

Emergency Hunt Slated

Oregon big game hunters interested in participating in emergency hunting seasons which may be scheduled in 1974 may submit applications during the first 15 days of January. Simply submit a postcard giving name, address, telephone number, and the county applied for to the Game Commission's Portland office, P.O. Box 3503.

Hunters may file for only one county but it does not have to be the county of residence. Following the January 15 deadline, county rosters will be established and hunters called from these lists if an emergency hunt is needed.

Residents 18 years of age or older may apply. A hunting license is not needed to file but licenses are required if a hunt is scheduled. Emergency hunts are held to control crop damage which may occur at any time during the year. Since it is impossible to predict when or if such damage may occur, it is necessary, according to law, to establish lists of eligible hunters at the beginning of each year.

The chance to participate is small with only a few emergency seasons held since 1957, the first year emergency hunts were authorized. If the hunt is scheduled, applicants are generally called by telephone and must be able to participate within a day or two of the notice.

Other than a hunting license, there is no cost to participate in an emergency hunt. However, when a hunter takes an animal, he must purchase a tag to keep the animal. Tags cost \$5 for deer and \$10 for elk.

Applications won't be accepted before January 1 or after January 15.

School Lunch Eligibility Up

More children will be eligible to buy school lunches at reduced price under new family size and income level guidelines announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Previously, states could serve reduced price lunches to students whose family income level was 50 percent higher than the minimum established in the federal guidelines. As a result of recent child nutrition legislation, states were authorized to serve reduced price meals to children whose family income is 75 percent higher than the federal guidelines.

With the minimum federal guideline figure of \$4,250 annual income for a family of four, the additional 75 percent would permit schools to serve reduced price lunches to children from four-member families that have an income of up to \$7,440. Under the 50 percent provision, the cutoff figure was \$6,380.

Eligibility requirements for free meals were not changed.

As of Oct. 1, about 225,000 of the 24.4 million children participating in the school lunch program received their lunches at reduced prices, and slightly under 8.4 million received free lunches. Since schools have the option of deciding whether they use the higher figure, officials were unable to estimate how many new children will start getting reduced price lunches.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, which operates the school lunch program, normally requests comments and suggestions before placing new regulations into effect. But because the law which authorized this action was so specific, comments and suggestions will not be invited. Instead the new regulations went into effect immediately with their publication on December 13 in the Federal Register.

EMERGENCY SERVICE PHONES	
VERNONIA AMBULANCE Dial 429-6611 (If no answer, 429-5061 or 429-5141)	
VERNONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Alarms Only - Phone 429-3131	
VERNONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Dial 429-5141	
VERNONIA CITY HALL 429-5291	
COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF Emergency: Vernonia Area 429-5141 - Business: 397-2511	
OREGON STATE POLICE 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. - Beaverton Office - 643-4702 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. - Dial "0", ask for Oak Grove 654-6555 St. Helens office - Phone: 397-3131	



THE 50TH anniversary of the First Christian Church was celebrated Sunday, December 23 with the message brought by James Earl Ladd, Jr., son of one of the early evangelists to the church.

Church Enjoys Anniversary

Speaking December 23, from the pulpit of the First Christian Church was James Earl Ladd Jr. President of Puget Sound Bible College. In bringing forth the message in honor of the church's 50th Anniversary, he called the admonition "pour it on" (God's love). Guests and visitors were present to share in the occasion. One couple, the Dudley Spoffords, came from Willamina, Oregon.

The service was followed by a wonderful potluck dinner, where guests heard early church history, from the founding of the church up to the present time. The tables were covered with old and new photographs. There was a large yellow and orange iced chocolate cake supporting the numbers in gold "Fifty". One of the elderly charter members summed up the meeting quite well. She said, "It's a great life if you don't weaken".

The celebration ended in a most unique way. By viewing the birth of Christ looking through a large homemade Christmas card, watching children from tiny tots up to fifteen participate. We look forward to many more years of working together in the Christian church only that we might "pour it on" to others we meet.

Sport Show Features Fish

Pleasures of fishing and how the Oregon Game Commission manages the sport fishery resource so that more of the public can benefit will have prime emphasis in the Game Commission exhibit at the 1974 Portland Boat, Trailer and Sport Show in Memorial Coliseum Jan. 12-20.

The Game Commission exhibits have been outstanding in popularity among public service displays throughout the 14 years the sport show has been presented in the Coliseum complex. Expected to add to this year's popularity is introduction of a casting pool.

"We'll have periodic demonstrations of casting in the practical manner, not shows of professional competitive casting," said Cliff Hamilton, education supervisor for the Game Department. Rods will be on hand, so that show visitors can also try their casting skills.

Live game fish, both trout and warm water species, will be on display in two of the department's portable aquaria while the third will be devoted to a micro-aquatic system showing a spawning bed, fish eggs, small fish, crayfish, and water insects in simulation of natural ecological relationships.

Another area of the exhibit will be devoted to demonstration of techniques and equipment used in management of the sport fisheries resource.

Game Department personnel will be present during show hours to answer questions on any area of fishing or hunting recreation or management. Licenses may also be purchased at the exhibit in the Weyerhaeuser Room of the Coliseum.

The Portland Boat, Trailer and Sport Show is the only complete sport show presented between San Francisco and Vancouver, B.C. The show will open daily at 2 p.m.

Farmer's Invention Contest Planned

A farmer's invention contest sponsored by the Northwest Horticulture Congress will be held at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland on January 29, 30 and 31. The contest is open to all farmers and \$150 in cash awards will be made to the winners.

The contest is open to any equipment developed by growers for use in raising or handling an agricultural crop. Factory-made equipment can be included if it has been altered by farmers to increase efficiency or do a special job. Judging will be based on the ingenuity used and the job that the machine performs.

This contest is being held during the fourth Annual Northwest Agricultural Show. Growers interested in entering the contest can do so by contacting Jim Hay, County Extension Agent, P.O. Box 948, Salem, Oregon. Deadline for entry is January 1, 1974.

Church Notes

Evangelical

Prayer meeting will be held Friday evening at 6:30. College Fellowship at the parsonage Saturday evening at 7:30.

Lord's Day activities begin with men's prayer. Sunday School follows at 9:45 and the worship experience at eleven. Sunday evening service with all in the community invited to come by the church between five and seven in the evening for a quiet time of communion with God. The pastor will serve the Communion Elements.

Monday evening is the time for the annual Watchnight Service and Fellowship. Games, activities, refreshments are being planned for the early evening with a special service scheduled at eleven-thirty. Plan now to join with us for part or all of these activities.

Happy New Year from your friends at the Evangelical Church. May 1974 be a year of personal and community spiritual growth.

Witnesses

"When Apostates Are Gone—Peace For a Thousand Years" is the title of the public talk to be presented by Mr. W. Eickhoff, of Aloha, this Sunday. Mr. Eickhoff's talk will include a summary of chapters 18 and 19 of the new publication "God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached" and is the last of a series of seven discussions reviewing the new information in this publication.

Immediately following the public talk will be a discussion of Jesus parable of the minas, found in Luke 19:12-27. Using the article "Gaining Wealth For Earth's New King" from the December 1st issue of The Watchtower as an outline, those in attendance will learn the true application of that parable. This information will lay the groundwork for next week's discussion on the parable's modern fulfillment.

The meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses are open to the public and are provided at no cost to attendees in obedience to Jesus' command: You received free, give free." (Matthew 10:8) The information mentioned above will be presented Sunday, December 30, at 10 a.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 49 Texas Ave., Vernonia. For more information, please contact Jim Milton, 429-6975.

Bible

If you are looking for an active, friendly church that stands for the word of God, a warm welcome is extended to you by the Bible Church to attend our services:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wed. Family Night 7:30 p.m.

Our Sunday School bus is run throughout Vernonia every Sunday morning for those needing a ride to Sunday School and Church. For the schedule of your neighborhood phone the pastor at 429-3363.

Primary church is held during the morning worship service for kindergarten through 4th grade and is geared to the understanding and needs of the boys and girls.

A Fellowship Hour for Birthdays will be held after the evening service. All of those with a December birthday are encouraged to come. Cake, coffee, and kool-aid will be served.

An adult Bible study on the book of St. John is held every Thursday evening at 7:30 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zerfing. It is conducted by Virgil Snook. Everyone is welcome.

As we complete the year 1973 and enter into a New Year, the greatest thing that can happen to you is to be born again by receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and living for Him this next year.

Park Leases Available

Rental leases on the concession buildings at two Oregon State Parks are now open to bidders, according to David G. Talbot, State Park Superintendent.

Bids will be accepted for a lease agreement on the concession building at Rooster Rock State Park, east of Portland, and for the concession building at Silver Falls State Park, east of Salem. Bids will be accepted until January 31, 1974 for leases to cover the period from April 15, 1974 to December 31, 1976.

Proposal forms, copies of the lease form, and full information for bidders may be obtained from the State Parks Superintendent, State Highway Building, Salem, Oregon 97310; or from the District Parks Supervisor, 8009 East Burnside, Portland, Oregon 97215.

Each lease agreement consists of an exclusive right and privilege to operate a concession in the building for the sale of foods, soft drinks, snacks, confections, and such articles as allowed by the State.

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Licenses Due For Renewal

Oregon sportsmen are reminded that 1973 hunting and fishing licenses expire along with old New Year's resolutions on December 31 and 1974 licenses are required beginning January 1.

License documents are being mailed to outlets throughout the state and should be available during the last week of December. They can be purchased now at the regional and Portland offices of the Game Commission.

The largest affected group is the steelhead angling fraternity. That season is in full swing with some of the best angling frequently enjoyed in late December and January, weather permitting. Steelhead anglers who think they might want to go out January 1 would be wise to get their new licenses early since it may be difficult to find stores open on New Year's Day.

A 1974 salmon-steelhead tag is also needed starting January 1 and anglers are asked to return their expired punch cards to the Game Commission as soon as possible. The information contained on these cards is important in determining angler success and vital to the anadromous fish management program. Most license dealers have a convenient box where anglers can drop off their old salmon-steelhead license when they purchase a new one, or they can mail them in.

Although 1973 big game tags are still valid for late season permit hunts offered in January and February, participating hunters will need new hunting licenses. The late hunts include several special permit elk hunts in northwest Oregon, a permit elk hunt in the Troy area of eastern Oregon, and a late archery elk hunt in parts of western Oregon.

The seasons for upland game are all closed by the first of the year but waterfowl hunters who can shoot into January, and even into February for black brant, should be sure to get a new license. Federal waterfowl stamps remain valid through the end of the current season.

License fees for 1974 remain unchanged. For the resident, a hunting license is \$5 and an angling license is \$6. Resident sportsmen can save a dollar by purchasing the combination hunting and angling license for \$10. Salmon and steelhead anglers, other than daily angling license holders, need, in addition to their angling licenses, the special salmon-steelhead tag which costs one dollar.

Home Study Course For Parents Set

"You, Your Child, and Food," a home-study course for parents of pre-school children, begins January 14. The series of three lessons is offered through the Columbia County Extension Office.

This course is designed to reach parents interested in nutrition and diet planning, but who are unable to easily attend classes. The series includes information on four main food groups; nutrition snack ideas that appeal to young children; and a section on questions frequently asked by parents about foods, vitamins, and eating problems.

A fee of \$1 will help to cover costs of materials. Registrations will be accepted without fee if individuals are unable to pay.

Registrations may be mailed to the Extension Service, Court-house, St. Helens before January 7.

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Leona Haverland, M.E.C.
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VERNONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board of Directors report to members quarterly. Board meets the second Monday, 8:00 p.m. at West Oregon Electric office. Visitors invited.
T. F. Tomlin, President
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A.F. & A.M.
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