

Business Notes

"Once was enough," once flooded building achieves new heights



After the flood of 1996 rendered this Grant Avenue office building unusable, it was completely renovated. It has recently been purchased for use by Holce Logging Co., Inc., and Randall Holce, C.P.A.

but, before they move in, Holce said, "Once was enough," and had the building elevated. In '96, Holce experienced the same kind of flood cleanup as manager of the Vernonia Federal Credit Union.

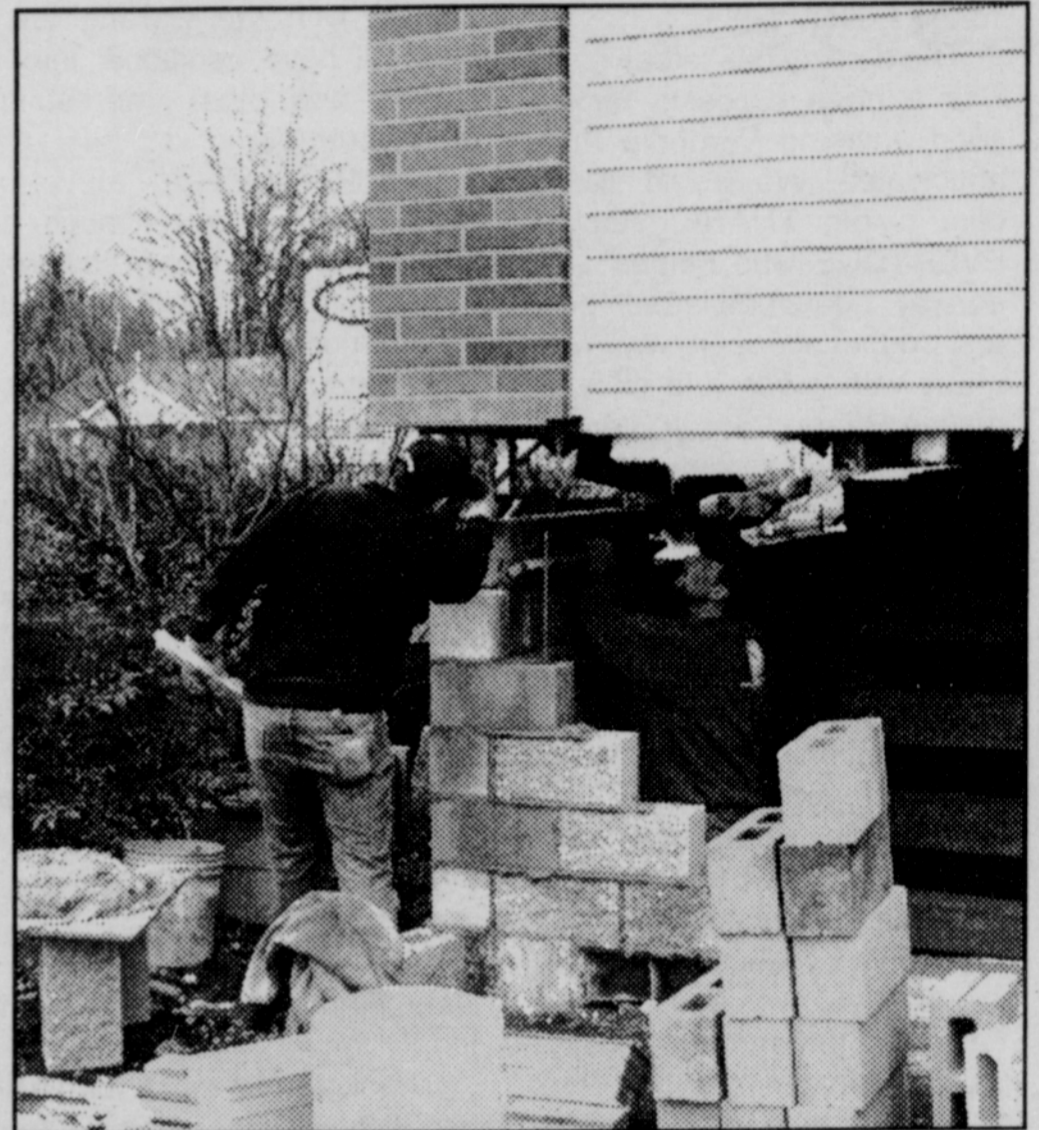


Photo on left shows the new elevation. Construction of the new foundation is under the direction of local masonry contractor Loren Dennis, shown above with his back to the camera.

ODF sets four public hearings on public/private land exchange

Four public hearings – in four counties – are planned March 11-12 to consider a proposed Oregon Department of Forestry land exchange that would consolidate state forest lands and facilitate the creation of a new state park in Washington County.

Other counties with lands affected by the exchange are Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Longview Fibre Company are also participating in the proposed exchange.

The exchange involves 19 parcels totaling 3,691 acres of state-owned land managed by ODF, nine parcels of Longview Fibre land totaling 3,519 acres and 12 parcels of Oregon State Park and Recreation land totaling 1,341 acres.

Maps and details are available at http://www.odf.state.or.us/DIVISIONS/management/state_forests/landexchange/Parks-Longview/Parks-Longview.asp

Copies of the documents may be obtained from ODF land specialist Patty Cate, phone (503) 945-7350, or e-mail pcate@odf.state.or.us.

The public hearing schedule

follows:

- March 11, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Columbia County Courthouse, Room 308, 230 Strand St., St. Helens.
- March 11, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Washington County Auditorium, Public Service Building, 155 N. First Ave., Hillsboro.
- March 12, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Clatsop County Courthouse, Nehalem Conference Room, 749 Commercial St., Astoria.
- March 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Tillamook County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room, 201 Laurel Ave., Tillamook.

The public comment period will be March 11 to April 11. Comments should be sent to Patty Cate, Oregon Department of Forestry, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310.

The hearings officer will issue a report after the hearings and the comment period. County commissioners from each of the four affected counties are expected to hold meetings and consider the exchange in the spring and summer. If all of the county commissions give approval, the exchange will go to the Board of

Forestry and the State Land Board for consideration.

Third-party assessments have been done for dollar valuations and for sensitive plant, fish and wildlife habitats. ODF district recreation specialists have assessed recreational values. These reports are available on the ODF website, and copies may also be obtained from Patty Cate.

The proposed exchange of lands follows:

Longview Fibre transfers 3,519 acres to ODF (representing the Board of Forestry and the State Land Board), which passes through 1,473 acres to State Parks. ODF transfers 3,524 acres to Longview Fibre.

To reconcile a difference in land value, Longview Fibre would compensate ODF \$8.3 million in cash and future timber harvest receipts.

State Parks transfers 1,341 acres to ODF. ODF transfers 1,640 acres (the 1,473 acres from Longview Fibre plus 167 acres of ODF land) to State Parks. ODF would reconcile a land-value imbalance with a

\$548,000 cash payment to State Parks.

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