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Court Makes Change in Licenses

New Rates Explained By County, Effective At Start of New Year

Due to the increased costs of dog licenses and livestock claims, it has become necessary for the Columbia county court upon the recommendation of the Columbia County Dog Control board to issue an order increasing the dog license fees on male and spayed female dogs from \$1 to \$1.50 for 1956.

Dog licenses for 1956 will go on sale December 15, 1955 in the county clerk's office. License fees for licenses purchased during the period of December 15, 1955 and March 1, 1956 will be \$1.50 for male and spayed female dogs and \$3 for female dogs.

Dog licenses purchased after March 1, 1956 will be \$2.50 for male and spayed female dogs and \$4 for female dogs unless the dog is less than 8 months old or if the dog has not been within the county for a period of not more than 30 days prior to the licensing of the dog. If the dog is subject to the latter conditions, license will be issued at the regular price without penalty.

Persons making application for issuance of dog licenses by mail should make remittances payable to H. F. Jensen, county clerk, 101 Courthouse, St. Helens, Oregon. Remittances made by mail should also contain the sex and breed of the dog and the owner's complete name and address.

IWA Local Union To Vote Saturday

IWA Local 5-37 members will meet Saturday, December 17 at 2 p.m. to vote on points of negotiation on the spring opening of the working contract. Points to be voted upon grew from recommendations of the broad conference of the IWA which was held November 19 and 20 in Portland. All members of the local union are urged to attend the Saturday meeting to vote on the points of negotiation.

Quota Short for RC Bloodmobile

The results of the Bloodmobile visit here Monday were very disappointing and did not nearly measure up to the usual response given here. Those in charge attribute part of it to the change of hours which did not seem to be as good for this locality. Also, the busy season and illness kept many of the regular donors away.

Quota set for this visit to Vernonia this week was 60 pints, but only 37 were received. Of these a number were designated to be deposited in the name of individuals who might need it.

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Dates for Holidays Posted Now

People employed on the Columbia Tree Farm will work Friday of next week for their last day before the start of the holiday season vacation Manager Glen Hawkins said earlier this week. Work on the farm will resume again January 3.

At the Long-Bell mill, the saw mill and allied departments will close Friday evening, December 23 and resume work January 3. However, the planing mill, shipping department and office will vacation only on the two Mondays, December 26 and January 2. The camp also will work four days of the week between Christmas and New Years if weather permits.

School holidays were announced last week as beginning the Thursday afternoon, December 22, and running until January 3.

Ministers Place Religious Books

Last week the Vernonia Ministerial association presented 11 new books to the city library. Included are biographies, Christian novels, poetry, devotionals and Bible prophecy, which for the most part are very readable and written in layman's language rather than in weighty theological terms.

The newest book presented is Billy Graham's new "Secret of Happiness" just off the press.

The association announces that this is just the beginning of their presentations in an effort to improve the religious section of the library. It is the hope of the association that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity and find spiritual life and enrichment in the reading of the books donated.

A list of the books presented along with the names of other books of the same type now in the library appears elsewhere in today's paper.

TV's Win One, Lose Another

In their first game of the season the Logger JVs came through with a 46-40 win over the Knappa team. Led by Dick Crowston, with 12 points, and Howard with 10, the Loggers fought off several challenges by the Knappa team.

Against Neahkahnie the Loggers for awhile looked like sure winners, but in a poor fourth quarter the Pirates sank 19 and the Loggers were only able to come up with 10. The final buzzer saw the Pirates on the long end of a 52-45 score. Don Savage led both teams in scoring with a very creditable 24 points. The game was close from beginning to end and was a fitting curtain raiser for the varsity team.

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Firemen Set Up Rules of Holiday Safety

Department Urges Care During Season To Avoid Trouble

The Vernonia fire department has put in this issue 13 suggestions of fire prevention for the Christmas holidays. The department is trying to help everyone have a happy holiday season.

The suggestions of the department are:

1. A Christmas tree is very highly inflammable.
2. The larger the tree, the greater the hazard, so do not get one any larger than needed.
3. Place the freshly cut tree trunk in water and keep level of water above the cut the entire time the tree is indoors. (Check the water level at least once a day for absorption and evaporation.)
4. Support the tree well. Keep it away from sources of heat such as fireplaces, radiators, etc., and place it so that, standing or fallen, it could not block the way out of the room or out of the house in case of fire.
5. Do not use wax candles on the tree or nearby where there is any chance for an open flame to contact the tree or combustibles piled beneath the tree.
6. Check lighting sets each year before using, for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets.
7. Be sure the fuse of the electric circuit serving the tree is not over 15 amperes. Cord sets with a fuse in the plug, bearing a UL label, are available. Do not plug too many cords in one outlet.
8. Make certain that all tree lighting is turned off before retiring or leaving the house.
9. Please do not leave lights on longer than necessary, at any time.
10. Do not allow smoking near the tree amidst decorations or wrappings. Have plenty of safe ash trays around and use them.
11. Keep matches, candles, etc., away from young children not trained in their hazards.
12. Plan on what you must do if fire breaks out.
13. Have operating water-type fire extinguishers, buckets of water or garden hose connected to a faucet, within reach of the tree. But remember unless you are sure you can put a fire out immediately, call your fire department at once.

Knappa Loggers Thump Vernonia

Vernonia Loggers were defeated Friday night, in the battle of the Loggers, by the Knappa Loggers 55 to 37. Knappa led by its all state center, Hunt, proved too much for the local boys to cope with. Hunt found the range in the first half, scoring 16 points but the locals held him to 5 in the second half and all these points were from gift throws.

Knappa led 10 to 8 at the end of the first quarter, 28 to 16 at the half, 48 to 25 at the end of the third quarter and rode to a 55 to 37 victory.

The local quintet closed the gap late in the fourth quarter but the defending state B champs had built up too much of a lead for the Vernonia team to overcome. Vernonia outscored the Knappa Loggers in the final quarter 12 points to 7, but it was a case of too little too late.

Stores Extend Hours

The Eagle interviewed merchants as to later shopping hours next week, the remaining six days before Christmas. As usual, opinions were varied, but most storemen want to do as the others so shoppers will have until 8 p.m. every night next week for purchasing their Christmas gifts.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Master sergeant and Mrs. Dick McNair and two children, Scotty and Susie, arrived here two weeks ago from Bryon air base in Texas where he has been stationed. They have been with Mrs. McNair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gibson, but will move this week end to a house on Third street. Mr. McNair is working at the mill.

Flora Whitmire Services Today

Services were held this morning, Thursday, at 10:00 o'clock at the First Christian church for Mrs. Flora B. Whitmire who passed away Monday at Providence hospital in Portland. Reverend Ervin F. Leake officiated.

Mrs. Whitmire was born March 29, 1896 at Red Star, Arkansas. March 9, 1914 she was married there to Jerome Whitmire. They and their family moved to the Treharne community near Vernonia in 1942.

She is survived by her husband, Jerome; two sons, R. L. and Harvey Whitmire, both of San Bernardino, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Fletcher of Castle Rock, Washington and Mrs. Zella Davenport of Vernonia, and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, William Doyle, who passed away January 7, 1940.

Remains are being forwarded to the Leonard Funeral Home in Bixby, Oklahoma for burial at Jenks, Oklahoma by the Prickett's Mortuary at Forest Grove, formerly the Forest Grove Undertaking Co.

Mrs. Whitmire was a member of the Baptist church in Oklahoma and of the Treharne Birthday club.

Fund Solicitors Warned Against

Fred Corn of Hillsboro, who is also Columbia county service officer, has warned Vernonia people to be on the watch for a racket which has recently been worked in Forest Grove and other communities in this area.

Men who represent themselves as members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars go from house to house soliciting five dollar donations which they claim will be used to buy wheel chairs and hospital beds which will be stored in the local VFW hall and that any one who contributes may borrow same without charge if needed. However, they have no connection with the VFW and no such set up exists.

If anyone solicitor comes to anyone's door here, they are asked to call the city hall and report it at once as it is purely a racket as well as a violation of the Green River law in effect here.

Christmas Ball Saturday Night

The annual Christmas Ball will be held Saturday evening in the Vernonia high school gymnasium and an invitation has been issued to the public to attend. The affair will not be formal this year.

Music will be furnished by the high school dance band directed by Wm. B. Johnson.

Culbertson Shop Burns

Harry Culbertson's blacksmith and welding shop was gutted by fire about 11 a.m. Wednesday morning. Cause of the fire was undetermined. Flames starting in the rear of the frame building had a good start before the alarm was called in. Fortunately tools and equipment were not damaged. Culbertson intends to rebuild as soon as possible.

Yule Programs on Events Calendar

The annual round of Christmas observances gets underway this Sunday evening and will extend throughout the week with programs being presented by the various churches and the schools.

Sunday evening, the First Christian church will present a program at 7:30 which will include a play, a tableau, a candle-light processional and recitations and songs from all departments of the Sunday school. This will be followed by the annual caroling tour by the young people of the church after which they will return to the church for a chili feed.

Also, Sunday evening, the Nazarene church will have a program at their church, which also includes a play and recitations and songs for a traditional Christmas program.

Monday evening, the LDS church will present a program at their church at 7:30 which will feature the primary groups in a play and miscellaneous numbers. This will be followed by a dance for the young people of the church after which refreshments will be served by the ladies relief society.

The Vernonia schools will present a Christmas operetta "Christmas Fun in '91," Tuesday, December 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Washington grade school auditorium. Students from all the grades will participate in the operetta and the high school band under the direction of Bill Johnson will present several numbers. The grade school numbers were produced under the direction of a committee of teachers headed by Mrs. Dorothy Sandon and Marvin Wiggins. Treats will again be furnished by the Vernonia Christmas Party association.

Wednesday evening, December 21, has been selected by the Assembly of God church as the time for presenting their Sunday school program. This, too, will include numbers from all age groups.

Thursday evening, the Vernonia Bible church will present a Biblical pageant under the direction of Otto Barnell.

Friday evening will find the Evangelical U. B. church presenting a program of music, recitations and exercises from all departments which will conclude with a play by the high school

Member Drive to Start

Help work for your community and help yourself, the slogan of the local chamber group, will be carried out in the new membership drive. Each director and committee member pledged one new member to the next meeting. Non-business people are reminded that a voting membership is only \$10.

National Polio Headquarters Grants Financial Aid for Care of Patients

As a stopgap measure to meet this area's acute need for funds to continue care of polio patients a check for \$2,725.00 from March of Dimes headquarters in New York was received last week by the Columbia county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"This money," explained Earl Seawright, chapter chairman, "is an advance supplied by chapters operating in the black. When it was realized that more than 1,200 chapters would exhaust the funds available to them, national foundation headquarters called in funds from chapters which had surpluses."

Recognizing that polio respects no state or county lines, chapters with funds have willingly answered the distress signals of those operating in the red to in-

class. At the same time the Baptist church will be presenting their program.

In addition to all these traditional Christmas programs, most clubs, lodges and other organizations are having Christmas parties or in some way observing the holiday season.

Loggers Sink Neahkahnie

Rick Bush, with about one second to go sank a field goal and then made a foul shot which gave the Loggers a three-point lead, which they maintained as Coach Kerry Moran's team crashed into the win column for the first time this season with a 47-44 victory over the Neahkahnie Pirates.

The Pirates led up to the end of the third quarter, but found its margin, which they had worked up in the second slipping. It was Neahkahnie 21 to 18 at the half. The final period came on with the Loggers taking the lead 35-34. From then on the lead changed hands several times and the Loggers finally knotted it up at 44-44 with one minute to play and then came the game winning field goal and foul shot by Bush, who actually made his foul shot after time had run out.

Bush and Bill Ostrander tied for high point man with 16, and George Smith netted 15 for the visiting Pirates. The game was a high speed affair with each side having periods of wildness, but the Loggers although shorter than the Pirates were able to control the backboards throughout most of the game.

The Loggers although winning the game were not at full strength with four men on the sick list and several men moved up from the JV's to fill the gap left by those players who were k.o'd by the flu bug.

Board Names Men for Budget

The board of directors of school district 47 met Tuesday December 13 at the Washington grade school. Explanation of the estimated costs and scope of replacing the roof at the Washington school were explained by a roofing contractor.

The board appointed the following men to serve on the budget committee: Tom Bateman, Harold Bergerson, A. L. Kullander, Jack Thompson, C. L. Johnson. Alternates named were: Loei Roberts, Bert Brunson and Ben Fowler.

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Encouraging the "haves" to help the "have-nots" is one way the March of Dimes assures that the lives and usefulness of polio patients everywhere in the country can be saved.

The check received by this county chapter will help meet long overdue back bills for providing treatment and equipment for seven polio patients in this area. Seawright predicted that because many of these patients will continue to need help, the chapter would be forced to ask for additional funds in the near future.

"The promise of the Salk vaccine is bright, but the full realization of that promise is for the future. As we in Columbia county know only too well, polio isn't licked yet."