

\$4 million Rippling River complex underway

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With the ground officially broken in June and the architectural design completed, construction on Guaranty Life Insurance Company's new convention center is underway at Rippling River-Red Lion at Bowman's.

The new \$4 million facility was designed by the architectural firm of Sheldon, Eggleston, Redick Associates of Portland, and is scheduled for completion in June, 1982.

At the groundbreaking ceremony in June of this year Jim Anderson, president of the corporation and chairman of the board of the largest and oldest

stock insurance company in the nation, told The Post that he is "very optimistic" about the potential of the area, which is why the facility is being built, despite the difficult economic times.

According to Steve Taylor, general manager of the Red Lion Inn at Bowman's, the new 25,000 square foot,

two-story convention center will enable the resort to feature banquet facilities for up to 1,100 people and allow the necessary expansion to enable them to hold national conventions. He said that there will be a new dining room that will provide hospitality for 125 persons, and a lounge that will seat 130.

"There is no area which offers con-

ventions and tourists so much, like year-round skiing within minutes and 27 holes of golf," Taylor said. "The convention center is just the first phase in developing the most important resort area just one tank of gas away from Portland."

Taylor stressed the importance of the new convention center to the area's

economy, citing the benefits of the resort's expansion such as increased employment opportunities as well as giving a boost to the recreational facets elsewhere on the mountain.

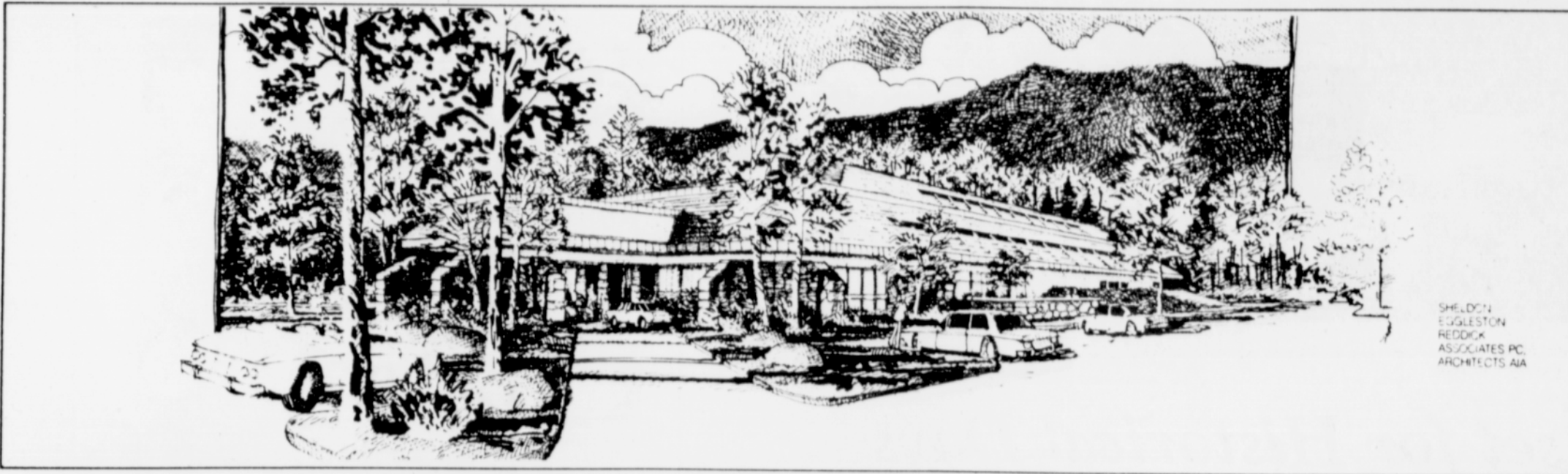
The manager said that the resort will have served over 300 conventions by the end of the year, drawing a variety of users from newspaper publishers to consulting foresters, to dental colleges and welders. He said that they would probably accommodate over 400 conventions in 1982.

In addition to the convention business, Taylor said that the resort also drew many golf tournaments. This year more than 300 such tournaments were booked, making Bowman's "the most-played golf course in the state of Oregon."

Taylor said that within the next few years more than 310 acres of the resort will have been developed and will have 502 condominiums and 113 residential sites on the Rippling River side.

Eighty-six condominiums will be located on the golf course side.

In 1983, when the facilities are complete, Taylor said that the complex will be one of the most actively sought out resorts in the entire country. It possesses one of the most enchanting views of Hunchback and Huckleberry Mountains, and the Salmon River Buttes that dominate the skyline above the rugged Salmon River Canyon.



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The \$4 million convention center at Rippling River is expected to be on line by June 1982 and attract hundreds of visitors to the Mt. Hood community.



Joie Smith spends some of her time finding unspoiled skylines for movie and television directors.

For Rhododendron resident

Siting locations hobby

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Joie Smith has got to be one of the mountain's most unique residents.

Smith, who came to the area 30 years ago, is the owner and operator of Alpine Towing in Rhododendron.

It is her sideline, however, that interests a lot of people. She sites locations and packs cameras and gear by horseback for movie and television directors that want to film in the area.

Smith recently worked with Budweiser-Anheuser Busch out of St. Louis in filming two beer commercials featuring the four-year-old Clydesdale stallion, Baron Realization, a dark bay with a blaze face.

The 1,900-pound horse was filmed at such sites around the mountain as Trillium Lake, Summit Meadows, Umbrella Meadows, Road 20 on Still Creek, as well as on the ninth green at Bowman's Golf Course.

Additional film of Baron Realization was shot at Silver Creek Falls and Coos Bay.

The stallion was accompanied by his trainer, Berry Farrell, who is the manager for Clydesdale Farms in St. Louis, which is owned by Anheuser Busch Jr.

In addition, two assistant trainers, camera and production personnel and his special lady friend, Belleau Shona, were brought along.

A 1,800-pound mare of identical coloring rounded out the small film crew.

Smith housed the horses for the company on her property at Henry Creek Road in Rhododendron, and provided transportation to sites as well as utilizing four of her own horses as back-ups to the stallions.

Smith, who first climbed into a saddle at the age of seven, said that she has worked on such films as Columbia Pictures' "All the Young Men," a Korean war movie filmed at Timberline Lodge, "McKinna's Gold," which starred Gregory Peck, and the recently-filmed "The Warriors."

She did work for Walt Disney on "Tonka," at the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, and for the "Lassie"

television series, in which she scouted sites as far away as White Salmon, Wash.

Reflecting back on her work with the various production companies over the years, she expressed concern with finding natural, undisturbed sites in the Mt. Hood area that aren't blighted by transmission lines, houses, telephone poles or logged or clearcut skylines.

She expressed sympathy for production companies that have to fight red tape in order to utilize wilderness areas. These rugged areas are often closed off to horses. She says this has caused many companies to go elsewhere to take their footage.

"They come here, they spend money, they hire local people," Smith said. "They don't harm anything. They don't change the environment or disrupt it. They appreciate it for what it is, and they need it that way."

She claims the restrictions associated with using wilderness areas have prevented more companies from using the mountain, interfering with the promotion of the mountain, and in an economic sense, "everyone loses."

"In the past it wasn't unusual to have two movies being filmed on the mountain a year," Smith said. "That figure has now been reduced down to one every two years."

helpful."

Hardman went on to say that a sign at Promontory Park gives notice that gas, food and lodging are not available beyond that point.

"What we're trying to do now is to use as many ways as possible to inform people that they need to be prepared," Hardman added. "We'll be putting up some additional signs and asking service stations in Estacada to display posters for us."

Hardman said that in the past, Forest Service employees have sold small quantities of gas from their private vehicles or the lawnmower supply, but that they have stopped because of cost and abusive treatment received from recreationists. Hardman said, "No one likes to be hassled for being a good neighbor, so they just gave up in disgust."

Stranded tourists common at Clackamas River drainage area

Traveling to the Clackamas River drainage of the Mt. Hood National Forest?

Then, before you go, make sure you have enough gasoline to get back to town, because this popular recreation area southeast of Estacada has no gas stations beyond Promontory Park, eight miles from Estacada, on Highway 224.

Dick Hardman, Clackamas district ranger, said that at least one person per day stops at the Ripplebrook Ranger Station demanding that the Forest Service sell them enough gasoline to get the 26 miles back to town.

"Some days we have as many as three requests to provide gas to stranded tourists," Hardman said. "People have difficulty understanding that legally the Forest Service cannot sell gasoline, much as we'd like to be

Cooling trend should not reduce caution about fire

Despite the recent cooling trend, fire dangers remain high because of the lack of precipitation.

Last Wednesday, a catalytic converter—the air pollution device for mufflers—caused a two-acre brush fire in the Cedar Ridge development.

Chief Don Armintrout of the Hoodland Fire Department said the fire occurred on state-protected lands between Miller Road and Bluejay Lane. State Forestry Department and U.S. Forest Service crews assisted the Hoodland firefighters battling the blaze which was put out within an hour and a half.

Sunday, Aug. 23, the fire department battled a brush fire on Road 27 just above Rhododendron near a number of summer homes. The two-acre blaze was battled from 5 to 7 p.m. with the assistance of a crew from Zigzag

Ranger District. Smoke from the fire reached as far as Zigzag and hung over the area until early Monday morning.

Armintrout said backyard burning and firewood cutting in the Mt. Hood National Forest are still prohibited because of dry conditions. He urged residents and visitors to exercise caution in the forests and not to let the cooling trends reduce caution.

The Hoodland department responded to two structure fires. A third call, a false alarm at Welches School, was caused by a malfunction of the alarm system.

Last Wednesday, the department battled a structure fire on Deer Lodge Lane, just off Lolo Pass, that destroyed an outbuilding. Armintrout said the incident is still under investigation, but is believed to have been caused by faulty wiring.

Saturday, Aug. 22, the department responded to a stove fire on Kirkwood Drive in the Alder Creek area at 11 p.m. A quick response from the fire crew eliminated potential danger to the residence, Armintrout said. The stove was destroyed.

The department responded to three vehicle accidents during the week.

Saturday, one person was injured in a motorcycle accident at McNeil Campground. Last Wednesday, two persons were treated after the car they were riding in struck a utility pole at Alder Creek and Highway 26. The injured in those accidents were taken to Gresham Community Hospital.

The department also administered first aid to two persons at the station following an accident on Highway 26, east of Terra Fern Drive.

Hoodland happenings

Community School plans hike

Thursday, Aug. 27

The Clackamas County Well-Baby Clinic and WIC programs will not meet today. WIC checks will be mailed this month. For more information, call Oregon State Health Division, 655-8476.

The Clackamas County Bookmobile will be at the Hoodland Plaza parking lot from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Mt. Hood Pre-school Co-op will have its first parents meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Hoodland Women's Club building on Salmon River Road. Registration and a teacher-parent orientation will be included. For registration information, call 622-3538.

Friday, Aug. 28

"Travelogue: Remote Areas of Russia," the last program in the Community School Summer Series, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Hoodland Fire Department. Signe Pribnow will show slides of some lesser-known areas of Russia. The Pribnows spent seven months in Russia with the AG USA cultural exchange program.

Monday, Aug. 31

Aerobic dance class will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Welches School. A fee is charged.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Welches Community School Tiny Tots group meets from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Louise Hoyt, 622-3752, for information and meeting location.

The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly board meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the Red Lion Inn at Bowman's.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

The senior citizens Steering Committee will meet at 10 a.m. at the Hoodland Women's Club.

The Community School's Summer Hike Program will meet at 10 a.m. for carpooling at the Hoodland Women's Club. Bring a lunch and beverage; mothers with babies in packs or carriers are welcome. Call Lou Tipton,

622-4316, for further information.

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To place an event in Hoodland Happenings, call Dawn Morrison, 622-3538.



Livestock judging activities are a traditional part of the Clackamas County Fair.

Clackamas County fair results listed

A number of area persons won awards in art, hobby hall and domestic sciences at the 75th Clackamas County Fair last week.

Phil Burks of Sandy had the best show in the Class D junior division of art.

Kasey Wood of Boring finished third in Class C acrylics.

Gladys Fanno of Eagle Creek finished first in Class 2 cakes with her sponge cake. She also received a first for her ginger snaps and a second place for her brownies.

Elvina Jackson of Boring finished first in Class 3 decorated cakes, novelty

or special occasion.

Chris Vaeretti of Sandy finished second in other in the pickle division.

Tom Vaeretti of Sandy finished third in the class five junior division of model cars and trucks.

A total of 111,838 attended the fair, 6,000 over the record set last year.

Being that it was the 75th county fair, persons over 75 got in free. There were 801 persons that took advantage of this offer.

The Junior Livestock Auction netted \$87,000. There were 228 animals sold, including 116 sheep, 49 head of beef and 63 hogs.