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STATE GAME WARDEN VISITS HERE

Warden Shoemaker Gets Acquainted With Local Sportsmen

State Game Warden, Carl D. Shoemaker of Roseburg, was an Estacada visitor last Thursday, having made the trip in his Overland car, accompanied by Deputy Warden, E. H. Clark of Multnomah County.

Warden Shoemaker expressed himself as well satisfied with the game and fish conditions in this section and especially appreciated the spirit of the local sportsmen, towards the work of the State Fish & Game Commission.

While Mr. Shoemaker did not admit it, his visit to Estacada was probably at least indirectly connected with the recent protest, which arose in this part of the county, against the appointment of a successor to County Warden, Ben S. Patton of Estacada.

If the State Warden had any doubts as to the feelings of this district and the esteem in which Ben S. Patton is held locally, they were quickly dispelled. Mr. Shoemaker talked with many of the Estacada sportsmen and held quite a "heart to heart" talk with Pres. Byers of the Estacada Rod & Gun Club.

The visitor apparently had taken offense at the implied accusations against his department, wherein it was claimed that the proposed appointment of a successor to Warden Patton, was a political move on the part of the commission.

While Mr. Shoemaker claims that politics had nothing to do with the proposed appointment, the local sportsmen will continue to believe that politics is at the bottom of the whole affair, especially as the announcement came through Oregon City, with the names of such politicians as Chris Schuebel and others directly connected with it.

Mr. Shoemaker will be in Estacada again, on Friday, July 28th, when, at the Family Theatre he will deliver an illustrated lecture and show six reels of moving pictures of Oregon, bird, animal and fish life. This entertaining and instructive show will be free.

While it is not on the program, it is possible that Mr. Shoemaker may have a few remarks to make at this meeting, relative to the proposed change in the office of County Deputy Game Warden.

ENTERPRISE DEFENDS COURT AND PAVING

"The Fretting Estacada News" And Its Editor Get Good Publicity

What is more appropriate and proper than that editor Brodie and his metropolitan daily outburst, The Morning Enterprise, should come to the aid, support and defense of the Clackamas County Court, the Clackamas County Paving Plant and the Clackamas County Hardsurfaced Pavements?

The following free publicity for the Eastern Clackamas News, (herewith called the "Estacada News") and its editor, appeared in the editorial columns of the Morning Enterprise of Oregon City, under date of July 15.

THE FRETTING ESTACADA NEWS

The Eastern Clackamas News is continually suffering under the mistaken notion that the county court intends to slight the eastern part of the county intentionally. The News is so jealous of Oregon City or, in fact, any other part of the county more than five miles from Estacada that it can always be relied upon to oppose frantically improvements for some section.

The county paving plant has aroused the ire of Editor Standish. "Since the purchase of this plant," he says "the county court, county engineer and road boss have gotten a bad attack of hard surface paving disease with the majority of their energies being expended in building pavements in the vicinity of the county seat."

He made this statement in spite of the fact that the county this year will lay on four or five miles of hard surface roads, and that of three projects, one runs into Oregon City and two are located between seven and 10 miles from the county seat. Moreover; it might be added that the road leading into Oregon City which was improved carries as much or more traffic than any other road its length in the county, probably three times as much as the average road in the Estacada district.

A little further along in his remarks Editor Standish calls hard surface a luxury. The county laid five-inch asphaltic concrete on the Parkplace road for about 65 cents a yard, including the cost of installing the plant, buying supplies, superintending the construction and all other expenses. Every brand of recognized hard surface laid by contract costs far above this figure. Yet, Editor Standish calls this surface which will outlast many water macadam roads, a luxury.

Again he says, "unless a halt is called by the taxpayers, the \$800 paving plant will be an expensive luxury and will be worked to death along with the taxpayers' pocket books." Clackamas county raises annually about \$300,000 for road and street work, but the Estacada News bemoans the expenditure of a few thousand on a type of road which is being adopted from one side of the country to the other.

The trouble with Editor Standish is that he fears Estacada and the eastern part of the county will not receive their share of the work. He hints that the county court is partial to the county seat, although of the three members of the court not one is a resident of Oregon City. The county judge is from the Logan district, one commissioner from Canby and the third from Vicla.

Estacada has as much representation on the county court as Oregon City.

If the county court divided that paving plant into little pieces and sent one piece to every corner of the county, Estacada might be satisfied. Molalla, Canby, Macksburg, Wilsonville, Os-

Taxpayers To Meet Monday Evening

The regular monthly meeting of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League will occur Monday, evening, July 24th at Barton.

The News has not been advised of the program for the meeting, but with the program committee comprising Messrs. Ely, Gibson and Bartlett, an interesting gathering is assured, to which all are invited.

wego, Milwaukie, Sandy and every other town in the county wants hard surface now that the county has gone into the business, but we hear no cries of protest from them. They do not yell, "Give us hard surface or don't lay the stuff," and Editor Standish's outburst might be taken for such an appeal, particularly such as this, "The News has no kick against hard surfacing, although it does feel that this county cannot afford much of such luxuries and it does believe in calling a halt if all of the hard surfacing is going to be done in the lower end of the county."

Editor Standish will find as he grows older in experience and in years that public exhibitions of deep green peevishness will not win favors from individuals or county courts. Judge Anderson and Commissioners Knight and Mattoon are at least fairly honest men, he must admit, and above all they are human.

While the News' editor feels hurt and pained to note that editor Brodie has called the Eastern Clackamas News, the Estacada News, his defense would have been more readable and probably weakened, had he quoted a few other paragraphs from the original article.

Before going into the question of hardsurfaced paving further, allowance must be made for the fact that editor Brodie and his daily reprint, are both rather dependent upon the county court and the powers-that-be, for the lion's share of the printing and advertising of Clackamas County; while the Eastern Clackamas News and its editor are more or less under an obligation to the taxpayers and residents of this rural end of said county, which naturally accounts for the different viewpoints.

Possibly 65c per yard for hardsurfaced, asphaltic concrete paving, does not look like a large amount to the residents of the lower end of the county, as that only figures for a twenty foot pavement, about 11,733 square yards to the mile, or a cost of about \$7,626.45 per mile.

\$7,626.45 for the paving of a mile of highway certainly looks like a "luxury" to most of us ordinary taxpayers of this part of the county, in fact \$7,626.45 is more money than the average road district in this part of the county has to spend in a year.

Just so long as the famous Boring Hill road; the Devils Washboard and other similar stretches of nearly impassable roads exist in this part of the county and on our main travelled

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ESTACADA LOSES CHAUTAUQUA SERIES

Locals Fail To Make Good Before Hostile Crowds

The Estacada baseball team, which up to a week ago, was the pride of the Eastern Clackamas fans, failed to play up to form or expectations during the recent Chautauqua series, having lost three of the four games.

There is no need of offering excuses, for the locals were defeated and defeated cleanly, by teams which possibly were no better than Estacada, but teams that were more used to playing before crowds of fans and who had the fans siding with them.

The Estacada team and the local fans, were about as popular during the Chautauqua contests, as an Estacada editor at an Oregon City road meeting.

The home nine easily won the first game against Clear Creek, but were easily defeated by Wilsonville and Oregon City, by scores of 12 to 3, with Estacada playing wild ball, with errors credited against all players and the pitchers receiving no support. The final game, against Canby, with the Bronson brothers as battery, was a good contest with Canby winning 2 to 1.

It now looks as though Canby, with Cole of Oswego pitching, should win the series, with Wilsonville a strong contender.

The Estacada team will play on the home grounds next Sunday afternoon, opposing the winners of the Printers' Union Commercial League of Portland. This game will bring out a big crowd of Portland fans, as the game is being staged in conjunction with the Woodmen's annual picnic, which occurs at Estacada Park that day.

Tracy District Votes Against Estacada Schooling

At a regular meeting of the Tracy school district held Monday evening, the budget calling for the voting of a two-and-one-half mill tax, for the schooling of the districts' pupils in the Estacada schools, was defeated by a vote of about 14 to 8.

The outcome of this meeting was a surprise to many taxpayers, who had supposed that the consensus of opinion was in favor of having the districts' pupils daily transported to and from Estacada for schooling and the elimination of the present Tracy school.

It is possible the question may come up for reconsideration, especially as it will cost the district just as much to engage a teacher and conduct its own rural school, for eight months, as it would to send the children to Estacada, for a nine months term.