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Water under the bridge



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10 years ago this week — 2008

As people hustled to meet Tuesday's tax-filing deadline, a small group of Clatsop County residents led demonstrations in Seaside and outside the Astoria post office, joining a national protest of income tax and the Federal Reserve, the U.S. central banking system.

"The principal reason our great country was founded was the distress of the colonies who were suffering under oppression through taxation," said Angela Fairless, a Clatsop Community College student who organized the local protests. "We now suffer under very similar economic oppression."

Erica Johnson stood on the deck of the Columbia River Bar Pilots' new signal-orange pilot boat gripping a bottle of champagne.

"I christen thee Columbia," she said. "God bless her and all who sail with her."

Then, with one hard whack, she broke the bottle over the side of the \$4.2 million vessel and, according to longtime maritime traditions, sealed another layer of protection into the hardy, extreme-weather boat.

About 50 people crowded onto the 17th Street dock outside the Columbia River Maritime Museum for the christening of the new pilot boat Wednesday.

Western Oregon Waste is taking recycling to new levels along the North Coast.

Bob Emrick, the owner and chief executive officer of WOW, said he'd been looking for a location where he could integrate the north and south county operations since coming to Clatsop County in 1995.

"All that time we've been looking for a permanent (home). We've finally found it," Emrick said.

50 years ago — 1968

Log exports are hurting the domestic lumber industry, including Astoria Plywood corporation, Manager Elmer Brown of that firm told chamber of commerce members Friday at the membership luncheon.

The industry does not want to eliminate log exports, but is concerned about unregulated export of raw logs from the public forests, Brown declared.

In the past two years 26 northwest plywood mills

closed, eliminating 4,200 jobs, and 40 sawmills closed, eliminating 4,000 more jobs, Brown said.

Contractors have begun driving test pilings on the eastern portion of the 200-acre clearing area where Northwest Aluminum company plans construction of a \$142 million aluminum plant, Harold Hare, resident engineer for Parsons - Jurden company, said Thursday. The test pilings are being put down on the site of some of the larger buildings, tanks and other heavy construction.

An order restricting log exports from federal lands in the Northwest was announced Wednesday night by Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman.

The new policy, announced by Freeman at a news conference, requires that a major part of timber sold from federal lands in Western Oregon and Western Washington receive primary processing in the United States.

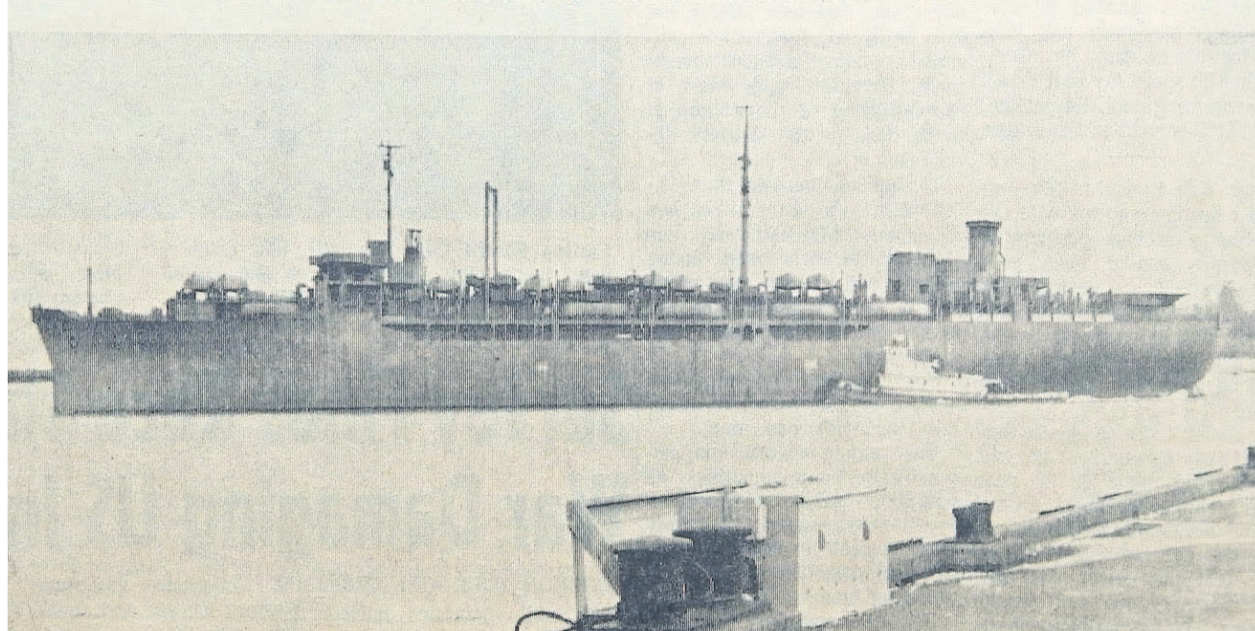
75 years ago — 1943

Men who worked as loggers in the Northwest's woods and forests will be returned to the camps to offset a critical shortage of manpower in the logging industry, according to L.C. Stoll, area director of the war manpower commission.

The precedent-shattering move, as outlined by Stoll, asked cooperation of employers, the loggers, organized labor, the army and navy and the maritime commission to get employers to release skilled woodsmen for work in the timber lands.

Holding that an American army of V-Home presents a third front against the enemy, the Oregon State

Last Reserve Vessel Leaves Base Here



Astoria's reserve fleet, at one time filling Cathlamet Bay with 225 vessels, faded into the past in 1968 as the last of the mothballed ships, the C4 transport General R.L. Howze, sailed under tow for San Francisco.

Defense Council has started a statewide campaign to put V-Home stickers in the window of every home.

The five points of the V-Home campaign are conservation, salvage, guarding information, buying war bonds, and air raid protection.

The local campaign will be directed by Cliff Dopps, chief air raid warden, and by Mrs. L.M. Spalding, chairman of women's activities. The stickers have the insignia, "We are prepared — This is a V-Home."

The air raid warden must certify that:

1. Equipment recommended locally for handling enemy bombs has been assembled.
2. A refuge room has been prepared and made as safe as possible.
3. The premises have been cleaned and unnecessary inflammable material has been removed.
4. Dimout regulations are being observed.

Inspecting, among other things, the sites for the proposed 200-bed naval hospital, Congressman James W. Mott is today completing his trip to this area for the house committee on naval affairs with trips to Seaside, where its Chamber of Commerce has several sites, and to the Tillamook blimp base.

The site preferred by local naval officials is on top of Telegraph Hill in west Astoria, just east of the G.C. Pauling and Dr. Lowell homes. It is an unplatted area of approximately 20 acres owned by the county and has been offered to the navy. It is the same site offered 12 years ago to the government for a veterans' hospital.

The highest point in west Astoria, it commands a view of the ocean, up the Columbia and also to the south, is in a very quiet area and is close to the three naval establishments here, Tongue Point, the Astoria naval station at the port and the airport across the bay. For these reasons, the naval officers characterize it as ideal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

End the poaching trend

Tens of millions of animals are killed by poachers every year; thousands of poachers who are killing these animals illegally are caught every year, but only 1 to 5 percent of poachers are ever caught, according to Wildlifelandtrust.org

Hunting is a huge part of our community in Clatsop County, and no one wants to see it disappear because of these people. So I encourage you, if you hear of someone poaching, to inform the police. If you like hunting or not, care about the animals by getting poachers out of the woods.

So many animals are being killed, with few of the people killing them being punished. You may even get a reward if you turn poachers in. The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust and Humane Society of the U.S. paid out five rewards of \$20,000 for catching animal poachers in 2015.

I am a huge hunter, and every year it seems as if there is less and less wildlife. I want to see this trend end, and I need your help. Please help the animals, the animal lovers, myself, and other hunters like me, by doing the right thing.

MASON HOOVER
Astoria

Vote Mitchell for state representative

In today's political climate, there sure is a lot to argue about. I believe there are still many values that all Oregonians can agree on: The importance of education, public schools, and community colleges need adequate funding. That equal and fair wages, access to effective healthcare and affordable housing are things that every hardworking Oregonian deserves. Our beautiful coastal region needs to remain livable for generations to come, and drilling for oil off the coast is a threat to our way of life, not the way to preserve it.

Those fundamental ideas are just some of the reasons why I'll choose Tiffany Mitchell for House District 32. As a working-class Oregonian, Tiffany knows what it means to have student loans, trying to afford a roof over your head and working hard to make ends meet.

She understands the necessity of protecting our clean air, water, and beautiful coastline. Most importantly, Tiffany understands the importance of every person she represents, including women and their reproductive rights, our growing and thriving LGBTQ community,

and the immigrants and refugees who need our support more than ever. She is decidedly for progressive values that protect the Oregon coasts' spectacular natural heritage and close-knit communities. I strongly urge you to vote for Tiffany Mitchell as our next state representative for House District 32. Let's send her to Salem to fight for us.

ANDREA MAZZARELLA
Astoria

Vote Orr for state representative

The differences between the candidates for Oregon House District 32 couldn't be more clear. On the one hand is Tim Josi from Tillamook, a Republican who puts on the Democrat shirt when he runs for office, and has not seen a clear-cut he didn't like. His campaign is backed by timber companies and other large corporations for thousands of dollars.

On the other hand is Tiffany Mitchell, a state employee backed by the unions and organizations based in Portland. She has a full-time, professional campaign manager, paid for by organizations outside our district.

John Orr is the one candidate who is an independent Democrat and a true progressive, supported by volunteer campaign workers and contributions from local residents. As a retired attorney, a local judge and past president of the North Coast Land Conservancy, John will be ready to serve when he arrives in Salem.

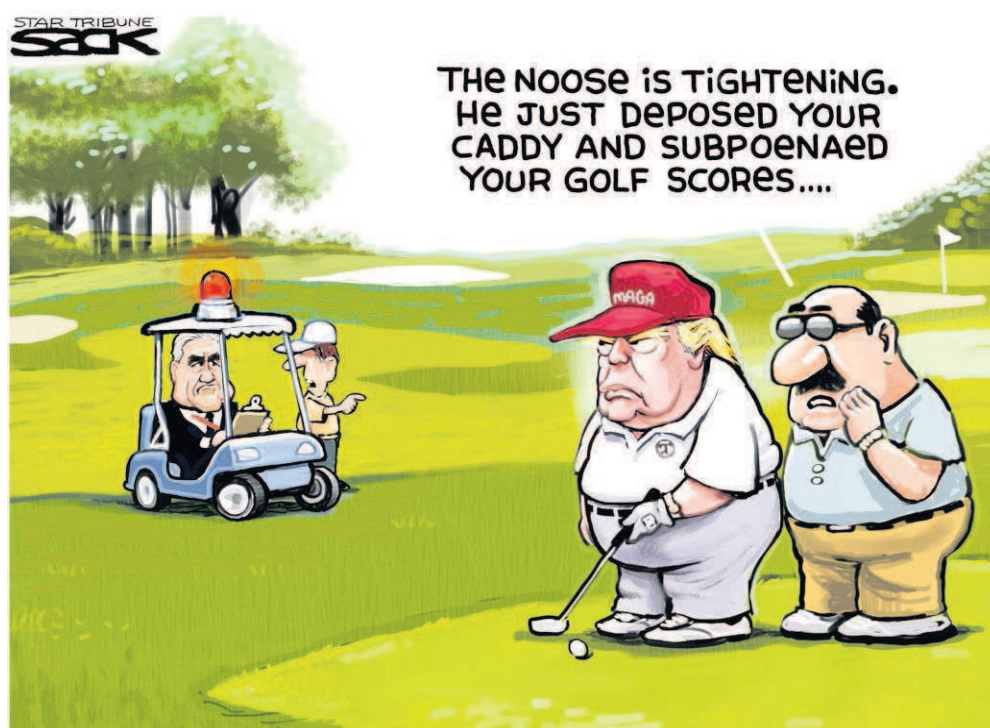
Orr will be an effective legislator who supports our coastal progressive values, and will be a leader who gets things done for all of us in District 32. Vote for John Orr for truly independent, local representation.

TED MESSING
Astoria

Vote Roscoe for county commissioner

Urge voters of District 3 of the Clatsop County Commission to cast their ballot for Peter Roscoe.

Peter is a very longtime Astoria resident, a former city councilor, and a successful small business owner. As such, he has been a huge fundraiser for a whole myriad of community groups — the Women's Resource Center (now The Harbor), Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Astoria Music Festival, and the Astoria Scholarship Program, to name just a few.



Upon hearing that the city planned to cancel the Astoria Regatta, he stepped up as admiral and resurrected the event, putting it back on sound financial footing.

He's always been a tireless advocate for our beleaguered commercial fishing fleet.

For these reasons and more, please join me in electing Peter Roscoe for District 3, Clatsop County Commission.

CHRIS CONNAWAY
Astoria

People of Clatsop County are great

Expectation is a powerful emotion. On the positive side, for example, is when a woman is expecting the birth of a child. The expectation helps to make the miracle even more special.

As with all things, the yin of the emotion is very negative. If a person is fearful, or expecting a bad thing to happen to them, very often that bad thing does eventually happen. To me, it seems to be one of the laws of nature that, for many reasons, people have forgotten.

When people move from an area with a higher crime rate, they also bring their expectation that they need to be as fearful of their new neighbors as they may have of the old ones. It's probably a reason for the move to start.

This may be naive, but I believe most people of Clatsop County are hardworking, great

people who would help a stranger if needed. Let us not lose that to anything, let alone some emotion.

TROY J. HASKELL
Astoria

It is time to be more positive

I have been noticing a lot of negativity around me. I know everyone has a different story, and some may have harder times than others. I understand that, but every day I notice all around me people saying that life sucks, or there is nothing going for them, or that their day is not going the way they were hoping.

I hear "I want to die" daily from people, and sometimes it is really heartbreaking to hear that. Some of the things are stupid issues to be negative about, even the issues I am negative toward. There are solutions. Instead of moping around all day, go take a walk outside and breathe, think about everything, try to pull out more positivity than negativity.

Even if you do not like reading, try out a book. Write down your thoughts, think of what you have, instead of what you do not have, and let the negative thoughts roll off your back, instead of constantly dwelling on them and letting them ruin your entire day.

Maybe these solutions will work, or maybe they will not. If it helps one person, that would be one less negative thought I have to hear. It is about time we all start living more happily.

EMMA TAGGART
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