote to continue to respect A's picket line if B thinks A's demands are worthy. But if A is striking for a 25% raise and B thinks that is inflationary and unfair since B's latest contract calls for a 10% raise, then B will probably vote to go back to work. The voting shall be free of any threats from any hierarchy (as self-perpetuating union officials)."

"During the recent ironworkers' strike, a Willamette Valley local of another union voted to go back to work, but its International Officers would not permit it to cross the Ironworkers' picket line. International Officers have recently crossed picket lines when they didn't agree with the strikers, so why should not the rank and file have the same right WHEN and only when the majority of its non-striking local so votes?"

The above letter is in current issue of Rank and File, a magazine published by union men in Portland for rank and file union men. The general manager is Walt Lowblad, a Columbia county boy raised in Deer Island. His folks now live in St. Helens.

Lawrence Meissner

Sometimes a fellow gets the idea he is a genius, and then he can't think of anything else.

A smart girl gives a man just enough rope to lead her to the altar.

Pages From Our Past

By Kenneth L. Holmes, writer historian

"THE GREAT SODA FOUNTAIN OF THE WEST"

The great road to the Pacific Northwest for many years was the Oregon Trail, the route of the covered wagons. Along this trail were a number of landmarks remembered by all who came by that route. The attraction remembered most often was "the Great Soda Fountain of the West," as it was usually called, near present Soda Springs, Idaho. Thousands of people drive through this small southern Idaho community and don't realize the fame of that area among the early travelers to the Northwest.

One pioneer who passed that way on July 29, 1839, was Sidney Smith, who was called "Blubbermouth Smith" by his friends. Smith wrote in his diary, now in the library of Pacific University at Forest Grove: "Camp about a half mile below the Soda Spring & as we passed Stopt and took a fine drink of the pure Soda of all the curiosities that I ever Saw this Spring Surpasses all them where the water is throughn out is an orifice of about Six inches Diameter & about 3 feet is a scape pipe or Safety valve which wards off steam pressure as on Steam Engoon & about every 3 or 4 Scapement their is about 6 times the Quantity of Soda throughn fouth, on any of the intermediate Scapements It is through A Solland Rock, with exception of the 2 orifices above mentioned the Scape pipe is an orifice of about an inch to 1 1/2 in Diameter."

If the springs were miraculous, Smith's spelling is even more so.

There is a letter written by the missionary, Henry Spalding, who

passed the Soda Springs three years earlier than Smith, in 1836. He called the spring "one of the greatest curiosities in the world: a natural Soda fountain of unknown extent having several openings." He threw a rock into the pool at one of these openings and in a few minutes the whole fountain seethed in violent activity.

The missionary wrote with high praise of the springs as a possible tourist attraction in future years "Perhaps in the days when a railroad connects the waters of the Columbia with those of the Missouri this fountain may be a source of great gain to any Co. that shall accomlish such a noble work if they are before hand in securing it. For I am sure if visitors can come from the far east to see the Niagra falls they would not value a few days more to visit Rocky mountains."

The trappers such as Jim Bridger, Kit Carson, Joe Meek, and the rest, often visited the fizzle-water phenomenon and spoke of "Beer Springs" many times in later reminiscences.

Several years ago I wrote to Walter Wilcox, former editor and publisher of the Soda Springs weekly newspaper, the Sun, asking him if the Springs were still something to see. In his reply, a colorful one, Wilcox wrote telling that the springs are still "Soda's pride and joy." The main one is now called "Hooper Spring."

There is a nice city park around it, and those who drink at this fount are called "Hooper Doopers." "It serves as our summer recreational area," he writes, "and also our cocktail lounge. Whiskey the great Soda fountain of the

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Relatives at Coos Bay Attend Final Services

MIST—Ella Mae Nielson and Amy Kyser and their father, Ernest, were up from Coos Bay for the funeral of his father, the late Geo. Kyser.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hanson had his sister and family visit them on Sunday. Mrs. Hanson spent the week end home from Mulino where she teaches.

Albert Blount and family have moved to Vernonia. He called on the Wayne Kyser's Saturday.

Mrs. C. Hansen was surprised with a birthday cake Thursday at a community gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Devine made a business trip to Forest Grove Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kyser called on the Sanders Thursday evening.

Coin Club To Meet

The Nehalem Valley Coin Club will meet Sunday afternoon, October 14, at 2:00 p.m., at the West Oregon Electric building. This is a special meeting to give more time for coin exchange and information and to accomodate those who find it hard to attend the regular meetings held the last Thursday evening of each month. All coin collectors or those interested in starting the hobby are invited to come.

'Hooper Dooper' drinkers are careful to float the liquor on top of the water for best results."

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