

RIGHT— 1001 Arabian Nights is the theme here as Shirley Brennen, decked out in her Arabian costume, joins the parade. This costume and the effect it created earned Shirley First Place in the Horse and Rider category.



BELOW— Merry Christmas in July was the message as the Forestry Service Santa Claus talks with kids along the parade route. Taken by surprise at his appearance many onlookers wanted to know what Santa was doing in the parade. Saying the North Pole is cold year-round, Santa added, "I deserve a chance for a suntan, too!"



RIGHT— We all need a hand once in a while. Here a Future Logger receives a push start from his dad.



**An
Endless
Parade
Of
Sights**

EMT class scheduled

An Emergency Medical Technician I Class will be held in Hillsboro beginning August 17, 1981 and class times will be from 7 pm to 10 pm Monday and Wednesday evenings. The class is Washington County EMS and Oregon State EMS approved and will be coordinated by Jimmie L. Floyd, EMT IV-Paramedic with Metro West Ambulance. The class will meet the Department of Transportation standard and provide inservice both on a paramedic ambulance and in the emergency department of Tuality Community Hospital. The class will also prepare those interested in being able to take the state and/or national certification examinations.

Those interested may call 648-1808 for specific registration information.

Current worm scare just rumor

"In spite of rumors to the contrary, earthworms are not added to the foods that we buy," says Susan Gangler Landgren, Columbia County Extension agent.

The origin of these rumors is puzzling. Some consumers may have misinterpreted the name of an additive in cured meat products. Sodium Erythorbate (which has nothing to do with earthworms) is used to prevent fading of color in cured meats. It also improves the shelf life.

Earthworms have not been approved by the federal government for use as an ingredient in food, Mrs. Landgren says. Federal regulations set standards which spell out the ingredients allowable in food products.

Carol Raab, Oregon State University Extension foods and nutrition specialist, points out that the alarm about earthworms can be traced to our cultural definition of acceptable food. Our culture basically defines what we shall consider food and for whom and under what circumstances.

Although earthworms are edible, we do not happen to consider them an acceptable food. However, in other cultures earthworms may be part of the daily diet. For instance, grubs (wormlike larvae of insects) are consumed in Central African countries.

Levy failure

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the severity of cuts in school programs and services necessary. Voters of the Vernonia School District will be asked to approve the reduced special levy of \$242,195 at an election on September 15, 1981. Failure to secure voter approval at that time would mean that the school district would not be able to operate the remaining programs and services for the full year. Additional cuts in programs such as all sports, transportation and school lunch or curtailment of the school year would have to be considered.

In other action taken at the last meeting, the school board approved a use fee to recover costs when school facilities are used for activities other than those officially authorized as school functions. A charge of \$15 per session will be made for use of the gyms at Washington Grade School and Vernonia High School. The charge will be \$5 per session for use of other school facilities. Charges will be effective September 1, 1981.