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TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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Evasion of County Responsibility

With admirable courage but regrettable ineptness in administration, the Commissioners of Clackamas County instituted county-wide zoning in March of 1966. The Commissioners were then (and still are) fully empowered by State law to establish zoning. However, they did little or nothing to acquaint the citizens of the county with the reasons for zoning nor its purposes and advantages.

The dictatorial manner in which Clackamas County zoning regulations were first administered turned many potential supporters against zoning in any form. As a result, the Commissioners' order was voted out in the General Election last November and a large portion of the county was left without zoning protection.

Today, those who appreciate and realize both the esthetic and economic necessity for zoning are told by the Commissioners to take the initiative to zone their own properties. From a practical standpoint, self-zoning is impossible and delusional. For zoning to be effective at all it must be planned from the top by those in a position to

be aware of overall industrial, recreational, agricultural and residential needs.

Evidently the Commissioners, once burned, are politically fearful of trying again lest they offend the vocal and well-organized members of the misnamed Zoning Adjustment Modification Organization (ZAMO)...who, by their naive insistence that each man has the right to do exactly as he pleases with his own land, could ruin forever not only the economy, but the air, waters, and beauty of Clackamas County.

The only course remaining is for the State to assume responsibility for regulating land use. Happily, bills are now before the Legislature to do just that. State zoning will not be as responsive to local needs and adjustment as county administered zoning, but we will shortly have no choice.

Waiting for Salem to do for us what should be done at the county level implies we are not competent to administer ourselves. Perhaps we aren't.

National Wildlife Week -- March 16-22

Our own local mountains and towering forests and rushing streams usually come to mind when we talk about natural resources. Conservationists are warning that another resource, our abundant wildlife, could be lost in the path of progress and expansion. These hallmarks of civilization take an ever-increasing toll of natural areas, destroying them as homes, or habitats, for some wildlife forever.

Time was, when America was a land of forests, marshes, woodlots, and fields, with clean water and fresh air. Wildlife seemed a part of every landscape. Now the serene countryside is being transformed into a land of sprawling suburbs, giant airports, super highways, and mammoth shopping centers. As these appear, the living space for our wildlife vanishes.

Before it is too late, we must stop and consider what this loss of natural environment will mean. Animals from deer to chipmunks need food and cover, clean waters, and room to roam—if they are to survive. Areas destroyed by our civilized progress are

finished as far as wildlife habitat is concerned.

Spaces for wildlife cannot be treeless subdivisions; they cannot be factory sites or drained marshlands; they cannot be stream beds for sewage or speeding lanes for power boats.

Providing habitats, those vital living areas for desirable wildlife, is a matter of planning the economics. The choice is simply: "Do we value this heritage of natural beauty?" If so, we must decide that preservation of our natural wildlife is worth the expense and effort of developing and protecting habitats.

The presence of wildlife in our fast-moving world means that so far we have not yet destroyed the delicate balance of nature. The prospect of moon travel may fire our imaginations, but the wild beauty of this world is unbeatable for giving a little peace of mind. To ensure a future for this great natural heritage, the National Wildlife Federation, during Wildlife Week, March 16-22, is urging us all to "Provide Habitat—Places Where Wildlife Live."

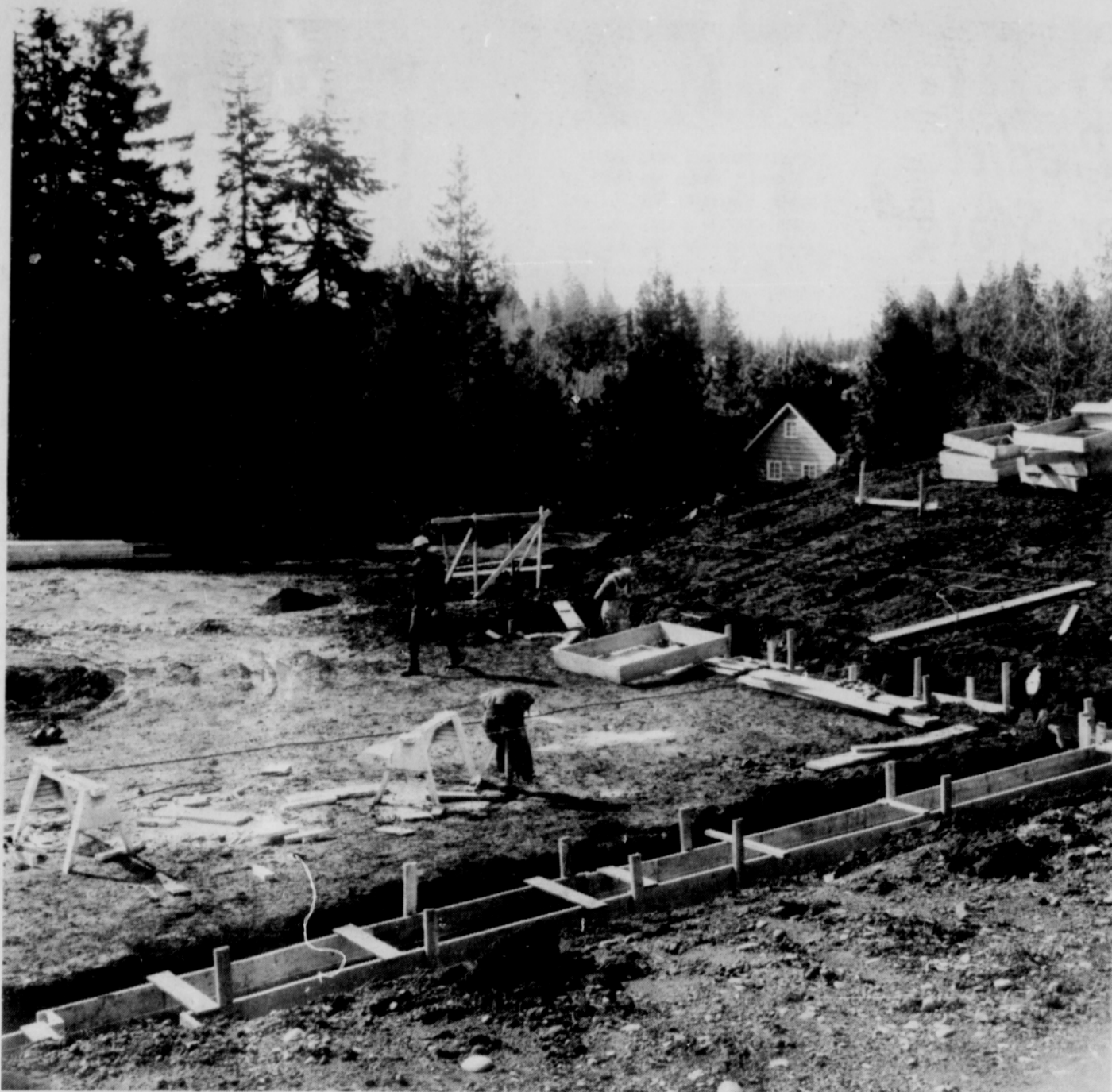
Fire Fighters Support Merger

A majority of members at the last meeting of Local 1062 of the International Association of Fire Fighters voted to support the consolidation of Rural Fire Protection Districts 10, 2 and 13.

The union joins with the Portland Metropolitan Study Commission and the Citizens' Committee for Continued Fire Protection in stressing the necessity of a merger for the betterment of the fire service with a more efficient utilization of manpower and equipment.

Enrollment Increases

A total of 37,485 full-time and part-time students have enrolled in Oregon's 12 community colleges for winter term. This is nearly 1,000 more than were enrolled in the fall term despite the fact that January weather conditions caused cancellation of a number of evening classes. Mt. Hood Community college registration stood at 3,673, third highest in the state.



CITY HALL SITE PREPARATION proceeded rapidly this week as fair weather enabled earth moving equipment to work full time. If favorable weather

continues, public ceremony for laying of cornerstone is anticipated for first week in April. (Post photo)

LETTER FROM CLAUDE

Editor's note: Hoodland residents Claude Gudge and Jack Fahie are on an extended tour of the Orient and South Seas.

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Monday we had our first serious day of hunting. The only way to penetrate this country is to follow stream beds. This means wading across streams from sand bar to sand bar, which means long rubber boots, or get your feet wet. We did. Again we didn't see a deer all morning. Lots of tracks, but I've never acquired a taste for them. Coming back we shot two wild goats - which are pests and used to have a bounty. Dave's dog caught a small nunny and we also brought her out of the bush.

Just for kicks, I tried to go cross country, and it is virtually impossible. As in Oregon, deer hunting can be hard work, and deer are where you find them.

Tuesday A.M. we took off with Roy and David for Karama. Last week we were as far south as we could go. Now we are as far north as we can go on the west coast road. This is 10 miles beyond Karama. It is end of the road, and start of the Heaphy Track.

We have a "batch" (hut) to live in, which is just a 3 room building with no facilities. Still better than camping out. The mosquitoes and sand fleas here in south Island are unbelievable.

Today we hiked to Scott's Camp, 2 miles up Heaphy Track. I went "bird-dogging" with David, my first real trip into the whop-whops. About three miles over 4 ridges. I've hunted lots of Hoodland hills with Lawrence Bartley, but Larry you ain't seen nuthin' like this. I still don't know whether the vines and roots are help or hindrance. They are murder to go through, but necessary to hang onto.

We finally shook up two deer, and David shot one. This is enough trouble, so we cleaned, skinned and quartered it. Jack and Roy took the gear, and David and I carried in the meat. It's been awhile since I've carried fifty pounds of meat two miles to camp. Anyway, we know there are deer here.

This is a fascinating area, with about 250 inches of rainfall, they still have sunshine a majority of days. It is a slowly dying area economically. Charleston, for instance, had 80 hotels during gold rush days. Now there is one - very dilapidated.

The economy of the area is tied to meager logging operations and a declining coal mine operation. Unless tourism catches things up, it will be a more desolate situation. But the quiet, slow pace is pretty nice, and the people are not eager to have a change.

Thursday A.M. we woke up to rain! And in this area it really rains! The west coast area can have up to 500 inches, in places. At one time near here it rained 38 inches in 35 days. Near Wellington recently it rained 14 inches in two days. That's rain!

We packed up camp, drove back to Karama, and spent the afternoon combing the bush out of our hair. Last night David and I went possum hunting. Got two.

These possums are similar to ours in many ways - same habits, etc. and they are great pests. But they vary from black to red and brown, have lumpy tails, and the hides are worth one dollar each.

Now we are holed up in Westport in the rain. Being a tourist in the rain isn't fun. Roy says "If you can't see it, it's raining. If you can see it, it's going to rain."

The weather cleared again Saturday, so we all went greenstone (jade) hunting. Not much luck, but we found a few pretty rocks. Subject to weight, we'll try to bring home a few pieces for Nell Howe and her tumbler.

We visited a local seal colony in the afternoon, but due to distance and tough terrain, I went on alone, with a little amateur rock climbing. I ended up in the midst of about 50 seals. Kind of exciting with seals humping about all sides, while I'm madly trying to focus for pictures.

I guess we've visited, seen the local sights and done enough hunting here, so plan to leave Picton and Marlborough Sound tomorrow.

So until next week,

Monday, we finally tore ourselves away from Westport and headed east up the Buller Gorge. Again we passed through Inangahua Jet, and the upper Buller area - site of the earthquake damage. Over the summit pass and down the Wairau River valley. This is an area much like eastern Oregon, and has only a few inches of annual rainfall due to the proximity of coastlines, mountains and polar vs equatorial air currents rainfall ranges from almost nothing to 500 inches per year in places, only a few miles apart. For instance Blenheim has 35 inches per year and Picton 56 inches; yet they are only seventeen miles apart.

After lunch in Blenheim we drove north to the site of the Taumarina "Incident" this, like Custer's Last Stand, was a massacre, in which 22 whites and 4 Maoris were killed over a misunderstanding in 1843. They were the same as our cowboy and Indian problems.

On to Picton, and we have a nice motel unit overlooking Waikawa Bay. Today we took an afternoon fishing trip in Queen Charlotte sound with Bill Kenny on the "Cleomana". The boat group caught nearly 100 fish - perch, cod, teriki, and eels. Had a bright sunny day and a good time was had by all.

Wednesday morning we drove around the bay area of Picton and Waikawa. This is such a picturesque place with its brightly painted buildings and Old English style hotels, pubs, etc. sitting at the end of Queen Charlotte Sound, it is the ferry terminal and gateway to South Island.

We dropped Roy off in Petone, and returning to the Vanses in Tawa seemed like coming home. Sat up most of the night recounting all our adventures.

So we spent the rest of the week catching up on our mail, reviewing slides, and movies, and packing and revamping gear. Due to circumstances it looks as though we may have to cut our trip short and return home earlier than expected.

Bye for this week,
Claude and Jack

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Newham at Sea Near Vietnam

Electronics Technician Third Class David A. Newham, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Newham of Rt. 2, Boring, is serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Lynde McCormick off the coast of Vietnam.

Moving within one mile from shore, the ship destroyed five enemy buildings, damaged three others, destroyed a bunker and ignited a fire in the same area.

The Lynde McCormick is a unit of Destroyer Division 12 and is homeported in San Diego, Calif.

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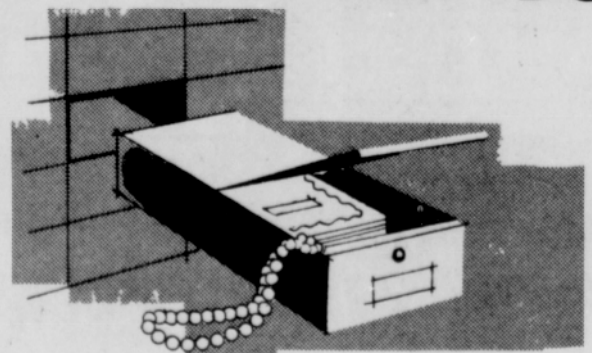
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TWISTED HEAP of metal is all that remains of sports car that skidded off road last week near Zig Zag. Bill Lake, Rhododendron, lost his life in the accident. Steven Ash, driver, is still hospitalized. (Post photo)

The Post Office Department recently awarded a contract for 650,000 fluid ounces of dog repellent.

Cleaning up after litterbugs costs taxpayers about \$500 million a year, according to Keep America Beautiful, Inc.