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7-Week Driving School to Be Started Wednesday

Classes Open to Adults

E. L. VanBlaricom to Act as Instructor; Must Furnish Own Cars

A seven-week course in learning to drive an automobile will be offered students of the Vernonia high school beginning Wednesday, November 8, it was announced Monday by Earl Snell, secretary of state, who is sponsoring the course.

E. L. VanBlaricom, a representative of Snell's office, will act as instructor for the classes of which one has been completely filled and others are to be arranged if demand is sufficient to that end.

Wallace McCrae, high school principal, announced also that the classes are not open to students but that adults may attend if they so desire. If there is sufficient call, an attempt will be made to arrange for a class for adults alone and it is possible that a class may be held in which discussion will revolve around general safety as well as driving. Those interested are urged to contact Mr. McCrae at the high school.

The first class will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock with ensuing classes at the same time each week for the remaining six weeks of the school. Those interested may register at the Vernonia high school. Persons 15 years of age or older are eligible to enroll, no driver's license being required. Students will furnish their own cars but only licensed operators will be permitted to drive the cars to and from school.

Trained instructors are provided by the secretary of state's office and at the first class session a brief outline of the program will be given. Subsequent classes will feature actual driver instruction with the student at the wheel of his car. The course includes instruction in the proper method of starting the motor, using the clutch, moving the car forward and backward, turning, parallel parking, stopping and starting on hills and general care of the car.

In order to obtain full value from the instruction, students are urged to practice between class sessions, practicing what they learned at the last session. Only in this way can they hope to master the principles of good driving, Snell declares. The schools are based on the theory that properly trained drivers are better and therefore safer drivers than those who learn by the casual-hit-or-miss system, the secretary explained. During the past two years Snell's office has sponsored 118 such schools in 62 communities in Oregon with an enrollment of approximately 4,500 persons.

Exhibition Game To Be Arranged

Due to a bye in the schedule of the Vernonia Loggers an exhibition football game has been arranged for Friday afternoon of this week between the Freshmen and Sophomores and the Juniors and Seniors of the high school. One team will be drawn from the two lower classes and the other from the two higher groups. The game is to begin at 3 p. m. and no charge will be made for spectators.

Weekend Here—

Elbert Brock recently spent a weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brock. Elbert is teaching at Post about 16 miles from Prineville.

COUNTY BUDGET DRAWN MINUS HEALTH UNIT

A report this week made known that the Columbia county budget committee had completed the budget with almost a mill cut in the tax levy for 1940. The county public health unit item was not included in the proposal which will come to public hearing at the court house in St. Helens on November 25. Total budget, less estimated receipts, etc., is \$225,004.22.

Fire Fighting By Airplane Possibility

Special Parachutes Used in Experiment; Can Save Many Hours Travel

The possibility of lowering fire fighters from airplanes in the many inaccessible areas on the national forests are being explored by the U. S. forest service, according to regional forester Lyle F. Watts. Few sites for landing fields exist in the more mountainous parts, but often meadows or open hillsides can be found where fire fighters can, perhaps, be safely landed. If this should prove to be practical, many hours of travel time can be saved and more fires stopped while they are small.

The experiment is carried out by professional parachute jumpers. The parachutes are especially designed, with flaps for steering so that the jumper can direct his course to a spot suitable for landing. A part of the equipment is a long, light rope, with which to get down if the parachute lodges in a tree. Protection suits of strong canvas, with helmets and gloves attached and metal reinforcements, have been designed.

If the professionals demonstrate that this method of transportation can be used to advantage, selected fire fighters will be trained to land from planes. The purpose is to overlook no possibility of improving fire control practice and to take advantage of any development that has possibilities of success.

Pomona Grange Meet Scheduled—

An announcement issued this week by Mrs. Pearl Becker, Secretary of the Pomona Grange, makes known a meeting scheduled here for Saturday, November 4, for the Pomona regular session. The meet will start at 10:30 a. m.

Education Week to Get Mention

Program Slated at Washington Grade School Auditorium Tuesday

A program commemorating American Education Week is slated for the Washington grade school auditorium Tuesday, November 7, at 2:30 it was announced this week by school officials. The week set aside for that purpose by educators extends from November 5 to 11.

The program will be opened by Boy Scouts leading in the flag salute and the playing of assembly taps. Following that musical selections will be heard from the grade school quartette and the high school sextette. Response will be given by a representative of the American Legion and the address of the afternoon by O. F. Steele of Pendleton.

American Education Week was started in 1920 by the National Education Association and the American Legion with the idea of furthering the education of youth in America.

Winner of Contest Named Tuesday

Mrs. Jessie Highland Is Named by Armitage Drug Company

Mrs. Jessie Highland of Treharne was named as winner of the contest, just ended, which was staged by the Armitage Drug company. Mrs. Highland's estimate of the number of beans contained in a jar was the nearest to the actual count, it was stated.

A count of the number of beans revealed the number to be 14,766. The count was made Monday evening by Mr. Armitage, Mrs. Aimee Turner and E. E. Garner with C. F. Hieber and Dr. R. D. Eby as observers to check the count.

Squeeze Inn Painted White—

The Squeeze Inn, restaurant, received a coat of white paint both inside and out the first of this week. The work was performed by Jim Jones and was completed Monday.

Condit Gets Nomination As Trustee

Election for Members of Board of Teachers' Association to Be Held Soon

At the county institute held at St. Helens September 28, Edwin H. Condit, Superintendent of the Vernonia grade schools, was nominated as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Oregon State Teachers' Association, representing District No. 3.

The election will be held this fall when delegates representing each county meet in their annual Oregon State Teachers' Association gathering.

Mr. Condit has for a number of years been an active worker in the association and, quoting Superintendent of Schools William Schnebly, "knows the values and needs of our teachers' association" and besides said Mr. Schnebly, "has had the experience of a class room teacher, supervising principal and administrator."

Superintendent Condit, though his years of work in the field of education, has become well known and will, according to other county educators, receive full support from this section for his candidacy as trustee.

Legion Turkey Shoot Due November 12

Harry Culbertson Named To Arrange Details of Event for Marksmen

A turkey shoot to be staged by the American Legion Post is scheduled here for Saturday, November 12, it was announced this week. The shoot will be held at the Andy Parker farm just below the Mile Bridge in Riverview.

The committee in charge of details for the event will be headed by Harry Culbertson who will be assisted by J. W. Nichols and Guy Tiffney. The appointment was made by Harry Kerns, post commander, at a recent meeting.

Marksmen will be offered the opportunity to try their skill at both trap and rifle shooting for turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese. Birds will be those procured locally.

Legion Wood Shed Completed—

The work of constructing a wood shed at the Legion hall was completed a few days ago by members of the Legion. The shed was started some time ago. The new building will provide dry storage space for wood to be used in the hall during the winter, it was stated.

County Farmers Carry on AAA Program by Naming 25 Men

Burner To Perform Here Tue.

M. King Farm Chosen for Demonstration, Stated by County Agent

A demonstration of the ability of the forced draft stump burner to destroy stumps remaining on logged-off land is to be demonstrated here Tuesday of next week, it was stated this week by George A. Nelson, county agent. Attempts have been made for some weeks to obtain a suitable scene for the performance but the decision of location was made only this week.

The machine will be in charge of Everett Davis of the Oregon State College Extension Service who will be here at that time to operate the equipment.

In the county agent's announcement it was urged that every farmer interested in the demonstration be present on that day to ascertain the value to be gained from such a machine and the ease-of-clearing possibility it offers.

Wood Supply For Boilers Said Low

Remainder Sufficient to Last for About One Week Stated Tuesday

A statement made known this week that the available fuel supply for firing boilers at the Oregon American mill is sufficient to last for only a few more days in providing power for electricity generators. The Oregon Gas and Electric company, utility company providing electricity for this region, purchases a portion of its electrical energy from the mill power plant.

The wood being used at the present time is that purchased by the Oregon Gas and Electric from J. E. Tapp. At the same time slab wood produced at the Bennett sawmill is being used it was stated.

New Show Case Lights Installed—

New fluorescent lights were installed Monday in the show case of the Vernonia Bakery, now under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Boss. The work was done by the Gorman Electric company.

Elected Delegates to Meet November 8 at St. Helens to Make Further Choice

Columbia county farmers taking part in the agricultural conservation program laid the foundation for carrying on their 1940 program by electing 25 community committeemen and alternates at their annual AAA election meetings held throughout the county on Friday, October 27.

Elected delegates from each community will meet November 8 in St. Helens for a county convention at which they will elect a county committee of three members who will be in direct charge of administering the AAA program in this county during 1940.

Following is the list of newly-elected community committeemen who will serve next year:

Clatskanie community: Clark Matthieu, chairman; William Armstrong, vice chairman and W. F. Sheets. Alternates: W. A. Barr and J. S. Smith.

Nehalem Valley community: A. L. Parker, chairman; R. S. Lindsay, vice chairman and Joe Banzer. Alternates: R. Peterson and Pete Banzer.

Rainier community: C. L. Wilburn, chairman; L. L. Giese, vice chairman and M. E. Whitbeck. Alternates: Olof Soderstrom and Pete Mauris.

Scappoose community: Charles Skuzie, vice chairman and Ralph Langdon. Alternates: J. G. Watts and W. D. Price.

Yankton-Goble community: O. E. Larson, chairman; R. Anlicker, vice chairman and Jesse Steward. Alternates: Ray Tarbell and Alno Davis.

Columbia Gets Six Place Rank Mention

20 Counties Report No Traffic Fatalities During September

Columbia stood in sixth place in its division of the counties traffic safety contest for the month of September it was announced this week by Earl Snell, secretary of state, sponsor of the event.

The standings of the various counties in the three divisions were as follows:

Group 1—Benton, first; Marion second; Yamhill, third; the city of Portland fourth; Multnomah, exclusive of Portland, Clatsop and Clackamas, tied for fifth; Columbia and Polk, sixth; Washington seventh.

Group 2—Jackson and Tillamook, tied for first; Coos, second; Hood River third; Lincoln fourth; Lane fifth.

Group 3—Wasco first; Union second; Baker third; Deschutes fourth; Douglas, Josephine and Klamath tied for fifth. Umitilla was not given a rating due to incomplete reports sent to the secretary of state.

Counties are grouped according to population density and the rankings are based on the percentage of improvement made in number of accidents, injuries and deaths for the current month as compared to the same month of 1938.

Twenty Oregon counties reported no traffic fatalities during the month of September. They were: Benton, Columbia, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Lake, Lincoln, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Walla, Washington, Wheeler, and Yamhill.

Reply Made Wednesday to Closure Possibility

The six-weeks old strike of the Oregon American Lumber Corporation at Vernonia brought a threat of closure of Columbia river logging camps by the Columbia Basin Loggers Association in a verbal statement to the Columbia River District Council of the International Woodworkers of America (C.I.O.), by the employers association through Mr. C. M. Rynerson, State Industrial Commissioner, it was announced this afternoon by the officers of the IWA Local No. 37, Vernonia and the Columbia River District Council.

The labor officials' statement said, "Mr. Rynerson called upon the Portland headquarters of the Columbia River District Council and informed us of his concern from the unemployment compensa-

tion angle of advice given him by the Columbia Basin Loggers Association that they are going to block out the Columbia river logging camps in protest to the strike called at the Oregon American mill. It will be recalled that the employers association did close up the river operation in both 1936 and 1937. Our reply to the association's threat is this: Governor Sprague has offered a proposal for settlement of the strike at the Oregon American plant. The strikers have accepted that proposal by a vote of 299 in favor and 1 opposed. They stand ready to return to work immediately under the conditions proposed by the Governor.

The Governor's proposed settlement of the strike reads:

(Memorandum of verbal agreement reached in the office of Governor Charles A. Sprague on the afternoon of October 19, 1939 between the committee representing Local No. 37 I.W.A. and the committee representing Local 2557 A. F. of L.).

IT IS AGREED that for the purpose of administering and policing the agreement between Local No. 37 and the Oregon American Lumber plant, Local No. 2557 agrees to contribute the sum of fifty cents per member per month to Local No. 37 during the life of the agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that a committee consisting of two members from Local 2557 and two from Local 37 shall audit the mem-

bership rolls monthly to ascertain the amounts due.

It is understood that these payments shall begin with the month of November, 1939.

Committee representing Local 37: Lyman Wax, John Gritdahl, Weaver Clark, Lee Schwab and E. M. Burton.

Committee representing Local 2557: F. J. Tousley, George Drorbaugh, M. Grunden and Lowell C. Powers.

The above agreement was to become effective upon ratification by the above two local unions.

P. W. Chappell, Commissioner of Conciliation

The district and Local officials were in conference yesterday afternoon to discuss the situation.