

Civil Defense Needs Listed

That the Cuban situation is alarming to Vernonia residents because of the events that could be triggered by it is evident, states B. J. Horn, civil defense head for this area, who says he has had numerous calls from persons asking just what should be stocked in the way of first aid and survival supplies.

Horn refers everyone to the civil defense booklets, Home Protection Exercises, which were distributed some time ago. Pages 10 and 11 give lists of suggested supplies.

Among first aid items suggested for every family are antiseptic solutions, aromatic spirits of ammonia, triangular bandages, medium and small sized first aid dressings, gauze, tape, etc., water purification tablets, eye droppers, safety pins, toilet soaps, measuring spoons and splints. The common kitchen items which also serve as first aid items include salt and soda. Paper drinking cups, flashlights, etc. are also suggested.

It is recommended in the booklet that every family at all times keep on hand a two-weeks supply of food for a balanced diet, including such things as fruits and juices, canned and powdered milk, canned meats and fish, raisins and chocolate, packaged cereals and dried foods and plenty of things that can be eaten without cooking.

Liquids such as canned juices and bottled water are essential.

A battery radio is advised for getting news in case power is out.

Supply quantities will vary with families as to their size and the personal needs of individual members.

The recent storm has made most folks aware of the need for having a backlog of supplies for emergency. Keeping flashlights in working order and extra batteries on hand is a good idea at all times. All civil defense units have been alerted to readiness in case they are needed.

VSP&SS Slates Run for Sunday

This coming Sunday, October 28, is the day set for the Vernonia South Park and Sunset Steam Railroad, Incorporated to make a trial run to Vernonia from Banks, according to letters received last week by all members of the association. However, the steam locomotive will not be used, but a conventional power locomotive of the SP&S company will pull the four arched-window, memory-filled coaches of 1909 owned by the VSP&SSRR.

Also a part of the train Sunday will be the society's baggage coach right behind the locomotive from which coffee, cider and doughnuts will be served and the latest acquisition of the society, the open-top observation car.

The train will make two trips Sunday, leaving Banks at 9:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. There are 216 seats available for each trip plus 64 seats in open car. Tickets for a round trip are \$4.00 for non-members and \$2.00 for members with no reduction for children on this trip.

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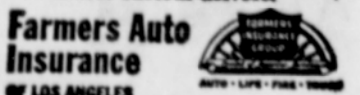
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believes that B, a non-striking union, should vote by secret ballot after thirty days whether to continue to recognize another union's picket line. Naturally B will vote to continue to respect the picket line if B thinks the strikers' demands are fair.

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JOHN JENSEN, above, directs 51 students from the Vernonia elementary schools in chorus numbers Saturday at the West Oregon Electric annual meeting. Junior cake contest winners Saturday at the West Oregon Electric annual meeting were, left, Mary Ann Dennis, Vernonia; Linda Norman, and Imogene Slanger, Jewell. Mrs. Anne Strachan, (extreme right) Clatsop county extension agent, did the judging.

AROUND THE FARM By DON COIN WALROD County Extension Agent

Storm damage to property and buildings around the county has varied, ranging from little or no damage to total destruction. At the writing of this column it is still too early to fully assess the damage done. Probably some types of damage cannot be determined until next spring when fruit trees and other plants start to grow again.

Buildings for livestock shelter and storage of feed and machinery will need to be one of the main considerations given by rural people. In some cases this will mean repair of existing structures, but in other instances either temporary or new buildings will be needed.

If new buildings are necessary, rigid pillar construction, usually called pole frame, has much to offer and certainly would be first choice for most purposes. Such buildings are generally less expensive to construct, can usually be built with very little professional help, and are very strong buildings little subject to damage from wind or flood.

Pole buildings on the fairgrounds suffered no damage. Reports from other areas commonly subjected to high winds indicate that the pole-type buildings have particular advantages in the way of strength. In reporting on the damage of hurricane "Carla" of September 1960, an article in "Wood Preserving News" notes that "Pictures and reports by building authorities after the storm showed that — pole-type buildings and structures built on timber piling made outstanding and convincing records for themselves during that storm."

Pole-frame buildings are adaptable to almost any type single-story building. Although their greatest use has been made in farm and industrial types where large amounts of space are needed, homes have been built in some eastern states using this principle. A number of plans, developed either by Oregon State University or USDA engineers are available from county extension offices.

Damage to fruit and nut trees is widespread, but not very uniform, even in the same orchard. It may be well to do a good job of appraising the damage and give careful consideration to the possibility of saving some of the trees.

If trees are only tipped and not too badly pulled, it may be possible to straighten the tree, using guy lines to hold them. Extra care in pruning and fertilization may then save some of these trees.

Since each situation is pretty much an individual one, each will need to be considered on its merits in the light of the wishes of the owner.

A USDA bulletin, "Pruning Shade Trees and Repairing Their Injuries" covers a number of the points to consider in repairing damage to trees and the replacing of trees that have been uprooted, either partially or totally.

Seed of the newly released Linore winter flax is available on a limited basis for those folks who might be interested in trying this crop. Originally the seed planted for increase was allocated to cer-

tain Western Oregon counties, but since the amount of seed is greater than requests, it will be released to those folks interested on a first-come basis.

Fertilizer trials carried on this past season in Yamhill and Lane counties have given flax yields ranging from 1062 pounds up to 3071 pounds. To give satisfactory yields on most soils, a fertilizer treatment of about the same type as that used on grain should be used.

Weed control measures will be needed also since flax does not stand competition from other species. Because harvest of this crop generally comes in late July or early August, no particular problems with harvest are experienced. A combine is normally used.

5th Lamb Sale Scheduled Soon

Registered ewes and ewe lambs of 11 breeds will be offered at the Fifth Annual Purebred Ewe and Ewe Lamb Sale, scheduled for Rickreall November 3, reports Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent. The sale will be held at the Polk county fairgrounds starting at 10:00 a.m. Howard Brown, Woodland, California, is the auctioneer.

Purebred sheep breeders, 4-H and FFA members have found past sales a source of high-quality ewes, indicates Don Kessi, Harlan, chairman of the sale committee of the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders association. All ewes offered have passed a sifting committee for soundness and quality.

Breeds offered, in the order they will be sold, are North Country Cheviot, Dorset, Romney, Lincoln, Corriedale, Columbia, Cheviot, Hampshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Shropshire.

Sale catalogues are available from R. H. Sterling, Box 348, Dallas.

Channel Work Fund Approved

According to a letter received by Judge John W. Whipple last week, \$100,000.00 planning money has been appropriated for the 40-foot channel project in the Columbia River. The letter, from John J. Winn Jr., general manager of the Port of Portland read as follows:

"We are informed that the 40-foot channel project has been authorized and \$100,000.00 planning money appropriated. That means the job is really under way, pending only future appropriation."

Many industries, many brains, many people have contributed their efforts, and it would be presuming for any one person to thank anyone else for his help. By this letter, the Port of Portland wishes to say to you, "Let us congratulate one another on this job and start on the next one for the betterment of the area."

Signed, John J. Winn, Jr.

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Street Project Signs Displayed

Calvin Bass presided over the meeting of the Vernonia Jaycees which was held Thursday evening of last week at the West Oregon Electric building, since the acting-president, Neil Zimmerman, was ill with flu.

Shelden Graw reported on the street sign project. Two samples have been placed on display by Larry Johnson, one in the window at the Miller store building and the other at the corner of Bridge street and Rose avenue where it is said to show up very well.

The planned benefit to provide Christmas cheer was also discussed and the chairman, Bass, reported that the project was well underway.

The group meets again tonight at the West Oregon building and Sunday, they will go to Scappoose for a football game with the Scappoose Jaycees which promises to be very interesting.

Court Appoints Appeals Board

According to John W. Whipple, county judge, the Columbia county court has appointed an appeals board whose duties will be to hear appeals from individuals, firms or corporations dissatisfied with either the interpretation or orders of the Columbia county building code recently adopted by the Columbia county planning commission and ordered into effect by the Columbia county court.

The appeals board consists of the following members: Stanley Adams, architect, Scappoose; Ronald Nelson, contractor, Columbia City; Thomas Wyckoff, contractor, Rainier; James C. Wheeler, mason, St. Helens and Kenneth P. Howell, plumber, St. Helens.

The board has only heard one complaint to date.

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Heat Helps to Dry Walnuts

Some artificial heat will be helpful in drying walnuts and preserving quality, suggests County Extension Agent Don Coin Walrod, but temperatures should not be allowed to go too high. Temperatures for home drying of walnuts should not exceed 100 degrees.

While walnuts will dry satisfactorily at room temperatures, some artificial heat at the beginning of the drying period is helpful in removing excess moisture and drying the shells.

Sources of initial heat for home drying include floor heat registers, home-made dryers, and the kitchen oven. If the oven is used, temperature should be held to about 90 degrees by leaving the door partially open. After 4 or 5 hours of drying, the nuts should be moved to a well-ventilated place until drying is complete.

Sample nuts should be cracked to check the drying process. Drying is sufficient when the meat "breaks" and before it becomes brittle.

Excessive drying in stored nuts can be prevented by storing the nuts in glass or plastic containers. Shelling and storing in the deep freeze not only saves storage space, prevents insect infestations, but makes the nut-meats available on short notice. Frozen nut meats will keep from 6 to 12 months.

Two Injured By Gun Shots

Mrs. John Pipgras, 26, of 11010 S.E. Yamhill street, Portland, became the second person in the Vernonia area to suffer a self-inflicted gunshot wound within the past two weeks.

According to Sheriff Spencer Younce, Mrs. Pipgras was one of several taking target practice over the week end near Mist. She was holding a .38 caliber revolver in her hand, pointing it downward when suddenly it fired, the slug lodging in her left ankle. She was treated in Vernonia by Dr. T. M. Hobart and sent to a Portland hospital.

Eugene Strutz, 27, Vernonia, suffered a similar accident near Vernonia about two weeks ago.

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