



FIRST HOTEL to be built in Vernonia was building above and was located on Rock Creek opposite the present theater building. The small building in back was the printing office. Man in doorway of hotel is Bert Lewis, owner, and he was about to ring bell for dinner when photo was taken. Owner of original photo is Bob Spencer, who plans to donate it to the county museum.

Truck Hit by Special Train

A truck driver and his passenger escaped with injuries Sunday morning when an SP&S excursion train hit their vehicle, tore the cab from it and left it a pile of wreckage, according to the St. Helens' Police Department.

The driver, Charles E. White, 22, 7403 SE 48th Ave., and his passenger, Charles M. Vonahn, 29, 1934 SE 35th Place, were admitted to Columbia District hospital, St. Helens, where they were listed in satisfactory condition pending examination of x-rays.

Officers said the truck, belonging to Jamison Fertilizer Co., was struck by the train at a railroad crossing at Highway 30 and Gable road just south of the city limits of St. Helens. The two men were thrown from the cab of the truck.

No one on the train was reported injured.

The SP&S office in Portland said the train was a special carrying members of the Portland Chapter of the National Railway Businesswomen to Astoria.

The railway company said the train and engine sustained minor damages but the trip continued as planned.

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AVOIDING ADOPTION IS UNWISE

Sometimes a couple will rear a relative or step-child but won't bother to adopt the child formally and legally. Such informal arrangements can be very harmful to the child (legally speaking).

Adoption as we know it was not part of the old common law. The lawyers say that it is a creature of statute. In other words, our laws covering adoption of children were made by the legislature.

A child legally adopted by a person or couple, usually assumes the parent's name, and by law becomes the parent's heir just as if he or she were a natural child of that parent.

To adopt a child legally, one must file a petition with the proper court in the county where the petitioner resides. Also, there must be written consent of the child's own parent, guardian, or responsible government official. If the child is over fourteen years old, he or she must also agree to the adoption.

The judge must then satisfy himself as to the genuineness of the consent, the moral character of the prospective parents, and ability to support the child, and the mental and physical condition of all parties, and also that the adoption is in the best interests of the child.

The adoption laws are strictly enforced. The courts will not recognize any informal arrangements. Many children who were brought up by loving, well-meaning people, and were even told that they were adopted, have been deprived of an inheritance because their foster parents did not comply with the letter of the law.

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A SKI TRIP

Jane Smith was about to grab the ski tow to the top of the hill when another skier, out of control, plowed into her and hurt her badly.

The skier himself had no money. He could not pay for the harm he did. So she sued the ski tow man for not seeing to her safety.

The accident took place at the bottom of the ski tow where all skiers finished their runs near a sign saying "load here". But Jane failed to see the skier until he hit her. In these circumstances she might just as well have been looking out for her own safety.

At least the court said so: Jane had assumed a legal risk when she went skiing. She should have expected that someone might lose control on the hill and hit her. The tow people had no legal control over the skiers once they were on their way.

At one extreme are such things as railroads, buses, airplanes. They are "common carriers". Legally, they owe the public "utmost care".

But at the other extreme are such high risk sports as auto racing, parachute jumping, or water skiing. Participants and even spectators go in for them with their eyes open. They assume great risks and have no claim for damages if they don't look out for themselves.

Often those who do the harm owe their victim nothing legally — a badly sliced golf ball, or a car roaring out of control for example, may be nobody's fault. They are just one of the sport's inherent dangers which you must look for at times, and do what you can to guard against them.

But the participants do assume some risks. A person enrolled in a ski class, for example, may well have a right to some legal protection, at least more than a skier on his own. For a novice may have the right to look to his instructor for his protection. As a rule, a spectator also has a right to rely on the grandstand which the promoters can control to be safe enough.

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An oldtimer is a fellow who can remember when you couldn't buy chain saws in a drug store.

Smokey Says:



Fair Attracts County 4-Hers

Sixty-seven Columbia county 4-H club members will be participating at the Oregon state fair with horses, dairy, beef, sheep and swine; also with exhibits in knitting, clothing, foods, home improvement, outdoor cooking, entomology and garden. Club members will be participating as members of judging teams and in demonstrations.

Lois Salmi and Barbara Place of Clatskanie will be competing in the intermediate demonstration contest in the agricultural division. Margaret Magruder of Clatskanie will be competing in the senior home economics contest. Zenda Ellis of Vernonia, will be competing in the intermediate home economics contest. Participating with the judging team in clothing will be Dottie Jo Gortler and Geraldine Holz of Columbia City, and Kathy Cox of Scappoose. On the knitting team will be Vicky Donovan of Scappoose and Jean Whitehead and Pattie Sivers of Warren.

The meat animal judging team will consist of Lloyd Johnston and Marilyn Jones of Birkenfeld, and Jean Luxford of Clatskanie. The dairy judging team will be Joyce Chandler of Vernonia, Georgia Kessi and Steve Jenkins of Scappoose. The horse judging contest team will consist of Karen Chamberlain of Clatskanie, Laurel Ann Martin of Scappoose, and Donna Hilderbrand of St. Helens. The crops judging team consists of Dick Magruder, Randy Bergman and Elizabeth Ellis, all of Clatskanie.

FARM CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 4-9

Oregon State Fair, Salem.

SEPTEMBER 22

Annual Swine Day, Oregon State University.

Columbia County Agricultural Planning Council, Fairgrounds, 8 p.m.

Engineers Ask Pile Dike Bids

The Portland U. S. Army Engineer District has invited bids for construction of pile dikes at Puget Island, Morgan and Vancouver Bars in the Columbia River.

Cost of the work, which must be completed in three months, is estimated to be about \$200,000.

Quantities called for are 48,700 linear feet of piling, timbers, hardware and 9,400 cubic yards of stone, all in place.

Puget Island Bar is located at the downstream end of Puget Island off Bradwood, Oregon, about 20 miles east of Astoria. Morgan Bar is off Sauvie Island just downstream from the mouth of the Willamette River, and Vancouver Bar is off Hayden Island just downstream of Vancouver, Washington. CIVENG-35-026-65-23. Jerald W. Schmunk.

It's not hard to get your troubles off your mind if you keep your mind off your troubles.

SHOP LOCALLY FIRST!

YOUR JOB ---

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QUESTION: In what year did the Department of Employment pay out the highest amount in unemployment insurance benefits?

ANSWER: The highest amount of unemployment insurance benefits paid by the Oregon Department of Employment was in Fiscal Year 1958, beginning July 1, 1957 and ending June 30, 1958 when \$40,963,549 was paid out. The lowest year of benefits was in Fiscal Year 1944, during World War II when only \$156,240 was paid. During the past 1964 Fiscal Year, the benefits paid amounted to \$25,583,712.

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