

**CARPENTRY CLASSES TO BE STARTED DECEMBER 21**  
**RAINIER** — Through the federal government's "food for freedom" program the Smith-Hughes agricultural department of Rainier high school has been authorized to organize a class in carpentry.

This school will be held two nights a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

An opportunity will be provided for those attending to learn to sharpen saws, cut rafters, build stairs and learn other necessary skills in carpentry.

If this school is to be continued, an average attendance of 10 persons must be maintained. There is no charge for this class and it is open to anyone who cares to register.

**18 FROM HERE GO TO COUNTY BLOOD BANK**

**CLATSKANIE** — This city was represented at the Columbia county blood bank recently by 18 donors.

**OIL COMPANY FILES ACTION AGAINST SHIP**

**ST. HELENS** — Richfield Oil corporation is plaintiff in an unusual action filed with the Columbia county clerk last week. Defendant is an ocean-going vessel. The S. S. Felix Dzerjinski, and the action is to recover \$2,000 in damages allegedly inflicted by the craft on the oil company's dock in Linnton.

The suit is filed in Columbia county because, according to the complaint, the Dzerjinski is "now lying in waters of Columbia county and is subject to judgment by the circuit court." Exact location of the vessel was not disclosed.

According to the complaint, the Dzerjinski damaged the Linnton dock at 12:30 a.m. Dec. 7 when it pulled away to leave downstream. In leaving, the complaint says, the stern struck the dock and caused the damage. The company also seeks its costs and disbursements and interest on the \$2,000.

**WAR CHEST STANDS AT 91% OF TOTAL**

Columbia county has thus far contributed 91.091 per cent of its war chest goal, according to figures announced recently by R. W. Simeral, county chairman for the drive. Quota for Columbia in this campaign is \$17,500 and Simeral was confident that by the time all returns were in the goal would be topped by a wide margin.

Yet to turn in complete reports are Vernonia, Wilark and Clatskanie. Solicitation of Oregon-American workers and employees at logging camps in the vicinity as well as men at Wilark operation of Clark and Wilson is not yet finished.

The drive at Clatskanie has not produced results expected, but the campaign in the lower end of the county is not yet completed.

Of the \$15,940.86 turned in so far, Scappoose has supplied \$631.80, Rainier, \$1,479.05, Vernonia \$780.80, and Clatskanie \$466.35, records kept by C. H. Vaughan of the U. S. National bank disclosed.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MUSIC FOR SHOPPERS**

**ST. HELENS** — Chimes, Christmas bells and also quartet, solo and chorale music will accompany the quick and happy step of the Christmas shoppers in downtown and West St. Helens during the week of Christmas.

By arrangement with the city, business firms and the ministerial association a public address system will peal out the rich, melodious tunes of the Christmas carols. Many communities have done this for years.

**Lighted Scene Of Christmas Is Displayed**

**Illuminated Picture Tells of Birth of Christ in Bethlehem**

The Sunday school of the Christian church have displayed a lighted Christmas scene in the Pagoda next to the Christian church parsonage. This scene is on a picture which measures 28 feet by 9 feet in size and is framed with evergreen bows. The scene of the City of Bethlehem is portrayed, with the star depicting the birth of Christ. The scene is illuminated with 1000 watts of light and these lights will be turned on at 6:30 a.m. and also every evening until New Years.

**Vernonia to Meet Tillamook Soon**

The Vernonia Loggers will meet the Tillamook Cheesemakers on their floor on Friday, January 7. Tillamook will return their game when they will play on the Logger's floor on February 29.

The game with Forest Grove has been called off due to illness in the Forest Grove schools which has caused a great number of absences.

A game with the Seaside Seagulls has been added to the schedule and they will meet the Loggers on February 4 here in Vernonia.

The Boy's club of the high school is sponsoring an activity which is the playing of noon hour games. Coach Orle Robbins is responsible for the games and the officiating is done by members of the varsity team, it being ruled that members of the varsity team cannot play in these games. Several teams have been chosen and they in turn have chosen a captain for their respective team.

**Teams Named**  
 The teams are as follows: "The Flying Midgets", Wendall Riggin, captain; Harold Fowler, Paul Schmidlin, Linn Michener, Dale Roland, Robert Falconer and Russel Snook. "The Flying Tigers", Earl Spofford, captain; Selwyn Graves, Bobby Condit, Tommie Hults, Jimmie Rusow, Bobby Bramblett and Howard Reher. "The Draft Dodgers", Randolph Bass, captain; Fred Busch, John Wilcoxon, Leonard Belongia, Billie Marshall, Billie Hall, Ralph Keasey. "The Hot Shots", Harry Saxton, captain; Joe Enneberg, Jeremy Taylor, Otto Browning, John Schmidlin, John Lazott.

These teams play their games for a 20-minute period during the noon hours twice a week.

**Community Sing Proves Success**

Those who were not present at the community singing held at the Washington grade school Monday night, missed a chance to blend their voices with others in the singing of Christmas carols which were led by Mrs. Maude Kobow, Washington grade school director of music. An added attraction was the appearance of the grade school girl's chorus which did its part in making the evening a success. Beautiful Christmas lighting was also a feature of the evening.

**SEAL RETURNS STILL COME**

The Christmas seal returns are still coming in. According to Paul Gordon, \$350 has already been received from the sale and this amount has been sent to the county treasurer, Mrs. Larson.

**Christmas Mail Rush Eased**

According to Emil Messing local postmaster, the Christmas mailing rush was taken care of much easier this year than in years past. In other years the rush peak is usually reached about two days before Christmas but this year the peak was reached seven days before. The people of Vernonia have been mailing their Christmas packages earlier and over a longer period of time, which gives the postoffice employees a chance to give the customers much quicker service.

Stamp sales on the peak day of past years has usually been a round \$300. This year the stamp sale on the peak day amounted to \$187 which was due entirely to the early Christmas mailing.

Postmaster Messing feels that the campaign for early mailing has been very successful. He also states that the people are taking their packages from the post office early this year instead of leaving them in the office until shortly before Christmas.

**Additional Ration Stamps Valid Soon**

Validity dates for additional sets of brown stamps in war ration book three for use in buying commodities rationed under the meats-fats program and green stamps in war ration book four, used in buying processed foods, were announced a short time ago by the office of price administration.

The stamps and their validity dates are as follows:

Brown stamps (meats-fats) war ration book three; V—January 23, 1944 to February 26, 1944.

W—January 30, 1944 to February 26, 1944.

X—February 6, 1944 to February 26, 1944.

Y—February 13, 1944 to March 20, 1944.

Z—February 20, 1944 to March 20, 1944.

Green stamps G, H and J in war ration book four, become valid on January 1, 1944 for buying processed foods and run through February 20. The currently valid green stamps D, E and F are good for processed foods through January 20, 1944.

**Donors Give Blood At Hillsboro**

A car load of Vernonia women motored to the Hillsboro blood donating center to make their donation on Friday, December 17. Those making the trip were Mrs. Ray Zimmerdahl, Mrs. John Roediger, Mrs. Ira Baucom, and Mrs. Virgil Powell. Mrs. M. B. Steers, who is a member of the motor corps, drove her car but did not make a donation.



*To all Eagle readers, wherever they may be, the wish is that they may have A Merry Christmas.*

**Scouts Express Thanks**

The Boy Scouts and their scoutmaster, Ed. Frazee, wish to express their thanks to those who have furnished material which has been needed by the scouts for some time. They wish to thank: the Oregon-American for pipe for chinning bars and for lumber for shelves and cupboards; the high school for climbing rope; the Vernonia Fire department for rope; and Bob Spencer and M. B. Willard for wood.

**High School to Have Event Fri.**

A Christmas program will be held during assembly period Friday at the high school. There will be the singing of Christmas carols and Eleanor Corll will play her xylophone and a reading will be given by Miriam Corll. There will also be the presentation of special gifts and football letters, after which Santa Claus will appear. The treats were obtained by a donation of pennies which the students contributed, each giving a penny for each year of age.

**Game Commission To Meet Jan. 8**

The Oregon state game commission will hold its annual hearing in regard to angling regulations at ten o'clock Saturday morning, January 8, at its offices in 616 Oregon building, Portland.

Consideration will be given at that time to regulations affecting seasons, bag limits and methods of taking game fish. The hearing is open to the public.



**Those Who Are in It**



cake in it? Boy, I hope so!"

**NO INNER SPRINGS**

In a letter received by his mother, Elmo Aldridge, who is stationed in North Africa writes, "I just finished making out the daily morning report for the Co. The latest edition of Red Skelton just came over the radio. It is my favorite program. I had a little accident the other night. My bunk is made up of a square frame with chicken wire stretched across for springs. Well, I got in bed and something went 'twang.' I paid no attention but soon something said 'twang' again, and I was picking myself up off the ground. My chicken wire had let me down. It took four 250 round machine gun belts and assortment of wire, rope, string and bands off of old crates to repair the damage. Altogether it is a very neat job, which looks something like a bird's nest, only different.

"I am still waiting for that Christmas package. Say Mom, didn't you say there was a fruit

**Daughter Interned In Philippines**

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Olin have just received a letter from their daughter, Frances, who with her husband, Rev. Vincent H. Gowen and their two children, Geoffrey and Ann, are interned at Camp Holmes near Baguio in the Philippine Islands. Baguio is approximately 125 miles north of Manila.

Frances reports that they have been remarkably well although the little girl, Ann, has had to have her appendix removed. They have an excellent doctor who is interned at that camp. She says the starch diet has put pounds on her but taken them off her husband. All the missionaries in Northern Luzon as well as many other white persons are interned at this camp. They have schools for the children and put on plays for the entertainment of all. Mr. Gowen is acting as principal of the high school.

Rev. Gowen is an Episcopal minister and has conducted a mission and a school for the natives for several years at Besao which is about 50 miles north of Baguio.

The Gowens spent quite a little time in Vernonia during their last furlough to the states in 1938 and 1939 and were due for another trip home this year.

The letter from Mrs. Gowen which was written on August 22, 1943, is the first direct word received from them since December, 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Olin have also just received a letter from the Mission board in New York City informing them that the Gowens were at Camp Holmes and well.

**Terminal Cafe Takes Honor in Window Scene**

**First Prize Won For Originality and Unity, Stated**

The Christmas window displays in the business houses of Vernonia were judged Saturday, December 18. This contest has been an annual affair with the exception of last year when the Vernonia Business Women were unable to have the contest due to the lighting restrictions made by the army.

The first prize winner in this year's contest was the window display made by Mrs. Oscar Vike at the Terminal cafe. The decision was made for its originality and unity.

For Christmas appeal the window of Sam's Food Store carried off the second honors, while Hoffman Hardware because of its patriotic motif, Armitage Drug store for beauty, The West Coast Telephone company for artistry and Nance Pharmacy for its seasonal attractiveness all received honorable mention.

The club wishes to thank the business men and women and the citizens of Vernonia for their whole-hearted cooperation in the past and extends its best wishes for the holiday season.

**Fire Department To Get Equipment**

The government through the civilian defense is going to give the following equipment to the local fire department: 5 gas masks, 5 coats-fireman's turn out, 5 helmets, 5 pairs of pants, 1 skid mounted pump and 5 pair of boots, if available.

The city has also made application for a salvaged army vehicle to be used as fire fighting equipment. The units are not older than 1935 models and include those of Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge manufacture. They are in drive-away condition.

It has been reported that there is a waiting list and no assurance can be given as to how soon the application can be satisfied.

In view of the great difficulty experienced in obtaining chassis upon which fire fighting apparatus can be mounted, this opportunity has proved to be of great value to the City of Vernonia.

**School Windows Very Attractive**

The students of the Washington grade school under the direction of the art teacher, Miss Mary Taylor, have decorated the windows of their class rooms in commemoration of the Christmas season.

The Christmas tree that will be in the auditorium the night of the school program has been decorated by the students of the school and the decorations have been made by using water color paper and making attractive ornaments.

**SERVICE LEAK REPAIRED**

Through the efforts of H. H. King and Water Superintendent W. H. Kent, a water main service leak was repaired the first of the week. The repair necessitated cutting through the cement paving in front of the Armitage Drug store.

**DISEASE REPORTED LOW**

The communicable diseases reported for Columbia county for the week ending December 11 have been very small. There has been one case of chicken pox and one case of poliomyelitis reported with 77 per cent of physicians reporting.

**PROMOTION MADE**

In a list of war department promotions released December 22 it is announced that William H. Manning, AGD, has been promoted from 2nd to 1st Lieutenant. Manning is the husband of the former Millicent Olin and is stationed at Pueblo, Colorado army air base in the adjutant general department.

**STATIONED IN CALIFORNIA**

Pvt. 1/c Helen Bennett is now stationed at Hammer Field, Fresno, California. She is in the medical air corps. After basic training at Des Moines, Iowa she was very glad to be fortunate enough to return to the west coast. At last, she says, "I'm not far from Oregon."

**AT REST CAMP**

Cpl. Byron Bennett is still at rest camp on an island in the south Pacific where he is recovering from malaria.