

County Planning Needs Told At Soil Conservation Meeting

Reports needed for county planning were outlined by Jim Hall, County Planning Director, at the recent ninth annual meeting of the North Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District.

Hall mentioned recreation, municipal, residential, water, and sewage, as a few of the many reports needed to complete the comprehensive study of planning needs now underway in Clackamas county. "Only when we, with the help of local citizens, have compiled these reports will we have the necessary facts for county zoning," he concluded.

In other business before the meeting which was held at the Kelso Grange Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Nelson, Rt. 1, Eagle Creek, were selected as the "Outstanding Conservation Operator" for the district. Nelson will compete for State honors, and if selected, will receive a paid trip to Litchfield, Texas.

Erna Batcheller, Milwaukie, was selected to another four year term as a District supervisor. She has served as a member of the Board for eight years.

The film, "Oregon - 1976" was screened by Clive Cook, secretary of the district.

A singing group from the Cottrell grade school provided entertainment. Mrs. Harold Lundy, principal, accompanied the group.

Before the meeting adjourned, Byron Edmonds, district chairman, thanked the ladies of the Grange for providing the excellent luncheon.

Latest footwear on the market is made of molded plastic. Designed initially for children, the shoes stretch to fit the needs of growing feet, require no polishing, can be cleaned with a damp cloth.

"Making the Sandy Scene"

Kathleen O'Brien



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Seen and overheard at the Party for the AFS students held after the dinner in the Sandy Women's Club Hall:

Leo Anderson: "I can understand why they play music loud for old people who can't hear very well, but these are young people!" Anonymous: "Norwegians dance better than Swedes." Tom Boothby watched the various dance steps practiced on the dance floor by the students, and got into the swing with some similar Charleston steps!

Sign at San-Ro-Esta Lanes: "Our service is lousy -- but boy are we friendly!"

Here and there around Sandy and elsewhere: Jim Thornton is teaching advanced Algebra at Junction City Junior High School.

Jack Strong is teaching Horticulture at Mt. Hood Community College. . . Cathy Boothby is student teaching at Tigard Grade School.

Jack and Irma Rowland, American parents of AFS student Jasper from the Netherlands, were guests at the AFS Dinner Saturday night.

Barbara Croston is a junior at U. of Oregon. . . Dave and Geri Duncan and family now live in Baker, where they have purchased the business of Holman Studio and Camera Shop, which included sewing machine sales.

Diana Strong, living in Portland, attends Portland State and works at Fahey - Brockman at Lloyd Center. . . Steve Strong is taking Music and English courses at Mt. Hood Community College.

Sign in Sandy High Cafeteria on Menu Board: "Plates 35¢. . . Dorothy Searis mailed an angel food cake to her daughter, Kathy, at Oregon State, who celebrated a birthday last Monday."

Mr. and Mrs. John Fussell announced the recent marriage of their son, John Fussell Jr., to Yoriko Maruyama. The new couple are living in Japan where John is stationed. John's friends can write to him at this address:

John Fussell Jr., N.R.S. (T), Box 42, Box 42, c/o FPO San Francisco, Cal. 96662.

Recent wedding anniversaries: John and Sylvia Fussell's 25th on Feb. 15; Richard and Nadine York's 29th on Feb. 2; Duane and Madeline Knapp's 13th on Feb. 12; John and Karla Stewart's on Feb. 14th; Bill and Diane Dyal's 23rd on Feb. 14th; Ralph and Ginny James' 20th on Feb. 21st; Ray and Dee Watkins on Feb. 27th; Ken and Joyce Burdick's on Feb. 26th; Deane and Dixie Wessellink's on Feb. 10th; also the Gerry Beaches on the 23rd; the Lloyd Hots on the 19th; the Dick Gilges on Feb. 15th and the Dewey Barber's on Feb. 11th.

John "Pop" Teninty was 81 on Feb. 20. He and his wife shared a lovely birthday cake at their home in Sandy with the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sandercock, Mrs. Almeda Caswell, Mrs. Olive Davis, Mrs. Margaret Silver, Mrs. Mary Caldwell, Mrs. Ethel Minyard, Mrs. Lydia Markwart, Mrs. Louise Young, Mrs. Juanita Anlicker, Mrs. Sylvia Fussell, Mrs. Tom Foster and Faye Ellen, Mrs. Evelyn Young and Cory, Mrs. Lester Nelson and Jack Teninty.

The Tenintys also celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Jan. 19th.

It seems that Pastor Luedtke of the Sandy Immanuel Lutheran Church was more than alarmed one morning recently when he entered the church office to find on his desk a piece of paper containing information on Communism. He thought to himself "Could there be Communists entering the church at night and using the mimeograph to print their propaganda?" He was relieved to learn that it was a page from Debbie Reich's history term paper at Concordia College on Post-War Communist movements in the U.S.

FROM The RIVER'S EDGE BY GEORGE MAC ALEVY

Roaming the woodland during this unseasonably warm February, two of our early blooming wildflowers, both quite plentiful, will beckon you to look closer. One is a shrub, almost a small tree, with each branch tip sporting a fairly dense small raceme of daisy-like, 5 petalled, white flowers.

If you look at the individual flower closely you will see a curved pedicel which causes the flower to face downward, with a pale green hood on the arch of the curve. This hood is the sheath that protected the bud before it extended and opened. Osoberry is the accepted common name. Botanically it is Osmorhiza cerasiformis. It has many other names because of its various characteristics.

The flower has an odor, but it is rather putrid, being designed to attract flies as it blooms too early for bees to be of much aid in pollination. Fortunately, this aroma is not very strong, and if you don't stick your nose right in the flower, you won't notice it. Crush the new leaves which emerge on the tip right with the flowers and you get a watermelon aroma. This is quite pungent and pleasant. The rank flower odor has given rise to another name for this plant. Some call it skunk bush.

It may puzzle the observer that fruit does not necessarily occur on all the bushes. This is a dioecious species, which means male and female flowers are separate and borne on separate plants. Each individual plant is therefore either male or female; and, of course, only the female plants bear fruit.

This fruit is a small blue-black berry containing a single seed. The name Indian plum has been applied to this plant as a result of this single seeded and black fleshed fruit. The flavor isn't much, but it is edible and the Indians used it for food. The bloom season is extended, not all the flowers opening at once, so you can see it in bloom from January through April. The fruit is first orange, gradually turning black when it ripens in June.

Scattered all through the woodlands, and in the open places too, the tiny violet Grouse flower or Syntherisma rotundifolia proclaims its jewel-like presence to all who are about. This tiny plant is really flat, never exceeding an inch. The almost round leaves are flat on the ground and the clustered tiny bells of bloom are nestled. Some of the plants exhibit kidney shaped leaves and the splitters among the botanists place these in a separate species, Syntherisma reniformis. To this observer, they are just two forms of the same species, and, to keep the record straight, we should designate it Syntherisma reniformis as this is the name of prior publication.

The leaf is quite red on the reverse side, and you will occasionally find plants decidedly bronze in appearance as this red shows through the green. Others are thicker leaved and are bright green from above. Still others are bronze on the leaf edges only.

Syntherisma blooms from February through early April. This year, it is profusely blooming quite early, because of our above normal temperature. Called grouse-flower, this dainty flower blooms when the grouse get to searching for a mate. The booming of the grouse and the blooming of the Syntherisma mean spring is not far off. And, the grouse may hide in a thicket of Osoberry with a fringe of grouse flowers at the thicket's edge.

SHORT LOCAL

Mrs. Gary Connell (Carol) is now employed at the Curl Shop in Sandy. She is taking over for Shirley Perkins, who is taking time off to enjoy her new baby girl.

The Connells moved to Sandy last year. Mr. Connell is teaching Art at Sandy high school. The couple have one daughter, Nita, age 3.

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