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Early Shopping Is Requested

Post Office Issues Bulletin To
Inform Patrons

New Arrangements Made

Christmas Cards May Be Mailed
Early For Timely Delivery,
According to Poster.

Postmaster Emil Messing has recently received instructions regarding the preparation for Christmas mailing, to encourage early shopping and early mailing of all material that will be handled by the post office, in order to give the best possible service to the public.

The poster points out that the public should shop early and mail early. The request is made that all mailing be done at least 10 days before Christmas, according to the distance. This will not only make it certain that they are received on or before Christmas day, but will be a great aid to the postal service and to postal employees and enable them to spend Christmas day with their families.

Patrons sending a quantity of Christmas cards, say 10 or more, should prepare and mail them two or three weeks in advance, as millions are mailed and they can not possibly be handled and delivered if mailed only two or three or four days before Christmas. To avoid this, patrons may mail their cards two or three weeks before Christmas, if delivered to the post office or postal station in person, or tied together in a bundle, labeled to show that they are Christmas cards, and deposited in a street letter or package box. They will then be segregated, stamped with the date on which to be delivered, and delivery effected one or two days before Christmas. Parcels and envelopes may be endorsed. "Please do not open until Christmas."

The usual instructions are again made concerning secure wrapping and packing, special packing of hats, umbrellas, shoes, cut flowers, candies, drawings, sharp pointed instruments and fragile articles. Addresses should be complete and a return address placed on all mail sent. Perishable matter should be especially marked.

No parcel may be more than 84 inches in length and girth combined. In the first second and third zones, 70 pounds is the maximum weight. In all other zones 50 pounds is the limit.

Special delivery and special handling service is encouraged to effect speedy delivery. The local post office has already received most of the mail destined to go to foreign countries for Christmas, according to Mr. Messing, and some influx of Christmas mail to the further parts of the United States has already started.

Good Vinegar Is Made From Low Grade Honey

Honey vinegar is a product that can be made from the poorer grades of Oregon honey that are not suitable for table use. As honey contains 60 per cent sugar the department of horticultural products at the state college recommends diluting it with four times its volume of water and adding enough fermenting cider to start the fermentation and furnish food for the yeast. The honey is put in a barrel or crock and covered with a cloth to allow ventilation and keep out insects.

When the alcohol fermentation has stopped add unpasteurized cider vinegar at the rate of one part of vinegar to five of alcoholic solution. Acetic acid fermentation will proceed rapidly if the liquid is stored in a room at 65-70 degrees F. After the fermentation is completed it can be clarified by allowing it to settle or by filtering.

MARTIN TOBIN

The funeral of Martin Tobin, native of Ireland, and resident of the Nehalem valley for 41 years, was held from the Brown funeral home Tuesday. Rev. G. W. Plumer officiating. The aged man, who was known as a recluse, died in his lonely cabin near Mist on Friday. Interment was in the local cemetery.

"Flying Ape" Newspaper Will Be Out Saturday

"The Flying Ape," the newspaper being issued by Vernonia post, American Legion, will be ready for circulation on Saturday, according to Lee Schwab, editor of the publication. Material for the contents has already been assimilated and is in the hands of the printers.

It will be a six-page newspaper, identical in size to the Eagle, and will be replete with Legion and Auxiliary news, information about the approaching "Flying Ape" carnival, and plentifully supplied with advertisements by local merchants. Photographs of prominent legionnaires will be a feature of the news section. Judson Weed and Mrs. Sarah A. Spencer will also be given space in the publication.

In the interest of boosting the coming carnival, on December 8, 9, and 10, the Legion plans a ballyhoo stunt for Saturday night at the Majestic theatre that it is said will rival in thrills any past performance of this organization. They promise that by that time the "Flying Ape" will be present at the theatre, immediately after the first show, and will pick out the most attractive lady in the house, who will be the recipient of a \$5 prize.

Should Yield Right of Way During Emergencies

One of the most careless, inconsiderate, and dangerous types of motorist is the man or woman who fails to yield immediate and full right-of-way to vehicles of the police and fire departments and to those of the hospital. This point is made by Geo. O. Brandenburg, Secretary of the Oregon State Motor association, who declares, has found that in many communities this type of driver is to be found in increasing number.

"Selfishness on the highway reaches no greater height than in this particular practice," Mr. Brandenburg states. "Always these public vehicles are on errands of mercy to save life and property. The members of the police and fire departments riding on such apparatus are risking their lives willingly in order to save others, and the motorist who fails to stop to allow free passage is contributing enormously and needlessly to this risk."

"If the individual would but ponder the irreparable damage that such heedlessness and selfishness on his part could cause, and often does cause, it is a certainty that the practice would come to a summary end. This is a type of street mishap that only in very few instances can be called 'accidental.' Municipal traffic regulations are very pointed on the right-of-way for police, fire and hospital vehicles. They specify that the private vehicle shall pull to the curb and stop. If the individual car owner does not meet this provision of the regulation, he is responsible for the resultant mishap."

In many of these crashes, the excuse is offered that the curb was crowded with parked cars and that pulling over, consequently, was impossible. This is not the case. One can pull over next to the line of parked cars and stop there with safety for the apparatus of the departments concerned usually uses the middle of the thoroughfare. Literally, under no circumstances is there an excuse for impeding the progress of such a vehicle."

Hard Rains Swell Nehalem.

Because of the severe rain storm Thursday in this vicinity, the Nehalem river was carrying a larger volume of water than has been seen here at any time in the past year, on Friday. The stage and mail truck from Jewell to Clatskanie were delayed for four hours on account of a slide down the river.

Dam Threatened by Log Jam

A log jam in the Vernonia Light & Power company dam caused from the heavy rains, was practically cleared by employees at the power plant at Keasey Friday.

Logs and debris, from all parts of Rock creek, floated as far as the power dam, and then formed a jam, which blasting would not move. After many hours of labor, men with pike poles ventured upon the logs amid rushing water and succeeded in loosening them.

It was stated that if the jam had not been cleared there was danger of the dam being broken.

Douglas county turkey growers estimate their crop to be worth \$500,000.

Many Plan to Attend Chamber of Commerce Road Meeting Monday

Women's Relief Corps Will Serve
Chicken Pie Dinner; Lunch at
12:30 in Grange Hall, Vernonia.

According to responses to invitations sent out by Lester Sheeley, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, to state highway officials, Portland and state Chamber of Commerce officials, and Portland, Astoria and Seaside business men, there will be a large number of guests present at the luncheon planned for Monday, December 5, at 12:30 p.m., in the Grange hall.

This meeting is called to develop enthusiasm for the proposed new short route from Portland to the Clatsop beaches, via Vernonia. A suggested route is the development of most of the shortest roads now existing between Vernonia and Portland by way of Buxton and Banks, and to cut across from the Rock creek road to Jewell, and thence direct to the coast, effecting a saving in distance over the present road from Portland to Seaside of more than 30 miles.

The movement has already gained much favor, especially from business men of Portland, who believe that travel to the coast will be increased perceptibly, and by having two routes, the congestion on the Columbia river highway will be greatly decreased.

Ted Brown and Harry Kuehne Will Wrestle Here Saturday Night

A wrestling match between Ted Brown and Harry Kuehne, both of whom are well known to local followers of this sport, will be staged in the Rose theatre Saturday night at 9 p.m. Ted Brown has announced that in case he wins the match, all his winnings will be turned over to a local organization for charitable or civic use. It is thought Kuehne will be persuaded to do the same in case he wins.

As a preliminary a wrestling and boxing match will be staged between Earle Harper of Vernonia as the wrestler and a fighter from Portland, who it is thought will be Cal Herman. In this kind of a match each man uses his own method, the purpose of it being to show which is the better art of self defense.

"Turkey in the Straw" Party Tomorrow Night

Don't forget, young folks, that this Friday evening is the time for the "Turkey in the Straw" party at the Evangelical social hall. The Endeavors of the Christian church, and Rev. and Mrs. Leavitt are to be the honor guests of the Evangelical society, and a cordial invitation is extended to all the young people of the community to attend. Girls are to wear gingham dresses or aprons, and boys are to wear overalls, or every day clothes. This is because dress up clothes would be out of place with the decorations and entertainment to be used. Entertainment starts at 7:30 p. m. Let's be on time.

Natal School Holds Pie Social

Natal School held a pie social and program in the Grange hall at Natal on November 22 for the purpose of raising money to buy library books. The main feature of the program was a play by the students of the school, "The Birth of Thanksgiving."

After the program about 20 pies were auctioned off by Lee Osborn. More than 50 attended the social.

Camp Fire Girls Entertain

The Tatapachon Camp Fire Girls and their guardian, Miss Hazel Malmsten, were entertained at a dinner Wednesday evening at the home of Phoebe Greenman. Betty Culver and Merle Mills earned an honor toward their firemaker's rank by purchasing, cooking and serving the dinner.

The table was decorated with sweet peas and the dinner was eaten by candle light. Dancing and games furnished the entertainment for the rest of the evening.

Those present were Dorothy Holtham, Frances Lappe, Charlotte Green, Phoebe Greenman, Marjorie Kelly, Isabelle Curry, Fay Webster, Daynise Reese, Merle Mills and Betty Culver.

World War Veterans Must Apply for Bonus Before January 1

Veterans Who Have Postponed
Filing of Application Have But
One Month of Grace Left.

Warning that World war veterans stand to lose all rights to the federal adjusted compensation "bonus" unless they act before January 1, was voiced by Colonel J. P. O'Neil, in announcing the opening of an information centre at the U. S. army recruiting office, 209 Kraemer building, second and Washington streets, Portland, Oregon to aid veterans in filing applications.

More than 500,000 ex-service men throughout the country, with claims aggregating possibly half a billion dollars, have failed to apply, the war department has informed Colonel O'Neil. Another group of 40,000 veterans have neglected to return applications sent them for correction. To date over 3,100,000 applications have been received at Washington.

Local veterans or relatives of deceased soldiers who visit the information centre will be given every assistance in completing their applications and interpreting the regulations governing their cases. Blanks, addressed envelopes, and detailed instructions will be available. Finger printing facilities with an operator in attendance have been installed.

According to Colonel O'Neil, any honorably discharged veteran who served in the army, navy or marine corps for more than 60 days between April 5, 1917, and July 1, 1919, providing he began his service before the armistice, is eligible for the benefits of the adjusted compensation law. To be valid applications must be filed on or before January 1, 1928.

The Veterans bureau, Woodlark building, West Park and Alder streets, Portland, the U. S. army recruiting station, 209 Kraemer building, second and Washington streets, Portland, or any U. S. army recruiting office in the state of Oregon have application blanks and will furnish them on request.

Too Many Idle Words Used in Conversation

Do we stop to think how many
idle words we use?

Mat. 12:36—"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement."

Just listen sometime when someone is talking and take note of the idle, entirely useless, words they use, then think of Mat. 12:36. There are so many things to talk of that will uplift and help us. Things of every day life in which we may exchange ideas.

And the slang. It is a shame the slang or by-words people use. It always hurts me to hear a Christian resort to bywords for expression.

Ephesians 4:29—Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Also let us be careful of the character of others. Sometimes a very few words spoken, really carelessly, will deeply injure and you may never know it.

Be always kind, clean and careful in conversation with everyone and there will be nothing to regret. The tongue is a very unruly thing. The Bible says worse than a wild beast to tame. A good way to help train it is to think over a conversation afterward and see what we said that would have been well left unspoken and the next time be more careful always remembering we are examples for others and accountable for ourselves to one who can not be misled or fooled.

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Friends Give Surprise Party

A surprise party was given in honor of Veldon Parker Friday night, which was his birthday. The thirty guests were occupied with playing games late in the evening, when light refreshments were served.

Among those present were Le Roy Malmsten and Lewis Laramore, who were home from college for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Gold Beach—Discovery of rich gold ore reported on Illinois river.

Vernonia Stage Line Secures Portland Run

H. H. Hixson, manager of the Vernonia Stage Line, is announcing in this week's issue of the Eagle his new stage schedule, which includes through service to Portland, via either Houlton or Forest Grove.

Promptly upon receipt of authorization from the public service commission of Oregon, the new run into Portland was begun Friday of last week, with a depot established in Portland at Park and Burnside streets.

Petitions were circulated in Vernonia several months ago which were signed by local citizens asking for the through service to Portland. Shortly thereafter a hearing was held here by the public service commission in an effort to determine the feasibility of the proposed change.

The schedule is as follows: Via St. Helens, leave Vernonia 7:10 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:50 p.m. connection. Leave Portland at 7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. except Sunday, 4 p.m. Sunday only, 6:10 p.m. connection, 7 p.m. Sunday only.

On the Forest Grove connection, leave Vernonia at 8 a.m., 3 p.m., 5:40 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Leave Portland at 10:15 a.m. except Sunday, 5:15 p.m. except Sunday, 1 p.m. Sunday only.

61.6 Percent Increase Shown in Oakland- Pontiac October Sales

Pontiac, Mich., Nov. 29. Record-breaking October sales of 15,674 Oakland and Pontiac sixes, 61.6 per cent greater than during October of 1926, are reported by W. R. Tracy, vice-president in charge of sales for the Oakland Motor Car company. Mr. Tracy also states that sales totals for the last ten months have made 1927 the company's most successful year.

The October record follows a September sales increase of 37 per cent over the corresponding period of a year ago.

The grand aggregate of Oakland and Pontiac six during the months from January to October, inclusive, is 172,027, against 121,330 during the first ten months of 1926. This increase of 50,697 represents a gain of more than 41 per cent over the sales during the same period of 1926.

"The introduction of the improved Pontiac six at lower prices early this year contributed substantially to the increased total of sales," said Mr. Tracy. "Oakland six sales experienced a brief mid-summer interruption while the factory was being re-arranged for production of the new All-American Six."

"But the immediate public acceptance of the Oakland All-American models since their introduction early in August, together with the sustained demand for the Pontiac six, have increased our business to the point where Oakland-Pontiac retail registrations ranked fourth among all manufacturers in the United States during August and September."

"The factory expansion necessary to keep pace with the continued rise in our sales has been going forward steadily. The completion of the model factory for the Pontiac six has been followed by an additional plant expansion program for the Oakland six. This project, already under construction, involves the expenditure of \$3,000,000 will provide the Oakland six with a gigantic new assembly building and new shipping facilities duplicating those already in operation at the Pontiac six factory."

L. A. Young Married.

The many friends of L. A. Young, superintendent of the Inman - Poulsen Logging company camp at Keasey, were surprised to learn last week of his marriage in Portland. After a short honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. Young came to Keasey Tuesday, where they will make their home.

A noisy and well attended charivari was staged in honor of the newlyweds at the camp Tuesday night. Their many friends in Vernonia join those in Keasey in wishing them an abundance of happiness.

Plan to Build Cabin

The three Camp Fire Girls groups and the younger group known as the Bluebirds of Vernonia, are planning to hold a bazaar in the near future for the purpose of obtaining enough money to build a cabin. The groups are very much interested in this cabin and are busily preparing things for the bazaar.

Enrollment Of Schools Given

Six Grade Schools in County
Have More Than 100

Vernonia in Second Place

More Than 1000 Students Enrolled
in High Schools in Col-
umbia County.

According to the teachers' monthly report filed with the county school superintendent October 28, there were six elementary schools in Columbia county with an enrollment of more than 100 pupils.

St. Helens grade schools lead with 744 pupils enrolled. Vernonia second with 512; Rainier, 330; Clatskanie, 315; Scappoose, 162; Quincy, 113. The other schools have less than 100 pupils.

The smallest school in the county is Sauvies Island which has four pupils. Rock Creek and Deep Creek, near Vernonia, each have five. There are 3700 children enrolled in the county. First grade, 565; second grade, 512; third grade, 435; fourth grade, 436; fifth grade, 459; sixth grade 419; seventh grade, 429; eighth grade, 445.

Of the high schools in the county, Rainier union high leads with an enrollment of 263. St. Helens high school is second with 258. Clatskanie has 162, Vernonia union high 160, Scappoose union high 137, and Birkenfeld union high 29. A total of 1009 students are enrolled in the high schools of the county.

Elementary League Reorganized

During the teachers institute in St. Helens in November the Elementary League reorganized and elected new officers for the new year. Miss Jean Pulliam of St. Helens was elected president; Edwin Condit of Vernonia, vice president; Chester Stonebreaker of Scappoose, secretary-treasurer.

The cabinet met November 19 and the following leaders were appointed for the different branches carried on by the league: Miss Ruby Yutzler of St. Helens, spelling division; Miss Lillian Nelson of Rainier, declamatory; Edwin Condit of Vernonia, track meet; Chester Stonebreaker of Scappoose, rules of the contests.

In the various zones different leaders were also appointed, as follows: Zone 1, Vernonia, O. A. Anderson, principal grade schools; zone 2, Miss Helen Rumbaugh, principal Mist school; zone 3, Lloyd Reed, Clatskanie; zone 4, Thomas McBride, Rainier; zone 5, Wm. Kelly, principal McBride school; zone 6, Otto H. H. Peterson, principal Warren school.

A meeting of all these officers will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 3, at St. Helens to make arrangements for the spelling and declamatory contests.

R. L. Williams Home Burns Monday Morning

The home of R. L. Williams burned to the ground at 4 p.m. Monday, after a fire which had been apparently extinguished at 2 a.m. gained such headway that efforts could only be extended in saving nearby buildings from destruction.

The first fire was said to have been caused by sparks falling in the dog box behind the stove, and was quickly put out by neighbors and firemen. Mr. Williams came home from work at the mill at 2:30 a.m. and watched the house for what he thought was a reasonable time for further outbreak of fire, and then went to bed. At 4 a.m. the roof was a mass of flames, and only a small amount of contents were saved. Insurance was carried.

Thanksgiving Day Observed

The Church of Christ held morning services and supper at 6 p.m. Thursday, Thanksgiving day. The supper was attended by a large crowd who enjoyed the repast furnished by the families bringing well filled baskets and the idea of eating together at the church.

After the supper the regular Bible study was conducted by Rev. Teddy Leavitt, after which the choir practiced several numbers.