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Business Areas Seen on Bus Trip



FIRST stop of Columbia county community tour from two busses was conducted through the plant. was at Steinfeld's plant in Scappoose where group

100-Mile Tour of County Gives View of Potential

The Columbia county community tour on Thursday of last week, was enjoyed by 68 local and other interested persons, who were treated to the 100-mile tour of the county in two chartered busses.

Purpose of the tour was to better acquaint those interested, in the industrial and recreation facilities in the county, and to obtain a glimpse of the potential growth of possible future industries.

The first stop on the itinerary was the Steinfeld plant in Scappoose, where the group was conducted through the large plant by Ray Steinfeld, who explained briefly the origin of the business, and the processes used in the canning of pickles and kraut.

Leaving Scappoose, the tour included stops at Vernonia, Pittsburg, Natal, Rainier, Mayger and the Beaver Army facility.

Louis Towne and Bob Lindsay acted as tour guides for the Vernonia tour and pointed out to the group the fine business and industrial opportunities, the new businesses, fine residential areas, new historical museum and the recreational possibilities of this area. Following the trip through town, the busses drove through the Crown Zellerbach woods area for a quick look at second-growth timber management. Frank Reed put on a brief logging demonstration. The group stopped at the Natal Grange for coffee and cookies served by the Grange ladies.

The tour ended at the Riveria Room in Clatskanie, where some 120 persons attended the banquet, which was ably MC'ed by Art Steele.

Featured speakers of the evening were Sam H. Malicoat, executive director of the Oregon Department of Planning and Development; and Col. Sterling K. Eisinger, District Engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Malicoat complimented those assembled for their interest in the county and its development. He stated that such interest by the public spoke well for the county's future. Malicoat deplored the lack of defense dollars spent in Oregon, in comparison to the amount spent in the neighboring state of Washington. Figures quot-

ed by Malicoat showed that for every \$1.00 spent in Oregon on defense contracts by the government, \$35.00 was spent in Washington. Such disparity in government spending between the two states is most detrimental to the potential growth of Oregon, Malicoat stated, and it will take the support of all Oregonians to remedy the situation. The people of Oregon need to make their thoughts and wishes known to their congressmen, said Malicoat. Malicoat cited various ways in which Oregon is being brought to the attention of industrial personnel throughout the nation, and expressed hope that some of these efforts would bear fruit in the near future.

Col. Eisinger graphically portrayed river development problems by supplementing his talk with colored slides. The slides effectively brought out some of the hidden problems that are present in maintaining a deep water channel in the Columbia and other rivers.

Eisinger pointed out that the Columbia River is one of the greatest forces for economic development in Oregon, and it is the duty of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to keep the river navigable at the least possible expense to the taxpayer. Ships from every nation ply the Columbia with products and produce, he stated, and for long distances where time is not an important factor, water transportation is less expensive than any other way.

Eisinger stated that the present channel is being maintained at a depth of 36 feet, and that the Columbia river ports are slated to share heavily in future appropriations.

Many prominent Columbia county people were in attendance at the banquet, among whom were Mrs. U.S. Savings Bonds, Emily Terrall of St. Helens. Mrs. Terrall spoke briefly to the guests in her official capacity. She stated that she wished she could have taken the tour of the county before she made her recent nationwide tour, so she would have been better equipped to sell her home county to those she met.

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Rain Delays Lagoon Job

At the meeting of the Vernonia city council Monday evening of this week, a 15-day extension of time was granted the contractors for work on the sewage lagoon. Work has progressed rapidly but has been delayed this week by rain. The entire lagoon area has been worked to considerable depth, then packed and a dike is being built to divide the lagoon area so that one side can be used to produce proper depth for func-

tioning. Also, the council voted to call a special meeting of the budget committee to consider a supplementary budget for payment of lagoon costs. Also, although the smoke and fire damage at the city hall was covered by insurance, technicalities require a budget adjustment for the receipt and outlay.

The council received and considered the proposal of the Jay-

DEADLINE NEAR FOR CITY JOBS

Today, Thursday, October 4, marks the deadline for the filing of petitions for city office, according to City Recorder Walter Linn. The Vernonia ordinance specifies that petitions must be filed 32 days prior to the election. Offices in the city hall close at 5:00 p.m. today so those wishing to file must act promptly.

Up to noon Wednesday, no petitions had been filed except that of Mona Gordon who seeks re-election as city treasurer. It is understood that several petitions are out for both the mayor and two councilmen to be elected.

Lions Prepare Annual Feed

The Vernonia Lions Club has set October 20 as the date for its annual pancake feed which will be held at the City Cafe from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The money received will be used to buy two hospital beds that will be available in the community to people who require this special equipment but can't afford the expense of buying or renting one.

Red Ade is general chairman for the Pancake feed and he guarantees that everyone will have plenty to eat and is working hard to make it a success. He will be assisted by Barney Pilger as publicity chairman, Tom Bateman as clean-up chairman, Sam Hearing Jr. as food chairman, and Clarence Nance as chief cook.

In addition to making plans for the hotcake feed at the meeting held Monday evening at the fire hall, members of the club heard Leonard Schmidlin give a very interesting talk about his People to People trip to Europe during the summer.

Hunter Killed

A Clatskanie man, Gene Simmons, 57, was killed September 25 when he stepped in his partners line of fire as the two men were firing at a moose which they were hunting. The accident happened at Francois Lake, 60 miles southeast of Burns Lake, B.C. The other man involved in the accident was Harry Sexton also of Clatskanie.

Chamber Slates League Speaker Monday Night

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce has secured another interesting speaker for their quarterly dinner meeting which is to be held at the Legion hall at 7:00 p.m. next Monday, October 8. Dinner is \$1.50 per person and will be served by the women of the Christian church and the public is invited.

Mrs. Arnold Damskov, speaker for the occasion, is president of the Portland League of Women Voters, and has been associated with that non-partisan organization for several years. She has served in various capacities, and has represented the League at state and national conventions.

"Ways Out of Confusion" is the subject upon which Mrs. Damskov will speak. As a representative of the League of Women Voters, which does not endorse candidates of any party, she will talk about some of the measures on which Oregon voters will cast their ballots November 6. On these subjects she will give arguments both for and against the measures. Comments from the audience will be invited.

The Chamber has also invited all candidates for Columbia county offices to attend the dinner so it will give the people of Vernonia a chance to meet and greet the candidates.

The dinner is open to the public and those planning to attend are asked to notify Evelyn Heath, chamber secretary, so the dinner committee may know how many to prepare for.

Estacada Hits Loggers 40-13

Coach Bob Wendel's Vernonia Loggers took another one on the chin last Friday evening when they visited the Estacada gridiron and were soundly thumped 40-13. Once again lack of any offense on the part of the Vernonia eleven proved to be their undoing. The Loggers did cross the opponent's goal twice, but both of their tallies occurred on kickoff returns of 85 and 65 yards with the local eleven amassing only five first downs in the whole game.

Vernonia's first TD took place right after Estacada took the kickoff and drove all the way to score. Estacada kicked off with Anderson receiving the ball on the 15 and rambling all the way to score. Try for point was good.

The Loggers hit the scoreboard once again, this time during the third period when Bowerman picked up the Estacada kickoff and galloped 65 yards for the six points.

Delbert Bush again played an outstanding game, both offensively and defensively, rating him as one of the best guards in the league. Boxer Cox and Grimsbo showed up fairly well on defense and the whole Logger squad looked better than the week before.

Coach Wendel will have a few changes in the lineup this week when the Neahkahnne Pirates visit Vernonia, which he hopes will add the offensive punch which the Loggers now lack.

Game time is 8 p.m. on Greenman field. Admission prices are adults, \$1.00; high school students with student body cards, 50 cents; grade school, 25 cents; pre-school, with parents, free.

Boys Compete In Ball Contest

Coach Bob Wendell this week issued an invitation to spectators to be at the high school athletic field Saturday at 11:00 a.m. to witness the semi-finals of the punt and pass contest which has been running for the past several weeks and includes boys in the 11, 12 and 13 age groups.

Coach Wendel stated that about 40 boys have been participating in the activity which has been used to acquaint them with some of the basic tactics of football and he says many of the boys who have turned out show surprising promise as future football players.

Three boys will be chosen in the semi-finals Saturday and they will be featured in the finals at half-time at the Banks-Vernonia game on Greenman field October 12.

Bills to Reflect Tax Rate Raise

The impact of Oregon's new timber tax law, enacted by the 1961 legislature, together with increased budget demands, will reflect higher millage rates on every property tax statement in Columbia county, Frank LeMont, county assessor, said this week. The new law went into effect January 1, 1962.

The total assessed valuation of Columbia county was reduced from \$32,220,195 to \$31,808,480—a net valuation loss of \$411,517.

The new timber tax law has dropped the total timber values in the county by more than 50 percent—from \$1,483,050 to \$732,290. Only a small percentage of the loss in timber values was due to harvesting of timber, LeMont said. Other improvements in the county—mainly utility property—helped to offset the timber loss.

The combined budget demands, which in most cases were approved by the majority of voters who cast ballots on the matter, has increased the total taxes to be collected from \$2,501,282.46 in 1961 to \$2,922,658.54 this year. This makes a total increase of \$421,376.08, an average increase on a county-wide basis of 16.58 percent.

The total monies levied for school purposes were \$2,053,135.41, an increase of \$316,841.33 over 1961, representing an 18.25 percent increase. Monies levied for schools were 70.2 percent of the total taxes levied for all purposes.

The new timber tax law affected the Vernonia school district more severely than any other school district in the county, LeMont noted. In 1961 timber represented 28 percent of the total values in the Vernonia school district. For the current year, timber represents only 17.8 percent of the total valuation of the district. Higher budget requirements have also increased the millage rate in this district, which has increased from 101.6 to 139.2 mills.

J. W. Acaturri, superintendent of schools in district 47 joint, points out that the increase of \$7,872 in the 1962-63 school budget over the 1961-62 budget would have meant only a three mill increase had the assessed valuation remained the same. However, the assessed valuation for the district dropped from \$2,584,310 to \$2,196,720, a decrease of \$387,580. Inside the city of Vernonia, valuation dropped from \$551,295 to \$515,600, a decrease of \$35,695.

The total timber valuation reduction in the county amounts to 42 percent. The Vernonia district is the hardest hit because of the large timber holding of both Longview Fiber and Crown Zellerbach. For the C-Z company on a county-wide basis, their tax is up on their other property to offset the decrease in tax on their timber holdings. However, their mill

properties are in the St. Helens district so no offset is felt here.

Taxes in St. Helens will advance 12 percent over 1961, with millages up to 105.3 from 94.0 last year. However, if property is located outside city limits, subtract \$24.10 for city levy and add \$1.90 for St. Helens rural fire district levy. These figures are based on \$1000 assessed valuation.

A 16.7 percent increase is noted at Scappoose, but persons living outside the city limits should subtract \$17.70 for the city levy and add \$1.60 for the rural fire district. The 1961 millage was 90.8, this year's 106.0.

There is a 6.27 percent increase in Warren; 1961 levy 89.3, this year 94.9. Columbia City, up 12.9 percent; 1961 levy 74.9, this year 84.6. Goble school district, up 5.1 percent; 1961 levy 96.8, this year 101.7.

Inside Rainier the taxes will be 24 percent higher than in 1961. While the percentage increase is high in Rainier, their tax rate is the lowest of an incorporated city in Columbia county other than Columbia City. Levy for 1961 was 68.1, this year 84.6. For property outside the Rainier city limits subtract \$10.70 for the city levy and add \$1.80 for rural fire district.

Neer City district shows a 9.4 percent increase; 1961 levy 103.5, this year 113.2.

Clatskanie's millage rate increases from 78.6 mills to 104.4, but if property is outside the city limits, subtract 12.70 mills for city levy and add 3.1 mills for rural fire district.

Other increases in millage by the various districts: Neer City school district, 1961 levy 103.5 mill, this year 113.2; Delena school district, 1961 levy 61.1, this year 67.2; Hudson school district, 1961 levy 60.0, this year 70.2; Mayger school district, 1961 levy 98.8, this year 110.0; Quincy school district, 1961 levy 65.3, this year 94.0.

Work Planned On Shay Lot

The shay lot and surrounding area is going to be made attractive for residents and tourists to view through the efforts of the Vernonia JayCees who decided at their meeting Thursday evening of last week that they would improve the appearance of the town's main street by cleaning up that area.

Other plans made at that meeting include a benefit to raise money to be used at Christmas to assist needy families.

The group will meet again this evening at the fire hall at 7:00 p.m. and they urge all other men between the ages of 21 and 36 to join them.



BEAR weighing estimated 300 pounds was shot by John Weller, left, and Dave Wanland in Clear creek area Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock. Animal was hauled out by Don Webb and hunting party with him which included the boys.