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## Welding Class Ends; 50 Are Trained

December 18, nine men completed an intensive five weeks course in welding taught at the high school shop by Welcome Rumbaugh. They had spent two evenings a week, Mondays and Wednesdays, in 2½ hour sessions at which they learned the basic rudiments of welding and cutting of metals with special attention directed at aluminum, stainless steel and other hard to weld metals that are in use today.

With the completion of the course by this group, it brings to 50 the number who have availed themselves of the opportunity to learn these skills in the classes offered last year and this.

A number who have taken this class have expressed interest in an advanced class. Mr. Rumbaugh has said that he would like to have all those interested contact him so he can see if enough want an advanced class to warrant starting one.

Also, he would like to know of all those who would wish the class in basic rudiments and those who would be interested in woodshop. The organization of classes after the holidays will depend on the interest shown and the classes most in demand will be given preference. A number of men have expressed need for the shop class to help in getting employment and both men and women have voiced interest in the woodworking. All persons interested in any of the classes should give their name to Mr. Rumbaugh now.

## Two Are Fined On Deer Charge

Lloyd Allen Gay of Timber and David Ervine Norton, Timber route, were brought into justice court here Tuesday, December 24 by State Police Officer Henry Neukom on a charge of killing deer out of season. The men were apprehended the evening before and the carcass in their possession was brought into Vernonia with them. Evidence brought out in court also alleged spotlighting.

Both men pleaded guilty to the charge and were fined \$250 each. In lieu of payment of the fine, the men are lodged in the county jail at St. Helens.



THE MEN PICTURED here have just completed a ten-class course in welding taught at the high school shop by Welcome Rumbaugh. From left to right they are: J. P. McFarland, L. G. Bowerman, R. N. Jensen, Verne Cunningham, Dudley Spofford, Charlie Biggs and Art Bellingham from Birkenfeld. Dwight Strong and George Laws were absent when the picture was taken.

## Head Injuries Cause of Holloway Death, Autopsy Report Indicates

Report from an autopsy performed early this week in Portland showed that Robert Ernest Holloway, 44, of Portland had died of head injuries and was undoubtedly dead when his body was placed in the well on the former George Johnson place not far from Braun's siding, east of highway 47, just inside Columbia county. The property is now owned by Longview Fibre company.

The tips which reached police brought the law enforcement men from Multnomah, Washington and Columbia counties; the state police and private detectives into this area last week in the search for the body of Holloway who had disappeared in October following a tavern brawl. A lady friend had reported him missing and that he was supposed to have been taken for a one way ride and dumped in a well along with sacks of lime. Tests of water identified the well in which lime had been placed and on Thursday of last week, pumping equipment of the Crown Zellerbach company was used to pump

out the well and allow the body to be recovered. The lime which had been intended to destroy the body had instead acted as a preservative. The body was identified by a daughter and son-in-law. He had six children.

Thursday of last week, after it became known that officers had apparently located the body in the abandoned well and were to attempt recovery, Vernonia became a popular spot, with the KGW-TV truck here looking for the spot and reporters from the Portland dailies and weeklies in near-by towns here in search of the story. One reporter who approached police officers wearing rain gear who were ready to start for the site for the recovery attempt was told they were "going after Christmas trees."

Funeral services for Holloway were held in Portland Tuesday. Two men being held for questioning in connection with the case are Harold Keith, 43, a former resident of the area near the abandoned well, and Lee Edwin Allen Parker, 31 of Portland.

## OUTAGES CAUSED BY HIGH WINDS

Winds that reached hurricane force Wednesday afternoon took West Oregon line-men away from family Christmas celebrations to try to restore service in many areas. Falling trees and limbs caused outages on Keassey route, at Vesper, Chapman and Buxton which could not be restored until Thursday.

West Oregon crews have pointed out that as trees along their right-of-way attain greater height, the danger to the lines also increases. The right-of-way is only ten feet wide and the damage comes from trees on either side of it.

## Judges to Seek Offices

Both Circuit Court Judge Howard K. Zimmerman, Astoria, and Circuit Court Judge J. S. Bohannon, Tillamook, have announced they will be candidates to succeed themselves next year. Judge Zimmerman has been serving since 1928.

## Four FFA Boys Prepare Talks for TV Next Friday

Four boys from the Future Farmers of America group at Vernonia high school are preparing for an appearance on television, Friday, January 3 at 12 noon on the Town and Country program on channel 8.

Boys who are slated to appear are Jerry Buckner, Byron Hawkins, George Brown and Dave Roediger who will discuss the greenhouse that the boys of the club built at the high school last summer and are now using in experimental projects. Welcome Rumbaugh, ag instructor, says he believes it to be the only such experimental greenhouse in use in any Oregon high school and is sure it is the only one built by the boys in such a class. This one was built at very low cost by the boys because of the use of surplus glass and other materials.

For the TV appearance, Jerry Buckner will act as master of ceremonies; Byron Hawkins will discuss the building of the greenhouse; George Brown will tell of the experimental work being done with fertilizers and hormones and Dave Roediger will tell of the nursery plots used in connection with the greenhouse for raising forest trees and berry varieties.

About 25 boys at the high school

are enrolled in the ag classes. Both the greenhouse and garden plots developed last year are being used not only as training for the boys in connection with their classes but as test plots to determine crops suited to this locality and the best methods for developing them here. In the greenhouse, the boys learn propagation of nursery stock and ornamental shrubs, and also how to raise early vegetables under glass. In the garden plot, test plots of grasses and legumes have been planted and interested farmers are invited to inspect them and use the information gained.

Mr. Rumbaugh is also the instructor for the wood shop classes and a new program is being carried out there which is designed to be of more value to the boys. The first year, straight wood shop is taught in which they learn the use of the various tools and power equipment. In the second year, the first half is given over to learning shop mechanics and the second half to real carpentry in which the boys build scale models of houses from blue prints, using lumber sawed to scale dimensions which is made available at the cost of sawing by the Northwest Building Congress.

## Operation of Planing Mill Ends Friday; About 140 Are Affected

Operation of the planing mill was concluded last Friday by the International Paper company, leaving only the shipping department and office still in operation. Personnel has been decreased gradually over the past three months since the sawmill closed, and now approximately 50 persons are all that are left on the payroll. Indications are that they will be through by the end of January or soon thereafter, according to Connie Anderson, general manager. Approximately 140 men were affected by Friday's lay-off.

Houses owned by the company are now receiving West Oregon power at night and following the complete shutdown of the power plant at the mill, will receive

it altogether. No further information is available as to final disposition of the mill and mill property. Such repairs and maintenance care is being given as is needed for production and to prevent deterioration. Any future use of the property awaits further development.

## Loggers Trowned By Clatskanie

The Vernonia Loggers and JVs traveled to Clatskanie December 19 to garner sound trouncings at the hands of the Clatskanie teams. In first team play, the final score was 73 to 47. The JVs managed to keep it more even with a 57 to 51 final tally.

Clatskanie was hot from the start and piled up a good margin in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Vernonia rallied to close the gap to 6 point, but from there on out, Clatskanie was in command and during the last half, played their reserves.

Vernonia was hampered by having Mike Mullins and Marvin Mask, both guards, out with injuries. Don Savage and Jim Nanson were the sparkplugs of the Logger team that though soundly beaten kept trying for a comeback all the way. Savage totaled 14 points mostly from outside and Nanson, a driving type guard, got 12 to lead the Loggers. Tall Larry Akers was steady on the boards for the Loggers and picked up ten points though he missed frequently from close-in as rebound shots failed to drop.

The Loggers are hoping for a better report when Seaside comes here Saturday of next week, January 4.

## Dog Licenses Available Here

A change has been made this year in the method of issuing dog licenses which will prove more convenient for persons in this area. Sam Hearing is now selling the licenses at the Vernonia city hall. Previously, applications were made here, but had to be sent to St. Helens, and the licenses mailed from there.

Licenses must be obtained before March 1 and an application form appears elsewhere in today's paper.

## 26 Pints Taken By Bloodmobile

Only 26 pints of blood were received when the bloodmobile visited here December 19. However, the Red Cross workers expressed great appreciation for that amount since there is much demand for blood at this time of year.

There were a number of people rejected and many who would have donated were unable to do so because of illness. However, enough came in to replace blood used by Danny Lawler and Mrs. Carl Schaumburg and to build a backlog for Mrs. Ben Sharer should she need it when she undergoes surgery again.

Appreciation from the Red Cross has been expressed to Mrs. Charles Minger who was chairman of arrangements for the visit, to the Odd Fellows for use of the hall, to the Rebekahs who provided coffee and juice and to the ladies who furnished cookies, to the ladies who helped during the afternoon and to the high school boys who helped unload and load equipment. The good cooperation was complimented.

## Ten Baskets Delivered

Ten Christmas baskets were delivered to Vernonia families by local organizations and the Vernonia Relief committee early this week. These were families who were reported to need assistance due to lack of work, illness and other circumstances which made the usual Christmas observances impossible.



THE BODY of Robert Holloway of Portland is pulled out of well near here by Portland police and state police patrolman Henry Neukom, (kneeling) St. Helens, as Walden Dillard, Columbia county district attorney (right), and others from Portland look on. Rubble from a fire near the well years ago was used

to cover the well, which was found by the state police. The body was taken to St. Helens and then into Portland. It is assumed that Holloway was killed in Portland and then taken to the isolated spot out of Vernonia near where one of suspects in the case used to live.

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