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An Unbeatable Team!

The march of progress which settles first on one community within the Tualatin Valley and then another emphasizes the continuing prospect of development and prosperity.

Population pressure within the valley is steadily increasing. Business volume rises in a steady crescendo. Expansion seems in the very air we breathe.

So furious is the pace of growth, it is sometimes hard to realize its scope. We pass a vacant lot or acreage one day and note the beginning work of construction. Before long, there might be anything from a single dwelling to a multi-purpose shopping center.

Highway development, too, is a strong spur to heightened prosperity. Take the city of Tualatin, for example.

Noted from its inception as a cross-roads center, for traffic by land and water Tualatin now envisions a modern highway connecting on one end, with Salem and the other with Portland, according to state highway plans.

Along with the shortening of distances, the new highway will open up a vast area for development. Tualatin will no longer hide its advantages behind a network of secondary roads. As more people realize its nearness to Portland, more will come to Tualatin. And as more people establish homes, the more businesses will gravitate. This, in short, is the pattern of progress which has long proved out.

The Multnomah boulevard is another thoroughfare which offers substantial promise for development, in another area. And the four-lane Canyon Road project, from the edge of West Slope to Beaverton's West city limits helps complete the road-development picture. And other less-publicized road improvements, elsewhere in the Valley, help lay the foundation for access to future home sites.

In the matter of business development, numerous concerns in Portland are reliably reported as looking toward the Tualatin Valley for new locations, largely to avoid a present tax crisis in the big town. Latest proposal to levy what amounts to a city income tax has alarmed many concerns and started them considering alternative action to circumvent this taxation.

Whether or not the city income tax is necessary, business and individuals alike are resentful of its suggestion. Yet, any city or community requires money for its multitudinous services.

And even in the Tualatin Valley, the prospect of an entirely tax-free existence is not, to put it conservatively, too certain to be. For, as the times bestir themselves and bring about expansion of population and business, the problems of taxation become more aggravated than before.

Definer settlements call for such conveniences as improved streets, street lighting, sanitary sewer facilities and adequate water supply. While the governments of Tualatin Valley communities are not overlaid with superfluous bureaus and departments, improvements nevertheless will not be possible without taxation of some nature.

So, while the tax burden is not staggering and does not reach as yet, into the deep corners of a taxpayer's pocket, it is wise to acknowledge, in looks to future growth, that neither the Tualatin Valley nor any place on the Pacific Coast, in fact, can provide proper services of a city or a community. Taxation does prove a necessity.

The difference between Portland and the Tualatin Valley area, of course, is that the smaller communities lay a minimum of restrictions on personal and business life. And with the extending vision of future, no place on the Earth seems better suited for homes and businesses than here, in our valley.

We must all work together, in the concept of intercommunity cooperation, for the days that will come. Let us not narrow our views to the boundaries of our own communities but realize we will go much further, more happily, by pulling as a unit.

Together, the communities of the Tualatin Valley will make an unbeatable team!

Community Inspiration

Significant honor has been visited upon the city of Beaverton, through its junior chamber of commerce, at the state convention recently at Baker. One of its members has been elevated to the rank of state vice president. But the larger tribute was paid the organization for its campaign on fire prevention.

The growing strength of the Beaverton Junior Chamber of Commerce has been an invigorating development over the last year. Leadership has appeared. Ideas have been studied and assessed. Strides of remarkable progress have showed in membership rolls and activities.

For its fire prevention campaign, in which the BEAVERTON ENTERPRISE cooperated, the junior chamber laid its lines thoughtfully. With the backing of merchants and support of the schools and other organizations, the group achieved its primary goal of impressing upon the minds of all within the area that fire is preventable and future property loss might be avoided by carefulness.

To the entire Tualatin Valley, there is a constructive object lesson in the success of the Beaverton junior chamber of commerce. Certainly the group's efforts have served notice to the rest of the state that there is an aggressive, alive spirit in an area which can boast of its accomplishments.

The fire prevention campaign prospectus, furthermore, goes further than merely the state of Oregon. At the national Jaycees convention, to be held early in June at Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Beaverton entry will compete in a nation-wide contest on the fire prevention project.

Knowing the leaders of the Beaverton JCC, we feel that their deserved success might well stand as a challenge to groups within other communities of the Valley. They have won their laurels by diligent work and planning. Other communities might do the same for their home town, with as earnest a devotion to civic spirit and planning.

Groups already formed at least have opportunities during the year to bring their communities to wider recognition, if there is the will and the determination to do so. And while the rewards might sometimes seem intangible, there are nevertheless benefits of far-reaching importance which accrue.

For one thing, whenever a group works together on a worthwhile project, the experience of accomplishment strengthens the faith of its membership as well as indicating future potentials.

In saluting the Beaverton Junior Chamber of Commerce, we see the true meaning of their statewide notice. And we wonder whether or not other communities in the Valley might benefit from the inspiration their work might give.

Readers Say

Word Assassins Belabor Public Men In Reports

To the Editor:
We do not have enough sympathy for our men and women in public office, nor enough appreciation of them.

Again and again we see our men and women holding important public positions collapse under the strain; some of them die; some of them become invalids. Those men and women sacrificed themselves as definitely as if they had fallen on the field of battle.

Probably they went through more mental anguish than they would have had to go through as military men and women on the field of battle, fighting for their country, and all the cussings we gave them while they were struggling with our problems did not help them either.

One reason why it is so difficult to get capable, honorable men and women to accept public posts is that they are afraid of us; or have no desire to take it on the chin the way we hand it out.

Actually there are persons who report the doings of our public men and women, and who make a policy of hawling them out and discrediting them in every possible way, no matter what they do. Such reporters talk that way because they believe that by such tactics they can sell their stuff. By profession they are character assassins.

Before Woodrow Wilson became president of the United States, and while he was still head of Princeton, he was offered a dollar a word for a fifteen hundred word article by a certain publisher. Wilson refused the assignment. "I need the money," he said, "but I will not write for that man; he is a character assassin."

We should be careful how we berate public officials. Some of them need berating, goodness knows, but not all of them do. And when a public official is sincere, and we have reason to believe he is sincere, we should have as much charity for him and sympathy for him as we should wish shown us under similar circumstances.

Public service should not be a thankless job, and we should not tolerate the fellow who, just to get himself profitable notice, chucks verbal rotten eggs and tomatoes at a man who is doing his level best for us at considerably less money than he could make elsewhere peacefully.

K. Von Katchem, old world philosopher, said, "Some speakers are under the delusion that a statement to be impressive and forceful must contain at least one swear word."

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EDITOR'S NOTE:
Everyone who holds public office is suspect, that's true. But don't blame newspaper reporters, whose job it is to protect the common good. Rather, belabor those who have used and are using public office for selfish means.

Offensive criticism, planned with ulterior motive is ethically and morally wrong.

But stilling the voice that points out shortcomings of those in public life seems seriously short-sighted.

What We Earn

As a people, we despise God the Father and God the Son, else why do we so toss their names about in profanity? And what do we earn?—Them that honor me I will honor and them that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.—BIBLE.

NAIN, Year 30—They bear the only son of a widowed mother to the burying. And when Jesus saw her He had compassion on her and said—WEEP NOT. Then to the young man—ARISE. At that the dead sat up and Jesus delivered him to his mother.—Lk. 7th. Yes, our Lord ever lives to prove his love to the weary and worn and sad. And a glad hour when you agree that education, money and the rah-rah-rah of this present hour cannot cleanse away your sins. A glad hour when you turn and possess Christ who died for your profanity and came from the dead to be your eternal life.

NANKING—By Russell H. Glazier—"Four were young police, the first of whom found Christ in the Nanking Hospital when a patient last summer. He brought the other three police. In all, of staff men, police, students and servants fifteen publicly confessed Christ as Lord and Saviour."

Stan Tylor
S. W. McChesney Rd., Portland 1, Oregon. This space paid for by a Seattle family.

Story Of Tualatin Stands As History Of Navigation

FOUNDER SETTLED DONATION LAND CLAIM UPON PROPERTY NOW ESTABLISHED AS CENTER OF CITY

By Hervey S. Robinson
(continued from last week)

John Swenk, founder of the village of Tualatin, was born at historic old St. Genevieve, Missouri, on the Mississippi river, March 25, 1822. His father was a successful farmer and stock raiser and John received a good education for that time and place.

In early life he studied both medicine and law and practiced both professions, to some extent, before coming to the northwest. He started for California at the time of the gold discovery but turned back because of the illness of his parents and remained with them until 1852.

On February 29, 1852, he married Miss Maria Beard, and three days later the young couple joined a party of six people enroute to Oregon. They traveled across the plains and mountains, their wagons drawn by ox teams and arrived at their destination September 1, 1852.

At that time much of the land of the western Willamette valley was still in possession of the government. This section of the country was hilly and heavily timbered and early settlers passed it by, seeking more accessible locations.

Mr. Swenk obtained a donation land claim of 320 acres on the Tualatin river, about ten miles southwest of Portland, including the land upon which the city of Tualatin and the Tualatin Country club are now located. A road from Oregon City to Lafayette crossed the Tualatin river at Zinas Brown's ferry a mile east and passed Swenk's cabin on this claim.

A trail from Portland to Boone's Ferry at Wilsonville on the Willamette intersected the Oregon City road at the ferry and was destined to make the future city of Tualatin a crossroads for travel from Oregon City and Portland to Lafayette the county seat and principal trading center of Yamhill county.

Upon this homestead Swenk conducted general farming until his death in February, 1889. He passed through the severe winter of 1852-53 and lost practically everything he had. He was obliged to get his food from Oregon City, packing his flour and other meager provisions on foot.

However, he soon began to recover from his losses and as the years went by he prospered. He assisted in cutting the first road from Boone's Ferry to Portland. He handled most of the timber used in building the breakwater at Oregon City, which was, at that time his post office and trading point. During the mining excitement in Idaho, he engaged in merchandising in Idaho City and transported his own freight from The Dalles.

A portion of his farm was laid out for a town site, the sale of lots yielding a neat return for his outlay in money and labor. For twelve years he engaged in the execution of the Star Route contracts and in later years he devoted his undivided attention to his farming and stock raising.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Swenk. In a biography published in 1903 they are described as "Cyrus, an attorney at Barnes, Oregon; Alice, wife of M. W. Smith, an attorney, in Portland; Lawrence, living in Grant county, Oregon; Alexander, an attorney in Portland; Lillian (Mrs. M. C. Harding) of Portland and Thaddeus, associated with the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company.

John Swenk died in February, 1889 and was laid to rest in the Riverview cemetery at Portland.

Mrs. Swenk remained upon the old home place after her husband's death and managed the property which was then one of the best equipped farms in Washington county. She had, in 1903, an attractive modern residence with substantial barns and out-buildings and her home was conveniently located within the corporate limits of Tualatin.

The post office at this point was established in 1869 with Marcellus S. Dailey as postmaster. This was the second post office of the name in Washington county. The first post office at Forest Grove was called Tualatin. Alvin T. Smith was postmaster and the name was changed to Forest Grove in 1858.

For some reason Dailey served only about a month. He was followed by John A. Taylor, proprietor of Taylor's Ferry and promoter of Taylor's Ferry road. He was succeeded by William Thompson. The office was discontinued on September 21, 1874 but reinstated in a little over a month with William Greenwood in charge.

Other early postmasters were Steuben Cuppings, Mrs. Anna C. Gore, John Swenk, 1857-1890 and James R. C. Thompson, which brings our record up to the beginning of the present century. If you have any reminiscences of these early settlers and time please send them in. We shall be glad to use them.

The history of this vicinity is closely interwoven with the story of transportation in the western Willamette valley, of roads, ferries, river navigation on the Tualatin, canal building and the iron industry at Oswego, as we shall see in later installments.

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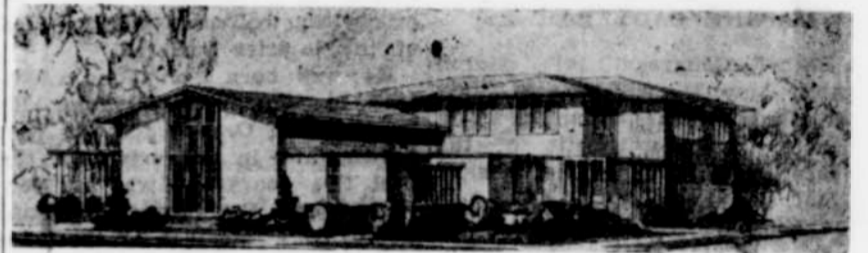
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Univ. of Oregon Honor Societies Fete Joe Rigert

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene. (Special) — Joe Rigert, senior member of the Beaverton Hummer of Beaverton high school, has been awarded a certificate of recognition for his outstanding work on the school paper. The awards are made by the University of Oregon chapters of Theta Sigma Phi and Sigma Delta Chi, women's and men's national journalism honor societies.

Selection was based on names submitted by the high school newspaper advisers. Special training sessions will be held for all honored students enrolling in the university in the fall. The sessions will be conducted by the two journalism fraternities.

RETURN TO GEORGIA

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