

Two deaths in a month

Clackamas can be a killer river

by John Dean
staff reporter

The Clackamas River is "getting to have the reputation of a killer river," said U.S. Forest Service Ranger Jim Pierce. "We'd like to make that reputation known to the public a little bit more."

Two rafters have perished on the Clackamas in the past month, causing Pierce, along with Clackamas County sheriffs deputies Mike White and Steve Mackey to mount a public information campaign on the dangers of floating down the Clackamas.

The trio fired their opening salvos on Portland television Friday. Pierce intends to post notices at the Ripplebrook Ranger Station, 26 miles east of Estacada, and campgrounds and picnic areas warning rafters about dangerous stretches of the river.

The most dangerous section of the Clackamas is the five-mile stretch from the Three Lynx power house just above the Sandstone bridge on Highway 224, 20 miles east of Estacada, to Alder Flat campground. At one point in this stretch, large rocks render the river impassable.

The swift current against the rocks can turn a capsized rafter into a fatality, as has happened twice so far this year.

The worst part about the stretch, Mackey said, is that it is not visible from the highway. As one drives up from Estacada, he said, "you can't see what you're getting into."

Mackey recommends that all rafters, novices especially, stay away from the upper Clackamas and begin their runs at or below the Sandstone bridge.

"Novices ought not to venture into the upper river at all," said Ranger Pierce. In general, Mackey recommends three rules for river rafters.

"First, know the river. Know what kind of water you're going to get into."

"Second, have proper equipment. There should be at least two paddles in each raft, and every person should be wearing a life jacket."

Rafting parties not equipped with an adequate number of life jackets, Mackey said, will be fined \$17 per missing jacket.

"Third, let somebody know where you're putting in and where you're getting out."

Often, he said, it's a good idea to arrange a phone call to a friend or relative in an interval when you plan to finish your trip. If you do get into trouble, a search can begin that afternoon instead of the next day.

Mackey and White add a fourth piece of advice: don't drink. "I see it every weekend," Mackey says. "People put a case of beer in their raft." After a few bottles, "their judgement becomes impaired and they make mistakes."

"They think they don't need life jackets; by that time, they think they can swim," White added.

Pierce hopes the Clackamas can shed its image as a lazy river well-suited for novice rafters.

Pierce said he feels more river accidents are caused by human error than by equipment failure. In a June 18 incident that killed Patrick Lee Fugate of Estacada, Pierce said, the party "was better equipped than most. Their biggest problem was ignorance."

By combating ignorance of the Clackamas River and its power, Pierce, Mackey and White hope to save the lives of other rafters.



Staff photo by John Dean

RAFTERS BEWARE. Deputy Mark White and a television cameraman feel the power of the Clackamas River as it funnels between two rocks two miles downstream from Ripplebrook ranger station. Patrick Lee Fugate of Estacada died here

June 18 when his raft capsized and the current dragged him under the rocks. If rafters insist on floating down this stretch of the upper Clackamas, White says, they should at least portage around this spot.

From page one

Rural land use map

plan designation amounts to a zoning change as well change in the actual zoning as well. Roughly half of this area north of Sandy will be zoned rural, allowing smaller lots and more residential building. Areas off the main roads will be zoned agricultural, while the eastern portion of the area near Latourette Park will be zoned forest. Both designations effectively prohibit further building on those lands.

For all rural designations to pass LCDC, the county must prove that the lands can no longer be used for farming or forestry, either because they are already used for some other purpose or because lands around them are already divided into small lots.

The land-use map was only one of a package of amendments the planning commission made to the county general plan Wednesday night. Other changes are new definitions of land uses are being proposed and new statements on rural, agricultural and forest land and rural centers were adopted.

The statements include definitions of each type of land, goals, for the use of each type of land, criteria to be used in designating the land, general policies for the land, and ways of implementing those policies.

Structures that are destroyed now may be rebuilt even if they do not conform to the designated land use, agricultural or forestry land uses.

The commission adopted a "homestead" policy, which allows an owner of property in a farm-forest area to sell most of his land, keeping as little as two acres of his land for his house. Homes could not be built on the land that is sold.

While owners currently have this option under non-farm-use land regulations, the commission wanted to adopt a specific policy for emphasis.

The commission intended the policy to benefit elderly persons who can no longer afford taxes or upkeep on a 20-acre lot, but still want to live in a rural environment.

Areas near main roads or developed areas will be given priority in considering additional areas for rural status.

From page two

Tax initiative 'over the top'

The Portland lobbyist who filed the original petition has been at odds with the two groups that have pushing the movement and now says he is forming a statewide organization called Lobby for Social Concerns and Demands Tax Limitation Committee.

Jim Whittenburg filed the original petition, which is identical to California's Proposition 13 except that it would limit property taxes to 1½ percent instead of 1 percent.

Whittenburg has issued several contradictory statements to the news media during the past 10 days concerning his role in the campaign.

He first said he would play a role but not serve as an officer in a statewide organization to be formed in the near future to seek approval of the tax limitation measure in the November general election.

He then said he was dropping out of the campaign altogether — but abruptly changed his mind.

Whittenburg then announced Tuesday he would form a statewide

group, serve as chairman, and "be responsible for organizing statewide fund-raising efforts, speaker programs and lobbying activities in support of this issue."

Phillips and Ruth Shoemaker, two leaders of the Portland metropolitan area campaign, and Ed Sparks, who heads a Douglas County-based organization helping sponsor the petition drive, have been shaking their heads all the while.

"We just don't know what Jim is going to do next," Phillips said.

Whittenburg holds the trump card. As sponsor of the petition, he must sign and file a report of contributions and expenditures in support of the petition drive within 30 days after the signatures are turned in to the secretary of state's office.

If the report, required by state law, is not filed, the measure cannot go on the ballot.

Whittenburg has said on occasion he won't file the report unless he has a voice in the formation of the state committee to be formed by the Tri-

County Tax Limitation Committee and DO CARE, an acronym for the Douglas County group called Dedicated Oregon Citizens Aware Reform is Needed.

Whittenburg wants to be reimbursed for \$3,000 in personal expenses associated with the petition drive, or be paid otherwise for his role in the campaign.

The groups have wanted Whittenburg to stay in the background because of what they call his erratic behavior and news coverage of his series of arrests on bad check charges.

Whittenburg has said the four or five bad checks were issued during a week he spent traveling around the state on behalf of the measure and that he was turned down when he immediately offered money orders for restitution. He has said the charges came only a matter of days after he filed the petition and also indicated his life has been threatened since then.

obituaries

Daisy Dymoke

Services for Daisy Dymoke, 87, of 1302 SE 49th St., Portland, were held June 28 in the chapel of the Sandy Funeral Home.

Interment was at Sandy Ridge Cemetery.

Dymoke was born in Alpha, Nev. She attended school in Idaho and married Henry Ackaret on June 1, 1911 in Payette. Ackaret died in 1934.

In 1936 she married Walter Dymoke who died in 1949.

Dymoke moved to Portland to live with her daughter in 1969. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Emmett, Idaho.

Survivors include: children Arthur Ackaret, Washington; Vera Smiley, Portland; Donald Ackaret and Rose Crowder, Idaho;

sisters June DeSmet and Ruby Moore; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



George & Marcia Johnson

Funeral Directors & Counselors
Covered Parking Walkways

Autumn Chapel
FUNERAL HOME

SANDY POST
Box 68, Sandy, OR 97055

SERVICE WITH SINCERITY

2010 N.E. Division
Gresham, 667-2800
Across from Golf Course

SUBSCRIBE AND SAVE \$\$\$\$\$

Costs less to subscribe than per-year cost if bought in street racks!

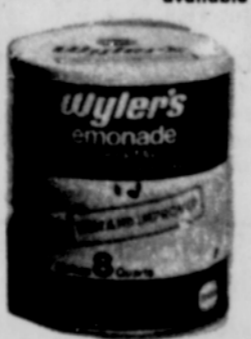
In Clackamas or Multnomah Co. \$7.00 yr
Elsewhere in Oregon \$8.00 yr
In Northwest outside state \$8.00 yr
Outside the Pacific N.W. \$11.00 yr
— Send to:

FOURTH-OF-JULY PRICE BUSTERS

POLORON 1/2-Gal. JUGS
For picnics, camping sportsmen
REG. \$1.19

\$1.19

WYLER'S LEMONADE
24-oz. No sugar needed. Scoop included. Makes 8 quarts
REG. \$1.29



12"X60" WADING POOL Reg. \$7.99 \$5.66
Large 72" WADING POOL Reg. \$13.99 \$9.88

- Rain Checks available -



22-inch PORTABLE BBQ GRILL
Features steel bowl, tripod legs, and adjustable grid. In ctn.
Only \$8.99 (Rain checks available)

For campers, hikers, picnickers!

Blue Ice 3 1/2 lbs. Reg. \$2.29. \$1.99
* America's favorite ice substitute! Rain checks available

Badminton Set fun ... \$2.49
* With net, 2 rackets & 2 shuttlecocks

WATCH FOR our big Moonlight Sale
Spectacular next week! Details in next issue

COAST TO COAST STORES
... total hardware

39085 Pioneer Blvd., Sandy in Heritage Square
668-4515 Open 7 Days a Week. Weekdays 8-8

Postal advice given travelers

Making arrangements for holding or forwarding mail prior to leaving home for a vacation can save customers inconvenience according to postal officials.

The officials warned that an overflowing mailbox can signal burglars that the house or apartment will be empty and unguarded.

Vacationers are urged to ask a friend to check their mailbox daily and hold their mail until the vacation is over. Also, the post office will hold mail for up to 30 days, or it will forward it to the vacation address.

Postal customers are advised to buy enough stamps for letters and postcards before they leave in case a post office is unavailable where they are staying.

Mail should be deposited, when possible, at post offices or in downtown, business district collection boxes, where more frequent pickups are made.

Travelers should be sure they have the addresses and zip codes for persons with whom they will be corresponding.

Emerson graduates

Jane H. Emerson, daughter of Janet and David Emerson of Eagle Creek is among the recent graduates of the University of Idaho, at Moscow.

Emerson is a 1973 graduate of Sandy Union High School

and plans to teach physical education, health and some business courses.

Emerson was active in sports at the university and was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

Zoo hikes rates

The Metropolitan Service District set its 1978-79 budget at \$17.7 million Friday and also voted to increase admissions at Washington Park Zoo by 25 cents.

Zoo-generated revenues in the MSD are expected to gain \$100,000 yearly as a result of the ticket price increase, restructuring of other fees and a reduction in free admissions.

The increased revenue

from admissions fees is to be used for operating expenses while special levy money will go toward capital improvements.

The MSD budget is up \$7.5 million from the current budget. Most of the increase stems from the agency's tentative plans to become involved in a program that would turn most Portland-area garbage into fuel for industry.

WANTED: Cascara Bark!

Top Prices paid for Green or dry

Phone 663-4291

Lloyd Holt

Agency for Western Crude Drug Co.

PHOTO FACTORY
NOW! BUY THE FABULOUS
Canon AE-1



AND GET 2 STEAK DINNERS OF YOUR CHOICE AT...

Mr. Steak
AMERICA'S STEAK EXPERT

AT NO EXTRA CHARGE

Purchase an AE-1 chrome body with 1.8 lens at \$289.97 or an AE-1 black body with 1.8 lens for \$307.97 and get your 2 dinners on us.

Any steak dinner including soup or salad beverage, choice of potato and bread, dessert not included. At participating restaurants.

SALE ENDS SUNDAY 5PM

PHOTO FACTORY

HOOD CENTER
1565 N.E. Division
Gresham 667-7171

Shopping Center Stores Open 7 Days a Week Financing Plans Available Layaways Welcome