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## Post Watchers Due Aircraft Training Soon

### Post Representative To Attend School, Then Teach Others

The IV Fighter Command announces that it is to inaugurate a training program of aircraft recognition for members of the army air forces ground observer corps. Members of the corps have proven themselves to be competent and faithful in their essential part of the active air defense system, and the army air forces believe that they should have an opportunity to study aircraft recognition similar to other air force personnel.

### Proves Importance

According to Milton A. Oakes, chief observer on the local post, the fact that the IV Fighter Command is going to teach the observers the same course that military personnel receives should prove that observers are an important part of the defense system of this Pacific coast. The army air forces wouldn't waste valuable time and money teaching civilians aircraft recognition if it were not vitally important, says Mr. Oakes.

The first school will begin on June 6th, according to Oakes. One person from each post will attend these schools and will receive one week's concentrated instruction. Time will be spent as follows: 25 hours, aircraft recognition; 10 hours, study of the manual for observers; 9 hours, general discussion and field trips. The person who attends this course must pass military examinations and upon graduation will be known as a post instructor.

### Representation Planned

From the local post, Mrs. M. B. Steers will probably attend the school in Portland during the week of June 13.

This post instructor will be supplied with official aircraft recognition training aids and he, or she, will return to Vernonia and conduct a similar course. This course will be under constant military inspection, and will probably begin here about July 1. People interested in the work should contact Chief Observer Oakes for more details.

Mr. Oakes has learned that the observers will be asked to recognize a total of 55 planes, both friendly and enemy. After hearing Sector Sergeant Smith explain the teaching method, Mr. Oakes thinks that task will be simple and interesting. He says they explain everything with stories and pictures, making it seem like a game.

## Vacation Bible School Planned

Daily Vacation Bible school will be held at the Assembly of God church beginning Monday, June 7, and continuing two weeks, ending June 18. School will begin at 9 a.m. and close at 12:00 noon. All who live in and around Vernonia are invited to send their children. Provision is being made for all children over four years of age.

The Sunday school bus will pick up and return all children who do not live within easy walking distance from the church. Those who desire to send their children by bus should contact the pastor, Clayton E. Beish, 660 2nd St. or phone 742.

## Dimout Aid

Sunrise	Sunset
June 3-5:22	8:55
4-5:22	8:56
5-5:21	8:57
6-5:21	8:58
7-5:21	8:59
8-5:20	8:59
9-5:20	9:00
10-5:20	9:00

## War Meat Management Due Under County Committee

Columbia county will have an official war meat committee to assist in controlling black market activities and to assume responsibility for local operation of the national meat management program, the county USDA war board announced this week.

County Agent George A. Nelson said that the war board had received instructions from Chester Davis, war food administrator, to set up a war meat committee for this county, the members to include livestock producers, meat handlers, health officials and community leaders. Announcement of the committee will be made soon, according to Price Schroeder, secretary of the Columbia county USDA war board.

The committee's main and immediate task, the war board has been informed is to obtain public understanding and support of meat programs so that this extremely important food may serve its fullest possibilities in the war.

### Committee Will Approve

The committee will review and pass on all slaughtering permits and quotas, and will carry on educational work with consumers, livestock and meat handlers and livestock producers to prevent black markets from interfering with the prosecution of the war.

In his instructions to the war board, Mr. Davis said:

"The meat situation is critical. We must obtain meat for our soldiers, sailors and marines, and for our allies, as well as to assure that meat is made available in legitimate channels of distribution to meet civilian rationing requirements."

To do this in the face of increasing demand from consumers, and to avoid black markets, Davis listed three "musts" which the county war meat committee may take as its charter. They are:

1. That livestock be routed into normal commercial channels, preferably to federally-inspected plants.

2. That the slaughter permit system and the consumer rationing program are made to work effectively.

3. To promote sanitation in the slaughtering and handling of meat, to prevent waste, and to conserve meat by-products.

### Education Needed

The great majority of Columbia county citizens realize that food is a weapon, and are anxious to cooperate in any programs to assist in winning the war, the chairman believes. Many of them, however, are not familiar with regulations and do not realize that the black market consists of the sum total of many small violations of necessary wartime rules, he pointed out.

The committee's responsibility, he continued, will be to acquaint all concerned with the meat programs and the reasons for them, and to impress on dealers, handlers, producers and consumers that meat that is slaughtered and sold outside of the slaughter quotas and permits, the price ceilings, or the rationing system, is black market meat.

## Response to Sale Of Poppies Good

The American Legion Auxiliary wishes to thank the citizens of Vernonia for so wholeheartedly patronizing the poppy sale, the proceeds of which will be divided between the Veteran's hospital in Portland and local welfare work.

They feel that the following deserve special mention for making the sale a success: Mrs. Earl Atkins and helpers at Wilark, Mrs. L. L. Wells' group of Cub scouts and several other boys and girls in Riverview, Mrs. P. Weidman's group of Cub scouts and other boys and girls of Vernonia, the Vernonia Eagle for publicity.

Their "thank you" list continues: the Boy scouts, Mrs. O. Vike, Jack Heenan for delivering poppies to Mrs. B. Hawkins at Camp McGregor and Mrs. Emma Clark for sale at Timber and Mrs. Ralph Valpiani, Pittsburg.

## Mrs. N. B. Peterson Passes On May 28

Mrs. Nettie Bell Peterson, resident of this vicinity for 63 years, died at her home here Friday, May 28, and funeral services were held on Monday, May 31 at the Presbyterian church in Clatskanie with Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiating. Funeral director in charge was Jewett A. Bush. Interment was at Clatskanie.

Mrs. Peterson was born September 30, 1871 in Kansas and at the time of her death was 71 years, 7 months, and 28 days old. She was a member of the Natal Grange and president of the Nehalem Valley Pioneer association.

Survivors are: two sons, Ira H. of Vernonia, and Richard G. of the U. S. navy; one daughter, Mrs. Inez Taylor of Hood River; and three grandchildren.

## May, '43 Not So Wet As Supposed

May, 1943 was drier in Vernonia than that month in the past two years, Ed Sessman's weather records reveal. Despite the fact that much of the month was wet, only 1.45 inches of rain fell. Rainfall in May, 1942 was 2.43; and in May, 1941, 4.15.

Highest temperature recorded was on the 24th, when the mercury hit 81 degrees. A low temperature of 29 degrees was recorded on the 14th. A 30-degree minimum was the figure for both 1941 and '42. Maximum for May of those years was 78 in '42, and 86 in '41.

## Cigarettes Sent To Service Men

A semi-formal dance will be held by the Vernonia Service club every two months, Mrs. O. Vike, chairman of the dance committee announces. The next one will be Saturday, July 10. The other dances which the club sponsors will be held every two weeks, the next to be June 12.

The latest project which these dances have made possible was the sending of two cases of cigarettes to service men—one to North Africa, and the other to Australia. A percentage of the price of the cigarettes, which equalled \$50 in this instance, was paid by the club under a plan worked out by the makers of a popular brand of cigarettes.

## Chance to Donate Blood Continues

Those who wish to contribute blood at St. Helens, when the Red Cross mobile blood bank is there the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, should contact Mrs. Frank Hartwick, captain of the local motor corps. A trip will be made on June 11, and, although one carload of donors plan to go, it is possible that more donors may be taken at that time. Trips will be made in the future as volunteers are secured.

### Examiner Due in Week

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Vernonia on Thursday, June 10 and will be on duty at the city hall between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., according to a recent announcement released from the secretary of state's office.

## CD Sponsoring Program Set For June 14

### Guadalcanal Marine, Several Movies Are Promised at School

Veteran Marine Commando Second Lt. Torginson, discharged because of wounds received on Guadalcanal, has promised to speak here Monday, June 14 as one of the features of a civilian-defense-sponsored program to begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Washington grade school. Another part of the program which should prove especially interesting locally is movies taken of Clark and Wilson logging and Oregon-American lumber manufacturing. Some of the loggers and mill workers here will thus have the opportunity to see themselves in action.

The show is every bit free, and citizens of Vernonia as well as those of the surrounding territory are urged to attend. Civilian defense workers are requested to be present to see movies of the latest methods of rescue and protection of the civilian population in case of enemy attack.

### Flag Picture Included

As June 14 is Flag day, a short reel, "Flags on Duty," will first be shown. Following will be song shorts, including "Anchors Aweigh" with background scenes of the navy and "Keep 'Em Rolling," a rousing patriotic song with production scenes. Words of the chorus will be on the screen, so the audience may sing.

The next film will dramatize the duties of an air raid warden and show how he carries on during a raid. The rescue unit, a training film shows the way a rescue unit properly plans and carries on its work. The two following pictures are: "Safeguarding Military Information," and "What to Do in a Gas Attack."

### Lumber Films Due

The remaining three films concern trees and lumber. "The Tree in a Test Tube," features Laurel and Hardy, who show some of the many things the average man uses that are made of wood. It also shows some of the tests to which these products are subjected before they are offered for military use. "Wood for War" stresses the vital need for forest protection to save manpower and timber. The local scenes make up the third picture on lumbering. All of the pictures mentioned have been definitely promised.

## Aircraft Watchers Win Recognition

Inspection of the local aircraft warning observation post was made by Staff Sgt. Smith on Thursday, May 27. On behalf of the Fourth Fighter command, he wishes to praise the observers on their splendid community morale and high efficiency.

Quite a number of observers have received 100-hour awards and 500-hour medals for service on the observation post and the remaining observers are striving for similar recognition, the army man said.

Two of the faithful observers on the post, Mrs. Frank Morris and Mrs. H. A. DeWitt are to be complimented for substituting on the Baker Point lookout on St. Helens mountain. This lookout is supervised by the forestry department and its observers look for both planes and fires. This is unusual in that it is the first time that aircraft observers have been known to perform duties on a forestry observation post.

### NO VACATION GAS ALLOWED

Mileage rationing may not be allowed for vacation trips, the OPA has instructed the local rationing office. Reports to the contrary are false.

## May Bond Sales Less than April

Bonds sold at the local post office during May totaled \$18,018, the postmaster reported. This is less than half of the April figure, which was \$39,918.75, but surpasses both the February and March totals.

## Rites Held Sunday For Joyce Turner

Joyce Arline Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Turner, passed away here at about noon on Friday, May 28 at the age of 16 years, 9 months, and 28 days. Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 30 at the Bush Funeral home, and interment was at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Besides her parents, Miss Turner is survived by three brothers—Robert of Portland, Sgt. George of the U. S. army, and Marvin of Vernonia; one sister—Jean of Vernonia; a grandmother, Mrs. Dollie Jones of Burns.

Joyce Turner was born August 1, 1926 at Boelus, Nebraska, and came with her parents to Vernonia before she was a year old. She had not been in good health for some time prior to her death.

### Closed Several Days

Two local concerns were closed during the last few days of May because they had used up their sugar quotas for the month. These business, the Pal shop and the Vernonia Bakery, had already closed every Tuesday. By June 2 they had received new quotas and were able to reopen.



## Those Who Are in It



Proudly displaying the gold bars of a second lieutenant, Lowell Hieber arrived here Tuesday from Camp Lee, Virginia, where he finished officer's training on May 28. Lt. Hieber's furlough will end June 14th, when he must report to Presidio, San Francisco, California to attend a special school for 30 days before returning to Ft. Warren, Wyoming. After enlisting in the quartermaster corps in December, Hieber trained at Ft. Warren and then was sent to Camp Lee.

Lowell is obviously enjoying his visit here with his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hieber, and friends, who seem to share the opinion that he is looking fine.

After over two months' training in the navy at Farragut, Idaho, Seaman 2/c Melvin Schwab arrived here Thursday, May 27 on leave. After visiting his father, Lee Schwab, and family, Melvin left Wednesday morning for Farragut, from where he will report for sea duty in several weeks. Melvin says he is feeling fine and has lost that weight which he couldn't get rid of as a civilian. Seaman Schwab was just about two weeks late for high school commencement. He was presented his diploma in absentia on May 14.

A broken wrist brought Cadet Holly Holcomb here Friday night on furlough from Santa Ana, California, where he is in the primary training stage of becoming a pilot in the army air corps. He is to report back on June 15.

Edgar Culbertson has completed the course of the radio operators' school of the marine corps signal battalion at San Diego. As he was one of the high men in the class, he was raised to the rank of private first class.

PFC Charles George, who has been stationed at Camp Roberts, California, is now at Ft. Benning, Georgia for an advanced course in motor mechanics. He will return to Camp Roberts in August.

## Shingle Mill Badly Burned In Fire May 27

### Cleaning Up for Rebuilding Started; Damage About 50%

Starting in the engine room shortly before 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 27, fire quickly swept over the Cedarwood Timber company shingle mill on the site of the old Bennett Lumber company, west of the Rose Avenue garage. It was estimated that the mill was 50 percent destroyed and the loss was \$3500 to \$4000. No insurance was carried as it was thought impossible to obtain it or the mill.

L. C. Cotner, owner, arrived from Los Angeles, and lumber has already been secured to rebuild the mill. Most of the machinery will be usable after it is overhauled. Many of the shingles in the mill at the time of the fire were saved, and three railway cars standing close by were pushed away from danger.

Before the blaze broke out the motor was started, but had not been thrown into gear—the second shift was about to begin. Suddenly, as an explosion, flames burst and quickly spread over the dry, grease and oil saturated building. Flames were thus spread by the time the alarm sounded, but the volunteer fire department was quick in arriving at the scene. Because of the fire's start, it could not be quickly extinguished.

Larry Thompson is manager of the mill.

From Cpl. William E. "Bill" Larson, now a Technician 5th grade, comes an answer to this column's recent inquiry about him. He's with an amphibian training force at Ft. Ord, California, but let him tell about himself:

"I saw that little article in last week's paper, so I thought I'd better do something about keeping those good Vernonia people from wondering about me. First I want to thank whoever is responsible for sending me the Vernonia paper (it's J. A. Bush, Bill). It's very thoughtful of them and I appreciate it very much. I look forward to it every week, even though it is a few days late.

"I've been with this organization since I was drafted, two years and four months ago. . . . Up until August, 1942 I was the battalion mail clerk. Shortly after that I started cooking and have been at it ever since. I started cooking just after we arrived on the Mojave desert last fall—so I learned it the hard way. We spent about two and a half months out there. It was pretty rough, but a good experience.

"We left San Luis Obispo in February and have been here at Ft. Ord ever since. So far I've spent my life in the army right here in California. I suppose I should consider myself lucky, but like the rest of the fellows, I'd rather be over there and help get this war over with."

Harry Ohler of Timber graduated recently from the navy pre-flight school at St. Mary's college, California after 3 months' training. He has been assigned to the naval air station at Norman, Oklahoma for his primary training.

Bernard Lamping, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lamping, was assigned to the medical corps at Camp Grant, Illinois, and arrived there May 20th. In the first letters home he said training is strenuous, keeping him busy from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bernard's brothers, Bud and Bob, are in the air corps.

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