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## Scout Court Of Honor Is Thurs. Plan

### Field Executive To Conduct Affair At Grade School

A Boy Scout court of honor for the Forest Grove district, of which Vernonia is a part, is scheduled to be held here Thursday evening, tonight, at 8 o'clock, Scoutmaster Ed Frazee said Tuesday. The affair will be held here for the first time in about eight years, Mr. Frazee said.

Local Scouts who will appear before the court to receive first class rank will be Bill Shipman, Rex Normand, Jr., and Billy Wells and those to appear for merit badges will be Donald Renfro, Lloyd Worley and Bill Shipman the scoutmaster said.

C. Byron Walker, Scout field executive, will be present and L. W. Marshall of Forest Grove will act as judge.

Parents and other people interested in Scout work are invited to attend the affair.

## Forest Experts Tour Tree Farm

Four forest management experts from Portland, representing the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment station, were here Tuesday of last week to tour the second growth stand of timber on the Columbia County Tree Farm, Glen Hawkins, manager, said early this week. The men were Phil Brigleb, Leo Isaac, Norman Worthington and Robert Tarrant and all are associated with the division of forest management, Mr. Brigleb being chief of that department.

All day was spent viewing the farm's second growth stand and the work done so far towards thinning was given high praise.

Mr. Isaac is rated as one of the outstanding authorities in the United States on Douglas fir. He is familiar with this part of the country through previous visits here, having started his first test plot at Old Wilark in 1925.

Mr. Hawkins also announced a change in the farm program effective this week. From now on all pulpwood will be hauled to the Scappoose boom where it will be banded in one and one-half cord bundles then rafted for towing to the Crown-Zellerbach paper mill at Camas. Pulpwood from the farm has previously been shipped to the St. Helens Pulp and Paper company and the Fir-text plant at St. Helens. Hauling to Scappoose will be done by Bob Thompson.

## New Agency to Show Kaiser Fri.

Vernonia's newest car agency will have a car here for showing Friday of this week. The agency is the Vernonia Service Station owned by George Johnson and the car is the Kaiser Special, product of the Kaiser-Frazier corporation. The service station has been remodeled to make the showing possible, Mr. Johnson said, and the car has been expected for some time but delivery could not be taken until this week.



## Co-op Board Talks High Cost of Construction

The West Oregon Electric Cooperative board of directors were present Tuesday evening for the regular December meeting. Principal topic of the evening was the increased cost of construction due to price rises for pole hardware and transformers and how the increase is going to affect the construction program previously established by the Cooperative.

All items used in construction have raised at least 22 per cent and some have gone as high as 53 per cent, Frank D. Seelye, manager, informed the board. These increases have become effective since this time last year.

Rural Electrification Administrator Claud Wickard has requested all borrowers of funds from REA to recheck the feasibility

of each mile of construction and report to the administration to substantiate existing requests for loans.

The Cooperative here is in a favorable position as items ordered last March totaling over \$60,000 in cost were shipped before price increases became effective. An example is the ten tons of weatherproof wire on hand now which cost 21 1/4c is now quoted at 29 1/2c per pound. By having this material on hand the Cooperative saved \$1600.

The West Oregon, due to large purchases, will be able to continue its construction program in 1947 as planned with an overall price increase of only 15 per cent. However, the future for 1948 and 1949 is questionable unless a deflation of prices occurs in the meantime.

## Hoop Schedule Dates Complete

Games for the remainder of the Logger court season were completed as to open dates a few days ago Coach Hergert said earlier this week when he released the schedule which runs until February 14.

The schedule now reads:  
Dec. 13—Jamboree at St. Helens  
Dec. 17—Tillamook, there  
Dec. 20—Battleground, there  
Jan. 3—Scappoose, here  
Jan. 4—Battleground, here  
Jan. 10—St. Helens, there  
Jan. 17—Clatskanie, here  
Jan. 21—Seaside, there  
Jan. 24—Rainier, there  
Jan. 28—Forest Grove, there  
Jan. 31—Scappoose, there  
Feb. 4—Hill Military, here  
Feb. 7—St. Helens, here  
Feb. 18—Seaside, here  
Feb. 21—Rainier, here  
Feb. 25—Hill Military, there

## Club Trophy Awards Made

Ben George was awarded the winner trophy last Friday night at the Vernonia Country club when local golfers met for a stag party at the clubhouse. Mr. George was the winner of the Oregon-American fall handicap.

Runner-up in the tournament was Club President O. T. Bate-man and he also received an award. Bud Roediger received the club award made that evening.

## Annual Dance Event Planned

The American Legion Auxiliary is already planning for the annual New Year's Eve dance, Mrs. H. H. King said Tuesday. The event is sponsored each year by the Auxiliary.

Supplies needed for the night have been obtained, Mrs. King said, including hats, horns and confetti.

## Named Vice-president

Fred Hartwick, owner of the Nehalem Valley Motor Freight, was named vice-president of the Oregon Motor Transport association at the convention of that organization in Portland from Wednesday to Saturday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwick both attended the three-day meeting.

## 3A Group Stops Priortory Aid

Effective immediately the county agricultural conservation committee will stop handling all applications for construction and priorities assistance. Also, on February 8, 1947, veteran's preference for purchase of farm machinery will be revoked and the county office has been notified not to accept any new applications after December 9, 1946. Outstanding certificates may be extended but not beyond February 8.

In the future, applicants for farm dwellings will have to contact the federal housing administration, Platt building, Portland. For all other farm construction, applicants must contact the civilian production administration, Room 820, Morgan building, Portland.

Since the county AAA committee started processing these applications in April, 1946, 35 applications for farm construction and farm dwellings were handled, representing a total value of \$86,750.00.

A total of 83 applications for veteran's preference certificates for new farm machinery have been received by the county office since this program started June 25, 1945, and of this number, 51 preference certificates have been issued.

## Joins State Police

Jack Heehan has joined the state police and will report for duty Sunday, December 15 at Coquille he said this week. Application for admission into the force has been pending for some time, but notice was received only recently. He has been assigned to the game department.

## Attorney Speaks

Mrs. Pauline Brandenfels, attorney-at-law and justice of peace for Houlton, and Mrs. Stella Harris, executive secretary of the county health association, were guests of the Keasey and Vernonia extension units at the L.O.O.F. hall last Thursday. Mrs. Brandenfels spoke on wills, deeds, contracts and mortgages and discussed questions that were asked.

## To Attend Conference

Glen Hawkins, manager of the Columbia County Tree Farm, and Paul Goodmonson, forester with the organization, will attend the Western Forestry and Conservation association conference at the Multnomah hotel this week end. The conference begins today and continues through Saturday. Senator Guy Cordon is scheduled to speak Friday morning on the subject, "Community Stake in Sustained Yield."

## Poisoning of Dogs Reported; Penalty Told

### Several Recent Instances Cited By City People

Several instances of poisoning of dogs have been reported in the last few weeks by residents living on Corey hill and in the vicinity of the high school and fear has been expressed that children may suffer if they accidentally find some of the poison.

A state law is in effect governing such activities city officials stated Tuesday and the maximum penalty for conviction of such an act is a fine of \$1000 and one year in prison.

City police have been informed of the poisoning activity and are on the lookout for the person or persons who are carrying on that type of work.

## Browns Cite Clothing Need

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brown of Pittsburg are issuing a request this week that boxes or packages of old clothing be left at the Vernonia Auto company by people who have such articles that are not in use now and will not be used in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, when issuing the call said:

"While in the midst of this holiday season of giving and receiving, let us not forget the dire need of clothing and shoes across the seas. The need is greater this year than last year. Men and women cannot go to work because of insufficient clothing and shoes; children cannot go to school for the same reason. Papers wrapped around the feet of little children afford some protection.

"Search in the closet for discarded clothing that will keep some one warm and shoes that still have wear and warmth. All clothing and shoes should be clean and mended if necessary. Enjoy the greater blessing of giving to those in real need. These comforts go to all in need regardless of creed or no creed at all."

Those in town who cannot leave such packages at the Vernonia Auto are asked to notify the Browns, giving the name and address, and they will call.

## IWA Game Time Is Rescheduled

The IWA basketball game scheduled for Thursday of last week with the Forest Grove IWA was not played due to a misunderstanding of the time, John Roediger, manager, said early this week. The game has been rescheduled for Thursday evening of this week he said.

The two teams will meet at 8 p.m. at the high school gym. This will be the first game for the local team this season.

## Store Addition Being Made

An addition which will provide about 900 square feet of floor space to the present building is being made to the Pete Brunsmann store. Excavation for the increase was made over a month ago and walls have now been erected in preparation for roofing Mr. Brunsmann said.

Much of the space will be used for a warehouse for building materials and additional lines of hardware the owner said. Some re-arrangement of the interior of the present store space is also contemplated.

## Lions Club Gets Charter Monday

The Lions International club organized here several weeks ago is now an official organization as the result of the presentation of the club's charter Monday evening. The Monday evening event was in the form of a banquet for members of the group, their guests, and Lions club members from Hillsboro and Forest Grove.

Neal Bush, president of the Hillsboro group, acted as toastmaster for the evening and the charter presentation was made by Kenneth Wilcox, member of the Hillsboro club and deputy district Lions governor. The charter, bearing the names of 49 Vernonia members, was accepted by Rev. Ernest P. Baker, president.

Rev. Allen H. Backer presented the welcome address for the Vernonia club, stating that he was happy to see the organization of such a group and citing the accomplishments that can derive as a result of the club's existence here.

Entertainment was provided by the actions of Tailtwisters from Hillsboro and Forest Grove and by two so-called tenor solos by Ernie Hugill of Portland. Mr. Hugill officially represents the West-

inghouse Electric Supply company and is a frequent visitor in Vernonia.

The Hillsboro club also presented the Vernonia group with a gavel and gong as the final act of the evening.

## COUNTY NEWS

### LOCAL PEOPLE BUY NEWSPAPER

ST. HELENS—Sale of the Eastern Oregon Observer, a weekly newspaper published in Ontario, to Miss Jessica Longston, Sentinel-Mist publisher, and R. E. Pollock, Sentinel-Mist editor, was announced last week. Possession of the paper was taken Sunday by the new owners, equal partners in the enterprise.

### CUPID RETURNS AT LOW EBB

ST. HELENS—Fees collected at the county clerk's office during November totaled \$1165.90. November weddings were at a low ebb hereabouts, for the clerk's office sold only three marriage licenses, receiving \$9 from this source.

Other sources of fees were as follows: Recording, \$647.85; county \$151; circuit judge, \$37; district attorney, \$35; trial fees, \$10; probate, \$70; reporter fees, \$25; law library, \$33.20; liquor licenses, \$55; migratory chattel fees, \$23.50; miscellaneous, \$69.25.

### FIRST SMELT NETTED HERE

CLATSKANIE—The catch of two smelt by Ben Jolma more than a week ago broke the records of previous years for the first catch of the season.

Ray Jolma, the first of the week brought in a dozen and a half of the silver fish and it was reported that more were showing up in the nets on Wednesday.

Ordinarily large catches are seldom made until well toward the latter part of December. Usually it is around the first of the year that the fish begin appearing in the Cowlitz.

## Compliance Meet Times Scheduled

Nehalem valley farmers have received notices from the Columbia County Agricultural Conservation association concerning the reporting of performance under the 1946 AAA program and the first county meeting was held here yesterday for the Vernonia area.

Other meetings are scheduled at Mist next Tuesday, December 17; At Clatskanie December 18 and December 20, and at Rainier December 27. Farmers have until December 31 to complete practices under the program George A. Nelson, county agent, said earlier this week.