

Ladies Enjoy Family Picnic

MIST—Mrs. Nettie Cox and Mrs. Martin Hanson were in Jefferson over Saturday night at the home of the Lyle Wilson family. The Wilson's daughter, Judy, and family hosted a birthday picnic in her yard for her father. Enroute home the ladies stopped at Scappoose Sunday and visited the Keith Fortin family. Mrs. Cox knew Keith when he was a little boy in Edgley, N. Dakota. He is currently teaching fifth grade at Scappoose.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burnham, Portland, visited the Shalom Libels, Saturday evening. Mrs. Libel has been helping out at the Longview office of the Evergreen Trucking Co. lately until a replacement might be found.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kyser and family joined the Bud Robbins of Port Orchard, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hawkins and family of Boring, and the Bill Kyser family at the home of the Claude Kysers at Vinemaple Monday evening, honoring their dad on his birthday. The Ken Simmons family, Clatskanie, visited Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fleming and Terri of Lincoln City visited the Casper Serby family Saturday afternoon. The Harold Cases of Vernonia were visitors Sunday.

The Harold Sparks, Fern Hill, and the Theron Johnstuns, Rainier, visited the Wayne Kyser family, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hanson were at Forest Grove the Fourth visiting his brother and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Garlock, Jim Garlock, and the Dale Dressels of North Bonneville returned Sunday evening to their respective homes after a fishing trip to Little Lava Lake.

Courthouse Date Set

Clarton J. Gardner, state watermaster, is in room 308, Columbia County Courthouse, the third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. to answer any questions pertaining to water rights.

His next visit will be on July 18.

Families will spend 15.5 percent of their disposable income for food in 1972, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

LODGE AND CLUB NOTICES

VERNONIA JAYCEES
Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month.
J.C. Hall—Old Mill Market 7:30 P.M.
Bob Carson, President
Bill Hunter, Secretary 3-73

VERNONIA LIONS CLUB
MEETS AT PINE CONE SUMMER RECESS
Darold Proehl, President
Ted Forbes, Secretary 3-74

A.F.&A.M.
Vernonia Lodge No. 184 A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple. Stated communications on first Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m.
Jim Norwod, W.M.
Walter E. Linn, Sec'y. 1-74

IWA Local 3-14
Meeting on 1st Monday of each month.
A.F.L. — C.I.O. 7:30 p.m. 4-74

Vernonia Barracks Veterans of World War I
Meets 4th Monday each month at the IOOF hall, 12 Noon
Noble Dunlap, Commander
L. H. Sargent, Adjutant

AUXILIARY
Meets 4th Monday, I.O.O.F. Hall
Cora Lange, President
Faye Davis, Secretary 8-73

PYTHIAN SISTERS
VERNONIA TEMPLE NO. 61
Meetings: I.O.O.F. Hall Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m.
Leona Haverland, M.E.C.
Cora Lange, Secretary 3-74

'Sam Ceballos—American Citizen' Honored June 26

For Sam Ceballos, Tuesday, June 26, 1973 was one more victory in a life that, while not always kind, has been filled with living and excitement. Sam became a citizen of the United States just four days prior to his 74th birthday.

Sam, who answered all the questions asked, both orally and written, but one, said, "They ask me how many amendments to the Constitution and I tell them. They ask how many stripes in the American flag and I tell them, then they asked the one question I can't answer."



"THEN THEY asked me a question I can't answer . . ."

He paused for effect, his face animated with delight as he said, "you know what the question is?" He laughed. "They ask me who is the governor of Oregon and my mind's a blank. I can't remember. Not even when they give me a hint." He chuckled as he recalled that moment.

Sam came to the United States 53 years ago from The Philippine Islands, after competing in the Far Eastern Olympics—a contest which featured top performers from Japan and China—in which he took five gold medals as first place winner in the 100 yard dash; the 220, low hurdles; the broad jump; and the 1/2-mile relay. He received personal congratulations for this feat from both the Governor General of the Islands, Francis B. Harrison, and his daughter.

Looking twenty years younger than his actual age, Sam reminisced, "When I started running I had never worn shoes but the coach found me some spikes. At first they wouldn't stay on my feet but pretty soon, it's OK."

He laughed as he continued, "After the Far Eastern Olympics my mother didn't want me to race anymore so I said I wouldn't. Instead I thought to come to the United States. Everyone in my village, friends and relatives all gave maybe five pesos here; ten pesos there, until I had enough. It takes a long time to get 400 American dollars together but I came to

Seattle, Washington in 1920 where I worked as a houseboy for my room and board with about \$15 a month salary so I could get an education."

Moving to Portland, he continued to work as a houseboy while attending Jefferson High School but not before he had lettered in track for four years, taking first in low hurdles at state for Jefferson. "You know," Sam said, "I told my mother no more racing so when I win at State, friends send the papers home to mother."

He also learned a new trade in that time. "I'd never been in a car before I came to the U.S.," Sam confessed with a smile, brown eyes sparkling. "But when my boss asked me if I wanted to learn to drive, I jumped at the chance. I learned in one day," he added happily.

"After graduation I was suppose to go to Oregon State University but I was young and wanted to start earning my own way." He hesitated, then said, "Besides I had to nav back all those in the Philippines who had used their money to send me here."

Sam never got to go home again. First he was working, then the Second World War intervened, following which he married and started a family of his own, Gil, Sam Jr., and daughter, Rita.

"My parents disappeared during the Japanese occupation of the Islands so I just didn't go back. Rita talks about taking me on a trip there, but," he grinned, "I don't know. I've just got some nephews and nieces there now."

Sam continued to work as a chauffeur until the war when he changed his driver's uniform for the overalls of a shipyard worker. "I wanted to join but they said I was too old," he said scornfully.

After the war he went back to driving then, following the death of his wife—with three small children to care for—Sam moved to Vernonia and went to work for Oregon American.

"I wanted to keep my children together and there was no way I could do it in the city; not working like I was so I moved here." He thought, then said, "I think it was the right thing to do. My kids all are okay and I have beautiful grandchildren, six in all."

Both Gil and Sam Jr. live in Vernonia while Rita lives with her husband and three children in Tigard.

On July 1, Sam's 74th birthday, a surprise party was given him at the Allen Berry Farm where friends from years gathered to congratulate him on his many years of life and on this achievement in becoming a U.S. citizen, no mean thing when consideration is given to the fact that the average native-born would be quickly deported if forced to take the same test.

In commemoration of the event, and from their great love and respect for Sam, they presented him with a plaque of walnut with silver-metal plate reading "Sam Ceballos, American Citizen." "You know," Sam said wisely, "When I was young I use to think I should have gone to college but now—I have no regrets. It's been a good life and fun in experience."

Construction employment in Oregon averaged 39,300 in April compared with 32,400 a year earlier and 37,900 during March, 1973, the State Employment Division reports.



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"SAM CEBALLOS—American Citizen," the plaque presented on 74th birthday by fellow workers and friends reads, as pride shows on face of recipient.

Board of Commissioners

(Memorandum Minutes)

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in regular session July 5 with Chairman Fred Foshaug presiding, Commissioners Minkoff and Ahlborn and secretary Gloria Salvey (deputy clerk) present.

Roadmaster Keith Thompson met with the board to discuss various road department matters. He advised that someone had put a large quantity of dust oil on the Brooks Road, and as a result of numerous complaints received, the road department had gone out and put on additional gravel.

Thompson reported the Viewcrest Subdivision street improvement project was finished last Friday, with the exception of driveways. He stated he had not yet informed the residents that the county could not finance the paving of the driveways under the contract.

Thompson advised he had met with Mr. Starrett last Wednesday requesting a storm water easement, and Starrett had indicated he would not permit this. Thompson still has to meet with Mr. Gross to discuss the matter. However, he concluded the matter would probably go to the courts for final settlement.

Thompson reported on a safety training workshop to be held in Portland on July 12, and invited members of the board to attend.

Thompson indicated he had received a letter from Longview Fibre requesting permission to load two loads of logs from Elk Creek Road. After considerable discussion of the matter, Commissioner Ahlborn moved and Commissioner Minkoff seconded a letter be written to all of the timber companies and independent loggers to the effect that no yarding, loading or cold-decking of logs will be allowed from county roads. Motion carried.

Thompson stated he had received a letter from KATU-TV written by Jeff Yarborough, regarding the Happy Hollow Road, in the Yankton area.

Thompson stated traffic counters over a seven-day period indicated an average of 183 cars per day using the Heimuller Road in Scappoose.

George Ollila met with the board about a bridge on Rantalla Road. He was advised that the portion of the road on which the bridge is located is not a county road, and therefore the county was under no obligation to make improvements.

Thompson indicated he had met with the building inspector on Tuesday to discuss a bridge construction project to be done by Shoreline Rock Products. He stated Mr. Eshelby was not sure if he could issue a permit to build the bridge in question.

Thompson stated he had received a letter from the state regarding acceptance of Gable Road, and stated that he could not complete the final paperwork until all of the proper surveys have been reported.

Commissioner Foshaug questioned Thompson as to allocation of certain expenditures to Revenue Sharing, and indicated these would have to come from the road department budget, since the preliminary report of revenue sharing fund spending

was signed. Order No. 39-73 was signed, appointing Terrence M. Rahe as administrator of the Columbia County Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Ordinance, effective July 1, 1973.

A letter and invoice were received from the Children's Service Division of the Department of Human Resources, requesting financial contribution by the county for the care of a child in the Youth for Christ Child Care Center. After considerable discussion, it was concluded that since no funds were budgeted for this purpose, and no statute requires the payment of such contribution, Columbia County would not contribute funds for this purpose.

Commissioner Ahlborn moved and Commissioner Minkoff seconded that all claims for indemnity payments for damages from dogs killing livestock and or poultry be referred to the district attorney's office with request that attempt be made to recover damages paid. Motion carried.

Keith Thompson met again with the board to discuss his proposal for acquisition of capital outlay items requested from revenue sharing funds.

Joyce Burghart, Fred Roediger, together with Dean Bishoprick and Perry Covey of Computer Knowledge Corporation, met with the board to discuss the implementation of computer processing of the tax rolls. After a lengthy discussion of the system and its operation, Commis-

High Cascade Hunters Advised on Permits

The Oregon State Game Commission reminds deer hunters that this year to 5,000 permit holders only, and that permits must be applied for on the deer permits application card that comes with the general deer tag.

This means hunters must make a choice between applying for the High Cascade buck hunt or applying for a permit to harvest an antlerless deer in a management unit or permit area, since the same application may be used only for one or the other.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Foshaug seconded authorization be granted to implement the system immediately. Motion carried.

Notices were received from the Division of State Lands regarding requests for permits for removal of piling by Keith E. Rowland, Rowland's Marine, and Clarence R. Quick. After discussion, it was concluded the board would advise the Division of State Lands that they were in opposition to Quick's removal of piling because some of the piling and property involved is county-owned.

The offer of \$100 received from James and Martina Carpenter for Lot 23, Block 77, City of St. Helens, was accepted by the Board.

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