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Bids Wanted For Carriers On Star Routes

February 19th Is Deadline to Place Price Proposals

Proposals will be received at the office of the second assistant postmaster general until 5:15 p.m. February 19, 1946 for carrying mail of the United States from July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1950, states a bulletin which was posted a few days ago at the Vernonia post office.

The bids are to apply to star routes in a number of states, included among them being Oregon. Of interest locally will be the four routes here: the Mist, Keasey, Timber and Scappoose-Vernonia star routes.

The bids are for a four-year period of service and application blanks and conditions which must be complied with are available from the post office as is also other information that those wishing to bid may obtain.

Itinerary of Collectors Told

Deputy collectors of the treasury department, internal revenue service, will visit several towns in this part of the state in their state-wide itinerary of visits between January 1st and 15th. The visits will be made for the purpose of assisting farmers in preparing and filing their forms 1040-ES, declaration of estimated tax for the calendar year 1945, or the preparation and filing of their income tax returns for the calendar year 1945.

In Columbia county visits are listed for: Rainier, Jan. 3; and St. Helens, Jan. 4. Astoria will be visited Jan. 10, 11, 14 and 15.

The deputy collectors will be at Forest Grove on Jan. 10 and at Hillsboro Jan. 11, 14 and 15.

Legion Prepares for Stag Party

American Legion members of Post 119 are preparing for a stag party at the hall for Saturday evening of this week, December 29th. The event was announced early this week by Harry Culbertson who mentioned that all Legion members, all returned veterans and servicemen home on furlough or leave are invited.

The event is being held this year for the first time as a part of the holiday season festivities, Legion men have said. The party starts at 8 o'clock.

Doctor to Open Office Soon

Announcement was made this week of the purchase of the property owned by Dr. Glen J. Ten Brook before his death by Dr. Slagel of Portland, a recently discharged army doctor who will begin his practice here within a short time.

The purchase was completed this week and Dr. and Mrs. Slagel are planning to move here soon. The purchase included the home on Corey hill, the office building and the equipment.

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JANUARY 14-31

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

LIONBERGER WRITES

Mrs. James Emmons received word recently from her son, Dean Lionberger, who is in the merchant marine, that he was returning to Abadan on the Persian Gulf from a trip to Durban, S. Africa and that his ship is under lease to the British government. He has been making shuttle runs for the navy and had been for some time before the end of the war. Dean has crossed the equator five times and has been around the world twice in distance although he hasn't seen all the world yet. He says that he will not return for some time yet as the British can keep him if they wish. He wishes to say "hello" to all his friends here.

PROMOTED

Berl Arner, who is in Germany now, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant, he mentions in a recent letter. He also mentioned that he saw Doug Colbertson, who recently arrived in Germany. Berl has been overseas since February of this year.

GETS DISCHARGE

S-Sgt. L. S. Lionberger, son of Mrs. James Emmons who is now residing near Portland, has received his honorable discharge from the army after five years and three months of service. His wife, Gladys, HA1c, of the Waves has also received her discharge and both are at the Emmons' home at present, Mrs. Emmons writes.

JOINS 6TH DIVISION

Pvt. Ward W. Plummer, USMC has recently joined the 6th division at Tsingtao, China. He was formerly with the 80th replacement draft at Guam.

ON LEAVE

Walter Ray Ballard, MM2c, arrived from Guam December 19th for a 30-day leave. He docked at San Francisco and will report back to duty at Seattle on January 19th. He is the son of Mrs. L. E. Stiff.

ON WAY HOME

Mose D. Hilderbrand, Sic, of the USNR and husband of Mrs. Pat L. Hilderbrand, is on his way home. He is one of more than 2,000 high-point navy and marine veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the states aboard the USS Oconto.

DISCHARGED

Cpl. G. A. (Roy) Wilson received his discharge from the service at Ft. Lewis December 21st and spent Christmas at his home at Mist with relatives. His parents are Mrs. M. G. Wilson of Mist and C. H. Wilson. Cpl. Wilson arrived at Hampton Roads, Virginia December 10th after spending 21 months and nine days overseas in the European area.

BOOT TRAINING DONE

Dick Colsen, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Colsen, Hillsboro, returned Christmas day to his base at San Diego. He is a former Vernonia high school student and has finished his boot training.

HERE SATURDAY

RIVERVIEW — Mancel Rose, AMM2c, Seattle, came Sat. for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rose. He returned to his post on Christmas day. His brother, Darrell, USN, was shipped out on the USS Iowa Dec. 14th, destination unknown.

PLANS REENLISTMENT

Henry L. Mossman, twin brother of Mrs. Gene Shipman, has received his discharge from the service where he held the rating of CMoMM and where he served in the South Pacific and Alaskan areas during the war. He is in Portland now, recently returning to this country on the navy's "Magic Carpet," but plans to reenlist in the service.

Cooperative Annual Meet Set for Jan. 8

Election of 1946 Directors to Be Part of Business

The members of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc., will receive notices soon announcing the regular annual meeting of that group on January 8th at 8 o'clock. The meeting is to be held at the corporation office here and all members are urged to attend the meeting at that time.

Part of the evening's business will be the election of directors for the ensuing year. The meeting will also be devoted to the reading and consideration of reports of officers and directors and the consideration of other business that may arise at that time.

The present directors selected a nominating committee a short time ago which in turn has named candidates for the director positions. Other candidates may be nominated by petition in accordance with the cooperative by-laws. The present directors were named as candidates for the January 8th election. They are: Noble Dunlap, Frank Genzer, Paul A. Gordon, Harry L. King, Fred M. Knox, Charles B. Uhlin and Lee Wooden.

Holiday Gift Rush Ends; Package Mailing Lighter

The Christmas rush of package mailing decreased somewhat over that of last year, post office officials said Wednesday when they intimated that any decrease wasn't objectionable when it dealt with the Christmas season of postal activity. The mailing of packages was completed at an early time, though, by a great many people and thereby decreased the last-minute excess and also assured better delivery. The decrease this year was attributed partially to less mailing of packages to servicemen, a great many formerly in the armed forces now being discharged and at their homes.

On the other hand, business

Vets Can Have Papers Recorded Without Cost

In response to inquiries regarding the recording of veteran discharge papers, Director Hugh E. Rosson of the department of veterans' affairs explains that all counties in Oregon will perform this service without cost, as provided by state law.

Some confusion arose when the navy began issuing a "notice of separation" on a separate sheet from the actual discharge certificate. But Attorney General George Neuner, in an opinion handed down in November, ruled that this was an official part of the formal discharge and should be recorded, along with the discharge, without cost to the veteran.

On his return from the service the veteran should have his discharge recorded without delay in the office of the county clerk of his home county, Mr. Rosson emphasized.

This is important, he pointed out, because the veteran will then be able to procure photostatic or duplicate copies needed in applying for many types of employment, for state or federal educational and loan benefits, for pensions, and for compensation under the federal readjustment act.

Further, it will save the veter-

End Of War Leads News Events for Year 1945

The announcement first reaching people here by radio on the afternoon of August 14th and telling them of the war's end provided the most important news event of the year for 1945. That announcement led to an immediate stop of work and the beginning of a celebration that had had been long awaited. Stores closed and all industrial activities ceased in order that everyone might enjoy the celebration. The news broadcast telling of the end of hostilities heads the list of events during the year that are worthy of mention as leading news stories.

Big Purchase Made

Perhaps of next importance to people residing in the Nehalem valley was the purchase by Crown-Zellerbach corporation of 47,000 acres of Clark and Wilson land in this county and in Washington county. The land comprises the seventh large tree farm owned by that firm. The farm will be maintained for production of forest crops in a manner that will assure future crops by providing adequate fire protection, protection from insects, disease and damage from excessive grazing.

Another firm, the Texas Company, also undertook a large land

deal when it leased 95,962.28 acres of county land for \$14,394.34 in order to drill to determine the presence of gas or oil. The lease was made February 19th.

The Vernonia Logger basketball team members distinguished themselves and brought statewide attention to Vernonia when the team, for the first time in history, won the trip to Salem to compete in the state tournament by defeating Gresham for the district 14 championship. The Loggers finished sixth from the top in the tournament play-offs held March 15, 16 and 17.

Financial Condition Good

A report on the financial condition of the City of Vernonia by Treasurer C. F. Hieber on January 11th revealed that the city was maintaining its excel-

lent financial condition. The report listed a total of \$19,832 invested in war bonds and the balance of funds on deposit in banks. Cash on hand totaled \$11,252.95. No property tax was levied in the city, the funds being derived from road taxes, liquor license revenues, occupation licenses and water receipts.

In the September 20th issue of The Eagle there appeared a story telling that last summer's street paving project was completed. The hard surfacing of streets covered about one and one-half miles and plans were made for paving additional streets during the coming year of 1946.

Jewell Consolidates

An addition to the West Oregon Electric cooperative was made November 16th when the Nehalem Valley Cooperative Electric association with headquarters at Jewell voted to consolidate with the West Oregon group. The consolidation completed another step as was outlined by rural electrification officials when they first urged the formation of an REA for this area.

The date of April 9th marked the beginning of the Vernonia Booster club for that was the day when officers were elected and plans were made for publicizing the Upper Nehalem valley, that being the intended purpose for organizing the club. Later in the year, on November 26th, the club members saw the advertising pamphlet which had been prepared and was ready for distribution. The club also sponsored a city clean-up day and gave its aid where needed in several other undertakings.

New Principal Chosen

The Vernonia high school received prominent mention due to the action of its school board on July 31st when the resignations of Wallace McCrae, principal, was accepted and Ray Mills was named to fill the vacancy. McCrae resigned to accept a position with the Oregon State Teachers' association after holding the principal's office for nine years. He had served as instructor in the local schools since 1929 with the exception of a short time during which he attended the University of Oregon.

A new state-wide endeavor which touched Vernonia was the visit here March 26 and 27 of the mobile chest x-ray unit which tested 623 persons during its two-day visit. The unit's visit was made possible through the Columbia County Public Health association from funds derived from the sale of Christmas seals.

Ceilings Set for Rubber Footwear

Dollar-and-cents ceiling prices have been established for six types of men's new rubber footwear declared surplus by the armed forces and now being sold by the government for civilian use. The ceilings, effective Dec. 21, are in line with existing ceilings for similar types of footwear.

Retail ceilings range from \$1.36 to \$1.73 a pair for storm rubbers, \$3.98 to \$5.10 a pair for short rubber boots, \$6.26 to \$7.95 a pair for hip boots, and from \$3.50 to \$5.10 a pair for three types of articles. The ceilings vary depending on the class of retail seller.

Price control exemption has been granted on one special type of footwear especially constructed for the navy. This is a Mukluk sea boot, of which approximately 110,000 pairs are available for sale.

Bond Sellers' Totals Given

Mrs. Ben Brickel, local Victory Loan drive chairman, made public this week the figures of bond sales by solicitors who participated in the drive. The two ladies, Mrs. Cecil Huff and Mrs. Ruby Brewer, who solicited at the O-A mill are credited with the sale of \$10,000 series E and \$1,500 series G bonds.

Mrs. Harry Culbertson led the list of the four top solicitors for areas not including the mill. She turned in a total of \$5,575 in series E and one \$1,000 series G. Mrs. Tom Crawford sold \$5,225 series E. Mrs. Paul Gordon sold \$1,800 E's and Mrs. Joe McNutt, \$1,675 E's.

The total bond sales by solicitation were \$27,125 E's and \$3,500 G's. Mrs. Brickel expressed her thanks to the solicitors for the time they spent in carrying on the work of the drive.

Wholesale Store To Open Here

A wholesale supply store for the Gillette Tire and Rubber company will be opened here in 1946 it was announced this week and merchandise for the establishment is expected for January 2nd. The store will mean an addition to present stocks of merchandise offered for sale here.

The agency will feature tires and rubber goods of all kinds and will offer the merchandise to individuals, service stations and contractors. The store's territory covers the three counties of Columbia, Washington and Clatsop.

Dec. 31 Dance Auxiliary Plan

The annual New Year's Eve dance at the Legion hall will be held again this year as usual. Mrs. Harry Culbertson mentioned this week when she announced the name of the orchestra which has been engaged for the evening.

The affair is a carnival dance and will start at 9 p. m. and last the old year out. Engaged to provide music for the evening is Stan Tolrude's dance band of Portland.

Streets Washed

City volunteer firemen were busy Wednesday evening with their job of washing Bridge street. The firemen are paid \$15 a month by the city for the work of cleaning and at the same time they gain experience in the use of the fire fighting equipment.

Wed., Starting Time

Lumbering activities and work at the schools for 1946 will start Wednesday morning of the coming week, the second day of the year, January 2nd. Both the O-A mill and the schools closed before this week's Tuesday holiday.

Loggers to Meet Grove Here Fri.

Coach J. Hergert's Logger basketball team will take the court again Friday evening to meet Forest Grove for the second time this month and attempt a revenge for the earlier defeat at the hands of the Washington county quintet. The previous game with the Grove was played there.

Friday evening's action will start at 7:30 and will be the third game for the Loggers this season.