

O-A WHISTLE IS SIGNAL

Vernonia Eagle

Use to Be
Made in Case
Of Emergency

Residents Urged to Familiarize Selves with "Alert"

A plan for notifying residents of Vernonia and the nearby community of threatened air raids has been worked out between local air raid defense authorities and the management of the Oregon-American mill. The plan recognizes the limitations of broadcasting a warning to the entire community through the use of the local fire siren and contemplates the use of the mill whistle for this purpose.

Vernonia residents are not to confuse the mill whistle "alert" with the blackout blast of the city siren. That siren tells only the time of the scheduled blackout.

Pending the installation of direct telephone facilities between the Vernonia exchange and the Oregon-American Power House, the mill company will maintain a continuous around-the-clock watch service at its plant telephone, Vernonia 522, where at all times a man will be available for receiving messages telling of possible air raids. This man will be instructed to immediately notify power house attendants to sound an alarm, or "alert" or the big mill whistle and later to give the "all-clear" signal on the same whistle.

The details of these signals will be found in another place on this page. Local air raid officials stress the importance of having all residents of the community familiarize themselves with these whistle signals so they will not be confused with fire alarm signals sounded on the same whistle.

The air raid authorities also call to the especial attention of residents of Vernonia and the surrounding territory the fact that alarm or "alert" signals may be sounded at times when the community is not blacked-out and that immediate blacking-out should follow the sounding of the alarm.

Red Cross Final Report Made

A final report on the results of the Red Cross Roll Call drive made locally was given Tuesday by Mrs. A. J. Hughes, local chairman, after funds and reports had been turned over to Miss Nettie Alley, county Red Cross nurse. The count at the close of the drive was \$325 which was exclusive of the collection made by the Local 5-37, I. W. A. The union's drive would include Camp McGregor and Wilark. In previous years these places were solicited by Study Club members, subscriptions from there being included in the club's total.

This year showed a marked increase in the membership drive as compared with the past. This is due to the fact, it is thought, that more people are able to give than were previously able. Also the success of the drive may be attributed to the eminence of war during the past few weeks.

Meeting Time, Place Set

Dr. U. J. Bittner, president of the Vernonia chamber of commerce, Tuesday announced the date of the December meeting of that organization. Members will gather for lunch at 12 o'clock Tuesday noon, December 16, at the Terminal Cafe.

2 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT

WHAT ABOUT A PIPE FOR PA?



Buy Christmas Seals

Council Urges Care in Tree Cutting Practice

"Save Oregon Scenery" by Avoiding Waste in Selection of Trees

Information received this week from the Oregon Roadside Council announces a campaign designed to educate citizens about the cutting of Christmas trees. Thornton T. Munger of the U. S. Forest Service, states that there will be plenty of Christmas trees in Oregon to supply the whole of the United States for all time and that no boy or girl should be deprived of the joy of having a tree.

However, care must be used in avoiding waste in cutting Christmas trees. The roadside council has set forth rules to follow both for those who cut their own trees and for those who purchase from a dealer.

Rules Set Forth

1. When you cut your own tree: Get permission from the landowner first.
 2. Select one out of sight of the roadside.
 3. Decide on the tree of your choice before doing any cutting in order to prevent waste.
 4. Don't cut a little tree from the top of a big one.
 5. Help reforestation by doing your cutting where there are other young trees nearby to fill the gap made by the removal of your tree.
- When you buy from a dealer ask whether or not the above rules of good citizenship and conservation have been followed.

Burglary Attempt Made Here Fri.

Official records revealed the circumstances of a burglary attempt in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Floaten on Third Street last Thursday night between 11:20 and 11:40. The home was entered by Millard Sarver who was accosted by Mr. Floaten. Sarver was arrested by State Police and Vernonia officers at his home on First Avenue after fleeing from the Floaten residence. Both Sarver and Floaten suffered cuts in a scuffle between the two. Sarver is being held at the county jail pending further action. According to a report from State Patrolman R. W. Wheeler, Sarver is already a two-time loser.

Instructions for Blackout

In order to effect a complete and effective blackout the following information is given:

The signal for a blackout is one long blast from the city fire siren. When this signal is given all lights should be turned off immediately. If you are in a car put out your lights, pull to the side of the street and remain there until your eyes become adjusted to the darkness then continue at a slow rate of speed to your destination. If you are home and need lights be sure that all windows are covered so that no ray of light escapes. Do not use the telephone unless absolutely necessary as there will be much important information which must be delivered. When signal is given all children should be in their homes and remain there until the all clear is given. All persons are requested to remain in their homes unless absolutely necessary to leave. Any further information requested will be given at the city hall.

The blackout now being staged are not practice but have been ordered by the Oregon State Defense Council.

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Attention Legionnaires

In response to a telegram from Joseph K. Carson all Legionnaires are requested to immediately contact in person or by phone the Civilian Defense Coordinator (J. W. Nichols, local coordinator) and volunteer services in any capacity required.

Remember our obligation "For God and Country" and make this 100 per cent.

Harry Culbertson
Commander Legion Post 119
Vernonia, Oregon

Saturday Dance Not Intended

Information from the chairman of the Christmas activities group, Harry Culbertson, Tuesday made known that no dance would be held at the Legion hall Saturday evening, December 13th, as originally planned and announced previously.

It was found that an orchestra suitable for the dance could not be obtained without much difficulty and in addition that it would very likely be impossible to hold the affair due to the present emergency requiring a blackout during night hours.

The community Christmas program will be financed with the funds now on hand, about \$150, it was stated.

Football Boys To Hear Truitt

The football banquet, honoring the Vernonia Loggers, Columbia County Champions, will be held on December 19, Friday night at 6:30 in the social hall of the Masonic Temple where the Nehalem club, social unit of the Eastern Stars will serve the banquet, according to an announcement made Wednesday evening.

Rollie Truitt, sports announcer, has been obtained as speaker for the evening. His activities as outstanding broadcaster of sports events have made Truitt well known throughout the state.

CCC Camp Abandoned

TIMBER—The CCC camp near Westlimer, Camp Reehers, was abandoned last Thursday in keeping with the practice of decreasing the number of men in those camps. Some 60 boys were transferred to Camp Arboretum.

City Residents Urged to Adhere To Blackout

Homes Should Be Prepared for Thorough Concealment of Light

Residents of the City of Vernonia might as well be prepared to adhere to the regulations of the nightly blackouts which have been held here this week and will continue indefinitely, it was stated by City Marshal A. D. Lolley Wednesday. In order to comply with the regulations it will be necessary to make provisions for preventing any rays of light from escaping homes during a blackout. Escaping rays are those that can be seen from the outside of the house.

Shades Not Adequate

Practically all window shades in homes reveal a light inside when the light is on thereby making necessary some sort of light-proof covering. The blackout must be 100 per cent and continuous. That is, during the blackout time it is not permissible to turn on a light that may be seen outside even for a moment.

It is also necessary that workmen driving to work do so without using car lights and that no lights be turned on in the home while preparing to leave for work should the departure be made before complete daylight.

The experience here of civil reserve policemen since the blackouts have been held is that lights in many homes are turned on when it is time for workmen to arise and make preparations for going to work. This time happens to be the most dangerous hours when an air raid may be made and therefore the rules must be strictly observed.

Delegates Leave for AAA Conference

Reporting on another outstanding year for the Columbia county Agricultural Conservation association, members of the county AAA committee are leaving this week-end for Corvallis, where they will attend the annual state AAA conference December 12-17 at Oregon State College.

Representing the county association at the conference will be: W. C. Johnson, chairman of the county committee; J. G. Watts and O. E. Larson, members of the county committee; George A. Nelson, secretary and Price Schroeder, assistant secretary.

Problems and achievements of the 1941 AAA program in this county will be reported on by the local delegation, as well as the suggested application of next year's program and recommendations for 1942.

An outstanding achievement in Columbia county was its purchase of 730 tons of lime by farmers through the AAA. This is an increase of 400 tons over last year's purchase.

Services Held For Carl Engen

Injuries received last May in a logging accident were responsible for the death last Wednesday of Carl Engen, 34, of Banks. Funeral services were held Saturday. He is survived by his widow; two daughters, Betty and Thelma; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Engen of Banks; three brothers, Hobart of Seattle, Norman of Myrtle Point and Lee of Vernonia; and one sister, Mrs. Lois Sheeley of Banks.

Air Raid Alert, All-Clear Signals on O-A Whistle

ALERT—One continuous blast lasting for three (3) minutes.

ALL-CLEAR—Two closely-spaced blasts repeated intermittently for three (3) minutes.

THESE SIGNALS SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH STARTING AND STOPPING WHISTLES AT THE MILL, OR WITH FIRE-ALARM SIGNALS, DIFFERENTLY SPACED, BUT SOUNDED ON THE SAME WHISTLE.

H. H. Norris Dies Wednesday

Harrison H. Norris died Wednesday, December 10, at 12:30, following a prolonged illness. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Bush Funeral Home at 1:30, Friday, December 12. Burial services will be conducted at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery. Reverend W. O. Livingstone will officiate.

The deceased came to Vernonia 14 years ago this past October from Sunrall, Mississippi, where he was born February 2, 1873. Until his illness caused his discontinuing activity, he was employed by the Oregon-American Lumber corporation. Surviving are: one daughter, Irene Lee, of Longview; two sons, Claude of Vernonia and Ray of Longview; two brothers, Richmond and Dennis, both of Seminary, Mississippi; and 13 grandchildren.

Vernonia Shooters Win Match Fri.

The Vernonia Gun club was again victorious last Friday evening when it met the Portland Rifle club there and won by a score of 876 to 867. That match, shot in the sitting and standing positions, was the fourth in this season's schedule for Vernonia and was the fourth win.

High point men for Vernonia were: J. W. Nichols, 177; R. Zimmerdahl, 177; H. Kellmer, 177; A. Ray, 176; and R. Brown, 169. Vernonia will shoot again Friday evening of this week, if the present emergency permits, with the Ward's rifle team on that range near Beaverton.

Reserve Blanks Still Available

Blank forms for those who wish to sign for duty in the Oregon Civil Reserves are still available in Vernonia for those people who have not already signed up, it was stated Tuesday by J. W. Nichols, local defense coordinator.

The blanks are available at the city hall, bank building, The Eagle office, Oregon Gas and Electric office and with these individuals: J. C. Lincoln, A. L. Kullander, Harry Culbertson, and Earl Atkins at Wilark.

Those who have not already signed are urged to do so immediately.

Hieber Gets Office

Glen Hieber, deputy district attorney of Washington county was named congressional district vice-chairman of the first district at an election of officers at the Young Republican Federation of Oregon convention at Eugene last Saturday.

First Steelhead Caught

A report last Friday tells of the first steelhead of the season being caught at Keasey. The fortunate fisherman was Adolph Nelson. The fish weighed about five pounds and was taken Friday.

Put Machinery In Shape, Urged

Every usable farm machine must be put in shape or kept in top condition if agriculture is to do its part in the 1942 Farm Defense Program, W. C. Johnson, chairman of the County USDA Defense Board warned this week. The 1942 farm defense goals call for the highest total production of farm crops, milk, eggs, and meat products on record.

With the manufacture of new machinery and equipment in 1942 sharply curtailed because of defense demands on supplies of steel, copper and other metals, farmers will have to depend more upon existing machinery, Johnson explained. In addition to the scarcity of new equipment, farmers may find the available farm labor limited in 1942.

Pointing out that the machinery now on farms was used this year to produce one of the largest crops on record, Johnson said that the bulk of this same machinery can be gotten in shape to make the 1942 crops.

In order to do this farmers should check all farm machinery and order any needed parts immediately, he said. Early orders offer the best assurance that farmers will obtain parts. Enough steel and other metals will be available to manufacturers to meet the indicated needs for replacement parts.

Blacksmith and repair shops have recently been given a defense rating of A-10, the county chairman announced. This will enable them to obtain materials needed for farm equipment repairs.

Marshal Completes School Course

A. D. Lolley, Vernonia city marshal, was among the 59 law enforcement officials of cities in Oregon who completed their studies in the FBI police school held on the University of Oregon campus November 24-29, inclusive.

The school was under the direction of J. D. Swenson, FBI agent in charge of the Portland office and was sponsored by the FBI and Oregon association city police officers in cooperation with the League of Oregon cities and the University of Oregon. The men were awarded diplomas for successfully completing all requirements including practical examinations.

Tickets for Game Limited, Said

According to Principal McCrae, tickets for the all county basketball jamboree will not be sold at the door at the Scappoose court on Friday night, December 13. Twenty tickets have been allotted for Vernonia fans, it was stated, and some of them have already been sold. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets will see Mr. McCrae at the high school.

A. D. Lolley
CITY MARSHAL