

Arts and Crafts Society Showing Increased Interest

The Vernonia Arts and Crafts society held its regular membership meeting Monday, August 3 at 8 p.m. in the West Oregon Electric building. Mrs. Wilbur Wilson, president, announced that due to increased interest in drawing and painting, Mrs. Goss has consented to conduct another beginner's class, probably in the evening, to start as soon as it can be organized. Meanwhile, those wishing to register should call Mrs. Wilson whose new telephone number is HA 9-5231. Also on the agenda were plans for an open house to be held Friday, August 14 from 1 to 9 p.m. in the Clinic building, to which the public is invited.

On display will be work done by members of the children's summer classes in art, crafts and knitting. According to Mrs. Pringle, the last craft class for the season will be held August 11. Mrs. Strong, who is

in charge of the children's classes in painting, said her last session will be held August 13.

It was the consensus of opinion that the society's first art exhibit held during the annual Jamboree was a complete success and a great deal of credit goes to those members who worked so hard and gave so unstintingly of their time to prepare it. Members were pleased at the enthusiastic response and comments made by the many visitors. Time and time again, people were overheard saying: "I had no idea there was so much talent in this area."

In fact, the quality of the showing was such that several members had an opportunity to sell some of their pictures, among them Mrs. Carson Strong and Mrs. William Pringle.

Mrs. Elva Goss, who has been conducting the adult class in drawing and painting, was kept busy doing charcoal sketches. Members were also very pleased with the feature story of the society as written by Eve Stevens, editor of the Farm and Home section in the July 26 issue of the Oregonian.

Earl Seawright of St. Helens, who was the guest speaker for the evening, and who had attended the Jamboree and saw the art exhibit, praised the group for its outstanding showing, saying that it compared very favorably with other exhibits he has seen throughout the country.

He was impressed with the enthusiasm and attitude of the people of this community and said that with this sort of spirit there is no limit to its growth potential. He urged that we make use of our capabilities and advertise the many fine assets Vernonia has to offer.

Mrs. Seawright, who accompanied her husband, was warm in her praise of the quality of talent displayed. Seawright, a painter in his own right, gave the benefit of his experience in use of color in oil painting. He urged that we preserve the artifacts of the community as they are here if we only search for them and bring them to light. While refreshments were served, members had an opportunity to view the two oil paintings by Wylie Cousins which Mr. Seawright had brought with him.

Because the first Monday in September is the Labor Day holiday, the next regular membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14.

Unusual Post Office at Fair

Visitors at the New York World's Fair from Vernonia have an unusual opportunity to see a post office of the future. Postmaster O. T. Bateman said recently.

A carefully-chosen group of 80 employees from New York area post offices man the facility which handles all the fair's mail and some from the Flushing, New York area. The outside mail is used to keep the highly mechanized devices operating at "full tilt".

The post office handles approximately 250,000 pieces of mail each day.

Postcards to friends and relatives back home are a big item. About 30,000 are mailed from the fair each day. One third of these are addressed to persons overseas.

Foreign visitors have no trouble understanding U. S. postal operations. The facility has staff members who speak 20 languages.

The work area is surrounded by a ramp and gallery for visitors which is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. Tape recorded vignettes explain the action on the floor and describe the operations of each machine.

Outside the building, mail boxes from 21 countries serve as a background for the red, white and blue box of the United States.

A prototype stainless steel mail box being tested as an eventual replacement for the standard box used for the past forty years is located at one of the fair's busiest intersections.

Postmaster Bateman suggests that Vernonia area visitors to the fair express their comments on the new box by dropping a note addressed to "Superintendent, World's Fair Post Office" through the modernistic mail slot. Postage is not necessary. If they wish, visitors may discuss their reactions with clerks at the post office building.

Newly Married Couple Returns

Miss Sally C. Yerro and Pete Briones were united in marriage May 13 in Numancia, Aklau, Philippines. They arrived home Thursday after he had spent almost five months in the islands where he had gone to visit his step-mother, sisters, brothers and many other relatives.

While there he acted as a missionary and preached in many places, having many converts as the people there were anxious to receive Christ as Saviour.

A reception was held for them at the Vernonia Bible church Sunday evening where they were presented with a wedding gift and wished a happy and prosperous life here.

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PTA President Attends Meet

Mrs. George Cowles, Rainier, Columbia County PTA Council president, attended a leadership training conference on the campus of the University of Oregon, Eugene, last week conducted by the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers. All state board members, officers, chairmen of standing committees, and council presidents were presented material concerning their individual positions and the responsibilities involved.

Those in attendance represented residents from all areas of the state for the purpose of developing and orienting PTA leaders.

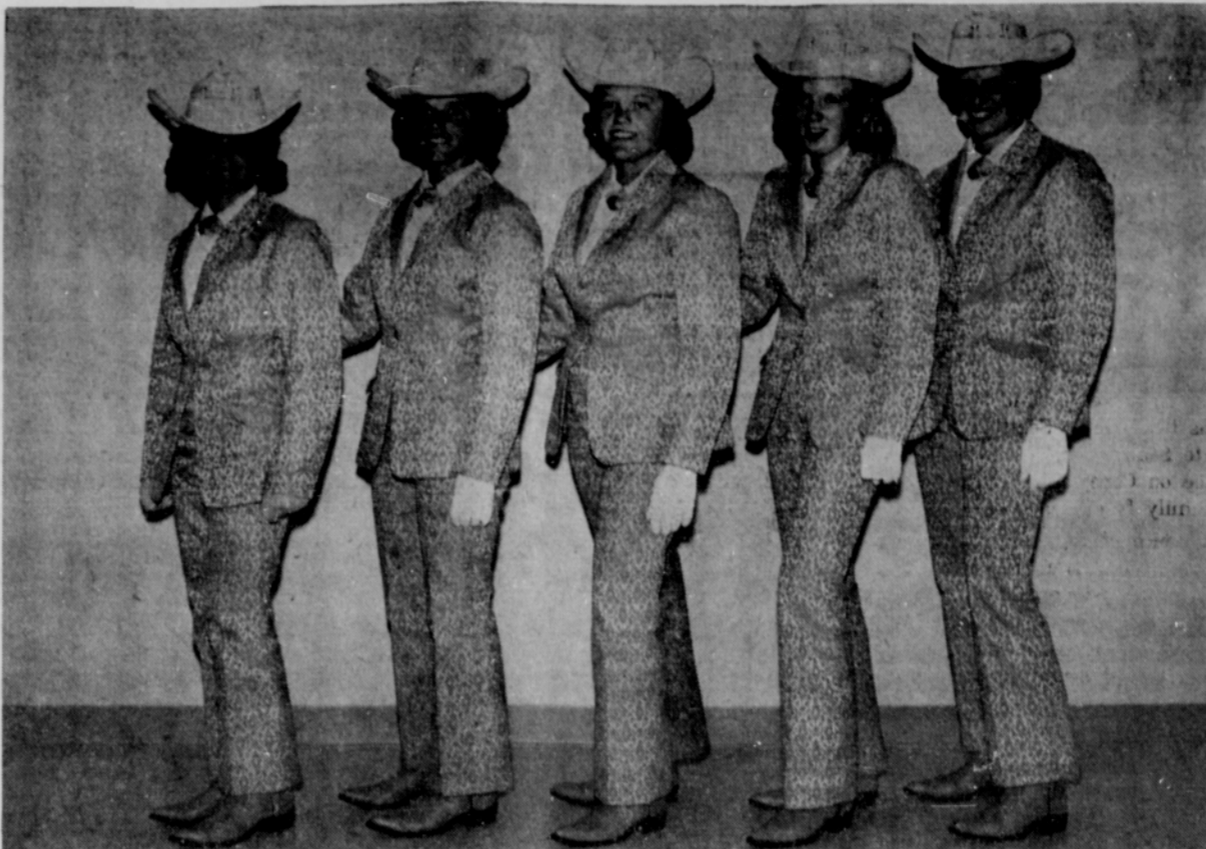
Mrs. Cowles reported that the meetings were a tremendous success because of the great amount of knowledge presented to them during the short, but most effective conference.

Friends Invited to Anniversary Observance

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Justice are invited to the 40th wedding anniversary observance of the Justices this coming Sunday, August 9. The event will take place at Anderson park where a potluck dinner will be served between noon and 1 o'clock.

According to USDA, the average consumer in the United States is eating more dairy products, beef, pork and poultry than he did 25 years ago.

A new woman driver to her companion after parking car: "That's close enough, we can walk to the curb!"



THE QUEEN for the 1964 Columbia county fair and rodeo will be chosen from this group of girls at the annual coronation ball on Saturday, August 8, at the Columbia county fair grounds, at Deer Island. Dance

will start at 9:00 p.m. and coronation will be at 11:00. Admission to the dance will be 50 cents per person. Fair and rodeo will run August 21-22-23. — Columbia Photo

Club Prepares Parade Float

The Home Economics club of the Vernonia Grange is supposed to be on vacation for the summer but the members spent a busy week decorating their float for the Jamboree parade.

In keeping with the timber theme of the parade, the hood of the truck depicted a tree farm complete with timber, Christmas trees and nursery beds. Wild life was represented by two antlered deer standing in the shelter of the forest. A cabin, shade trees, a truck and a tractor hauling logs were all enclosed within a fence guarded by two watch dogs. Across the front of the fence were placards reading "Trees Provide Shelter, Shade, Fuel, Furniture, Finances, Employment, Wildlife Refuge" and a Keep Oregon Green poster.

Grange symbols were depicted on the truck body. The three Graces, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, representing Faith, Hope, Charity; the open Bible on the altar and the flag. Girls on the float were Sandra Lindsley, Shirley Hytrek, Caroline Turner and Mrs. Leona Turner.

The club will hold a rummage sale at the fire hall August 6, 7 and 8, opening at 10 a.m.

Many Attend Meeting Of Friendship Club

The Friendship club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Jessie Miller. The time was spent in visiting and a short Bible quiz given by Mrs. Miller. Attending were Mrs. Artie Buckner, Mrs. Zada Snook, Mrs. Amy Huntman, Mrs. Helen Markham, Mrs. Annie Wilson, Mrs. Alice Brown and two children and Mrs. Grace Peachey.

Pioneers to Meet

The Columbia County Pioneer association picnic will be held Sunday, August 9 at Hudson park. Ice cream, coffee, sugar and cream will be furnished by the association. Dinner will be served at 12:30. In case of rain the picnic will be held at the Beaver Valley Grange hall.

Park benches are filled with men who thought they knew it all.

Pomona Grange Discusses Condition of County Parks

Beaver Homes Grange entertained Pomona Grange Saturday, August 1, with good attendance from all parts of the county. An agricultural report by County Agent Don Coin Walrod told of problems dealing with weed control and various plant diseases, and suggested suitable sprays for use.

Canada thistle and tansy ragwort are two of the worst, with tansy ragwort being most prevalent in the Delena area. A resolution was adopted asking the county court to have

County Issues 34 July Permits

The July report from the Columbia county building department lists a total of 34 building permits issued during the month for a total valuation of \$101,321. For July of last year the number was 40 and the valuation \$117,034.

Family residential additions and alterations accounted for the largest number of permits, 13. New residences were next with seven and plumbing with six. Permits were issued for other purposes as follows: detached garages, three; new duplex residences, one; new commercial, one; new industrial, one; commercial additions and alterations, one; miscellaneous, one.

Ridge Riders Have Trail Ride and Picnic

Vernonia Ridge Riders saddle club had a trail ride and potluck picnic and watermelon feast at Rogers park Sunday. Riders and picnickers included Mr. and Mrs. John Siedelman, with Rose Marie and David and Albert Hytrek, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Noakes and grandson, Jim, Carl Baska and daughter, Judy, Miss Delores Dinger and Mrs. Jean Myer and Steve with their summer guests.

Family friction can be reduced to a fraction by asking for a lot of advice instead of volunteering much of it.



Boy Claims Top Spot In Family Attention

Claiming the interest of everyone at the Homer Fuller household is their son, Otis Albert who arrived Tuesday, July 28 at the Forest Grove hospital and weighed in at 6 pounds 8 ounces. He has two sisters, Michel and Heidi. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cook of Woodland, Washington and Otis Fuller of Manning. There are also two great-grandmothers, Mrs. Marie Shafer of Vernonia and Mrs. Jessie Cook of Portland.

YOUR JOB ---

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