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He states that most County homeowners will get some Tax Relief from the State's Tax Refund Program, and there are a number of Deferral Programs that merit investigation by those who meet certain eligibility requirements. Owners whose value increases are less than \$400 or 5% will not receive printed notice but still have the right to investigate the proposed values for this Tax Year. Your lending institution should forward the increase notice to you within 5 days, if the Statement goes to them, instead of direct to you.

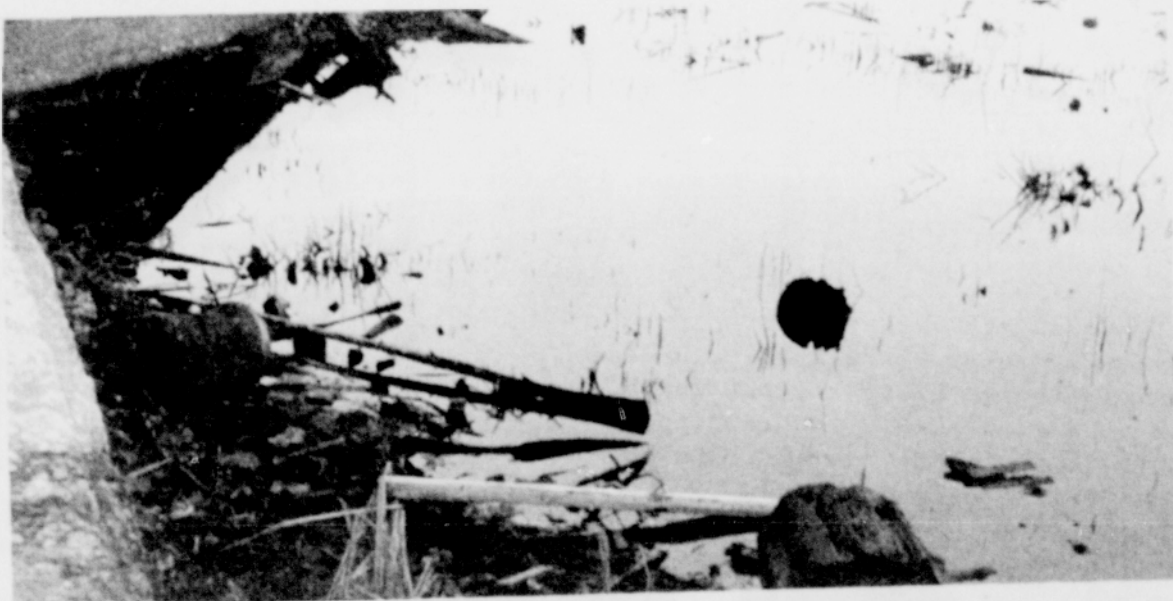
The adjustments made to values of most property classes this year were determined from 846 sales in the County, between September, 1975 and August, 1976, the statutory time frame required by law. Those sales represented nearly 20 Million Dollars in sale value versus about 17 Million in Assessed Value. Of interest is that 382 of those sales were classed as single family residences, with an average sale price County wide of \$26,560 and a median (central) price of \$20,340. Of that one class of property 29 dwellings sold for less than \$10,000; 109 sold between \$10,000 and \$20,000; 118 sold in the \$20,000-\$30,000 bracket; 87 for \$30,000-\$40,000; 33 for \$40,000-\$50,000 and six sold for \$50,000 or more.

The following tabulation shows the general distribution of these changes by area, and County wide:

1st figure is \$ Gain in \$1,000's

2nd figure is % Gain over last year

	M-1 St. Helens & Columbia City		M-2 Scappoose Area		M-3 Nehalem Valley		M-4 Rainier Area		M-5 Clatskanie Area		M-6 St. Helens Rural Area		County Wide	
Land	\$2,738	+1.17	638	+0.02	22,053	+1.42	6,876	+0.32	4,502	+0.26	5,483	+0.20	42,290	+0.34
Timber	---	---	-159	-0.13	7,152	+0.58	1,490	+0.60	2,066	+0.41	3,167	+0.91	13,717	+0.56
Imps.	7,423	+0.15	4,601	+0.10	5,149	+0.39	4,784	+0.16	3,446	+0.12	3,401	+0.03	28,803	+0.11
Total	10,161	+0.15	5,080	+0.07	34,354	+0.84	13,150	+0.25	10,014	+0.23	12,051	+0.09	84,810	+0.21



The top photo at left shows Lake Vernonia before cleanup day last Sunday. Dirty, dank, covered with debris of all description. In bottom phot, it's apparent what just 15 people could do. There will be another cleanup this Sunday. Will you be there to do your part?



Cleanup of lake slated

There will be another cleanup at Lake Vernonia this Sunday at 1 p.m. Bring your muscles and boots. The lake is being filled and stocked. And if people are to enjoy using it, it must be clean.

There is no sponsor of this cleanup day. Merely people who are willing to do their share, says a spokesman for those who turned out last Sunday.

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