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Ag Student Scores Top Place Over 50 Entrants In Farm Skills Contest

Jim Barlow, Vernonia high agriculture student, scored an outstanding victory in winning the all-around competition at the Northwest Oregon district farm skills contest held at Scappoose last Wednesday, April 13. He competed against 50 other select boys from agriculture classes from high schools at Tillamook, Forest Grove, St. Helens, Hillsboro, Sherwood, Scappoose, Rainier, Knappa, Banks and Vernonia.

Of this list, Knappa is the only school comparing in size to Vernonia.

Jim, who hails from Birkenfeld and has a home project of about 20 purebred Hampshire sheep, performed the feat of winning a first place in two of the contests, a second and a third place ribbon out of the five separate skills he was required to participate in. His first place wins came in the areas of operating a level transit and laying out and cutting rafters; a second place was scored in carbon arc brazing and a third place was garnered in electrical wiring.

Bob Mathews, Mist junior, also performed an outstanding feat in scoring in four of the divisions he entered. Bob's victories came in figuring a bill of materials (first place), Safety and electrical code rules (second place), sharpening twist drills and hooking up tractor implements (fourth place).

The whole contest is set up with the idea of testing the relative abilities of these students to perform the mechanical and scientific skills required of a modern, progressive farmer. Each boy was required to select one skill from each of five major areas: Farm shop, farm power and machinery, farm electricity, soil and water management, and building construction. In the division of farm shop, the contested skills were acetylene welding, arc welding, arc brazing, sharpening drills and using taps and dies. Under the heading of farm power and machinery, timing an engine, tractor driving, implement hook up, repacking a wheel bearing, and adjusting engine valves were skill tested.

The electrical division contained the following contests: drawing wiring diagrams, wiring a three way switch, wiring a light and receptacle combination, figuring electrical problems and a safety and code rule test. In soil management: determining soil texture, operating a level transit, testing soils, figuring differences of elevation and determining acreage and legal description using maps were the contest areas. The last major division, building construction, encompassed the areas of pipe fitting, lumber measuring and sawing, cutting and figuring rafters, building layout using square root, and figuring a bill of materials.

The third member of the five-man team was Dave Roediger who placed first in the pipe fitting contest. Rounding out the other members of the Vernonia team were Jack Lindsley, senior, and Fred Mangat, a Sophomore.



JIM BARLOW, Vernonia high school student from Birkenfeld, was named winner of Northwest Oregon district in farm skills competition last Wednesday. He faced competition of students from 10 schools in district.

Mill Accident Cause of Death

Funeral services for James Calhoun, 37, who lived in Vernonia for many years, were held at Fulten's Chapel in the Hills mortuary, Vernonia Monday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Calhoun was killed last Thursday, April 14, at the Bates Brothers sawmill at Cloverdale, California when a safety-chain broke and a log rolled off a truck and crushed him. He had been at Cloverdale for the past nine months.

The Rev. Elby Boosinger, pastor of the Forest Grove Christian church officiated at the services with Mrs. Lloyd Thomas serving as pianist and Mrs. Frank Serafin as soloist.

Vern Lindsley, James C. Young, Ed Justice, Frank Schmidlin, Gus and George Hult served as casketbearers at the services. Concluding rites and interment were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

James Calhoun was born at Harrisburg, Colorado September 23, 1922, the son of Delbert and the late Vivian Calhoun. After spending his early life in Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota he came with his family to Vernonia in 1941 and lived here most of the time until moving to Cloverdale nine months ago. He spent several years in the services during World War II.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Mildred Smith Hult Calhoun, Cloverdale; his father, Delbert Calhoun, Omaha, Nebraska; five brothers, Harold, Stites, Idaho; Gene of Sweet Home; Ray of Massachusetts; Allen, Sacramento and Lee, Superior, Montana; a sister, Mrs. Elsie Jane Armstrong, Alberton, Montana; a step-daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Grady, Cedar Hills, and one grandchild.

Judge Selects Members for Council Group

Wilbur Wilson of Vernonia has been named as a member of the newly organized juvenile advisory council for Columbia county, according to an announcement made last week by County Judge John W. Whipple.

The ten member committee has been appointed in compliance with the new state juvenile law which went into effect this year. Other members named are: Harold Davis, Clatskanie; Mrs. Belle McCrummen, and Lee Pennell, St. Helens; Mrs. Maurice Slaymaker, Rainier; Mrs. John Rupprath, Goble; Mrs. Eva Tice and Mrs. R. N. Steinfeld, Scappoose; Mrs. Leslie Furer, Prescott and Mrs. Richard Gortler, Columbia City.

Judge Whipple states that careful consideration had been given before selecting council members and that all had had experience in some phase of youth work.

The law provides that the council shall act in cooperation with the juvenile court and shall study and make recommendations concerning the operation of the court, including counselors and other personnel, detention facilities, shelter care, foster homes and other facilities needed or functioning in connection with the court.

They also are to study and make recommendations in connection with community programs and services designed to prevent and correct juvenile delinquency and take appropriate action to stimulate community interest in the problems of children. They are to make an annual report of their activities.

The law also provides that the county court may expend county funds for the activities of the council.

Masterpieces To Be Viewed

An exhibit of 150 copies and prints of world famous masterpieces in the realm of art will be exhibited at Vernonia high school early in May on the same date as that set for the Mom and Pop reception, according to an announcement made this week by Mrs. T. M. Scott. The art exhibit will be held in the library and will be open to the public before the reception and after the program.

Purpose of the exhibit is to improve art appreciation both of students and townspeople. Students will act as hosts for the exhibit and will tell those who attend about the pictures shown.

A small admission charge of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for students will be made and the proceeds will be used to buy pictures for the school.

Definite date for the exhibit and reception will be announced soon.

Weather in March Wet

Easter was observed with rain and cold temperatures rather than the warm sunshine so much desired, and the cold, rainy weather has persisted during the past 19 days. In fact, from April 11 to 19, Mrs. Helen Spofford, weather observer here, has measured a total of 2.75 inches of rain. Highest temperature in that time was 54 degrees and a low of 29 degrees was reached on April 16, the day before Easter. There was some sleet and snow just prior to Easter, also.

The month of March saw precipitation amounting to 7.59 inches, but there were 11 days in March when no rain fell. High temperature for March was 76 degrees March 19 and low was 13 degrees March 1 and 2. Snow fell on seven days for a total of 13 inches measured at the weather station on Corey Hill. Greatest depth at any one time in the downtown area was about six inches.

PTA Group Sees Spring Program

A very clever program, all about spring, was presented last Monday evening at the meeting of the PTA and parents of children turned out to help the kindergarten class lay undisputed claim to the room plaque for this month. The program was presented under the direction of Mrs. L. A. C. Cousins, kindergarten teacher.

Only a short business session was held. President Isabel Anderson reported that she had visited Mrs. Harry Sandon on Sunday and found her making good recovery from her surgery.

It was reported that 45 preschool children were examined at the clinic held Thursday of last week, April 14. The clinic was sponsored jointly by the PTA, the local doctors and the county health department.

Service Station Operators Protest Council Purchases Outside City

The city council at its meeting Monday evening gave consideration to a wide variety of items ranging from use of park areas to the authorizing of the purchase of a fingerprint kit for the use of Police Chief A. D. Lolley.

Also, a spokesman for some of the local service station operators was present to protest the purchase of tires and other equipment for city owned cars from sources outside the city. Local stations contend they could supply the items purchased recently at prices less than those paid. The answer given by the council was that it had been an established policy to deal directly with distributors and that some tires recently purchased locally had not been satisfactory.

Reference to the retirement age of police officers and firemen was clarified as follows: the state law requires retirement at age 63, but written request for continuance can be made. This allows those physically fit to continue until age social security can be drawn.

Inquiries were received as to the possibility of using the old ball park for the hobby of go-kart driving. Interested parties should submit any propositions for use or purchase of the area to the council. Inquiry also was made as to possibility of pasturing riding horses on the area adjacent to the old ball park. A search of city ordinances since then by the recorder does not show any law to prohibit it.

A number of property owners have registered their interest in asphalt sidewalks and contractors are to be approached relative to details of construction and cost.

The park committee was authorized to arrange for work of clearing and developing the south park area to ready it for

Problems of Colleges Told C of C Guests

The members and friends attending the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce quarterly dinner Friday evening were treated to a peppy, humorous, and informative talk on the problems of Oregon's future college plans by Ben Padrow of Portland State college.

Padrow stated that after the launching of Sputnik, the wrath of the gods was brought down upon those in education and education was made the scapegoat. Something is being done about it. He feels that business has a definite responsibility to schools and they in turn to business and the country. There are three problems very important: Function, faculty and facility. Function of the student is to seek truth and he feels that it is the moral obligation of the colleges to give everyone an opportunity to test himself in the battlefield of education.

By 1970 there will be 40,000 students wanting to attend Oregon public colleges. There is a constant need for better facilities and a measure will be on the ballot this fall for state bonds for higher education facilities, (to increase the constitutional limits.) This will not increase taxes as the payment of bonds will be taken from student fees.

Facilities will be needed in 10 years at the rate of two for every three we have now. There is a need for more teachers now and there are less and less available because industry takes them at much higher salaries than the colleges pay. Padrow ended his talk with the quote "to be ignorant and free never was and never can be," and afterward answered questions presented by the guests.

Guests introduced were Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Knauts, of the West Coast Telephone Co., James Fulten, of Forest Grove; Lloyd Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Joey W. Acaturri of Vernonia.

Three High Schools Participate in 100-Voice Choral Festival Concert

Robert Thornton, chorus instructor at Vernonia high school, reported this week that the choral festivities held here last Saturday with Rainier, Clatskanie and Vernonia high schools participating was very successful. There was a fair attendance at the public concert given in the afternoon at which the massed choir of about 100 voices sang.

Donald Thulean, head of the music department at Pacific University who directed the massed choir and also judged the individual groups on their performances, complimented the Vernonia group and said they were well disciplined and had real potential.

Mr. Thornton expressed his appreciation for the assistance given to him by West Oregon Electric cooperative with the use of their truck to put up the banner announcing the concert and to the people who attended. He realized the conflicts that day with another meeting and the holiday week end which made it difficult for many.

This Saturday, April 23, Thornton will take his grade school band to Scappoose to participate in the band festival. They will play a march, Our Flag Forever; Prelude in C Minor and La Cum-

parisa (tango). The massed band will play Men of Harlech, Viceroy Overture and March of the Me-teorites.

Economists Tell Food Preparation

A very interesting program was presented last Saturday at the West Oregon Electric cooperative building on Live Better Electrically day by Beulah Fewless, home economist for the Continental Baking company and Mrs. Betty Ashbaugh, home economist for the American Lamb Council.

Mrs. Ashbaugh demonstrated the use of the less expensive lamb cuts from the forequarter and in showing how to prepare them, also demonstrated the effective use of the electric range oven, the rotisserie and the electric fry-pan. The items prepared were later given as door prizes.

Beulah Fewless showed how to make a number of attractive party sandwiches including the ribbon sandwich loaf and pinwheels, as well as the more hearty grilled sandwiches. She stressed the ease of entertaining when sandwiches are prepared ahead and stored in refrigerator and freezer.



CHAMPIONSHIP tournaments have been held recently for the men's bowling league and team honors went to Fisher's Electric. Members of that team, the first five in the picture above, from left to right, are Albert Schalock, Dick Johnson, Larry Akers, Bill Wil-

coxen and Jerry Dinger. Also pictured are Dessy Laird, singles champion; Bob King, all events champion, and Ben Fowler and Dr. T. M. Hcbart, doubles champions.