



WITH THE formal dedication of Camp Wilkerson just a few weeks away, every weekend is a busy one at the Columbia County site. Workers are finishing adironsacks and pods as hurriedly as they can and thanks to much volunteer help, things are progressing very nicely according to

County Commissioner Jay Ahlborn. Ahlborn points out the numerous organizations throughout the county that have worked at Camp Wilkerson. Each has left their organization mark by the wooden plaques, as shown above.

## Visitor Count Down In July

Visitor counts taken at the state's border information centers indicated a downward trend for the month of July compared to the same month in 1972, it was announced today by Victor B. Fryer, travel information director for the State Highway Division.

The figures showed a drop of 23 percent from the previous year. Fryer said, however, a sampling of major chambers of commerce indicates that a number of areas feel that business is equal or better than last year. Many others still say business is below last year's level. The Oregon Motor Hotel Association reports July occupancy rates up four percent statewide over last July sampling of motels.

Indications are that out-of-state visitations are definitely down, Fryer stated, but evidently more Oregonians are taking short trips within the state rather than risk getting caught without sufficient gasoline far from home. This has helped to keep tourist areas close to the metropolitan centers as busy or busier than normal while the more distant spots are feeling the pinch.

As an example, Fryer explained, Seaside and Timberline Lodge report that business is excellent, but it is down at Crater Lake, Oregon Caves, Sea Lion Caves, and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Eastern Oregon generally is down 3.5 percent in motel occupancy for July according to Oregon Motor Hotel Association figures.

Visitors to the border information centers were down 12 percent at Ashland and Astoria 19 percent at Ontario, 34 percent at Portland, and 52 percent at Klamath Falls. In addition, out-of-state visitors to the Capitol in Salem were down 28 percent for July compared to last year.

## Senior Citizen News - - -

Wieners and buns shall be furnished by the center for the Friday potluck at Anderson Park. Those who wish could bring a potato salad or pie. See you at the park at 12:30, Friday. All members welcome.

Thanks to all members who have come in to pay up their membership. The response is greatly appreciated.

The flea market has many good items for the school age boys and girls. Come in and browse.

Bible study, each Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Our library has an abundance of pocket and hardback books donated through the Summer months.

Transportation has appointments ahead during the month. Rolled papers will be delivered to Portland again this week.

Dr. Joel Keller, the foot Doctor, will be at the Vernonia Clinic this Friday, August 19 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## Picnic Honors Dan Richards

Dan L. Richards was honored with a surprise potluck picnic by family and close friends for his 85th birthday, Sunday August 12 held at the IOOF Hall.

Richards was born August 13, 1888 in a covered wagon some place in the state of Idaho as his family traveled from Wyoming to finally settle in Stevenson, Washington. He is the third oldest of 8 boys with no sisters. Meeting his wife Ida nearly 49 years ago they were married in 1930. They moved to Vernonia soon after their marriage. He has two sons, Dale Hanford, Grayland, Washington and Dean of Bremerton, Washington.

A lovely birthday cake was enjoyed, with Happy Birthday Dan in pink it was surrounded with pink roses and mushrooms made with marshmallows sprinkled with grated chocolate.

Special guests there were his youngest son, Dean and family; two brothers, Joe, Carson Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards, Stevenson, Washington; and a cousin Mrs. Roy (Wilma) Gilbreth, Oregon.

Eleven people came on Monday to wish him happy birthday and enjoy a cake given him by a Mrs. Richards' sister. There were four friends from Sunset Beach, John Hensen, Portland, and three Lenharts and their wives.

IT PAYS TO READ THE ADS

## Vernonia Eagle THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1973 3

## Masonic Picnic Sunday, Aug. 26

Attention all Masonic bodies. The Annual Masonic Body Picnic will be held at Hudson Park, just out of Rainier, Sunday, August 16 at 12 noon. Coffee and milk will be furnished and all are asked to bring a potluck dinner as well as silverware and table service.

All Masonic bodies, families and friends are invited to the picnic. There will be horseshoe pitching, baseball games, dart throwing plus races and games for the children.

Hudson Park sits north of Rainier off Highway 30. Go to the top of the summit north of Rainier on Highway 30 and then turn left at the intersection, which will take you to the park. Remember the date, August 26. Come and enjoy yourself.

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## Marvin Dennis Returns Home

Marvin Dennis, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis, returned Monday after spending several weeks in the Dornbecker section of the Oregon Medical School Hospital due to an injury to his right eye.

Marvin was injured while smashing oil cans with a hammer in his backyard, July 21. At first it wasn't believed to be serious but on the following Sunday he was taken to Forest Grove Hospital and, in turn, sent to the Portland Hospital.

He was on the 14th floor which is for the older children from 6 to 15 years and programs are planned for them. Some of the things Marvin enjoyed between test and treatment were bingo games, making craft items and entertainment from outside groups.

He will have to continue to travel to Portland for treatments in the effort to save the eye.

## Scouts Enjoy Camp Wilkerson

Over 40 girls attended the Senior Girl Scout Round-Up at Camp Wilkerson this past week with Scouts coming from the Portland and surrounding area: Oregon City, Seaside, and Goldendale, Puyallup, and Vancouver, Washington.

Compliments on the beauty and facilities at the camp area ran high as the girls pitched in to build their contribution to Wilkerson: an adirondack shelter.

"It's really great," said Wendy Lewis, 17, of Portland. "I do most of my camping with the Scouts and this is one of the nicest spots. Camp Wilkerson is just beautiful." She smiled, adding, "I like it and enjoyed camping there."

Besides camping, the girls enjoyed entertaining many visitors during their Thursday afternoon open house highlighted by a chuck wagon dinner. They also visited several different areas including the Trojan nuclear plant at Rainier, the Vernonia Historical Museum where they viewed relics and mementoes of bygone days, and Willemse Stained Glass Factory in Scappoose.

The girls who range in age from 14-18 years, hope to be able to come back to Camp Wilkerson soon.

## Class of '63 Plan Reunion

The class of '63 is planning a reunion on December 29, Saturday at the Alice Timbernook with a 6 p.m. social hour followed by dinner at 7.

It is announced early so persons will plan their schedule to be here.

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## Lady Feted On 90th Birthday

The lovely home and yard of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mills in Cornelius, was the setting for a Family gathering and dinner honoring his mother, Alma Mills (Mrs. Clive A.) on her 90th birthday August 11.

The host and hostess, Ray and Bertie, were pleased to greet 45 or more of Mrs. Mills relatives and friends, including her brother, Herrel Throp of Hood River; two sisters, Fannie Sheldelin, Portland, and Dora Jordan, Woodburn; her two sons, Ray of Cornelius and Florian of Salem; plus many nieces, grand nieces, grandkids, great grandkids, and in-laws and friends from all parts of Oregon.

Visiting and reminiscing was enjoyed by the adults and games by the small fry after a delightful dinner.

The Throops moved to Vernonia when Alma was a young child. Always living along Rock Creek near the bridge. She married Clive A. Mills and they became parents of three boys, Ray, Florian and Russel, and one daughter, Merle, now deceased.

Mrs. Mills carried mail between Vernonia and Timber with horse and buggy for a long time when her children were small. In later years she and her husband built a nice new home in Cornelius where she now resides.

He main hobby was raising flowers and garden and she was well known for her beautiful flowers. She still does it; has a pretty flower garden and plants some vegetables too.

After most of the folks had gone home, the young people took great-grandma across the way to the miniature golf course where she played her first game of golf with them, coming in with a very good score, fourth from the top in the group. This was one of the highlights of her 90th birthday. A remarkable, sweet lady.

## Maude Wells Enjoys Trips

Maude Wells attended two family reunions in the past two weekends. The first was August 5 the Beck reunion her parents direct descendants. It was held at Forest Home Stock Farms at Springwater, Oregon, with 103 present. Mrs. Wells is the family historian and counted 232 direct descendants from her Parents.

Last weekend August 1, it was to Blue Lake Park, Portland, where she attended the family reunion of her maternal great-grandfather family. She was elected family treasurer. There was about a hundred persons in attendance.

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