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FROM THE...
SCRATCH PAD
by Paul Peterson



Well gang, here it is eight days into the 1976 bi-centennial year. The year of celebrations all over the nation to commemorate birthday 200 of the good ol' U.S. of A. (On top of that, it's birthday 125 for Port Orford... the oldest town in southwest Oregon.) And the local celebration will not be the least of those gala events either. That is if local folks get themselves into the Spirit of 76, so to speak, and begin gearing up for the "Colonial Days" Jubilee July 4. There's only four days less than seven months left before the event so let's get to moving.

The chamber has planned that the entire week preceding the Jubilee will be "Colonial Days Week" with all citizens expected to spring forth with appropriate costumes of the era and such other paraphernalia as will add to the fabulous festivities. Planning should also be started for parade floats and other entries, tourist attractions, carnival-type events and concessions, and the like.

Three businesses have already climbed on the Jubilee wagon; The Wooden Nickel, Variety and House of Remnants; with the announcement this week (see the front page story, George) of a Centennial Quilting Contest. One citizen has offered to lend her professional assistance in planning. Now it's your turn. Got any ideas for new events or attractions or activities? Start thinking along them lines so you can be ready to share them with the chamber.

As I've said about a zillion times already... many hands make a big job go smooth. (I didn't know I'd said that!)

Before I get too far off the celebration subject, let me remind all members (or potential) of the community band that practice has resumed every Monday at 7:30 at the high school. They're gonna perform at the Jubilee, too.

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Pacific's GAA (Girls Athletic Association) will sponsor a spaghetti feed at the local grade school next Wednesday, January 14, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Details can be found in their ad.

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The Coos-Curry Council of Governments will meet at 8 p.m. tonight at Sporthaven Inn in Harbor. The agenda looks full and dinner will start at 6 p.m.

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A reminder to taxpayers who may need a little help from the state revenue department: the expert(s) will be right here in Port Orford on Friday, January 16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Persons taking advantage of taxpayer assistance must bring with them information necessary to complete tax returns or property tax refund claims. Such information includes a copy of a completed 1975 federal income tax form (1040) if one is required, the 1975 Oregon income tax packet, records of income from all sources and property tax statement or receipts for amount of rent.

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City dads (and a mom) will meet next Tuesday, January 13, at 8 p.m. in the Gable council chambers at city hall.

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Know what I heard on the 6 a.m. news Tuesday? Let me tell you.

A newscaster for KEX out of Portland said that new reading requirements for high school graduates, to be implemented by 1979, will include that students must be able to read and understand a cash register receipt, read and be able to fill out a welfare application, and be able to read the TV Guide. That's what he said.

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Had a letter Wednesday morning from the board of county commissioners. Know who signed as chairman of the board? None other than north Curry commissioner Jack Waldie, that's who. Now you know who to get in the corner.

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Only one Oregon county managed to end 1975 without recording a single traffic fatality even though the state had its lowest traffic death toll in more than a decade, according to the Motor Vehicles Division.

Wheeler county went death-free for the year. Several other counties—Gilliam, Hood River, Lake and Sherman—each recorded only one death during 1975.

Multnomah county recorded 100 traffic fatalities,

LETTERS to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

It is time again for North Curry Recreation Inc. to send out dues notices.

As the name is misleading and our purpose unknown to some, it seems fitting to explain occasionally.

North Curry Recreation, Inc., is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to furnish by way of translators, television to viewers in the Port Orford area.

The biggest expense is the upkeep and repair of the three translators.

The problem causing most concern has been the overlapping of channels 2 and 13. Not only do they interfere with each other but because they are so close, the full power cannot be used on either translator.

We had hoped to have this problem taken care of by the first of the year, but legal paper work has prevented.

We hope to see all of you at the annual meeting, notice of which will soon be published.

Sincerely,
MABEL KIGHT, Sec.

TO THE EDITOR:

After observing certain events during the past several weeks, I would like the opportunity to clear up a serious piece of misinformation, and to comment on the present county political situation. Contrary to the editorial of the Curry County Reporter, Dec. 18, 1975, I am presently registered as an Independent, and have been since mid-1974. The context of this editorial, the County Commission elections coming up in November, would apply to me only after the Primary Election in May, since Independent Candidates are placed on the ballot through a different process. It is unlikely that I will change my registration to either Democrat or Republican prior to next November. Likewise it is unlikely that I will be a candidate in either the Republican or Democrat primary, or a major party candidate in November.

On a subject of wider scope, I applaud Glen Hale for his early announcement of non-candidacy. His timely self-exclusion from the contest should give encouragement to potential candidates of both parties to declare for the primary. More importantly, this makes necessary a campaign based on the merits of the candidate. The voters will have to be given positive proposals, rather than an anti-incumbent theme of attacking a record, as will likely be the situation in Les Williams' case. So whatever the course to November's ballot, contenders for Hale's position owe him a word of thanks for making necessary a serious campaign based on constructive proposals.

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There are 15 million Americans whose daily lives are affected by birth defects, according to The National Foundation—March of Dimes.

according to preliminary figures. Lane county reported 67 fatalities. Marion county reported 43 deaths and Clackamas county reported 40 fatalities for the year. The four counties alone accounted for 44 percent of the 565 reported deaths for the year.

Twenty-four of the state's 36 counties had lower death tolls last year than in 1974. Three counties had no change in deaths for the two years and nine counties went against the statewide trend by recording higher death tolls in 1975 than in 1974. Curry county recorded eight traffic deaths.

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The Curry County Planning Commission will meet tonight, Thursday, January 8, at the Curry County Courthouse.

On the agenda will be the preliminary plat of the Kilgore subdivision, located in Nesika Beach on Gun Club Road. The proposed subdivision consists of four lots on the ocean.

Other business will include the election of officers for the Commission for 1976.

The meeting will be held in the basement conference room and all are welcome to attend. For further information call 247-7011 Ext. 227.

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Meeting nights for the newly-formed Community Chorus have been changed from Tuesdays to Mondays. The group will meet weekly on Monday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Port Orford grade school music room at the north end of the building.

Aging Group To Talk Funding

The Coos-Curry Task Force on Aging will hold a public meeting for all Senior Citizens on Monday, Jan. 12, 1976, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bandon Community Center, 85 East 13th Street.

Major items of interest will be reviewing present Senior Programs and recommending additional programs for funding in February and July of 1976.

Senior organizations throughout Coos and Curry counties are urged to send a representative and participate in the decisions affecting services in this area.

FS Accepting Job Requests

The Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service will begin recruiting for temporary seasonal and summer positions in January. Applicants may request an application from any local U.S. Forest Service Office, or by writing to: Temporary Employment, U.S. Forest Service, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Applications must be filed between January 1 and February 15, 1976.

Applicants must be 18 years old and a high school graduate.

High school age applicants should consult their counselors for information regarding the Youth Conservation Corps, CETA Youth Program, Job Corps, and other special work training programs for people under 18.

Superior Tree Starts Ready

Christmas tree growers in Western Washington and Western Oregon are being offered a chance to purchase 209,500 genetically superior seedlings in a drawing conducted by the U.S. Forest Service.

Growers can apply for not less than 1,000 and not more than 4,000 seedlings in increments of 1,000. The seedlings, grown by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, will cost \$78 per thousand, plus 5 percent sales tax to Washington buyers. Delivery of trees will be in time for early Spring planting.

The genetically improved seedlings were grown one year in a nursery bed and two years in transplant beds and are 18 to 24 inches tall.

The seedlings resulted from a study by Dr. Roy Silen of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station's Corvallis lab.

Silen's project to produce better, faster-growing Christmas trees began 11 years ago, with the first 100 superior trees put on the market in 1972. In addition to benefits to Christmas tree growers, the study has been helpful in genetic research to improve trees for commercial timber production.

Application forms for the drawing are available from the U.S. Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry Programs, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208.

The Veterans Administration's National Cemetery System consists of 103 cemeteries. Plans call for four new cemeteries in fiscal year 1976.

State Seeks 'Minorities' For Contracts

The Oregon State Highway Division is making determined efforts to identify minority business enterprises that are interested in performing work as contractors or subcontractors on federal-aid highway construction projects, it was announced Jan. 2 by Fred B. Klaboe, Highway Division administrator.

Klaboe explained that a list of interested minority business firms will be provided contractors requesting proposals to bid on federal-aid highway projects. Bidders will be required to certify that they have taken affirmative action to seek out and contact minority firms and to solicit their interest, capability and prices.

A minority business enterprise is defined as "a business at least 50 percent of which is owned by minority group members or in the case of publicly owned businesses at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members." For the purposes of this definition, "minority group members" are Negroes, Spanish-speaking American persons, American Orientals, American Indians, American Eskimos, and American Aleuts.

A list of interested minority business firms will be provided contractors requesting proposals to bid on federal-aid highway projects.

Minority business firms interested in performing work on federal-aid highway construction projects are invited to complete a questionnaire listing the specific type of work they are capable of performing. Minority firms which have been previously identified have already received this questionnaire.

For those who have not or have questions or want more detailed information, M.D. Glenn, construction EEO engineer, Oregon State Highway Division, State Highway Building, Salem, Oregon 97310, phone 378-6318 should be contacted.

Log Removal Hearing Set

The State Parks and Recreation Branch will conduct a public hearing concerning the proposed Beach Log Removal Policy on Wednesday, January 14, 1976 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room (Room 122) in the State Highway Building in Salem.

Among the issues to be considered at the hearing are (1) is commercial logging of Oregon's public beaches desirable; and (2) is the proposed beach log removal policy appropriate and reasonable.

The policy deals mainly with a beach management goal designed to assure continuation of scenic and recreation values for public enjoyment at the ocean shore and to protect marine life and intertidal resources. Beach logging, as a general practice, is to be prohibited unless such removal can be shown to provide a significant public benefit.

Interested persons may present their data, views or argument either orally or in writing at the hearing. Terry Oxley of the Parks and Recreation Branch, will preside over and conduct the hearing.

Early Filing Is Suggested

Ralph B. Short, District Director of Internal Revenue Service for Oregon, today urged all taxpayers to file their 1975 income tax returns as soon as possible.

Short explained that refunds can be issued to early filers within four or five weeks after a return is received by IRS. However, he said, it may take up to eight weeks to process a refund for those who file close to the April 15 deadline.

The 1976 federal income tax forms have been mailed to all taxpayers who filed income tax returns in 1975. Tax forms are available at most post offices and banks throughout the state and at all IRS offices.

Federal income tax information is available statewide by telephone. The toll-free number is 1-800-452-1980.

IRS taxpayer service representatives are on duty at the Professional Building, 396 Highland Avenue, Coos Bay, on Mondays only from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.



WITH COMPLETION of the re-decking project under the boat hoist, efforts are being directed to finishing a combined hoist engine housing and harbormaster's office at the commercial dock. Emergency dredging alongside the dock under the boat hoist area is also scheduled to begin in the immediate future with a dragline dredge on loan from the Port of Gold Beach.

Seven Trees Are Crowned

Despite the tragic loss of key teammate, Oregon's national champion tree team bounced back in the last quarter of the year with seven new national tree champs, the Oregon State Department of Forestry has recently announced.

Oregon now has 50 tree champs entered in a national race to see which state can produce the greatest number of national champion trees. The seven new tree finds rank Oregon in the top five states in national standing.

Oregon's team was splintered last month when the world champion Douglas fir out of Sitkum was blown over by a coastal windstorm. However, the team triumphed 4 champs from other states and created 3 new champion categories to add seven members to Oregon's champion tree team. The new members were accepted into the league by the American Forestry Association earlier this month.

Credit for the victory goes to Champion Tree Finder Frank Sesock, Central Point, who recruited the seven new players. They include: common fig, coyote willow, Columbia hawthorne, silver buffaloberry, western mountain ash, arroyo willow and whiteleaf manzanita.

Vital statistics of the new players are as follows: The champion common fig on private land out of Central Point in Jackson County measures a whopping 5'8" in circumference, 16' tall and has a crown spread of 10'. The champ tromped a previous winner from Texas.

A coyote willow, measuring 3'10" in circumference, 27' tall, with a crown spread of 12' eked out a victory over the previous champ. Oregon's new crown holder is located on private land in Morrow County near Heppner.

An area south of Innaha in Wallawa County claims two new champs. A Columbia hawthorne, measuring 2'2" in circumference, 18' tall and 12' in crown spread stole another crown. An arroyo willow measuring 3'7" in circumference, 27' tall and 20' in crown spread is the first such tree ever to achieve champion status.

McDermitt in Malheur County now holds claim to the national champion silver buffaloberry. The McDermitt tree, at 6'6" in circumference, 22' tall and 20' in crown spread, snatched the title from a California tree.

A western mountain ash in Jackson County on state lands off state route 62 near the Union Ranger Station captured the national title. The champ is but a sapling, at 11' in circumference, 16' tall and 10' in crown spread.

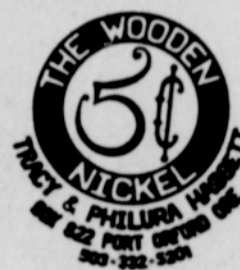
A whiteleaf manzanita was also crowned by the American Forestry Association. Details on location and measurements

are not yet available.

This last quarter sprint makes 23 new champs found in Oregon during 1975.

The seven new champs are just a warm-up for the 1976 Big Tree Hunt. Big Tree Hunt coaches from Oregon hope to re-capture the national champion Douglas fir title from the crippled Washington and out-score a California ponderosa pine.

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