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Postmaster Asks Early Yule Mail

Four Mailing Weeks Remain; Office Ready For Rush Business

"It's time to start those Christmas mailings!" Postmaster Emil Messing warned today, launching his 1953 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign.

"On the calendar it's a month away but here in the post office it's Christmas today—and every day until December 25th," he said.

The post office has already dispatched a quantity of gift packages headed for members of the armed forces overseas. Christmas cards for service personnel can still be delivered in time if they are sent by air mail before December 1st. In the U.S.A., smart people are now mailing gifts to friends and relatives living in other states.

He especially calls on housewives to help in his effort to deliver every package and Christmas card before December 25th. "The lady of the house," he emphasized, is really in charge of each family's Christmas mailing program. She selects the Christmas cards, buys most of the gifts and sees to it that the mailing list of friends and loved ones is up-to-date.

Actually, success in having all Christmas gifts and greeting cards delivered on time is largely a matter of advance planning and preparation which should be done now.

He urges that you take the following steps at once: Get out your Christmas card list and carefully check through it. Make sure that each address includes the full name, street number, city, zone and state. Then, pay a visit to the post office, stock up on stamps (use three cent stamps on your Christmas cards for first-class mail service) and ask any questions you may have about mailing regulations.

You can do this in a leisurely way if you will come to the post office before 10:30 a.m. or between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. thus missing the rush hours. On your way home pick up a supply of heavy wrapping paper, sturdy empty cartons, strong cord and kraft paper, adhesive tape. A modest investment in these necessities will pay big dividends in safe delivery of your cherished Christmas gifts.

After your gift wrapping and packing is complete, plan your mailings so that those for the most distant points go first. Try to get all long-distance mailings into the post office before December 5th and those for nearby points should be mailed by December 10th. You'll be glad you did.

Fire District To Elect

The annual election of directors for the Vernonia Rural Fire district will be held December 5 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Gene Dripps adjacent to Sunnyside Service on highway 47.

Cubs Awarded Merits for Work at Pack Meeting Friday; Skit Viewed

At the Cub Scout pack meeting held last Friday evening at the Washington school, the following awards were made:

Den 2: Jackie Greenwood, Wolf, gold arrows, 3 silver arrows; Jimmy Lindsay, silver arrow; Stephen Gibson, Silver arrow;

Den 4: Ralph Anderegg, 2 silver arrows;

Den 6: Jerry Hays, Wolf; Larry Larson, Wolf, golden arrow; Devon Hodgen, Bear, gold arrow; Bill McKinney, Lion;

Den 7: Russell Redmond, Wolf,

Census Count Shows Increase

Final tabulation of census figures from the survey made last month show a total of 920 persons in district 47 Jt. between the ages of four and 19 inclusive. This is an increase of 38 over last year's total of 882 and is the largest figure for some years. Those who made the survey expressed appreciation of the cooperation of parents in making necessary information available.

Rites Held for Mrs. Raymond

Funeral services for Mrs. Roy Raymond were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Bush Funeral chapel with Reverend Ervin L. Leake officiating. Mrs. Raymond passed away on Thursday of last week at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered earlier in the week.

Mrs. Raymond was born at Marysville, Wisconsin, April 14, 1876. She was married to Roy Raymond at Marshall, Minnesota, December 14, 1912. The Raymonds came to Vernonia in 1927 and she had lived here ever since.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Ruby May Nash; a son, Graden W. Holmes; a granddaughter, Doris Wanita Rose; a sister, Eva Christmas and two brothers, Bert and Claude Christmas.

Mrs. Frank Serafin was soloist for the service and casket bearers were Ace Lolley, Merle Graham, Marvin Kamholz, Sam Hearing Sr., Wilbur Davis, and Lyman Hawken Sr. Interment was in the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

State Librarian Here Last Week

Miss Eloise Ebert, executive assistant to the Oregon State Librarian, Salem, Oregon, spent Wednesday afternoon and evening and Thursday morning in Vernonia. She attended the coffee hour at the library, sponsored by the Vernonia Study club, spent some time at the high school library and the remainder of the time at the public library Thursday. She was very well impressed with the results of the local annual Book Week poster contest. Clatskanie was next on her itinerary of visits in Columbia county, but because of icy road conditions, she returned to Salem.

Coffee hour at the library was a successful event, despite the weather, and the special effort of those attending was very much appreciated.

County Achieves Quota

Columbia county has become seventh in Oregon to make its savings bonds sales quota for 1953 with purchases for the first ten months exceeding those of any full year since 1949. Present indications are that people of the county will invest considerably more than a half million dollars by the end of the year in E and H bonds.

Safe Day for Driving Hope Of Lifesavers

Many Groups Promote Careful Operation of Vehicles December 1

This community, along with the rest of the nation, will participate in safe driving day next Thursday as designated by President Eisenhower and his traffic safety committee to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be greatly reduced when motorists and pedestrians concentrate on safe driving and walking, obey traffic regulations and proceed with caution and courtesy.

In cooperation with the national committee, Governor Patterson named E. C. Sammons, Portland, as Oregon director for safe-driving day. Along with all other mayors of Oregon cities, Mayor L. G. Hawken has proclaimed the day for Vernonia.

In 1954 when S-D day was held December 15, the traffic fatalities throughout the nation were reduced about one half from 97 on the comparable day the year before to 50 in 1954. The number of accidents was also greatly reduced.

In Oregon on S-D day 1954, there were no traffic fatalities and traffic accidents were reduced more than 40 per cent, with a number of counties reporting no traffic accidents in the 24-hour period. In Portland, the traffic accidents dropped 60 per cent.

All Highway Lifesavers committees in the state are participating in promoting the day and in Columbia county Elmer Jensen of the U. S. National Bank at St. Helens and Chris Nyland of Crown Zellerbach's St. Helens division are co-chairmen.

All state organizations and facilities will promote the day including the state police and the traffic safety division. Local police will also be active in advancing the program.

The Oregon goal this year will be another deathless day and a further decrease in the number of traffic accidents.

Sanitarian for County Resigns

Ben Rinehart, county sanitarian, gave his letter of resignation to the Columbia county court on November 23. He has been Columbia county's sanitarian for three and one-half years and is now moving with his wife, and three children to Las Vegas, Nevada.

He will be employed as county sanitarian with the Clark county health department where he will start work early in December.

Rinehart has been active in the St. Helens Junior chamber of commerce, Toastmaster's club and in other civic activities.

The new position will offer an advancement. No successor has been named for Columbia county.

Bloodmobile Due December 12

The Bloodmobile will make its next visit to Vernonia Monday, December 12, according to information released this week by Mrs. Glen Hawkins, local Red Cross chairman. The present need for blood is urgent and 60 pints has been set as the quota for Vernonia on this visit. It is hoped this will be exceeded.

The Masons will sponsor the visit again and the Bloodmobile will be stationed at the Masonic Temple from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Marine Recruiter Visits

Staff Sergeant Roy S. Juul, Marine recruiter for this area, announces that he will be here at the city hall the first and third Fridays of each month from 11:00 to 3:00. His main office is in the city hall at Hillsboro, phone 10717.

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Future Teachers Add 11 Members, Meet with St. Helens High Group

The Future Teachers of America organization at Vernonia high school added 11 new members to the group in a candlelight initiation ceremony held at the Lions club meeting on November 14. The ceremony was conducted by officers of the club who are Virginia Ray, president; Priscilla Hickman, vice-president; Ruby Wells, secretary; Virginia Johnson, treasurer and Julia Waite, historian. They were assisted by their advisor, Miss Olga Peterson, and high school superintendent, Eugene Dove.

Former Resident Buried Monday

Funeral services were held here at the St. Mary's Catholic church Monday morning for Joseph L. McCollum, former Vernonia resident who passed away last Friday in a Salem hospital. Recitation of the Rosary was held Sunday evening. Burial was in the North cemetery, eight miles out of Vernonia on Timber road.

Mr. McCollum was born in Linn county, Missouri April 27, 1877. He came to Vernonia in 1927 and had worked here as a logger until 1944 when he was hospitalized because of an accident. He had been in the hospital ever since and until just recently was at the Physicians and Surgeons hospital in Portland, but had been moved to be nearer his family.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Smith, and a son, Everett McCollum, both of Sweet Home; a brother, Everett, of Adams, Oregon and a sister, Mary Cardrey of El Reno, California.

Illnesses Keep Ambulance Busy

The Vernonia ambulance has been much in demand during the month of November, making six trips so far, four of which were made last week.

On November 8, Mrs. Julius Hytrek was taken to Tuality Community hospital at Hillsboro, and on November 10, Mrs. Albert Tandy was taken there, also.

Monday of last week, Mrs. Roy Raymond was taken to Good Samaritan hospital; Wednesday, Clifford Fowler was taken to Hillsboro and Mrs. Tandy was brought home; Thursday, Wm. Falconer was taken to Good Samaritan and Saturday, Fred John Davis was taken to the Veteran's hospital.

Graders Choose Cheerleaders

Try outs were held last Wednesday at the Washington school for cheerleaders and four were picked from the 19 contestants to lead the cheering activities this year. They are Judy Strong, Peggy Bowerman, Patty Thompson and Karen Floeter. Voting was done by the four upper grades.

They will make their first appearance at the grade basketball and fun night at St. Helens December 2 when the cheering sections of each of the eight competing schools will be given five minutes for cheering exhibitions prior to the start of the game.

Sadie Hawkins Dance Sat.

The Sadie Hawkins dance, postponed last week because of unfavorable weather has been rescheduled for this Saturday night. The public is invited to attend the dance which is the usual Dogpatch costume affair with prizes offered for the best costumes. Time for the dance is 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Rick Fulton arrived here last Saturday to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Hahn. He is at present assigned to the U.S.S. Yorktown docked at San Francisco and will return there this week end.

New members initiated were Mike Shaw; Pat Brissett, Carol McKinney, Caroline Heath, Bill Barlow, Joe Taylor, Patsy Wildt, Roy Higley, Wynetta Dyer, Glen Siedelman and Marjorie Marr. Monday of this week, the Vernonia Future Teachers group was host to 20 members from St. Helens high school. These two groups are the only ones in the county at the present time. The St. Helens group was accompanied by their advisor, Chester Beall.

They were taken on a tour of the school and visited classes after which the two groups met together for discussion and refreshments.

Tentative plans were made for a trip to some teachers college in the spring. Mr. Dove also spoke to the group before they adjourned.

Game Agent to Talk, Show Film

Oregon's wildlife is one of the most important natural resources of the state, ranking high in recreational and economic values.

The part man plays in his stewardship of this resource and of other natural resources will be the theme of a program presented at Vernonia high school November 28 at 10 a.m. by Cal Giesler, education agent, Oregon game commission.

Although the management of Oregon's wildlife resource will be emphasized, the need for the wise use of soil, water and plant life in relation to the welfare of wildlife, will be discussed.

Man's influence has had far reaching effect upon fish and game populations. In most instances, management problems can be traced directly to influences and environmental changes brought about by man. To insure the future of hunting and fishing recreation, the proper management of all of these resources is essential.

The sound, color film "Yours Is the Land" will be shown following the 20-minute illustrated talk.

Dates Listed for Deer, Elk Hunts

Unsuccessful deer hunters will have another chance to fill their tags this coming week end.

According to the Oregon game commission, on November 26 and 27, nimrods with unused deer tags will be allowed to hunt for one deer of either sex throughout the agricultural areas of the Willamette valley.

Open areas are: Established agricultural lands and adjacent areas within one mile in Clackamas, Columbia, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Linn and Lane counties.

The only elk season remaining after the general season closed November 23 will be the Clatsop and Cottonwood creek controlled hunts scheduled for December.

In the Clatsop area, 400 permit holders who drew tags in the special elk drawings held in October will be allowed to hunt for one elk of either sex on December 17 and 18. The Cottonwood creek controlled hunt is scheduled for December 17 through December 22 for the taking of one elk of either sex.

Schools Observe Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was observed in both the high school and elementary schools with assembly programs on Wednesday. At the high school, a one-act play was presented by the drama club and musical numbers were supplied by the music department. At the Washington school, a Thanksgiving program was given by the two second grade classes taught by Mrs. Emily Marr and Mrs. Veda Dibble.

Although the speaker of the evening, Robert McCoy, was unable to be here Thursday night because of icy road conditions, 63 members of the Vernonia chamber of commerce, families and friends, attended the membership dinner meeting at the Legion hall. A great big Thank You goes to them and the Legion auxiliary ladies who prepared and served the dinner, for coming out on such an unpleasant, icy night. Arrangements will be made to set another date for Mr. McCoy to speak to the chamber.

Mrs. George Hahn made arrangement for the dinner, and the program. Ruby Daniels sang two lovely numbers, "He" and "I Believe." She was accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Thomas.

Bill Johnson, driver training instructor at the high school, showed the very serious and impressive picture, "And Then There Were Four," narrated by James Stewart. He was assisted by Bill Ferguson.

Resulting from a vote taken, membership meetings will be held quarterly instead of monthly as in the past. The plan is to have a dinner meeting or a special speaker or both for these meetings along with the regular business of the group.

Committee chairmen reported for their committees as follows: Lyman Hawken Sr., told of the meeting attended by his committee with Senator Neuberger. The senator is willing to assist in securing assistance from the small business administration if we need it. He thinks cheap power is the need of the Pacific Northwest in order to attract new industry and that is why he has worked for more dams and atomic energy.

Art Ostrander, roads, highways committee chairman, told of the activities of Highway 99W Alternate Road association. Memberships are coming in from interested parties from Junction City, through to Kelso, Washington and Zig Zag, Oregon. Plans are being drawn up for signs, a brochure is being prepared and letters have been received from the governors of Oregon and Washington as well as the highway engineers from both states. Cooperation was proffered by Highway 20 association, a group with headquarters in Corvallis, working toward a highway from the coast to Boston. The cloverleaf at the junction of the Wilson River highway and highway 47 is now under construction and is a direct result of work done by Mr. Ostrander.

George Biddle was welcomed as a new member of the chamber. President Guy Thomas was surprised by the presentation of a pretty myrtlewood gavel by Art Ostrander in behalf of the directors and committee chairmen, in recognition of the splendid service given the Vernonia chamber of commerce during organization and as its president during the time of its being. The gavel was made by Emil Messing.

Two windows are being painted for the Thanksgiving Window Painting contest, by 7th and 8th grade students, and nine will be done by high school students this week. Judging was done on Wednesday by Mrs. Lyman Hawken Sr., Mrs. Ralph Valpiani and Mrs. Harry Culbertson.