

325 now use Henry Creek water

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to the western boundary of Lady Creek near the former town of Faubian, located between Rhododendron and Zig Zag just south off Highway 26.

According to retired Colonel Jack Baker, who has been a member of the association's water board for a little over two years, the surface system provides adequate water and will continue to do so "as

long as the source—Henry Creek—is taken care of." He said it is a primary concern of people that the creek remain pure at the source.

The creek begins with underground springs, near the top of West Zig Zag Mountain, just east of the town.

Baker said it's amazing that the system has been able to provide adequate

water for so many years with relatively few problems. Some water sources in the area, such as the Lady Creek system, had to be supplemented with drilled wells in order to maintain the standards specified by the Federal Clean Water Act.

Four years ago, however, Baker said the state Department of Environmental Quality and

the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began monitoring the water system, and complained of turbidity problems.

He said that the turbidity levels were found to be high during the spring and fall when runoff naturally increased due to heavy rains and snow melt.

The EPA said from September through December 1981, the water

system had an excess turbidity average.

To resolve this problem, Baker said two years ago the EPA requested the water company install an additional 100,000 gallon storage tank just above the water system's old reservoir. This would give the system a three-day supply during times of high turbulence.

The EPA is concerned

about turbidity because germs can be carried along in the particles of water.

While the company was constructing the new storage tank, EPA requested that a turbidity monitor also be installed. This warns when the turbidity levels in the water are unacceptable for drinking.

The company is also under contract, with a

private firm, to conduct water analysis on the system on a regular basis. Baker said that in the past tests were conducted by the Oregon State Health Division, but EPA was not happy with the agency's laboratory procedures.

The construction of the tank has now been completed, said Baker, though it was finished months

behind schedule. He places the blame on the U.S. Forest Service, which was reportedly slow in issuing approval of the plans to renovate the system.

Today, said Baker, the water system is in compliance and should have a good many years left before any additional work, at least to this extent, will have to take place again.

Opening exists on staff

Clackamas County is looking for someone to fill a vacancy on the County Planning Commission.

The open position was created when Richard Ares, nurseryman from the Redland area, resigned. Ares, whose term expires next January, resigned from the planning

body on July 9, citing meeting time conflicts with his responsibilities as a member of the Redland School District Board of Directors.

The nine-member Planning Commission deals with land use policies and changes proposed for the comprehensive plan and

zoning ordinances.

The Board of Commissioners is asking county residents who are interested in the volunteer post to submit a resume and statement of interest to the county by Aug. 1. Correspondence should be sent to Ardis Stevenson.

Review

'Kahawa' action-packed

If you prefer action-packed reading, Donald Westlake's new novel, "Kahawa," is good reading.

When two down-on-their-luck mercenaries and a lady pilot agree to steal a train of coffee from one African nation and deliver it to another for a group of shady coffee buyers, the plot thickens.

Westlake provides readers with a hero that has a rational attitude about being a mercenary, a lady with a heart of gold and a bigot who knows enough about Africa to fill a text book and detests it all.

He also provides the reader with enough information about the International Coffee Buyers

Association to keep one wondering why our coffee prices are so high.

Kahawa is Swahili for coffee and it's interesting to note that none of the natives seem to drink it. In any case, readers will find a fast-paced action story with snappy lines, continuously moving plot and very little moralizing about right or wrong.

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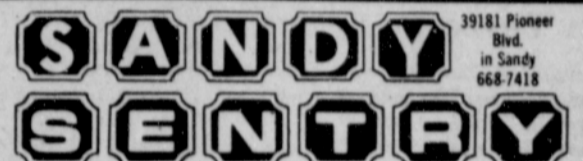
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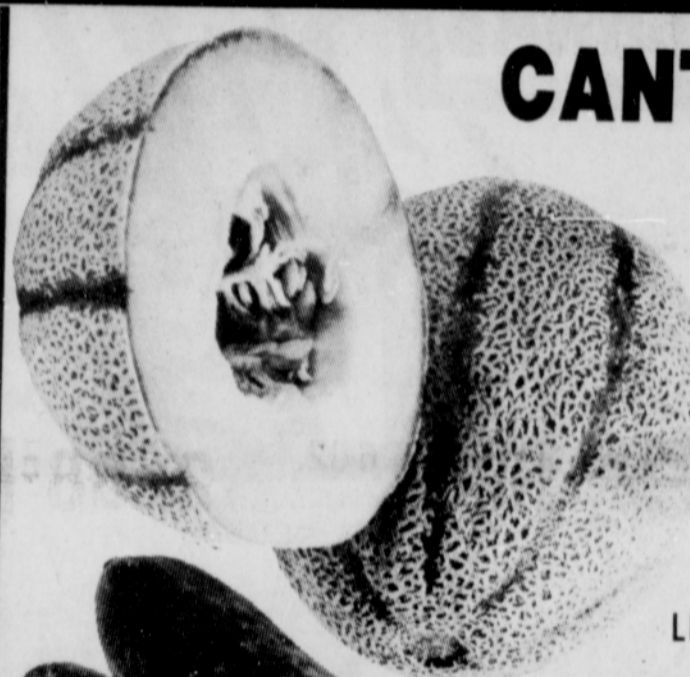


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