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TOWN TOPICS

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidlin were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seal and children of Beaverton and his brother Bob Seal of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Reynolds and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Snyder and family of Scappoose, Donovan Reynolds and daughter of Riverview. The occasion was the observance of the birthday of Vicki Snyder with birthday cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fulton of Fossil spent the weekend at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox.

IT'S HERE — The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9 at the American Legion Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Miss Nell Whitman spent Saturday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Leta Whitman.

Melvin Nice was taken to the Tuality Hospital in Hillsboro Monday by Kenneth Wooten. He is suffering with back trouble.

Sale is still on at Fabrics 'n Fashions—ladies dresses are 60 percent off, childrens clothes, 13 off; mens shirts 13 off—also see our sale table.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan came home Monday after spending a month with her mother Mrs. Myrtle Snook at Napa, California. Mrs. Snook is not well but showed some improvement during the month.

Morris Graves of Gold Beach came Thursday and took his mother, Mrs. Mabel Graves to the Hale Graves home in Portland. Friday evening they attended the wedding of her grandson Richard Graves and Miss Sue Tripp at Covington House in Vancouver. Morris brought his mother home on Saturday.

BUY YUMMY Homemade Bake Goods at Vernonia Sentry Saturday, March 9. Buy and help your local 4-H clubs.

Karen Miller who is a freshman at Oregon State College at Corvallis spent the week end at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Keith Holm.

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The People Speak . . .

Dear Sir:
 Thank you for printing our Grand Canyon news release in your February 14 edition. The response has been very gratifying. In total inquiries, your article had greater effect than similar coverage in The Oregonian and Oregon Journal.
 Reaction to the article certainly emphasizes the effectiveness of the small, local newspaper. It is something I preach constantly to the Directors of the corporation. Starting now, I think the message will begin to sink in.
 Sincerely,
 E. J. Bryans
 Activities Director

To the Editor:
 In a few weeks volunteers will be knocking on doors throughout the community with lifesaving information about cancer. We thought your readers might be interested in some of the questions most often asked of the volunteers, and in testing their own knowledge on the subject.
 1. What is cancer?
 2. Should women, who have had a hysterectomy, have a Pap smear?
 3. Can men have breast cancer?
 4. What is thermography?
 5. How many forms of cancer are there?
 6. Is cancer on the increase?
 For correct answers to these important questions read the People Speaks column in next week's edition of the Eagle.
 Vernonia Branch
 Amer. Cancer Society

Colonel Toshi Kuge Retires

Saturday, March 2, historic Vancouver Barracks was the scene of retirement ceremonies for Colonel Toshi Kuge, M.D., Medical Corps, U.S. Army Reserve.

Colonel Kuge was commander of the 313th Convalescent Center and the 124th Arcom Complex at Vancouver Barracks at the time of his retirement. Colonel Kuge continues his practice of medicine and surgery in Portland.

A native of Astoria, Colonel Kuge is a 1936 graduate of Vernonia High School, Oregon State University, and the University of Oregon Medical School. He began his military career of more than 30 years as a member of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team in 1943. He served as a medical corpsman in Europe and received a battlefield commission in 1945. He subsequently served in the Oregon National Guard and the Army Reserve. He resides in Portland with his wife, Mae, and son Tommy, a student at Reynolds High School.

Among those present at the retirement ceremonies were Brigadier General Albert G. Peterson, Commander, 124th Army Reserve Command, Fort Lawton, Washington, and Major General A.E. Milloy, Commander, Army Readiness Region IX, and Deputy Commanding General Sixth U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco.

In recognition of his exceptional meritorious service Colonel Kuge was awarded the Legion of Merit by the Secretary of the Army. General Milloy made the official presentation of the medal.

Hearing Aid Clinic Slated Thursday

Beginning Thursday, March 7 there will be a free hearing aid service center held at the Vernonia Clinic once a month, usually the first Thursday of each month.
 Hours will be from 9:30 until 1 p.m. or afterwards by appointment. Free hearing evaluations will also be given to those who request them.



MOTHER NATURE pulled a fast one with cold fleecy stuff instead of sunshine and warmer weather for March despite budding lilacs, and the showing of green leaves of crocus, daffodils and tulips, all of which say spring should be here—someday.

Season Stats For Toppers

The season is over for the 7th and 8th grade Toppers with both teams taking Columbia County championships.

Statistics for the 7th grade team shows a total score of 520 points for the season against 472 for opponents. The average was 40 points per game. As a whole, the team had 220 field goals, free throws were 84 out of 235 with a total percentage of 35.3.

Scoring by individuals for the season was as follows:
 Johnston, 117 total points, 10.6 average; Smith, K. 148, 11.4; Davis 104, 9.5; Isaacson 74, 5.9; Weller 17, 1.5; Gwin 16, 1.6; Hartzell 19, 2.1; Bates 1, .1; Smith 16, 1.4; Reck 4, .4; Clason 1, .16; Wuest 1, .25; Cunningham 2, .29.

The 8th grade Toppers, who hold a record of 13 win, 0 losses had a total of 632 points for the season against opponents total of 380 with an average of 48.7 per game. They had 261 field goals, and completed 98-207 free throws for a 48 percent average.

Individual scoring for the season was as follows:
 Weigand 125 total points, 9.6 average; Sturdevant 113, 8.7; Dunaway 69, 5.4; Roody 39, 3.0; Holm 172, 14.0; Shetler 23, 1.9; Bernard 14, 1.3; Banzer 10, .83; Ostrander 12, 1.2; Bates 19, 2.7; Beamish 14, 1.8; Tassin 12, 1.2; Wilson 6, .55; Grady 4, .44.

Siphoning Gas Deadly Game

This past week the Oregon Journal carried a brief item on the deaths of two people which were attributed to the current gasoline crisis. Particularly noted was the death of a 14-year old boy who died after swallowing gasoline he had been siphoning.

Siphoning is dangerous as this illustrates. It seems so easy to suck up gasoline by the use of a simple rubber tube but it is a tremendous risk if proper precautions are not taken.

Four ounces of gasoline, if swallowed, can be fatal. Smaller amounts than that can cause unpleasant and frequently dangerous symptoms; headache, nausea, vomiting, prolonged belching, nerve damage, vertigo, visual disturbances, mental confusion, loss of coordination, convulsions and respiratory depression.

There is also the danger that if the siphoner should vomit after swallowing gasoline, some of it is likely to be inhaled and this can lead to chemical pneumonia. Unlike bacterial pneumonia, the chemical variety does not respond to antibiotics.

Victims of gasoline poisoning also run a severe risk that their lungs will simply stop functioning due to the effect of gasoline on the central nervous system; therefore constant medical attention is needed.

If an emergency situation arises and there is no way to avoid siphoning of the deadly gasoline then the person should either use an ordinary mechanical pump or a length of g'ass tubing inserted between two lengths of rubber tubing to enable the siphoner to see the gasoline before it reaches the mouth and avoid any unpleasant consequences.

Temporary Rule Sets Speed Limit At 55

A temporary rule establishing a maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour on all highways within the State of Oregon has been adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission in a telephone conference meeting.

The rule was adopted because of the current fuel shortages and the determination that the lowering of speeds will conserve motor fuel. The Commission was given authority to adopt such action in the recent special session of the legislature.

The rule is effective immediately and applies to all vehicles.

DEQ Slates Early March Noise Pollution Hearing

Proposed rules for noise pollution will be subject of Department of Environmental Quality hearings in early March.

The regulations cover motor vehicles, racing events, public roads, industry and commerce. Previous hearings during October and November in seven Oregon cities elicited sufficient public comment to warrant substantial revisions in the proposed regulations. These include: (a) the addition of sources to be controlled; (b) more detailed exemptions for sources which cannot reasonably be controlled; (c) adjustments (up and down) of allowable noise levels; and (d) a broadening of variance procedures.

The proposed noise standards are based on the need to protect speech communication and sleep on residential property. The noise level goals adopted to achieve this protection are:

a. Levels of less than 45 dBA for 54 minutes of the noisiest hour of the night inside a bedroom with open windows.
 b. Levels of less than 60 dBA for 54 minutes of the noisiest hour of the day outside on residential property.

The proposed standards for motor vehicles are similar to California's motor vehicle noise laws, which are based on the use of present muffler technology with the assumption that improvements in that technology can be developed.

New motor vehicles—including cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, snowmobiles and other off-road recreational vehicles—could be sold only if they met the proposed standards. Motor vehicles already in use could not exceed a specific noise limit and certain modifications to muffler systems would be prohibited. Property owners would be required to control the use of recreational vehicles on their land.

Because of the strong negative

IFYE Student Meet Speaker

The annual meeting for the Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District was set for March 17, 1974 at the District Board of Directors meeting Wednesday February 20. Bill Maddy, Albany, an IFYE student to West Germany will be the main speaker.

Richard Armstrong and Bill Kessi audited the treasurer's books. Applications were approved for the following cooperators: St. Helens FFA Farm, Arthur Laubach - Mist, Louis Thompson - Clatskanie, Roy Krzmarzick - Shiloh Basin.

The district set its goals for 1974. Agriculture Service Centers were brought up and discussed at the meeting.

Memo of Understanding between the board of County Commissioners and Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District was brought up. The district signed the memo.

The district will be assisting the Columbia County Health Department with the Santosh Disposal Site.

The low bid of Sel-Mor Inc., for the printing for the Annual Report was accepted by the Board of Directors.

Andy Pavelek progress report showed that he and Bill Eagle worked on farm planning drainage, woodland improvement, stream bank protection, flood damage, hay and pasture seeding, soil legends, and descriptions, soils investigations for septic tank filter fields, for the County Sanitarian, soils information for the State Highway Department and for the Oregon State Veterans Administration and assistance on drainage to the Beaver Drainage District, Scappoose Drainage District and the West Santosh Group.

Those directors present were Richard Abrahamson, Larry Oblack, Pat Carver, Richard Armstrong and Bill Kessi. Andy Pavelek and Bill Eagle represented the SCS.

Habitual Offender Act Gives Breathing Space

Oregon drivers who have had three or more major traffic convictions in the last five years and who may have been worried that they would soon be classified as habitual traffic offenders under a 1973 law may breathe a little easier.

Chester W. Ott, Administrator of the Motor Vehicles Division, said Thursday that an Attorney General's opinion released this week means that the division will consider only the last major conviction prior to October 5, 1973, the effective date of the law.

Ott said that means approximately 5,700 drivers the division had identified as possible habitual offenders because they had three or more major traffic convictions on their record will not be in immediate danger of a 10 year license revocation unless they have been convicted of another major offense since October 5 last year.

Major traffic offenses include manslaughter or criminally negligent homicide with a motor vehicle, driving under the influence of liquor or drugs, driving while suspended or revoked, reckless driving, and hit and run in an accident involving death or injury.

Ott said he had requested the Attorney General's opinion because of a serious problem the division would have had in complying with the law if all prior major traffic offenses had been counted in implementing the new law.

The problem hinged on a section of the law requiring the division to immediately notify a

Fair Slates Competition

More than 300 entry forms have been mailed to horsemen throughout the Pacific Northwest for competition in the first area-wide drill team championships slated for the 1974 Spokane Interstate Fair.

"We're trying to find every available equestrian team we possibly can," explained Charles T. Meenach, of the Fair. "We invite any and all units to enter."

Meenach explained that throughout the year there is drill team competition in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, and Alberta, but nowhere in the Northwest has there been an organized effort to get all the teams together for an overall championship.

Contests will be daily during the nine-day run of the fair. Teams will be judged on horseman's ship, performance, uniforms, drill patterns, and other criteria.

Competition is open to all age groups. Trophies will be awarded to the five top teams. Interested teams may write, Spokane Interstate Fair, Box 143, Parkview Station, Spokane, Wash. 99211.

We want to wipe out cancer in your lifetime.

Screen and stage star Debbie Reynolds urges everyone to fight cancer with a generous donation to the American Cancer Society.

"We want to wipe out cancer in your lifetime," says the petite singer-dancer-actress "and we need your help."

Thank You Dr. Pap!
 Dr. George Papanicolaou was a Greek-American medical scientist who discovered a fast, painless test that can find cervical cancer early when it is most curable—the famous Pap test. The American Cancer Society reminds women to have a Pap test regularly.

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