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All you members of the Pacific high school Boosters Club (formerly the Port Orford-Langlois Quarterback Club) are urgently begged, ordered, and otherwise requested to attend the all-important meeting of that organization that will be held next Monday night, February 25, at 8 p.m. at the high school. Prexy Jack Lenox says there's gonna be a big election for new officers... and you'd better be there to protect yourself. That's what he said. After all the business is over (or even maybe during) Jack says he'll likely have some kind of refreshments... at least coffee and a few cookies. In case you're not a member of the Boosters, you can also get signed up that night... cheap. Annual dues are only \$3 per couple (that's man and wife), or \$2 per person. Why not give it a try? -P.

Last week the Oregon State Marine Board said they had been notified of new Coast Guard Federal Regulations concerning the termination of the use of boats in certain "Regulated Boating Areas" under specified conditions. The regulations are to be enforced only by specially trained Coast Guard Boating Officers. In brief, the regulations state that: "The use of individual recreational boats can be terminated on certain west coast river bars and inlets when rough seas create an especially hazardous condition. Statistics indicate that such bars along the coastlines of Oregon and Washington are characterized by frequently dangerous waves and surface currents. Accordingly, the Coast Guard has issued regulations to be effective beginning Friday, February 22, 1974, which designate specific bars and inlets as "Regulated Boating Areas" and which give specially trained Coast Guard Boating Officers the authority to terminate the use of specific boats when continued operations in the regulated areas poses a serious danger to the boatman."

The list of Oregon bars and channel entrances which will be affected by the regulations include: Columbia River Bar; Nehalem River Bar; Tillamook Bay Bar; Netarts Bay Bar; Siletz Bay Bar; Depoe Bay Bar; Yaquina Bay Bar; Siuslaw River Bar; Umpqua River Bar; Coquille River Bar; Coos Bay Bar; Rogue River Bar and the Chetco River Bar.

You'll notice that the regulations don't cover the local harbor... no hazardous bar conditions here. What we've got is a hazardous shoaling condition that will no doubt plug us plumb out of business before winter storms are over. Unless we can get some disaster assistance as a stop-gap measure while waiting for the Corps of Engineers to take action to remedy their breakwater bungle. And who knows how long that'll take.

It's a tragic realization to know that if the Port had done something to cause the local harbor shoaling there'd be all kinds of federal dollars down their backs demanding that corrective action be taken. But them Engineer fellers can swoop down and cause the disappearance of an entire harbor... and get away scot-free. It's plumb confusing.

Here's a startling statement everybody'd sure like to lay some hope on: "There is every indication that this nation will have record crops and livestock production in 1974. Because of this, I see food prices stabilizing starting about May and remaining stable for the second half of this year."

That is a quote from Ernie Davis, president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, when he spoke at the annual meeting of the Jefferson County Livestock Association meeting in Madras February 12.

Never expect more from the other feller than you can produce yourself. Think that one over. -P.

Grain exports are continuing high, says the State Dept. of Agriculture, with total January shipments from Portland and Astoria at 342,096 tons. And that makes the 11th consecutive month that grain exports have exceeded 300,000 tons... and only the 24th month in the history of Grain Division that exports have exceeded 300,000 tons. Incoming grain shipments at those ports tallied 383,045 tons, plus another 8,984 tons at Pendleton.

Consumer complaints also reached an all-time high during January, with 135 recorded, less one that had to be referred to another state agency. By the end of January 105 of them had been investigated and 98 considered valid, the Dept. of Ag. says. In seven instances there was no basis for complaint. The economic squeeze and energy shortage led the list.

The IRS says there has been a change in Taxpayer Assistance hours for all IRS offices located outside of Portland, beginning Friday, February 22. The Coos Bay office will now be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Or you can call toll-free to 1-800-452-1980.

And don't forget that local assistance in filing Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Refund Claims will be available next Wednesday, February 27, at the city hall from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

About the second week of March we're gonna be starting a new column called "Oregon Country," authored by a young Yreka, California writer by the name of Patrick (Rick) Steber. The column will feature short sketches of historical sidelights from out of the pioneer era. Look for it about March 14. Then let us know if you enjoy it... please.

LETTERS to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR

I am deeply distressed to learn in the February 7 issue of your paper of the loss of our beautiful harbor at Port Orford.

The Army Corps of Engineers has raised the same type of havoc on the California coast, Capitola, a city near Santa Cruz, attempted for years to obtain a correction from the Engineers... the boat harbor would be sanded in and the city's beach front lost. A correction was finally secured which is why I am writing to you. Perhaps if you wrote to the Chamber of Commerce at Capitola, you may be able to learn how it was achieved. They very nearly lost their city by the pounding waves and no beach front.

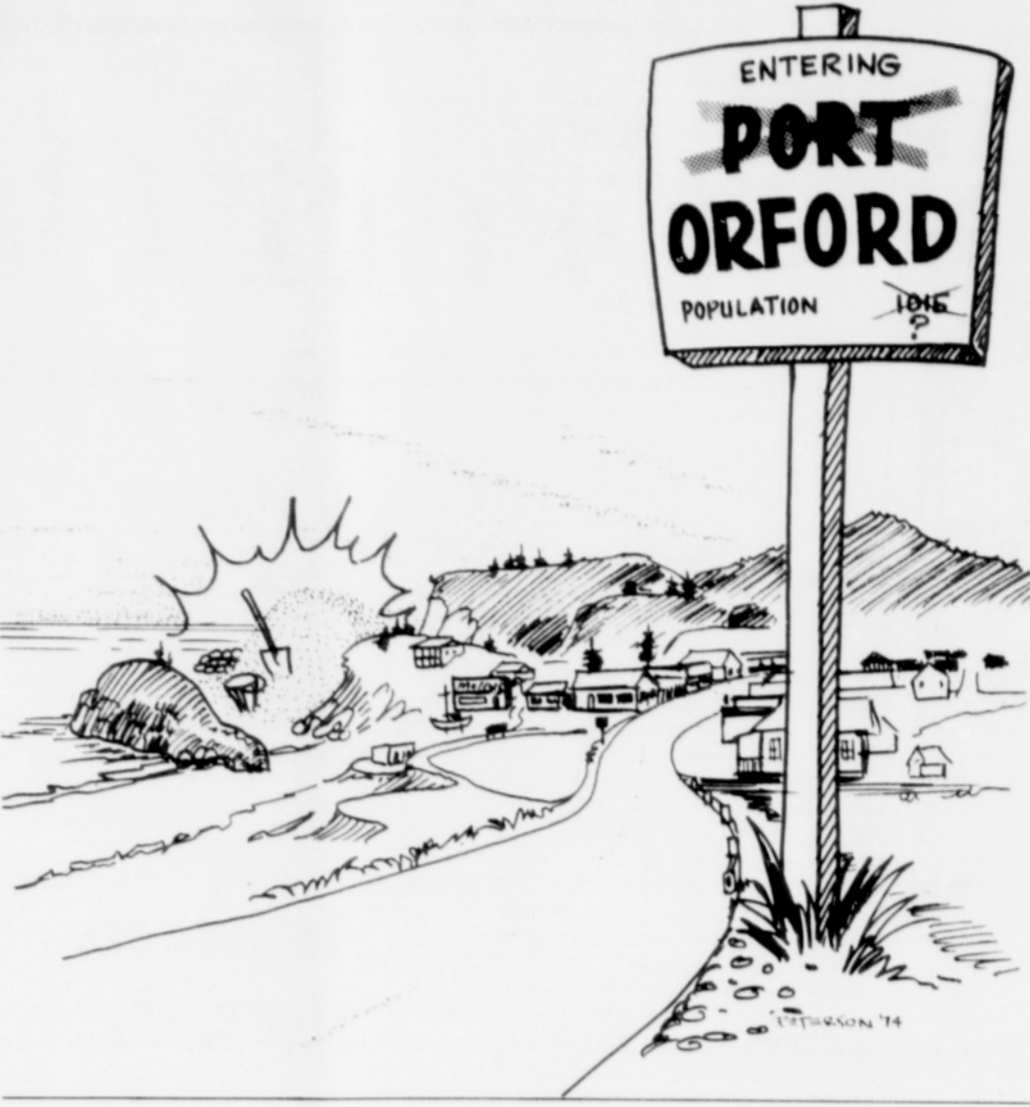
Nancy Head
 Los Gatos, Cal.

TO THE EDITOR

Looks as if my subscription has about run out so am sending you my check in the amount of \$5.50 for another year's subscription.

Always enjoy your good coverage of local happenings. Thanks very much.

James R. Mills
 San Francisco



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Forming Carpools Avoids Involuntary Absenteeism

As lawmakers struggle with emergency energy legislation in special session in Salem, other units of government are launching a statewide campaign to organize carpools.

The current culprit is the gasoline shortage. And aim of the campaign is an intensive effort to block an economy damaging rise in involuntary absenteeism throughout the Oregon labor force.

Department of Transportation Director George Baldwin estimates the state's federal allocation of gasoline will be about 25 per cent short of demand this month and sees no immediate easing of the shortage.

While no official figures yet exist, scattered reports indicate some workers are having trouble getting enough gas to drive to work. Employers also report increasing cases of tardiness necessitating when employees attempt to gas up on the way to work and still others are granting time off during the workday or sending workers home early to obtain fuel.

Baldwin terms the situation a serious threat to the state's economy and is seeking methods of reducing home-work trips among the labor force.

"An immediate way to respond," said Baldwin, "is through carpools."

Practical application of the carpool concept already has been vividly demonstrated by several manufacturing plants in the metropolitan Portland area -- most notably perhaps among employees of Freightliner Corporation on Swan Island.

An employee committee headed by Ron Rust, journeyman mechanic, launched a carpool plan for the nearly 2,000 people who work in Freightliner's truck plant, parts plant and service branch. The plan was slow to take hold.

Normandie Denny, dubbed Miss Freightliner Transportation by the committee and placed in charge of coordinating the effort, said the idea was announced Dec. 7 and in the first two weeks only 10 carpools were formed.

"Once it got going however," she said, "it spread rapidly."

Today some 600 Freightliner employees are involved in 178 carpools and the number is still growing.

"We figure the average carpool saves its participants about \$16 a week in auto expense," she said. "And that means our present 178 carpools are saving us \$2,848 a week and that will add up to about \$142,000 in a year."

The pools also reduce driving about 600 miles a week each and when extended to 178 carpools that means 106,800 less miles driven each week and 5,340,000 miles less in a year.

Freightliner carpools also figure -- at about 16 miles-per-gallon -- they're saving something in the neighborhood of 333,750 gallons of gas a year!

Documented examples show one Gresham carpool with five riders traveling 160 miles a week at a cost of \$8 formerly

1223 -- is coordinator in the Eugene-Springfield area. DOT Chief Baldwin said workshops can be scheduled through his department for chambers of commerce and units of local government in other locales.

Meanwhile, Richard V. Clement, Oregon Association of Insurance Agents, has dispelled misunderstandings that may have discouraged carpools in the past.

"Present liability policies do cover all carpool participants," he said. "However, if a particular carpool is large its members might want to check with their agents to make certain coverage is adequate."

"Some companies are offering credits to carpool organizers and still another reason to check with insurance agents is because carpool members might qualify for rate reductions if they no longer commute to and from work in their own cars," he concluded.

Oregon's current February gasoline allocation is 69,600,000 gallons, according to DOT's Baldwin. In 1971 some 76,417,275 gallons were consumed in the state during the same month. February 1972 witnessed the sale of 80,983,107 gallons and last February the total had risen to 84,814,353 gallons.

"It's obvious we aren't going to drive as much this year as we have in the past," Baldwin concluded, "and by forming carpools to get to and from work we're all going to help ease the situation and still maintain Oregon payrolls and production."

Twenty-three million Americans have high blood pressure. Half of them don't know it. A simple test by your doctor will tell you for sure. Have him check your blood pressure regularly, and follow his orders. Untreated, high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart and kidney failure.

Historical Society Will Meet Here

Early north Curry county history through stories and photographs will be presented at a special meeting of the Curry County Historical Society next Wednesday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., in the elementary school multipurpose room.

Josie Forty and Pous Knapp will combine forces to present the program. The public is invited to the free event.

Buyer Tips Available

"Finding out after a purchase what you should have asked beforehand can be an expensive form of education," points out Dora Rumsey, Curry county extension agent.

Consumer Portfolios, "to help you ask the right questions" are now available from

the Oregon State University Extension Service on buying wood furniture, upholstered furniture, rugs and carpets. Each portfolio contains a

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- MONDAY
 - Chicken noodle soup
 - Carrot and celery sticks
 - Cookies, fruit
 - Peanut butter-jelly sands.
 - Milk
- TUESDAY
 - Sloppy Joes
 - Buttered spinach
 - Jello with fruit
 - Milk
- WEDNESDAY
 - Lasagna
 - Buttered peas
 - Fruit
 - Hot garlic bread
 - Milk
- THURSDAY
 - Tuna gravy over mashed potatoes
 - Hot spiced beets
 - Orange juice
 - Jello
 - Milk
- FRIDAY
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L. Williams Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners

CURRY COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1973-74 GENERAL FUND RESOURCES

City of Port Orford	\$8,750.00
State of Oregon	4,888.00
Tax Refunds	15,000.00
Total	28,638.00

REQUIREMENTS

Sheriff-Civil and Criminal Department	
Personal Service	5,346.00
Material & Services	904.00
Capital Outlay	2,500.00
Department Total	8,750.00
Family Service Clinic	
Personal Service	3,375.00
Material and Service	1,513.00
Department Total	4,888.00
Refund on Taxes	
Material and Services	15,000.00
Department Total	15,000.00
Total Requirements	28,638.00

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 \$3.00 for Female

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