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## A Gas Books To Be Renewed Through Mail

### Applications to Be Obtained and Mailed; New Books Returned

Plans by which car owners and motorcyclists may renew their present basic gasoline rations (A and D coupon books) by mail have been announced by the office of price administration.

Under the streamlined procedure which eliminates another registration at school or ration board sites, a motorist will:

1. Pick up a simple application form any time beginning about June 22 at a service station or other conveniently located place designated by his local ration board.

2. Fill out the form and mail it to his war price and rationing board together with (a) the signed back cover of his present A book, and (b), his current tire inspection record showing that proper inspections have been made.

### Tire Inspection Needed

Boards will begin processing these applications as soon as they start coming in, so that all new A books should be mailed out and in the hands of motorists before July 21. However, to be sure of getting a new A book by the time the old one expires, motorists should act promptly in filing their applications, OPA warned.

Motorcycle owners will follow the same procedure as motorists. Attached to the application form will be a tire inspection record which the ration board will tear off and mail back to the applicant with the new A or D book. As previously, applicants will be required to write in their tire serial numbers. These numbers may be copied from the old tire record, unless corrections are necessary to take into account the acquisition of new tires, or of errors in the old record.

Any motorist who has not had at least one tire inspection by a qualified inspector will be denied a renewal.

## New State Forest Created in Clatsop

The acreage of state forests in Clatsop county will be materially increased in the near future through a donation of land to the state by the county and by an exchange of state-owned stumpage for privately owned forest lands. The area which is to be acquired from the county comprises some 6,000 acres of second growth located south of the Nehalem river between Jewell and Birkenfeld.

The transfer has already been approved by the Clatsop county court and the final papers are in the course of preparation at the present time. At the request of the county officials the forest will be named the Nehalem Pioneer forest as a tribute to the early pioneers who settled that part of the country.

### Timber in Demand

In this transfer the county will reserve some scattered old-growth Douglas fir trees in the area. This type of timber is very much in demand at the present time and the county is anxious that it be sold but asks that the state administer all details of the timber sale. A percentage of the gross income will be turned over to the state to defray the costs of administration.

The lands involved in the exchange of state stumpage for land are owned by Jens Lerbeck and Dave Waterhouse, Seaside logging operators. The lands are located within and immediately adjacent to the Hamlet State forest and will become a part of that unit. All have been logged but an excellent stand of second growth is coming in on most of it.

## IWA Schedules Open Meeting

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, I.W.A. Local 5-37 will hold an open meeting to which the public is welcome and which will feature Captain Harry D. Williams. Accompanying him will be two boys returned from the fighting front, who will speak on the war and their personal experiences in it. They will answer all questions possible.

In addition to the speakers, moving pictures of the different uses of lumber in the war effort will be shown.

## Joseph Smejkal Killed in Woods

An accident at the Oregon-American lumber camp Wednesday, May 19, at about 11:45 a.m., took the life of Joseph Smejkal, who made his home on a farm on Tophill (between here and Buxton). Funeral services were held at the Bush funeral home Sunday, May 23 with Father Frederick Thiele officiating. Interment was at the Buxton cemetery.

Mr. Smejkal was standing by while a tree was being felled and got out of the way of this log. The falling tree, however, struck a log which rolled over his body, crushing and killing him instantly. Joseph Smejkal was born May 30, 1898 in Austria, and has lived in the United States for 35 years; he spent 17 years in this community, where he was employed as a logger. Survivors are his wife, Oolah, his mother, Thresa, of Buxton, two sisters, and six brothers. Mrs. Charles Schmidlin and Mrs. Frank Schmidlin of Vernonia are the sisters. The brothers are Antone of Timber, Ernest of Jewell, William of Tillamook, Edwin of Vernonia, Frank of Camp Beale, California, and Rudolph of Camp Swift, Texas.

### First Aiders Wanted

Anyone desiring to take a standard first aid course is needed as a member and may yet enroll in the class which started last week. This group meets every Friday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Legion hall with Harry Culbertson as instructor.



## Those Who Are in It



Lyman G. Hawken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Hawken, arrived last week at Farragut, Idaho, the second largest U. S. naval training station, and has begun recruit training. While he is in training there, he will learn military discipline, the fundamentals of seamanship, and undergo rigorous physical hardening. Upon graduation he will either be sent to a navy service school, many of which are located at Farragut, for additional training in a specialized field or ordered to join the combat forces of the U. S. fleet in action against the axis.

Pvt. Lawrence P. Wikstrom has been transferred from Boise Barracks, Idaho to the Pittsburg replacement depot in Pittsburg, California.

Alma Jean Norman of Portland, who attended school here with the class of '43 has enlisted in the WAVES, it was learned recently. Miss Norman graduated from Parkrose high school and has been employed as a saleswoman in the Meier and Frank candy department. She is the daughter of Harry E. Norman, but has been making her home with an aunt, Miss Lillian R. Smith in Portland.

Auxiliary f.e. Zonweiss Douglas has completed her basic training at the First WAAF training cen-

## Next Grade School Budget Is Increased

### Annual Meeting of Dist. No. 47, Jr., to Be Monday, June 21

At the annual school meeting of school district No. 47 Jr., scheduled for Monday, June 21, legal voters of that district will have before them a budget which proposes to raise a tax which exceeds the 6 per cent limitation, set forth in the state constitution, by \$39,633.81. The limitation last year was exceeded by \$36,435.82. Although estimated receipts are more this year—\$17,654, as compared to \$16,650 last year—estimated expenditures are higher to a greater extent—\$61,547, as compared to the \$57,113.92 figure for the 1942-43 budget.

### Salaries Raised

\$120 yearly raise for each of the 23 teachers which totals \$2760 is the principal reason for the increased budget. Two extra teachers' salaries and the salary of a teacher of the subjects Paul Gordon taught last year are also included in the budget. Mr. Gordon will be superintendent of the Washington and Lincoln schools for the coming year.

Other reasons for an increased budget are added operation costs—last year \$6466 was allowed, while this budget's estimate is \$7767—and the taking out of more insurance.

### Receipts Estimated

The budget allows a \$3000 emergency fund; interest on bonds was estimated at \$500 last year, but \$200 is the figure this year. Estimated receipts from delinquent taxes and elementary tuition remain the same as last year; the former, \$2000, and the latter, \$500. Estimated receipts from the county school fund decrease from \$9500 to \$9000, from the elementary school fund increase from \$3700 to \$5000, and from the state irraducible school fund increase from \$950 to \$1154.

As Columbia county this year will get \$27,664 from the elementary school fund, and under the bill passed at the 1943 Oregon legislature will get \$46,299, the school district here should get more from that fund in 1944-45.

ter at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa and has started 8 weeks' training in the administrative school at Commerce, Texas. She will receive additional training in a specialized field preparatory to taking over an important behind-the-lines army job, releasing a soldier for combat duty. The school at Commerce, Texas is the state teacher's college.

An Auckland, New Zealand newspaper sent by S 1/c Bob Tindall to his mother, Mrs. O. S. Poynter, is one example of how different the American boys find things in foreign countries. The six pages sent were presumably the second section, as the front page contained nothing but advertisements and notices. It contained no large ads, and few ads of any size—one of these was for the WAAF, the Women's Auxiliary Air force. Movie ads are very small; many of the movies showing are current in the United States and they are either "recommended for universal exhibition," or "recommended by censor for adults."

Each page is crammed to the maximum, due to the newsprint shortage, and each page contains very little variety. In short, the New Zealand Herald is very much unlike the metropolitan American newspaper.

## Memorial Observance Due

### Relief Corps Plans Services, No Parade

Memorial day will be observed this Sunday, May 30 by the Women's Relief corps, not by the usual parade in which various local organizations take part, but by the customary services for the war dead. The corps will start their observance by attending in a body services at the Christian church. They will then go immediately to the Rock creek bridge for memorial services for sailors who died at sea.

Following this ritual, the group will go in cars to the old Vernonia cemetery, where graveside services will be held and D.A.R. graves decorated. All patriotic groups in the town, including the American Legion and Auxiliary and the Vernonia Service club, and as many children as can have been invited to take part.

### Cemetery Beautiful

Individuals will visit and decorate the graves of their lost ones on Sunday or Memorial Monday. Those who visit the Vernonia Memorial cemetery will find it especially beautiful. The green is in an excellent condition this spring, and the shrubbery is becoming more attractive. With the caretaker, Ed Sessman, working constantly the site is kept trim, even to the hillside above the cemetery which is dotted with small trees. A new flag will fly over the grounds on Memorial day to replace the one which has faced the tattering winds for a year.

Forty-nine graves are now in this cemetery and several of them are marked with stones. All in all, the flowers which are placed on these graves and the distant hills and verdant trees which surround it should make the Vernonia Memorial cemetery a scene of serenity and beauty on Monday, and perhaps Sunday evening.

## Booklet Contains Accident Facts

Several facts concerning Vernonia and Columbia county are contained in a booklet, "Oregon Traffic Accident Facts, 1943," recently released from the office of Robert S. Farrell, Jr., secretary of state.

In the 1942 Oregon cities traffic safety contest, Vernonia ranked 19th out of 25 cities in division IV (population of 1000 to 2000). Cities were graded on improvement or lack of improvement in accident record for the contest year, compared to the city's own previous three-year average accident experience. Thus, each city competes against its own record, and the cities making the best showing are ranked highest.

In the 1942 Oregon counties safety contest, Columbia ranked 8th among counties with a 10,000-25,000 population. Her death rate was .47 per 10,000 population, and there were 349 accidents, 157 injuries, three fatalities.

The estimated motor vehicle registration was 6884, a figure less than that of 1941, but more than that of 1940.

Arthur Tousley is in the navy now—he was one of those Oregon boys sworn into the naval reserve Monday in Portland. Arthur's mother, Mrs. Leatha Tousley, looked on.

He plans to work in the forest service in this vicinity until he is called, either July 1 or November 1, for navy officer training at some college or university. He's anxious to go and prefers Stanford university. More "Those Who Are," page 6

## Stores Plan to Close on Mon.

Local stores have indicated that they will remain closed on Monday, May 31, as the fact that Memorial day falls on Sunday makes it a legal holiday. The post office, however, will be open.

The operation schedule for Monday of the Oregon-American mill and camp is undecided, Judd Greenman said Wednesday. For Clark and Wilson, Monday is definitely "not a holiday," was the word from camp.

Due to the Monday closing, the Vernonia Eagle will be published a day late, and will be out Friday.

## Judd Greenman on State Committee

Reaching into nearly every Oregon county and into many walks of life, Governor Snell this week has selected 75 state leaders to serve on the general state-wide Keep Oregon Green committee and three working policy forming committees. The main idea is to enlist the support of every man and woman in Oregon to help prevent careless, man-caused fires in Oregon's valuable forest lands. Selected from this county as a member of the general committee is Judd Greenman.

"This year we must keep smoke from our skies," the governor stated as he picked the men and women on whose shoulders will fall the responsibility of reducing man-caused forest fires to the zero point. "Smoke from forest fires would make an ideal smoke screen to cover enemy attack on our state and would likewise keep our eyes off the airforce from reconnaissance."

### Radio Leaders Picked

An innovation this year is the selection by Governor Snell of eight leaders in the radio industry in Oregon to head up a radio committee for KOG. These people will have charge of policy of radio programs and will coordinate radio support in Oregon's broadcasting outlets with the general committee's work.

Newspapers like radio stations have given tremendous support to the Keep Oregon Green campaign during the past three years and Governor Snell in recognition of the job already done and the need for state-wide support this season has named a newspaper advisory committee for Keep Oregon Green.

## Spark from Torch Cause of Flames

Earl Carricker was welding at United Loggers' sawmill on Pebble creek Friday afternoon, when suddenly he found himself engulfed in flames, evidently started from a spark from his torch. Although it took several hours to extinguish the flames, only slight damage was reported.

When Mr. Carricker found himself in the above predicament, he naturally sought the quickest way out of the mill. He was able to escape unharmed, but singed.

## Kentucky Mission Worker to Speak

A missionary from the Kentucky mountains, Miss McConnell, will speak at the Evangelical church this evening, May 27 at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear her bring this story of the missionary progress in Kentucky.

An offering will be taken to help Miss McConnell in this great missionary work, Rev. Allen H. Backer, pastor of the Evangelical church, announces.

## Legion Head Urges Poppy Wearing Sat.

Men who served in the first world war were urged to be first to put on a poppy on poppy day next Saturday, in a message issued this week by Charles Biggs, commander of Vernonia post, American Legion.

Recalling the service and sacrifice of the men who fought for America 25 years ago, Commander Biggs said:

"Men are again being called upon to give their lives for America, as did our comrades in 1917 and 1918. Our boys and our neighbors, boys are among them. Our hearts are heavy at the thought that these young men must meet the same fate as those other young men we have left beneath the poppies of France 25 years ago.

### Poppy Is Memorial

"To show that we honor and remember the dead of both wars we have our memorial poppy. By wearing this little flower on poppy day, we express feelings we cannot put into words. We show that we are carrying on in their spirit for the final triumph of the cause for which they laid down their lives.

"Poppies, made by disabled war veterans, will be offered on the streets all day Saturday by the women of the American Legion Auxiliary. I feel certain that they will be accepted eagerly and worn proudly by all citizens. I urge that among the first to put them on be the members of the American Legion for we, before all others, should understand the significance of the little red flower and should lead the way in paying tribute to the nation's fallen defenders."

Poppy posters made by grade school pupils are displayed in local store windows to advertise the poppy sale. Those which won prizes are to be found in Miller's window.

## Movies to Be of Special Interest

All Vernonia people should plan to attend for one and one-half hours on Monday, June 14 at the Washington grade school a program of moving pictures sponsored by local civilian defense, J. W. Nichol, announced this week. That day is also flag day.

Especially of interest here will be movies of Clark and Wilson, logging and O-A mill operations. These pictures were taken in 1941 by Frank J. Kahrs of the Remington Arms company who visited the gun club here at that time.

The program, which will start at 8:00 p.m., will include movies on eight subjects: films on "Wood for War," song shorts, the air raid warden, the CD rescue unit, "Safeguarding Military Information," and "The Tree in a Test Tube," have been ordered.

### WORK BEING DONE

The old Sward building on Bridge street is being cleaned out preparatory to putting a new roof on the structure. The upper story was recently torn down and the tile is being used by R. A. Simmons, who recently purchased the building, at his home.

### Dimout Aid

| Sunrise and Sunset Hours |         |        |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|
|                          | Sunrise | Sunset |
| May 27—5:27              | 8:49    |        |
| 28—5:26                  | 8:50    |        |
| 29—5:25                  | 8:51    |        |
| 30—5:25                  | 8:52    |        |
| 31—5:24                  | 8:53    |        |
| June 1—5:23              | 8:54    |        |
| 2—5:23                   | 8:55    |        |
| 3—5:22                   | 8:55    |        |