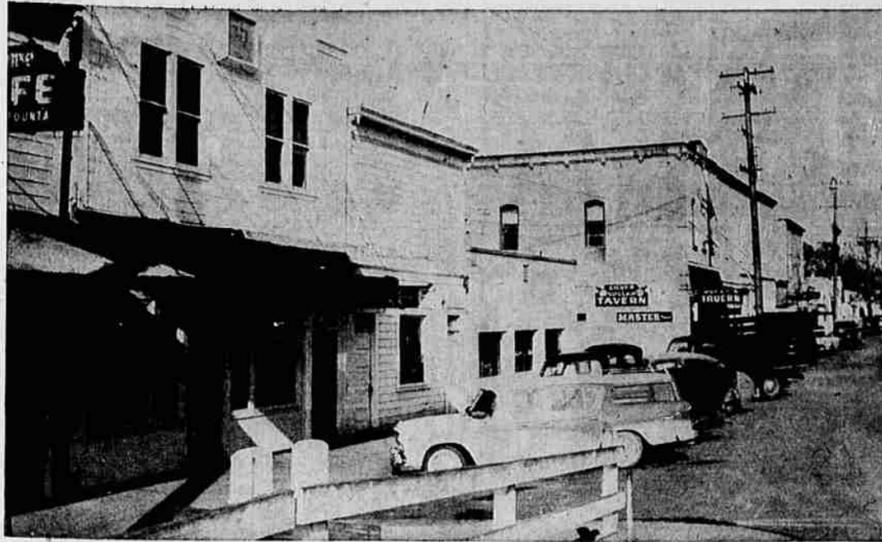
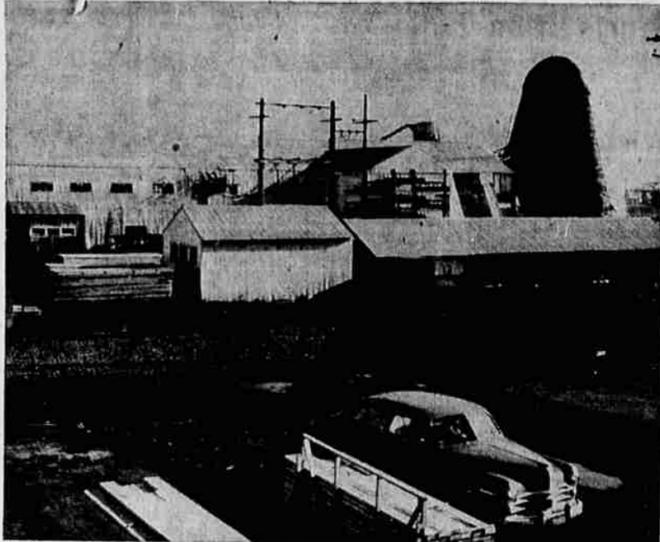


This Is Scio's Main Street and Industrial Section



Main street in Scio, Linn County, is pictured above. It shows stores and enterprises consistent with the prosperity of the city. Scio was incorporated in 1866 and is among



West Scio on the Woodburn-Springfield branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad is Scio's industrial area. In this section are located the sawmills and a re-milling plant employing more than 100 persons. (Capital Journal Photo)

the older towns in the county. It has a population of 455 at the present time. (Capital Journal Photo)

stores, three blacksmiths, three physicians, a livery stable and a cooper. Come 1880 and the town had acquired two hotels, a saloon, a drug store and a carpet weaver. Polk's directory for 1903 gives Scio a population of 500. Scio never really had a practical railroad. The old narrow gauge line passed close to the town's limits. Scio's municipal government consists of K. J. Purdy, mayor; Virgil Crow, municipal judge and recorder; G. W. Shrank, treasurer; Arvol Bales, Charles Bales, Frank Bruce, Keith Miller, Vannie Shelton and Vardie Shelton, aldermen.

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Scio Specializes in Agriculture, Lumbering

Linn County Town Proud Of Tradition

By BEN MAXWELL Capital Journal Writer

Agriculture, lumbering and tradition sustain Scio, an older Linn County town with a population of 455. Scio was first incorporated in 1866 and under an amended charter in 1891. In the forks of the Santiam, and extending eastward to the foot hills of the Cascades, thousands of productive acres yield a diversity of agricultural crops that contribute either directly or indirectly to Scio's prosperity.

Most likely the farmers' visit to town will include business with Scio Mill Elevator Co., an enterprise with a tradition extending back to the community's founding more than 100 years ago. This is the oldest of Scio's businesses and has seven regular employees and

genial W. Z. Sims in the front office to meet the trade. This modern warehouse and mixing plant has been in operation since 1923. Built Grist Mill About 1856 H. I. Turner and William McKinney built a grist mill on Thomas Creek in a hamlet that came to be called Scio. The enterprise flourished until 1891, when fire struck and reduced the mill to ashes.

It was immediately rebuilt, however, on an expanded scale and as a flour mill continued to operate until fire struck again in 1925. The Scio Mill & Elevator Co. controlled the business then. It was again rebuilt as a modern feed mill and warehouse. Scio's industrial center is West Scio on S.P.'s Woodburn-Springfield branch. Three sizable sawmills and woodworking plants are located here.

Lulay Bros. have been in operation for the last 30 years and their West Scio plant is the largest of all in production. Their average daily cut is around 30,000 board feet and employees number 17. Ken Purdy, Scio's mayor, is proprietor of West Scio Re-milling Co. Ken employs about 20 hands in a mill operation that cuts 40,000 feet a day to keep his two planers running. Ed Keech, Salem, also has a sawmill at Scio that is now temporarily shut down.

Town Has Quaintness Quaintness and friendliness are attributes that Scio enjoys but does not exploit. Persons, casually interviewed on Main street, speak of grandfathers who came to the forks of the Santiam in the 1840s, before Scio was founded. Scio is an old town and not ashamed of its traditions and heritage. In and around the town if a Czech community of thrifty and industrious farmers. Mrs. Sylvia Crenshaw, who lives near picturesque Shimanek covered bridge, is a descendant of an early Czech

family in the region. It is her understanding that Rudolph and John Wesley were among the first of the Czechs to settle in the Scio locality in the late 1890s. They were attracted to the region by its close resemblance to their homeland in respect to typography and climate. Scio's fat lamb show is an annual event attracting state-wide attention. It is a spring event with a big parade and many prizes for best livestock exhibits. Christensen Manages Bank Scio's branch of the First National Bank of Portland now serves the community with C. V. Christensen as manager. Deposits amount to \$1,500,000 and there are three employees. Scio bank was



K. L. Purdy, above, is Mayor of Scio.

Named for Czech Family



Scio is in the covered bridge region of Linn County. Here is pictured the Shimanek bridge which was named for a Czech family which lived in the community some time ago. The bridge is 35 years old.

founded by Thos. J. Munkers about 1890. History of the Scio post office reaches back to Oct. 13, 1860 when the office was opened with E. E. Wheeler as first postmaster. Now the office is second class with 170 office and 645 rural boxes. Jack Bailey, postmaster for the last three years, is assisted by two clerks and three rural carriers.

Scio Union High School, a modern plant built in 1950, has 15 classrooms and is occupied by 161 upper grade and 91 seventh and eighth grade pupils. Stan Whipple is principal and there are 15 teachers. Scio's elementary school with the first six grades has 264 pupils and 11 teachers. Here Albert Grubbs is principal. Nile Williams

is superintendent for all Scio schools. Prill Esteemed Dr. A. G. Prill, 87, and among the more esteemed of Scio's older residents, has been a general practitioner here for 50 years. Although he has been retired for a number of years, he continues his residence at Oakrest, a home built in 1900 among aged oaks. Dr. Prill came to Scio after 10 years of practice at Sodaville. Scio has a municipal water system drawing from two wells, a sewage disposal plant and Scio Mutual Telephone Association, Inc. with about 400 subscribers. The town's volunteer fire department consist of 19 members with two trucks at their disposal. Mrs. Glen Thurston, Capital Journal's Scio correspondent, has supplied this writer with a resume of the town's business activity. Within Scio's half mile wide city limits, and mostly along Main street, are two hardware stores, two groceries, two barber shops, service stations, real estate offices, variety, yardage, clothing and shoe stores, a shoe repair shop, bank, post office and other stores and offices supplying goods and service to the community.

Scio Has 4 Churches Scio has four churches—Christian, Baptist, Assembly of God and Catholic. Located a few miles southwest of Scio is Providence Baptist Church. Scio Tribune, a weekly newspaper with E. H. Hayward as publisher for the last 15 years, was founded in 1896. The News, Scio's first newspaper, was founded by Dr. H. H. King and issued off a job press Feb. 3, 1870. When the News folded less than one year later, Publisher and Dr. King asked those in arrears to please remit as "our financial affairs are very precarious just now." Most likely Scio derived its name from Scio, Ohio, but the original name is classical. The is-

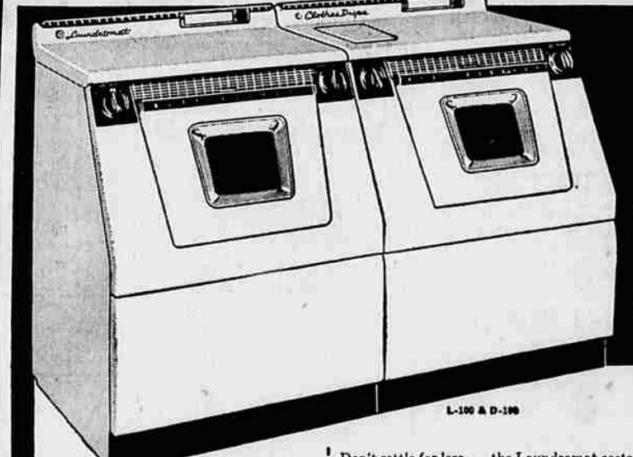
land of Chios in the Aegean Sea was anciently celebrated for its wine and marble. It was also considered to possess the best claim as the birthplace of Homer. Originally Scio was known as

McDonald's precinct where votes were cast in 1848. Scio precinct was created out of McDonald. Some say that William McKinney started the first store here. Others maintain the honor should go to

E. Woods who gold a steer for \$75 and used the proceeds to start a store. In 1867 McKinney and Turner were operating a local flour mill and Smith and Curl the sawmill. Then Scio had three general

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