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Point of Law Explained by Representative

Social Security Application to Farmers Outlined

Persons in Columbia county employing regular farm help were reminded that they should learn if such work is covered by the new social security law which became effective January 1, 1951.

Kenneth Deming, who represents the social security administration in Columbia county, explained that beginning January 1 cash wages paid regularly employed farm workers must be reported to the collector of internal revenue by their employers on or before July 31, 1951.

How do you determine whether or not taxes are due? Agricultural labor is not taxed until after the worker has been continuously employed (whether or not in farm work) for a full calendar quarter by the same employer. This is called a "qualifying quarter" and no tax is due for any farm work in that quarter. However, after the "qualifying quarter" has been obtained, taxes will be deducted and paid for each quarter thereafter that the worker is paid wages of at least \$50 in cash and is employed by the same employer for at least 60 days in the quarter.

Beginning with the first calendar quarter in which you pay taxable wages to one or more regularly employed farm employees you must file quarterly returns on form 941, reporting the taxable wages, if any, paid in each quarter.

Form 941 is called "Employers Quarterly Federal Tax Return" and should be filled in according to the instructions printed on the form.

Near the end of each calendar quarter, the collector will mail a form 941 to each farm employer on his mailing list. If taxes are due from a farm employer who is not on the mailing list, the employer should ask the collector for Form 941 and should advise the collector of the name and address to be added to his mailing list.

The Form 941 which the collector will send to those on his mailing list will be preaddressed with name, address and identification number. If the preaddressed form is lost a new one should be requested.

The calendar quarters of the year and the last day for filing a return for each quarter are as follows:

Mos. in Quarters	Returns Due
Jan., Feb., March	April 30
April, May June	July 31
July, Aug., Sept.	October 31
Oct., Nov., Dec.	Jan. 31

Those of you who have problems to discuss should either contact the collector of internal revenue or contact Mr. Deming on the first and third Mondays of each month between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 in county court house, St. Helens, or write to social security administration, Room 104, Old Post Office Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

Swimmers Notified

Swimmers who wish to compete for the tenth annual Columbia county swimming and diving championships Sunday at St. Helens are asked to be at the Vernonia pool tonight, Thursday, at 6:30. At that time they will plan for entering the competition Sunday.

Recruiter Here Mondays

Sgt. Richard L. Matney, new recruiter for the army and air force, will be in Vernonia each Monday from noon until 5 p.m. and later by appointment. Sgt. Matney can be contacted at the post office.

Victory Over Westport Lengthens List of Wins

Vernonia stretched a winning streak to five in a row by downing Westport 12-5 last Saturday evening when the two teams met at Clatskanie at 8:45. Wesley Hunt led the Vernonia batsmen with a triple and two singles in six times at the plate and Johnson and Langford collected two for four times at bat.

Johnson smashed out a double with the bases loaded and Langford was chalked up with two singles.

On the mound Langford gave up three hits for two runs in six full innings, walking two.

Office Totals Year's Receipts

Business for the fiscal year 1950-51 ended for the post office department as of June 30 and figures for the year were released earlier this week by Postmaster Emil Messing.

Postal receipts for the year total \$15,761.43. Included in that figure are such items as stamp sales, newspaper postage, metered and non metered mail, box rents and permits. These are the determining factors which set the rating of a post office.

To obtain a second class rating, under which the Vernonia office is listed, postal receipts must amount to \$8,000 a year.

The three largest items of postal receipts, stamps, metered mail and box rents total respectively for the year: \$13,275.67, \$1600 and \$444.45.

During the year the local office wrote money orders totaling \$231,502.76 for which the fees charged amounted to \$2,644.75.

Bid Awarded for Apiary Oil Work

The low bidder for the job of oiling 5.5 miles on the Rainier-Apiary road was awarded July 18 by the state highway commission, according to an announcement received here the latter part of last week. Call for bids for the work had been issued earlier by the commission.

The work will be done by Harr & Horton, Portland for the amount of \$16,873. This state project is the Apiary section of the Rainier-Apiary county road and extension about seven miles west and south of Rainier.

Two Listed on Roll

Cora Dusenberry, Keasey, and Margie Roland, Vernonia, have been listed on the spring term scholastic honor roll at Oregon State college. Both earned a grade average of 3.5 points or better. A 3.5 is halfway between an A and B average.

Brandow relieved Langford at the start of the seventh, allowing one hit. Two walks and two Vernonia errors were good for three runs.

Vernonia will meet Cornelius there next Sunday in the final league game of the season.

	R	H	E
Westport	5	4	7
Vernonia	12	11	2

Batteries: Westport — Welch 7, Eibertson and Colbertson; Vernonia — Langford 6, Brandow and Byers.

Batting averages through July 22 place Johnson at the top of the list.

	AB	R	H	Ave
Johnson	20	2	7	350
Hartman	47	11	15	340
Hunt	33	6	11	333
Somfleth	14	2	4	296
Gwin	4	0	1	250
Brandow	42	5	10	238
Nance	23	3	5	217
Byers	55	8	11	200
Langford	25	2	5	200
Desordi	38	6	7	190
Galloway	37	1	6	162
Cline	49	5	7	140
McCammon	19	2	2	101
Mills	6	0	0	000
Fulton	2	0	0	000

4-H Picnic Ends Summer Camp

Over 250 persons attended the Columbia county 4-H picnic held at Camp Wilkerson Sunday, July 22. The event took place on the last day of 4-H summer camp.

The picnic lunch was followed by a program arranged by Mrs. Aldon Ashley, Mist.

The program consisted of: two numbers by the summer camp choir; a short talk by Rev. Paul Sisler, Vernonia; saxophone solo by Mrs. Darrell Baker, Birkenfeld; talk by Albert Palmblad, Gresham, vice president of the Oregon 4-H leaders association; skit by Susan Gill and Sally Blackburn, campers; history of Camp Wilkerson, Mrs. Pearl Becker, St. Helens; saxophone solo by Kenneth Asbury, St. Helens; and a skit by Andy Riggs, Gary Leinonen, Dick Wootton, Dale Thompson, Sammy Baker, Jay Zimmerman and Larry Leinonen, campers.

One year leadership pins were awarded by the United States National Bank to Mrs. Ruth Cox, Scappoose, Mrs. J. E. Norred, Goble, Mrs. Eleanor Petersen, Shilo Basin, Mrs. Margit Petersen, Delena, and Mr. J. E. Norred, Goble.

A five-year pin was presented to Mrs. Aldon Ashley, Mist.

Examiner to Come

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Vernonia Friday, August 3 at the city hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive can get them at that time.

Strike Stops Most of Phone Service Here

Emergency, Long Distance Calls Given Priority

All Vernonia telephone calls, except of an emergency nature and long distance, were discontinued over the local telephone system Tuesday night and Wednesday and that situation will probably continue as long as the current strike is in force, Mrs. Silvia Turner said Wednesday morning.

The strike became effective on the entire West Coast Telephone company system at 8 o'clock Tuesday. During Tuesday Mrs. Turner, manager for the Vernonia exchange, handled the board alone, but because she has been on duty continuously, it was necessary to curtail the number of calls made locally so she can continue to handle the board alone.

She is accepting emergency calls such as those where medical attention is needed, fires, etc. Friends have been bringing Mrs. Turner her meals.

The entire West Coast system is in the same condition including exchanges east to LaGrande, down to Crescent City, California and in Washington. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph has been out on strike since Monday morning, but employees of that company belong to the CIO while employees of the West Coast are members of the AFL.

No word of a possible settlement had been indicated by radio reports up to noon Wednesday.

Library Buys More Volumes

Four new books have been placed on the shelves at the Vernonia public library, according to Mrs. Ben Brickel, assistant librarian. The new volumes are: The Demon's Mirror by James S. Wallerstein; The Provincials by John Cornish; A Woman called Fancy by Frank Yerby and A Shroud for Grandma, Douglas Ashe.

Copies of the Christian Science Monitor have also been obtained for the convenience of library patrons.

To Be Reassigned

Pfc. William M. Shipman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Shipman, is being processed at Fort Lewis for reassignment. Cpl. Shipman recently returned from Korea where he served with the 77th Field Artillery Battalion and left for Fort Lewis after spending a month here.

Fires Out in This Area

Several fires in this area which have plagued suppression crews were reported out in most cases or nearly so by the Pittsburgh guard station Wednesday morning.

Sparks from brake shoes on the O-A log train were thought to have started the blaze between bridges 3 and 4 on the logging road west of Keasey Monday. It was brought under control by O-A workmen and men from the Jewell guard station.

Pittsburg crews extinguished a slash fire last Friday at the Eagle Cliff Lumber company four miles west of Rainier and were also called to the Pisgah Home fire which burned five small outbuildings and spread spot fires below Dutch canyon, burning about three acres.

A couple of debris burning fires, started without permits, were also put out by men from Pittsburg.

Drowning Causes Death of Child

Edward Lee Simmons, six-year old boy, drowned last Saturday afternoon when he fell into a pond at the L. E. Atkins home on Pebble creek. When the body was discovered, artificial respiration was applied without avail.

The child had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atkins for several years. He is the son of Charles E. Simmons of McMinnville and the services took place at McMinnville with burial in the Evergreen cemetery there.

He was born at Newberg February 23, 1945.

Following the death, numerous people have asked what has become of the inhalator which was made available for use in the community a few years ago by the American Legion.

The instrument was sent to Portland for repairs and improvements some time ago, but the work has not been done because of the high cost for the work and because no method of financing the expenditure has been found.

Former Resident Taken by Death

Death came to Nelson Moeller, a resident of Prineville for the past several years, several days ago according to word received here late last week by a friend of the family.

The deceased was a former owner of the Sunnyside Service station at Trehame five or six years ago and will be well remembered in this vicinity.

Death came as the result of a mill accident and the services were conducted at Prineville with burial at Salinas, Kansas. Surviving are: two boys, James and Leland; a girl, Inez and his wife, Agnes. James is in the armed forces and is stationed at the Portland airport.

F. M. Ruhl Stricken

F. M. Ruhl, treasurer and office manager for the Oregon-American, was stricken at his home Sunday with a heart attack. He will be required to have absolute rest and quiet for several weeks.



Artist's Work To Be Placed On Display

Famous Paintings To Be On Exhibit Here Five Days

Scheduled for showing here next week is an art exhibition of paintings and drawings by Jimmie James, outstanding charcoal artist of the West. His work will be displayed on the second floor at Brunsmann Hardware and Electric from July 31 to August 4 and Mr. James will be present at the exhibition August 1 to explain the pictures and answer questions about them.

Arrangements for the showing were made several weeks ago by Mr. Brunsmann and Charles Castner, close friend of the artist.

Mr. James is known and referred to as an outstanding charcoal artist, having done large pictures in this medium. Charcoal painting is man's first art medium and few specialize in it as he does. Most of his scenes are of places untouched by the hand of civilization.

About 12 pictures will be on display including some that have been exhibited at the Hallmark company of Kansas City, Missouri, some that have been returned from the National Gallery in the east and some that have been reproduced in leading newspapers and magazines. The American Artists magazine reproduced "Licorice Creek" with a technical note in the April issue.

Mr. James studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Students League in New York and under such men as John T. Nolf, Otto Schneider and Eugene DeVole. He got his inspiration on to work in charcoal after viewing the primitive drawings in caves in New Mexico many years ago. He takes no part in modern art of any kind "that I simply cannot understand."

Realities are the only things he sees and his paintings are real as a result. Snow-covered mountains and valleys are cold and contain the deepest of winters with the sun shining through the boughs of trees that have character, trees that have survived storms and deep snows. They cast their shadows across the snow covered earth. Each has a story and have been painted from real trees.

Enlistment in Guard Open Now

Two representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Service, Portland, visited Vernonia Friday and related the following information.

Men 17 to 25 years of age can now enlist in the coast guard providing they can meet the rigid educational and physical standards. Men without previous service are enlisted and transferred to Alameda, California for 12 weeks basic training. Ex-service men are enlisted at the highest rate open at the time of enlistment and transferred to Seattle for assignment to a duty station.

The two recruiters, Ed Swenson, Quartermaster first, and Harold Hand, Yeoman second, are at the present time canvassing all communities within a 100 mile radius of Portland looking for men interested in the coast guard reserve (port security) unit. Men enlisted in the unit can remain in their present jobs or continue schooling and be draft exempt, if they remain in good standing with the reserve unit by attending meetings every Wednesday night at Swan Island in Portland.

Further information may be obtained by writing or calling at 514 S.W. Salmon Street, Portland. The phone number is Broadway 5827.

Writer Protests Description of Town

Note—The objection voiced below was written by a local man in protest to a description of Vernonia which appeared in a recent Sunday edition of a Portland daily and which created a lot of unfavorable comment, especially as to the terming of the town as "dirty."

"The article appearing in a recent issue in the Sunday magazine section of the Oregon Journal certainly portrays an impression of Vernonia to the rest of the world. True, this is only one reporter's opinion, but he has given it to every corner of the state.

"The article says we are a friendly people. Truer words were never spoken. Then it says the city is unkept. Well!!! Is there any civic pride among us? We are pictured as a sleepy back-

woods town.

"What can be done about this? There are many signs that individually something is being done:

1. The mayor and city council are going ahead with plans to improve our natural swimming pool and are going to give the small children the benefit of a pool they can enjoy;
2. The school board, backed by the voters, is going to give this town a fine, modern high school;
3. The more aggressive merchants and owners of business buildings are repainting and brightening up Bridge street;
4. The individual home owners are modernizing and painting many of their homes and beautifying their premises.

"However something is wrong somewhere to convey such an impression as our town did. Do

we need more cooperation among business men themselves or among business men and citizens? Do we need an active organization of business men and citizens to promote and sponsor the welfare and future of Vernonia? The whole issue depends on everyone of us so that such a derogatory article will never appear in print in the future.

"Let's have some expressions of feeling to try and see if a sense of civic pride and accomplishments can be developed among us so that the next time the Journal or any other newspaper takes a survey they will say, "Vernonia, the greatest little city in Oregon, friendly beyond compare, an industrious, clean and well kept city, a pleasure spot for Portlanders and Oregonians to visit."