

Family Reunion Held July 1, 55 Attend

A family reunion, July 1, with 55 relatives attending, was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gwin, Stephanie, Richard Jr., Darrell and Julie, on State Avenue in Vernonia. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Marci and Michelle; Mrs. Jeannine Groesback, La Jean and Shelley of Beaverton; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Seger, and George Worn, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seger of Tigard; Mr. and Mrs. David Seger, Tara and Tahnee of Troutdale; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick D. Sauer, Chris and Lisa, Cathlamet, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Alois Sauer; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Holsey, Vincent, Jeffrey, Gregory and Brian, Ervin P. Mullins, all of Vernonia; Mr. and Mrs. Dee Vere Hershey of Astoria; Mr. and Mrs. James Mullins, Jean Ann and Julie of St. Helens; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gordy, Clayton, Allen and Jason, Spokane, Wash; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Backes, Western Springs, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Johnson and Grant of Minot, North Dakota.

Rebekah Social Club Talks Future Events

Mt. Heart Rebekah Social Club met at the home of Evelyn Heath July 2 with nine ladies present. Discussion was held on the Logger breakfast Jamboree weekend, and the Social Club picnic to be held the first Tuesday in August. Those present were Mary Brown, Mary Fletcher, Maude Wells, Ella Cline, Mathilde Bergerson, Leona Haverland, Mable Graves, Pat Goodman, and the hostess, Evelyn Heath.

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Speaking To the Consumer

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Neighborhood Project. Consumers can take an example from business and pool their buying with others to reduce costs. Consider getting together with neighbors to purchase case lots of canned goods such as soups, juices, vegetables, or canned meat products. Talk with friends about bulk purchases of lawn and garden supplies such as fertilizer, seeds, or ground covers. Rent equipment by the day rather than the hour and share the time between several families. Ask yourself if joint-ownership could be used for the purchase of an infrequently used item.

Buying Diet Beverages. Be sure to read the information on the bottle cap as well as on the side of the bottle of diet beverages. Because the average life of a returnable bottle is five years, some soft drinks may still be sold in bottles labeled "sugar free" or "less than one calorie per bottle" while they actually contain sugar or as many as 60 calories per bottle. The bottle cap, however, must carry the correct information. So check this label carefully to make certain of the contents of the drink and its calories.

When You Move. If goods are damaged or missing at time of delivery, immediately contact your household mover and request a company claim form. Don't be afraid of being too detailed when filling out the form. Give reasons for the dollar amount you have placed on the lost or damaged item. The law requires an interstate mover to pay, deny or propose a compromise offer of settlement within 120 days of the receipt of your claim. If you have problems in getting a proper and prompt settlement, the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423 can assist you.

Compare Credit Costs. Do you shop for money as carefully as you do for an item you want to buy? One consumer who wanted to finance a \$200 set of radial tires compared interest rates. His credit union charged 12 percent, one retail store 18 percent, another store 24 percent, one oil company credit card 15 percent, another oil company credit card 18 percent, a bank credit card 15 percent, a catalogue mail order company 20 percent, and a finance company 36 percent.

How much difference did this make in dollars and cents? By borrowing the \$200 at the lowest interest rate, the one-year easy-payment plan cost less than \$15. At the high end, the cost would have been nearly \$40. He saved more than \$25 by taking the time to comparison shop for money.

Get A Property Report. "Go see the land before you buy—no matter what!" This statement from a financial advisor to persons seeking land for vacation, retirement or investment purposes emphasizes the caution a buyer should use before making any kind of down payment or option on property that he knows little about. The advisor continues, "Get a property report on the piece of ground—or don't buy." By law, a company selling across state lines and with 50 or more lots for sale must provide a detailed report on the property, both its good and bad features. Be sure you get such a report and allow at least one day to read it carefully.

For more information on purchasing land or problems in this area, write to the Office of Interstate Land Sales Registration, HUD, Washington, D.C. 20410.

NEW ONPA PRESIDENT



WALLACE COWEN

The publisher of the Independence Enterprise-Herald, Wallace Cowen, has been elected President of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association for the 1973-74 year.

A veteran of 20 years as a publicity representative for the motion picture industry, Mr. Cowen began working as an advertising manager for the Capitol Press in Salem in 1956. He later joined in a partnership to purchase the Milton-Freewater Valley Herald, which he sold in December of 1972.

Mr. Cowen was named publisher of the Enterprise-Herald, part of the Blue Mountain Eagle Inc., Oregon weekly newspaper chain, March of 1973.

He was elected by delegates at the annual ONPA meeting held June 21-23 in Seaside.



NEW ARRIVALS

Word was received by Mrs. Faye Davis of a new great-niece born June 26 at Tacoma, Washington. Rachel Lavonne, weighing seven pounds at birth, is the first child for Mr. and Mrs. Dave Honnen (Sherrill Norman). The baby was named after both of her great-grandmothers.

Grandparents are Mrs. Leora Henderson of Tacoma, Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Honnen of California.

Clifford Dean was the name chosen for the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean Bergerson, who was born in Puerto Rico on June 25 at 9 a.m. their time. The little lad weighed six pounds and was 18 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bergerson, and great-grandmother is Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson of Vernonia.

Reception Slated in Honor of Anniversary

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Oskins are invited to join them July 7 at an open house in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The reception will be held at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John W. Aldrich, 15730 NE Schuyler in Portland, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.



THOSE WHO SERVE

Jim Bergerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bergerson, is home from Korea on a 30-day leave. He has been in Korea for eight months and has till early December to wait for his tour of duty to end. He reports he doesn't mind Korea except for it being hot and it is now time for the monsoons.

He will be here to help celebrate his grandfather's, Martin Rainwater's, birthday, July 12.

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Specialists To Investigate Forest Fires

The Sherlock Holmes' of the Oregon State Department of Forestry stand prepared for what has every indication of being a severe fire season. An elite corps of 25 specially-trained Fire Investigation Specialists will be examining causes of forest fires this summer with an eye towards preventing future fires as well as recouping the state's fire fighting costs in cases of people-negligence.

When Department of Forestry fire suppression crews respond to a fire call, an immediate attempt is made to determine the cause of the fire. If the cause cannot be found, a Fire Investigation Specialist is immediately called in before evidence can be destroyed by curious sight-seers.

A specialist begins his investigation of a fire by slowly circling the edge, noting the way in which the weeds have been bent, the angle at which tree trunks have been marred by fire, tell-tale cupping on brush and grass, and other indicators, until he determines the pattern the fire has taken.

Narrowing in towards the origin of the fire, it becomes a hands and knees job. Slowly moving around the origin, the investigator hunts for the cause of the fire. A small piece of carbon found at the origin along a logging road might indicate the cause as a logging truck with improper fire safeguards; a small cylinder of white ashes, a cigarette-caused fire.

If a fire is determined to be man-caused, the investigator preserves all evidence and begins to work on his clues. Sometimes the "clues" are nothing but a few cigarette ashes and the investigator takes to the road scouting for witnesses. Grocery store clerks, area campers, local farmers; all are questioned. As witnesses relate a story, describing the presence of a "family of campers" or a "strange blue and white pick-up" seen in the area prior to the fire, the investigator may begin to prepare a criminal case.

If all evidence indicates that the "camper family" started the fire by not putting out their campfire properly or that XQ Logging caused it by not having required spark arrestors on their equipment, the case could go to court.

If the investigator has done his job properly, the court may find the campers or XQ Logging guilty of criminal negligence and require them to reimburse the state for fire-suppression costs.

Investigation does not always lead to criminal prosecution. Sometimes it can reveal trouble spots to the fire prevention arm of the Department of Forestry. Last summer, Southwestern Oregon had a large number of fires determined to be caused by children playing with matches. An intensive fire-education program carried out by Forestry personnel in cooperation with the local schools was the result of these investigations.

When the fire season is over, investigators will have a complete catalog of causes of fire on lands protected by the state. If lightning-caused fires prove predominate in an area, increased aerial surveillance after storms may be called for.

If fires at active logging sites become a problem, increased inspection and earlier industrial close-downs may be necessary. Public education may be called for where a rash of fires is caused by local homeowners.

The Department of Forestry's Investigation Specialists combat fire with scientific investigative techniques. Determining the causes of Oregon's forest fires is the first step towards preventing them.



Smokey Says:

KEEP FIRE IN ITS PLACE

Mt. Hood Trip Made by AARP

Six Scappoose women were among 48 members of Columbia County Chapter 499 AARP, on a bus trip to Lost Lake at the foot of Mt. Hood Tuesday, June 26. The Scappoose passengers were Gladys Mullican, Bea Poland, Effie Jones, Bertha Fairley, Mary Dea Carter and Juanita McGraw.

Although the trip started in rain, by the time the two buses arrived at Multnomah Falls Lodge for a coffee break the sun was shining for the rest of the day-long trip. Box lunches were distributed on arrival at the lake at 1 o'clock.

After an hour and a half of eating, talking, hiking and just plain loafing the group again boarded the buses for a drive through Lole Canyon and on to Huckleberry Inn at Government Camp for pie, ice cream and coffee. Arrival in Scappoose was at 7 o'clock.

Next major activity of the chapter will be the seventh annual picnic to be held this year at Scappoose Airport Park July 17. Tualatin Chapter 510, AARP, of Hillsboro, will join with the local chapter in the festivities.

Health Department Lists New Numbers

The Columbia County Health Department reports changes in telephone numbers for their various divisional offices. Effective immediately, the new numbers to call are: Division of Community Health Services (Public Health Nursing) 397-3491 Division of Environmental Health 397-2262 (Building Department) 397-5040 Division of Adult & Child Guidance 397-1636

Wind sawmills came into use in Holland in the 17th century.

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Senior Citizen News - - -

July is the beginning of the Vernonia Senior Citizens' membership year. All seniors are invited to come in for new membership cards.

Paper rollers are always busy, as the group has orders ahead. Transportation has been doing quite well, the past month. The flea market has many items on hand and can always handle more.

Many are using the library as an abundance of good reading material is on hand.

The men folks are getting their saws all filed for cutting wood for the center for the winter months.

Next business meeting and potluck is this Friday, July 6, 12:30 p.m. All members are welcome.

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