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GI Laws to Be Talk Topics For March 8

W. C. Christensen of Hillsboro, Others To Tell Regulations

Returned veterans, their families and anyone else interested are extended an invitation by the Booster club to reserve the date of March 8, Friday of next week, for an event that will be beneficial to them. Arrangements are being made on that date for speakers who will explain phases of the GI law: the loan service, education and apprenticeship and give information as to how the returned veteran may avail himself of the benefits of this law.

Engaged for the evening is W. C. Christensen, president of the Commercial National bank of Hillsboro, who will bring other speakers with him.

The talks are scheduled for 8 o'clock on that evening at the Legion hall and will be followed by refreshments of doughnuts and coffee.

This program marks the start of the Booster club's schedule of events for the coming year. The schedule is being drawn up by the club's board of directors who have met several times within the past few weeks and who plan further meetings to complete the program.

The board members have requested to answer an opinion heard several times that the organization is not open to everyone. Such is not the case, they say, for anyone who is interested in improving the Upper Nehalem valley and its future is invited to express himself. Suggestions along these lines will be welcomed.

Health Group to Be Organized

Letters are being sent to all churches, clubs and lodges asking each to have present at least two representatives at the organizing of a health group. This unit, a part of the Columbia County Health association, will comprise a study group which will meet probably monthly to study and discuss chapter by chapter books dealing with health and problems relative to keeping healthy.

Mrs. Floy Harris of St. Helens and Mrs. Ollen were here recently to begin proceedings toward the organizing of such a group.

A definite time and date for the first meeting have not been decided upon yet. Letters to religious and social groups are being prepared for distribution by Paul Gordon, president of the county health group and Mrs. H. W. Culbertson.

ARM INJURED THURS.

Harry Culbertson suffered a severely injured arm last Thursday when it caught on the door handle of the car driven by Mrs. John Titus. About 18 stitches were necessary to close the wound.

Directors Request Ideas For Booster Club Activity

The directors of the Vernonia Booster club have held several meetings within the last two weeks to outline a program of activity which that organization can follow during the coming months of this year. In drawing up that program the directors are attempting to arrange for a number of speakers to talk on a variety of subjects of interest to residents of this area.

At the same time the board is interested in working out ideas

GRASS SILAGE, MEETING TOPIC

The making, preserving and feeding of grass silage will be discussed at a meeting to be held at the Washington grade school Thursday afternoon, March 7, at 1:30 p.m., states Geo. O. Nelson, county agent.

The use of grass silage is increasing quite rapidly in Columbia county and the coast counties of Oregon. Last year Columbia county farmers put up over 4,000 tons of grass silage.

Chester Otis, crop specialist from the extension service, will be the principal speaker at this meeting and will discuss the details of putting up grass silage so as to preserve it properly and get the greatest value out of it. As preserving grass silage is one of the greatest advancements in feed development in recent years, all farmers that are interested in putting up this type of feed are invited to attend this meeting and take part in the discussion.

Truck Starts; Crewmen Named

The West Oregon Electric Cooperative line truck, which was purchased from government surplus a short time ago, has been repaired and is at work as of the first of this week, according to Frank D. Seelye, cooperative manager, who also mentioned the names of crew members who will work with the cooperative.

Heading the crew is C. W. Robinson, line foreman, who was recently discharged from the US navy. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson came here from Texas last week so that he could begin the construction work when the truck was ready.

Other members of the crew are E. V. Robertson, driver, Otis Fuller, lineman and George King P. O. Bjornson and W. W. Borders, all groundmen.

Floyd Ensworth will also continue with the organization and be in charge of right-of-way and utilization work.

The line crew will attempt to complete service connections to customers not now being served in these areas where the power supply is ample, Mr. Seelye said.

Walker Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Sarah Jane Walker were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bush Funeral Home following her death Wednesday of last week, February 20th, at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. Walker had just moved here and had purchased a home on Rose Avenue.

The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. P. Dew, Cora Wyoming; two sons, O. E. Walker, Seattle and Allen J. Walker, Jerome, Idaho; and her husband, Thomas J. Walker.

Interment was at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery and Rev. Allen H. Backer officiated.

Chairman of Fund Drive Tells Plans

Tomorrow Marks Opening Date for Solicitation Start

March 1 is the opening date for the Red Cross drive which in this valley is sponsored by the Vernonia Study club under the leadership of Mrs. Harry Culbertson, president of that organization.

In Bikenfeld, Mrs. Guy Beltingham is in charge and Mrs. William Bridgers has the area between Mist and Natal. Mrs. Bert Tidale and Mrs. Emil Messing will solicit in the Treharne section; in Riverview, Mrs. Tom Crawford.

Members of the O-A office will be solicited by Mrs. Ralph Valpiani while instructors in the schools will give their contributions to Mrs. William Heath and Mrs. Harry Sandon.

Mrs. Lyman Hayken will solicit the business firms. Representatives from the Eastern Star, the Pythian Sisters and the Legion Auxiliary will be in the post office during the drive; members of the Rebekahs, the Women's Relief corps and V.F.W. Auxiliary will serve at the Vernonia Drug. In addition to solicitors, there will be placed in each business a container for any donations that may be given.

Letters to each organization are being sent requesting the groups to give generously to the Red Cross as the need is so great.

Bishop Praetorius Well Received

Bishop E. W. Praetorius spoke Monday night at the Evangelical church to a large audience. Rev. Paul Petticord acted as chairman of the services. Special music was given by the choir.

Commenting on the improvements made on the church since his only other visit in 1936, during the quiet days when there was no mill activity here, Bishop Praetorius was particularly gratified that the highway leading into Vernonia was much improved. Others agreed with him when reminded of the trip to Forest Grove via Timber.

Schoolmasters To Meet Mon.

Next Monday night has been set as the date for the next meeting of the Columbia County Schoolmasters club. Ray Mills, high school principal, said this week when he mentioned the event. The club's members are all the men teachers in this county and they will gather at the Masonic Temple. The Nehalem Social club will serve the evening's dinner.

Prominent on the meeting schedule that night will be the sketching of athletic activities for county schools for this spring.

Auto Men Hold Meeting Here

Members of the Columbia County Automotive association met here Wednesday evening at the I.O.O.F. hall to hear Jack Laley from Smith Auto Parts, Portland, speak.

The county association has been meeting once every three months since its organization last year. Owners of garages and mechanics and service station operators in Vernonia, Clatskanie, Rainier and St. Helens are members of the group.

The speech by Laley was preceded by a dinner at the hall.

ILLEGAL METER WIRING CITED

Attention is called this week to a notice appearing on page 2 of a practice which has existed in this vicinity of wiring around meters so that the cost of electrical service is below the amount of consumption.

Given on page 2 are the penalties for conviction of this practice and Frank D. Seelye, manager of the West Oregon Electric cooperative, has said that the cooperative will carry out prosecutions when such illegal wiring is discovered.

The notice also outlines the procedures of making such connections so that there can be no (Continued on page 2)

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

AT FORT LEWIS

Capt. Lowell Hieber of the quartermaster corps, was here for a short leave recently and, according to a release from Ft. Lewis, Washington, has reported there for assignment and duty.

GETS RELEASE

Edsel Hammond arrived here a few days ago with his release from the navy. Mrs. Hammond has been staying here for some time. Both plan to leave soon for Kingston, Washington to live and he will be employed at the navy yard at Bremerton.

TO REPORT FRI.

Marvin Turner received his orders to report for duty Friday at Berkeley, California for training in the navy. He will leave Portland this evening and arrive there Friday where he will attend the University of Berkeley to study aeronautical engineering.

WATSON DISCHARGED

Reginald Watson, Flc, received his discharge at Seattle Wednesday of last week and arrived here soon after. He has completed a three-year term of service, and has started work at the Vernonia Auto Co.

GETS USMC RELEASE

RIVERVIEW—Mrs. Elizabeth Irvine, recently discharged from the USMC and who has spent the past month at Warrenton, came Thurs. for an overnight visit with her father, A. F. Schalock. She left Fri. for Spokane where she will visit for a short time before going to Indiana.

KECK TO GET RELEASE

RIVERVIEW—Pfc. John F. Keck received a telegram the latter part of the week informing him to report to Ft. Lewis for an early discharge. This was pleasing news for Johnnie and his bride, the former Bonnie Ratkie, but found them unprepared in the choice of a home location as he expected to remain in the service for some time.

EXPECTING DISCHARGES

Harold L. Calhoun, Flc, and Steve Bjornson, CM3c, USNR, son of Mrs. Emma Bjornson, have both returned to this country and are expecting discharges from the service according to service releases.

Calhoun returned to the states aboard the USS Renville, a navy transport, from Okinawa, leaving there February 4th and scheduled to arrive in San Francisco about February 23.

Bjornson came back from Guam which he left February 12 and was scheduled to arrive in San Francisco about February 27th.

Exams Taken

Vernonia high school students were busy this week with examinations at the end of the first six-weeks period in this semester. The second period will begin with the coming week of school.

Safety Men Visit Plant

Representing the firm of Carter and Baker, Safety Service, John Carter and George I. Baker were here Tuesday on an inspection tour of the O-A plant.

Fern Fires Destroy Tomorrow's Trees

"Although it may be raining today, tomorrow may be dry enough to start burning that fern. Don't do it," is the warning given by Glen Hawkins, local representative of the Columbia County Tree Farm when he mentioned that "the burning of grass or dry ferns may destroy tomorrow's industries and jobs."

That warning should be heeded with every precaution against fire. The reason is that beneath the fern or grass are the young trees that will someday grow to be new forests. Fire kills the seedlings and fire destroys that future forest.

Coming from that future forest will be lumber for homes, wood for paper and wood for many other products in addition to incomes, taxes and the foundation for a prosperous community. In order to bring about that future the seedlings growing beneath fern and grass must be preserved.

Protection of forest lands isn't somebody else's job. It belongs to all of us. The casual smoker

Capt. Wm. J. Horn Buys Exchange

The Vernonia Insurance Exchange has a new owner due to a recent transaction wherein the business was purchased by Captain Wm. J. Horn, formerly of Cheney, Washington, from Orin Amundson and R. R. Hankins of St. Helens. The St. Helens men had owned the exchange for only a short time, having purchased it from C. F. Hieber. Captain Horn took over the business last Friday, February 22nd, and will continue operating the firm as a money exchange and insurance agency.

1946 Dog Tax Deadline Near

Owners of dogs have the rest of today to purchase their 1946 licenses for their animals without paying a penalty of \$1.00. If the dog owner resides within the city limits, the licenses may be obtained at the city hall from Marshal A. D. Lolley. However those people residing outside the city limits must apply to the county clerk.

Fees are: males and spayed females, \$1.00; females, \$1.50 if paid before March 1st. The 1945 licenses expired December 31st.

Aid of Employers Asked To Relieve Job Shortage

The department of veterans' affairs is laying plans for a statewide program bringing attention to the veteran unemployment program and seeking the cooperation of employers, large and small, in alleviating the situation. Director Hugh E. Rosson announced this week. The program is being planned in cooperation with Governor Snell's office.

More than 70,000 veterans of Oregon and other states have returned to Oregon and the job situation is becoming more acute every day, Rosson pointed out, as shown by the rapidly increasing payments of readjustment allowances to jobless veterans. Nearly 30 per cent of the unemployment compensation commission's activities is in the payment of these checks.

"Up to mid-February, about 26,000 veterans had applied for allowances, 17,000 had received at least one check and from 11 to 12 thousand were filing claims

flipping a cigarette from his car, is also a great peril to forests just as is the man who deliberately sets fires. To keep forests producing, they must be kept growing.

COUNTY NEWS

MUMPS DEVELOP AT HIGH SCHOOL

ST. HELENS—Although not yet attaining serious or epidemic proportions, mumps was breaking out in the high school last week. Principal Lloyd Gooding stated that for the past week and a half, one or two cases had developed each day.

Miss Ruth Peffley, county health nurse, stated that immunization steps were being taken in the city grade schools to combat the menace of head lice discovered in several grades recently.

KENT MAGRUDER NEW MEMBER OF BOARD

CLATSKANIE—Kent Magruder, Clatskanie veterinarian and farmer, was appointed by the county court to the vacancy in the fair board left by resignation last week of E. H. Condit, also of Clatskanie.

Magruder will serve out Condit's term, which expires this year. Condit was serving as president of the fair board at the time of his resignation, but the board probably will hold another election soon.

PARCHER FILES FOR COMMISSIONER JOB

RAINIER—Donald Parcher, who since last August has served as county commissioner through appointment by the court to succeed J. N. Miller, deceased, filed his candidacy for nomination for a regular four-year term last week.

OIL COMPANY PAYS COUNTY FOR LEASES

ST. HELENS—No one knows yet whether there are oil-bearing sands hidden under Columbia county's surface, but even so, the county is making money because of the possibility that there might be. Its latest receipts on the oil-potentiality of county-owned real estate came in the form of \$11,000 from the Texas company, which holds oil leases on about 75,000 acres of land for which the county has the title.

This check brought to \$28,000 the amount the county has received from the company in the past year or more for leases the oil firm holds. It will send the county another payment later this year for \$1,400 for its lease on another parcel of Columbia lands.

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"each week," the bulletin says, and goes on to state that more checks were paid to unemployed veterans in January than for the entire 16 previous months since the GI bill went into effect.

Rosson said that while many veterans either were returning to their old jobs or had the skills to find new ones, on the other hand there are great numbers who went into service without having held jobs and these are the ones generally experiencing difficulty in finding jobs. Employment officials estimate between 50 and 75 percent of veterans are without pre-war job training.

"Governor Snell has been made acquainted with the plans of the veterans' affairs department regarding this project," Rosson said, "and it is expected that a definite program calling for united effort throughout the state will be developed in cooperation with the governor's office, to get jobs for veterans."