

Between the Bookends

By Charlene Bechen
Banks Library Volunteer

November 13 is recycle Saturday at the SWATCO service yard at 15945 NW Sellers Road, about one block south of the Sunset Highway. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Magazines are now accepted, as well as glass, aluminum, tin cans, brown paper bags, newspaper, corrugated cardboard (before 2 p.m.), motor oil in screw-top containers, plastic milk, juice and water jugs. Volunteer help is always welcomed. Please call Donna McCall at 324-3404, or the library at 324-1382, if you would like to help.

Quilters and would-be quilters are invited to join the Friends of the Library year-long quilting bee. "Shady Evergreen" is the pattern chosen for this year's quilt. The fabric has been purchased and work will begin soon. The quilt is scheduled for completion during the 1994 Washington County Fair. The finished quilt will be raffled off at the 1994 Banks Barbeque. Please call Jami Masson at 681-9453, or the library at 324-1382, for more information.

Saturday recycling and the quilt project are both sponsored by the Friends of the Library. This community group provides extra funds and resources for the Banks Library. The al-

lotment of county funds is based upon the number of books checked out at each branch, so smaller branches, such as Banks, receive less money. Without help from the Friends, many books and much of the furnishings would not be here. The Friends most recent gift is a new shelving unit and more best sellers. Membership forms for the Friends of the Library are at the front desk.

Staff Sgt. Karl Alberg returns for the fifth time in *Prized Possessions*, a psychological suspense thriller by L. R. Wright. Sgt. Alberg is asked by a neighbor, Emma O'Brea, to help find her husband, who has mysteriously disappeared, leaving all his prized possessions, including his gun. As Alberg begins his search, he learns the O'Brea marriage may not have been as happy as it appeared and he starts to suspect that Mrs. O'Brea may have other reasons for wanting her husband found. Meanwhile, on the other side of town, a second story is unfolding, involving Eddie Addison, a simple-minded delivery boy. Wright masterfully weaves these two tales together as Eddie and Emma meet in a startling confrontation.

Library Hours: Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday 1 - 7 p.m., Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.

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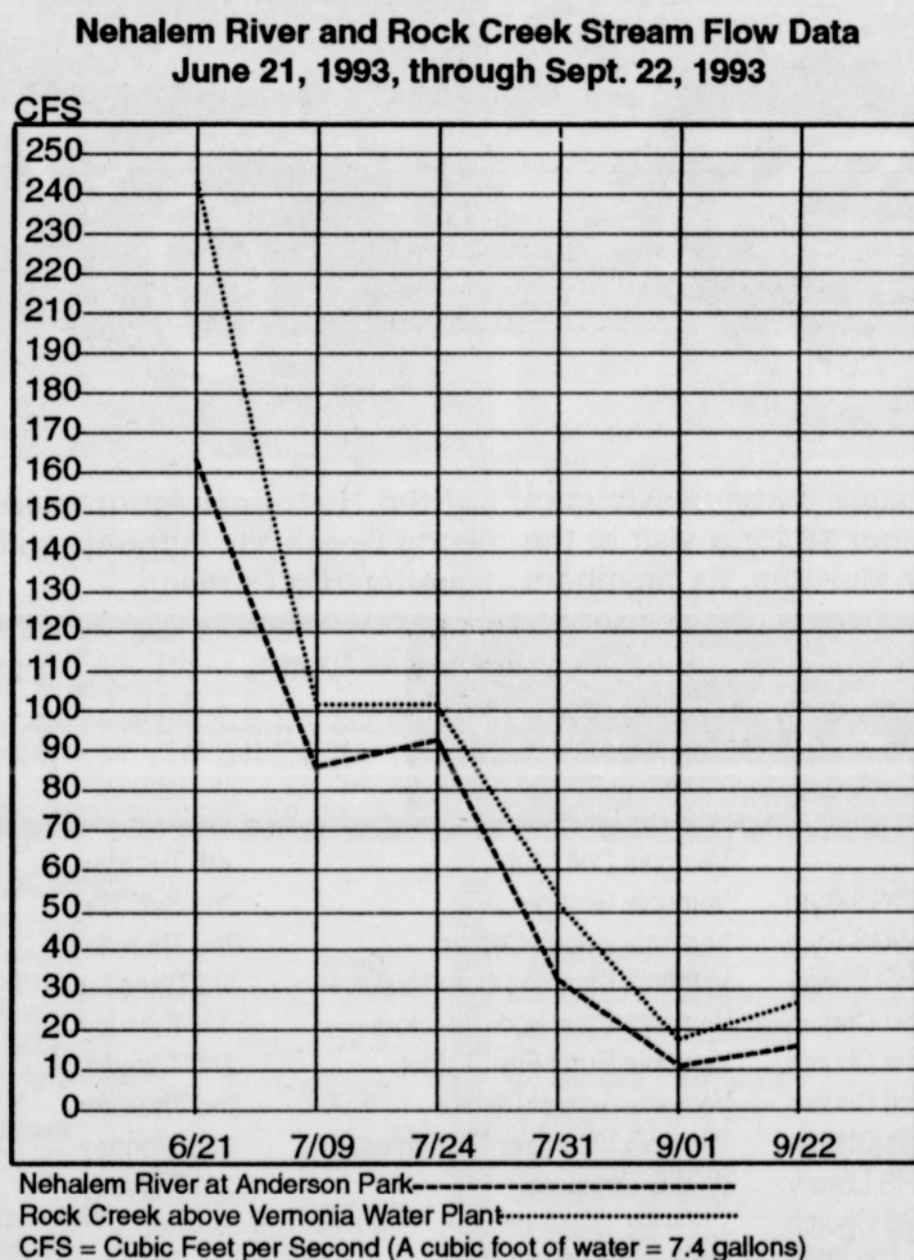
found fair numbers of Coho in the headwater refions, but from the Highway 26 bridge downstream they became nonexistent. Again, the lack of large woody debris, deep pools and cool water temperatures are suspected of having lethal effects upon these fish.

The Steelhead situation in the Nehalem was much better than the Coho's. The surveys found numerous Steelhead above Timber; they were almost the only fish we found below the Highway 26 bridge to Vernonia, except for some Cutthroat Trout. The density of Steelhead in the Nehalem near Vernonia is not high but it is encouraging to see that they can survive the elevated water temperatures. The Steelhead seem to solve the cover problem in the summer by using fast water slots in the soapstone bedrock. An example of this was seen at Airport Park, where Steelhead live in slots in water depths of less than a foot. A lot of the fish found in this area are what we call 1+ Steelhead which means they are over 1 year old. Steelhead have to spend two winters before they smolt the following spring.

One of this year's highlights was watching our video camera operator, Roger Lindsley, walk on water going "Oh! Oh! Oh!" It seems as if Roger got tired of walking around in his chest waders and shed them for some tennis shoes. He seemed just fine around the electroshocker until he stepped on the anode tail that trails behind the electroshocker operator. Trouble was, we didn't get it on tape... darn!

For quite a few years now we have been finding a strange spotting condition, mostly Steelhead and Cutthroat Trout. Our biologist didn't quite know what to make of it until I asked a former assistant biologist from our area about it and he stated that it most likely was Dog Salmon Flukes that were causing

this spotting. This is the same parasite that can kill dogs if they ingest fish from our local streams. We were finding this condition mainly in the Nehalem River and it is said to cause mortality among infected fish.



Rock Creek has considerably more water flow than the Nehalem River, probably due to the geology of the headwater areas. The lowest average stream flows were in early September. The July 24 increase was because of rain the previous night. The increase on 9/22 is interesting because there had been little or no rain preceding the measurement and it probably was caused by shorter days and cooler nights, which reduced the effect of evaporation in the stream. ODFW has varying in-stream water rights, with a minimum of 5 CFS in September, an amount that may be too low for fish survival. Fish survival is linked with stream flow because higher stream flow is the only thing that can mitigate a lack of shade cover to keep stream temperatures below lethal limits.

Volunteers who helped this year included Tom, Craig and Ken Enneberg, Robb Wilson, Dolly Keenon, Roger Lindsley, Don and Michael Webb and I. If you are interested in participating in some fish surveys, give me a call and I will try and give you some advance notice of next year's planned surveys.

Letters to the Editor

A fallen officer is remembered

To the Editor:

On October 1, 1971, (Vernonia Police) Chief Raymond Garcia died in the line of duty, making the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and well-being of others. The Vernonia Police Department is proud to recognize, honor and remember Chief Garcia.

Chief Garcia's name is engraved on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C., and on the Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial, located at the Oregon State Police Academy in Monmouth.

The Vernonia Police Department is asking the citizens of Vernonia to support the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, which ensures that as long as the National Law Enforcement Memorial stands in our nation's capitol, the names of America's fallen law officers will never be forgotten.

Donations may be made to Law Enforcement Memorial, 605 E Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20004, or to the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth.

Sincerely,
James L. Walters
Chief of Police
Vernonia Police Dept.

Mist School fund raiser a big success

To the Editor:

The recent Rummage Sale held in the Mist Grade School gym added \$1,100 to the Mist School Fund. The money will be used for field trips, assemblies and other types of enrichment activities for the students enrolled in Mist School, grades K-5.

People in the Mist area were very supportive, with donations of rummage, refreshments, many hours of time and a great turnout to purchase sale items.

The Vernonia School District donated items left over from their June auction. This included office machines, furniture, gym lights, maps and books.

On behalf of the Mist School staff, we wish to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those involved in making this fundraiser a **SUPER SUCCESS!**

Sincerely,
Sunny Huntman, teacher
Sharon Batty, teacher
Mist School

Leonetti welcomed to OBC membership

To the Editor:

Because he stood up for what he believed in, it is my pleasure to welcome Mario Leonetti to membership in the "Old Boy's Club".

The O.B.C., often mentioned in editorials in The INDEPENDENT, is supposedly a group of regressive former

city council members who ruled the town a few years ago. Why, they were even against hiring a city manager!

The next honor to which Mario might qualify could be The INDEPENDENT'S.... "After Years of Neglect" club. Those were the years when economic times were very tight and fees for city services were not raised. In the 1980's, the economy improved, things began to look up for the town. Maybe.

A well qualified Jim Walters now starts his job under a cloud, the new city manager is already at odds with the council, and the council is still being criticized by The INDEPENDENT for doing its job.

It's good to know things haven't changed so much after all.

Bill Hansen O.B.C.
Former Councilor
Emmett, ID.

(Bill: The economy is no better; the money is being spent smarter and without the cost of law suits engendered by ineptitude; the police chief is not under a cloud; the city administrator is not at odds with the council because he did what they instructed him to do—and you finally learned not to bet on Buffalo in the Superbowl! Ed.)

Carcus Creek sale is short-sighted

To the Editor:

Let me assure you first that I am very much a believer in the democratic process. However, there are some flaws inherent in the system—including short-sighted decision making by our relatively short-time elected officials.

Thomas Jefferson understood that such flaws were inherent in democracy. That's why he stressed the importance of an educated and informed citizenry—to advise against such tendencies as we now see in the County Commissioners' dogged determination to sell off a lovely piece of woodland called Carcus Creek County Park in order to counter the possibility of a shortfall in this year's budget.

If the Commissioners have their way, this 250 acres of fine mixed Oregon timber which we all own will be sold to the highest bidder as soon as possible, at today's low market price, and most likely to a logging outfit that will clearcut it.

Isn't using our own available assets to balance the budget just responsible behavior on the part of our commissioners?

In the short-term, we might be tempted to accept their logic. But unlike the Commissioners, we are responsible for long-term effects. We intend to live here for our lifetime, and would like our children and grandchildren to en-

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