

Merry Christmas

Jensen Named District Winner



DENMARK farmer Charles Jensen, left, and wife Wilma accept award at Lincoln City meeting.

Charles Jensen of Denmark has been selected the Outstanding Soil and Water Conservation District Cooperator in Area 5 of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts. Area 5 includes Districts located in Curry, Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties. Jensen had been named Curry County Outstanding Cooperator for 1972 by the Curry County Soil and Water Conservation District earlier in the year. As area winner he was presented with a plaque at the Annual Meeting of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts in Lincoln City.

Jensen has operated his 160 acre farm for over 30 years, becoming a district cooperator in 1955. He was one of the first cooperators after organization of the district. During the majority of those 30 years, he was music director in the Port Orford-Langlois school systems, and later owned music stores in Port Orford and North Bend.

Even while engaged in other pursuits, he was applying conservation measures on his farm, starting with spring development, stock water pipe lines and pasture planting. Following his retirement from the music business, he has ac-

celerated his conservation practices, including underground tile drainage as a soil improvement, woodland management, pasture fertilization and planting. In addition, he is a leader in the blueberry industry of this area. "Blueberries are a good cash crop," says Charlie, who was the prime mover in developing a blueberry field day this year, and correctly maintains that blueberries have a great potential in Curry county.

Charlie Jensen has found that conservation pays dividends, in more ways than one. The more he applies, the better his farm operation becomes.

Lutherans Set Christmas Service

A Christmas Eve family service will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church Dec. 24 at 9:30 p.m.

The service will feature a film strip entitled "Son of a Virgin." There will be singing of traditional Christmas carols and choir numbers.

All families and friends are welcome.

CONTEST DEADLINE

Entries in the Curry County Fair Theme Contest must be submitted no later than Dec. 31. The winning entry will receive a \$10 prize.

Entries should be sent to the Curry County Fair, P.O. Box 1072, Gold Beach, Oregon 97-444.

Counties Get Co-op Funds

The Department of Revenue has announced the transfer of \$484,137.44 to the Treasurers of 31 counties. This money represents collections by the Department of electric cooperatives throughout the State. The tax is levied in lieu of ad valorem taxes on the "transmission and distribution lines" of the cooperatives. Other properties owned by the cooperatives are included on the tax rolls and subject to ad valorem taxes in the same manner as all other property.

The amount collected this year is about 12% larger than last year.

The proceeds from this tax are distributed 75% to the county school fund and 25% to the county general fund.

The amount distributed to Curry county was \$36,944.68.

Post Office Is Open Saturday

The post office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, to handle Christmas mail, postmaster Warren Jewell announced today.

All services will be available, he said.

County Hires, Hold Meetings

By order the Curry County Board of Commissioners approved hiring Sharon Leming, Clerk Typist 2, in the County Sanitarian's office; Jim Baumer, as extra help at the County Shop; William Michael Strain was reinstated as the conclusion of his military service and Elwin A. Kasperson hired as RMM II, extra help, in the Road Dept; Wilbur G. Downs was placed on full time as Jailer and Communications Deputy with Herbert Hooker being transferred to Deputy 103 in the Sheriff's Department.

In a motion the Board approved an exchange of property between the Forest Service and Brookings Plywood Corporation.

James R. and Shirley LeClair purchased Lot 7, Block 1, Bailey's First Division, City of Gold Beach, for the sum of \$1,000.00.

Curry County Public Welfare Board met with the Commissioners Dec. 5. Attending the meeting were Board members Jerry Ross and Grace McKenzie, Kay Butler, Walter Hopper and County Commissioner Glen Hale.

Dr. Raymond McKeown, Ed Hutchinson and Chuck Smith, interested in Health Care Planning, met with the Board of Commissioners relative to the reorganization of the District 7 Health Planning Council.

Commissioners Glen Hale and Gene Colegrove, Les Williams, Commissioner-elect, Myron Baumer, Purchasing Agent and John Madding, Roadmaster, attended the annual convention of the Association of Oregon Counties held at the Sheraton Hotel in Portland, Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1.



City Officials Take Oath

COUNCILMEN, all incumbent, and new city recorder were sworn in by outgoing recorder Loraine Haines during last city council meeting. From left to right are Delbert Neal, Kent Wagner (councilmen), Mayor Leon White, recorder Georgia Dougherty and councilwoman Allene Smith.

Port Will Apply For Improvement Funds

Port engineers were given the "go-ahead" Tuesday night to make application for grants from the Oregon Marine Board for water front renovation and recreational parking near the dock.

Two areas are included in the application that would provide parking for between 10 and 15 commercial boats and around 100 vehicles. The proposal calls for filling between the cannery and dock for boat storage, and east of the cannery for recreational parking. Total estimated cost of the project, divided into Phase I and Phase II, respectively, is \$54,737. The Phase I estimate is \$15,716, and Phase II is \$39,021.

NO ACTION ON REQUEST

No action was taken on a request from H.C. Kern of Gold Beach on his proposal to establish a barge fishing and charter boat service out of the port.

Kern has petitioned the Port for permission to operate a shuttle boat from the port to a fishing barge anchored in the bay, and for a deep sea fishing charter operation. The

Judging Is Friday

The chamber of commerce sponsored home Christmas lighting contest will be judged tomorrow night, Friday, Dec. 22.

The judging area will include all homes south from the Elk River road junction to Hubbards Creek.

Prizes will be \$15 first, \$10 second, and six prizes for \$5 each, provided by the chamber and Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative.

request for power outlets in the boat parking area north of the dock; agreed to purchase an engine for the pile driver from Jack Childers at a cost of \$200, with a \$100 to be paid in cash and the balance applied to boat storage; approved the repair of electric service lines to the dock, and approved bills in the amount of \$227.53.

A "snag" in the negotiations occurred when Kern asked for an "exclusive" on chartering, if he put in the barge facility, that would give him all booking rights for other charter boats that might want to operate from here.

The Port Commission was prepared to offer a ten year lease on the floating dock for his operation, but did not want to include the booking rights.

Kern said it wasn't enough because he needed some kind of protection if he was going to invest \$40 or \$50,000 in

the operation.

The fishing barge would be the only one on the entire Oregon Coast, Kern said, and would be operated the year around, weather permitting, and should increase local economy considerably during the winter months.

The request will receive further study by the Port.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

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Some 61,000 veterans who are wearing prosthetic devices are eligible for an annual VA clothing allowance of \$150, under a recent law.

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Yule Program Dated Friday

The Assembly of God Church will present their annual Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.

There will be treats for the youngsters and the public is invited.

Budgets Necessary To Spend Revenue Sharing

Local governments will be required to submit budgets before appropriating and spending any funds received from federal revenue sharing.

In a letter mailed to all Oregon cities and counties, Dec. 5, 1972, Department of Revenue Director Charles H. Mack said that these local governments must submit supplemental budgets if any of the revenue sharing money is to be spent prior to preparation of their next budgets.

"If the local governmental unit decides not to spend the funds immediately," Mack said, "its governing body should create a special fund into which revenue sharing money is placed until such time as the revenue sharing is budgeted, appropriated, and eventually spent."

Local governments have two years from receipt of the money in which to obligate and spend it.

The Oregon law also requires public hearings on the

supplemental budgets as well as publication of the budgets.

Oregon's Local Budget Law (ORS 294.326) considers as exceptions to the prespending budget requirement any funds received as grants, gifts, bequests, or trusts for specific or special purposes.

However, "The receipt of revenue sharing money by a local governing unit is not an exception," Mack said. "Revenue sharing money and interest earned from its investment must be budgeted before it can be spent."

The federal government has laid down two principal requirements in reporting use of these funds. State and local governments must provide an accounting of the end use of the revenue sharing money and any interest received; and they must provide a record showing that the money was used for one or more of the required expenditures in Section 103 (a) of the Revenue Sharing Act.



Snow-laden holly branches are traditional "go-togethers" at the Christmas Season.