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**TOWN TOPICS**

Jamboree weekend visitors at the Ralph Borton home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Borton of Lincoln City. They spent Friday and Saturday then left after the parade. They were going to the Borton picnic at Philomouth on Sunday.

Faye Davis visited her sister Mrs. Leora Henderson and family, in Tacoma, staying a week while getting acquainted with her new great-niece, Rachel Lavonne Honnen. She also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Davis, of Tigard while away.

Essie Nance recently returned home after visiting with her sister, Mrs. Harry (Tiny) Anderson of Tacoma. While there, the ladies visited their brother, Roy A. Hatley in the Veterans Hospital at Seattle where he is recovering from a broken hip. According to Mrs. Nance, doctors feared that infection would make it necessary to amputate but they now feel he is "holding his own" and will recover. Mrs. Nance also reported that her son, Bus, with daughter, Mrs. Curtis (Vickie) Hitt, and granddaughters, Kelli and Teresa visited his other daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Sheryl) Maddox and Jeff-Ray, in Bend over the weekend.

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**EDITORIAL**

A rather interesting editorial appeared July 25 in the Longview Daily News. Interesting because it pertained to both Columbia County officials - the Board of Commissioners; District Attorney, County Clerk, and Budget Committee - and to the quality of news coverage in the area in regard to publishing the minutes of the Board of Commissioners which includes those of the Budget Committee.

According to the article, it wasn't "quite cricket" for several reasons among them the fact that the minutes reflected unfavorable on two county officials: DA, Robert Lucas and County Clerk, Roy Nelson; that the pair didn't have an opportunity to answer charges that they were not doing their jobs; and according to one source, and I quote from the Longview editorial: "a portion of the minutes is inaccurate, Lucas says."

Following this portion of the article there were several more paragraphs which would indicate that the party writing the article felt the commissioners were "out to get" the two named officials.

Fine as far as it goes, but evidently the writer of said article either did not have access to the same minutes other papers received, or neglected to read them correctly.

Fact: The Spotlight has always published the minutes of the Board of Commissioners unless - only seven times this past year - they were not available for publication due to unforeseen circumstances.

Fact: Robert Lucas, present district attorney of Columbia County was in attendance at the budget committee meeting at which time said charges were stated.

Fact: Mr. Lucas did not deny these charges but instead jumped on the bandwagon to condemn the official performance of Roy Nelson, county clerk.

Fact: If a portion of the minutes were inaccurate as Mr. Lucas supposedly contends then why wasn't it made known to local news media instead of a paper across the Columbia River in another state where neither voters or taxpayers of Columbia County reside?

Fact: The purpose of the discussion as to efficient performance was to ascertain whether or not the two parties in question were deserving of a raise in salary and no one can deny the fact that both parties did indeed receive raises according to the minutes.

Fact: It is the duty of any journalist - whether it be editor, reporter or correspondent - to establish the accuracy of information before it is published.

Fact: Someone in Longview failed to observe this fact.

**Volunteers Answer Two Fire Calls Wed.**

Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department was called out to answer two fire calls Wednesday, August 1.

The first - on Keasey Route - came about 4 p.m. burning a small shed and some grass. The other - which occurred in the early evening - was at 1129 Birch Street in the Riverview area, where firemen discovered a davenport burning. Neither fire was serious.

**Surprise Shower Held for Judy Budge**

A surprise baby shower was held for Judy Budge and daughter Jennifer, at the home of Helen Hall, July 18. Co-Hostess was Genie Maxer.

Judy's mother-in-law, May Budge, and sister-in-law, Mary Horn, came from Longview to help surprise Judy. Local guests included: Claudine East, Deloras Webb, Pat Jones, Betty Coulter, Sharon Krieger, Betty Schmidlin, Ramona Shirley, Donna Matteson, Louise Smejkal, Theresa Jones and daughter Gretchen, Geneva Shaw and daughter Kathy.

**The People Speak . . .**

It was a pleasure and a privilege We recently did enjoy To serve as Grand Marshal For every man, woman, girl and boy.

In the streets of Old Vernonia At their annual Jamboree The town was full of people, They had a jubilee.

We enjoyed your smiling faces, Your friendly waves and calls As we passed there before you In the friendliest town of all.

We give you all a "thank you," It was nice of you to ask Us to be your honored ones It was a pleasant task.

This town that we call home Is a pleasant place to be The community is a good one That's plain for all to see.

To the city of Vernonia A salute to you, we give. It is a lovely place This town in which we live.

Lee and Florence Akers.

I would like to thank all who helped make our water olympics a success, among which were:

- Kimmel's Apparel
- Lew's Place
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- Mary Bellingham

Special thanks from me to Sue Cavinee for all her help, to Enid Parrow (helped with entries and ribbons) and to Robb Wilson (helped with judging.)

Darlene Parrow

**Police Report For Month**

There were 32 citations and 12 warnings issued during the month of July, according to the report handed in at the August 6 council meeting under the signature of Chief of Police Jack Cunningham.

VBR's topped the list with 12 citations and 4 warnings; followed by parking violations. There were 4 citations issued for stop signs and 2 warnings; 4 violations of vehicle laws; 1 liquor violation; 2 for defective equipment with 5 warnings issued; and 1 excessive noise. Under other violations of municipal ordinances was 1, a vicious dog allowed to run loose.

Six misdemeanors were re-recorded with 2 cleared; 1 burglary; 1 unfounded complaint of assault; 1 attempted arson, cleared; 4 forgeries, cleared; 3 criminal mischief, cleared; 2 bicycle thefts, recovered; with property valued at \$160 recovered.

There were also four cases of harassment and 1 of criminal trespass with the department investigating 27 miscellaneous complaints.

Three traffic accidents were investigated, 15 business houses found open; 1 missing person, located; and 34 vacation home checks.

Public service calls totaled 26; ambulance calls, 3; with assists to other departments, 13; and 4 animal complaints.

Six reserve officers donated 210 non-paid hours, while the police car, no. 130 logged 4,130 miles and the truck, 120 with a total mileage for the month of July, 4,250.

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Jim Bergerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bergerson, returned to Camp Humphery in Korea, last Thursday, after being home for the past month. He will be there until the first of December.

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**Summer Rec. Tour of CZ To Be Aug. 15**

A special event in the Summer Recreation Program will be a field trip tour of the Crown Zellerbach tree farming operation in the Vernonia - Nehalem Valley area on Wednesday, August 15, of next week, for high school and grade school students.

Transportation will be provided by school bus, and reservations must be made in advance. Those planning to make the tour, or their parents, should contact Pat Goodman at the Scout Cabin during afternoons or June Wilson at 429-7731 no later than noon Monday, August 13 to sign up for transportation reservations. There is no charge.

The tour will begin with orientation at the Crown Zellerbach Pittsburg office, and then go to the sorting yard, which is unique in this field. The tour will then proceed to the logging operation at Mist, with stops at various sites on the way. The tour is conducted by Crown personnel.

The bus will leave the Scout Cabin promptly at 12:45 p.m., so participants should plan on being there at 12:30 p.m. Time of arrival back at the Scout Cabin will be around 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The tour is an unusual opportunity for grade and high school students to see the actual operation of a tree farm and logging industry. Residents of Vernonia and vicinity are used to seeing loaded log trucks, rolling down the highway, but few have had the chance to see what took place to raise those trees, fell and load them onto the trucks. This opportunity is made to the young people of the Vernonia area to learn about the major industry of this community.

Several adults may accompany the tour as chaperones. Volunteers may phone 429-7731.

**Girl Scout Round-Up Here**

The 1973 Oregon Senior Girl Scout Round-Up, sponsored by the Columbia River Girl Scout Council, has been enjoying a week-long encampment at near-by Camp Wilkerson.

Arriving August 5, they have toured the Trojan nuclear plant near Rainier, taken a logging operations tour in the Vernonia area and visited a stained glass factory in Scappoose.

The group will also be involved in traditional camping activities including hiking, backpacking, nature explorations and water activities along with arts and craft projects in batiking, macrame, and the secrets of making corn husk dolls.

Visitors day will be Thursday, August 9 from 1 to 9 p.m. with a chuckwagon dinner to be served at 6 p.m. A charge of \$1 is made for this event. Closing ceremonies will include an Indian potlach ceremony and a floating campfire.

Director for the Round-Up is Mrs. John Alvarez of Lake Oswego assisted by Mrs. Bob Clarke, Beaverton. Mrs. Teresa Hopkins of Vernonia is also participating in the 1973 Round-Up.

**Families Hold Albany Reunion**

The Lee-Smith reunion held at Bryant Park Sunday, August 5, in Albany, was attended by many Vernonia residents. Oscar Smith married William Lee's sister and visa-versa so there were many double cousins at the picnic. The oldest on the Lee side of the family was Murrill Schofield, about 70 years, and Clifford Smith, 64, for the Smith side.

Those going from Vernonia were Mr. and Mrs. Ron McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Len Simmons and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cota and children, Mr. Mary Smith, Mrs. Ruth Steers, Maxine Smejkal and Mildred Calhoun. Relatives also came from Eugene, Tillamook, Redmond, Seaside and Albany.

**Watermaster to Visit**

Clayton J. Gardner, State Watermaster, is in room 306, 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 August 15.



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