

COUNTY JUDGE Earl N. Seawright presents Certificate of Merit to Vann Basinger, representative of Briarcliff Golf and Country club of Rainier. The cer-

tificate was awarded the group to commemorate the large-scale planning and development venture the corporation has undertaken in the Rainier area.

Representatives from city councils, planning commissions, the county court and other interested persons met at the Village Inn January 12 to hear reports on the proposed Columbia county regional planning program and an outline of the school for planning to be held in February.

The meeting was opened with a greeting from Judge Earl N. Seawright, who also outlined the history of meetings between the court and city planning groups, held over the past year and a half.

Seawright also stated that the court would dedicate itself in 1967 to educate people in county to benefits of county-wide zoning and planning and work toward completion of U.S. 30 widening and improvements within the next two years. He also touched on the recent tax losses from too-low appraisals of industrial properties and what the county plans to counteract such losses, county road improvements, housing problems and other items a land use plan and zoning program would

A certificate of merit was presented Vann M. Basinger, who represented the board of directors Club, Inc., for the large development the group has started at Rainier.

Cyrus Nims, Bureau of Municipal county. He stated that St. Helens was the first city in Columbia county to undertake such planning. Scappoose followed, he stated, with planning and studies on their downtown area pretty well up to date.

Nims suggested that with future projected growth Scappoose and St. Helens may well be connected urban areas, and a joint zoning ordinance used to tie in these two cities. He also outlined the program of the planning education classes planned for February.

Seawright then spoke on the make-up of the board which would govern a regional or county-wide planning group. Members would be taken from each city, the county court, each planning commission, and any other groups participating such as the port district. Every area or group participating would have a representative on the regional board.

Ken Tollenaar of the Bureau of Municipal Research then spoke on the outline formulated from the July 1965 preliminary meeting. From this meeting of area officials, an agreement of tentative working plans was drawn up to put a regional coordinated planning group into action. The agreement states in part that each individual participating unit would still plan at a local stage, and then present their plans to the regional board for area coordination of plans. Local groups, in effect, would not lose their rights to plan on a local level.

He emphasized that the program was not to usurp local authority, but, by voluntary participation, coordinate all individual efforts. He cited the lack of engineering aid locally, and stated that through this program, an engineer could be hired for the benefit of all participants.

He also spoke of the possibility of connecting this Columbia county group to the adjoining portions, or all, of Clatsop county and the Longview-Kelso area.

As proposed by preliminary studies, a per capita assessment of 50 cents per person in each area would be made to participating sponsorship of Columbia county

towns or areas.

As an incentive to join this group, he stated it would promote growth of the county, put planning in the hands of local persons who more fully understand local problems, and the need for a professional person to do this planning and coordinate the over-all

Judge Seawright told of pledges by cities and the county which have already been made, including: Clatskanie, pledged \$3,000, to be matched by \$6,000 in federal funds; Port of St. Helens, \$1500 and \$3,000; Columbia county, \$3,-000 and \$6,000. Another \$3,000 is to be added by the county for the second phase of a planning program, also to be matched 2 for 1 by the federal government. The county would also make available another \$3,000 of unmatched funds for administrative costs.

A 50 cent-per-head assessment would add another \$5,200 to the coffers (1965 census figures). Part of this amount would go into matching funds and the other be used for local planning and administration.

An estimate of \$15-18,000 per year was given for maintaining a of Briarcliff Golf and Country regional planning office, on a twoyear basis

Nims was again called to the rostrum to answer questions on costs. He gave a \$7,500 to \$8,200 Reasearch, gave a recap of plan- figure as the minimum of a dining, growth and development in rector for the program. He stated that the more responsibility this person carries would naturally increase the pay for the position.

> A further projection of growth and planning proposed Vernonia to be treated as a single area by itself, and the grouping of St. Helens, Scappoose and Columbia City into a single area.

Mayor M. E. McMichael of St. Helens took the microphone at this time to state that St. Helens was ready to go ahead on a planning program of their own if this county-wide group fails to act promptly. He also said the entire area needs to work together for plan-

ning of area development. Representing Vernonia at the meeting were members of the local planning commission, Ralph Keasey, David Banta, B. J. Horn and James Davies, and Wm. Rundle who is a member of the county planning commission.

The schedule of upcoming plan-

ning classes is as follows: February 2, The Role and Responsibilities of Local Officials in Community Planning, with James R. Bell and Lloyd E. Anderson giving the course.

February 9, Implementation of Community Planning: Zoning Ordinances and Capital Improvement Programs, Matvin E. Gloege and Donald N. Johnson.

February 16, Implementation of Community Planning: Subdivision Regulations and other Codes and Ordinances. Richard B. Hayward and A. M. Westling.

February 23, Intergovernmental Cooperation in Community Planning, Howard Buford and John Merrill.

March 2, (open public forum), Planning Activities in Columbia County, Clatskanie, Columbia City, Prescott, Rainier, St. Helens, Scappoose and Vernonia. Moderator, Earl Seawright; Ted Sidor and Cyrus R. Nims.

Cyrus Nims will be the moderator for the first four sessions to be held at the St. Helens junior the above listed evenings. A \$10 registration is listed for the

complete course. The meetings are under the

and its cities, the League of Oregon Cities, Association of Oregon Counties, State System of Higher Education (Continuing Education office), and the department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Gas, Oil Tax Filing Changed

Farmers will lose any federal gas and lubricating oil tax credit they have coming if their income tax returns are not filed on time, District Director A. G. Erickson reports.

Erickson said that farmers who use gas in their farming operations and lubricating oil other than in a highway motor vehicle are entitled to the credit. It is figured at 4c for every gallon of gas and 6c for every gallon of lubricating oil so used.

Power boat owners and other users of gas and oil for non-highway purposes are also entitled to a credit. Their credit is 2c a gallon on gas and 6c on lubricating

Form 4136, Computation of Credit for Federal Tax on Gasoline and Lubricating Oil, should be used to compute the credit and should be attached to their income tax returns.

Before this year, non-highway users of gas had to file a separate claim for a refund of the federal gas tax paid. Now they take a credit on their tax return against the amount of income tax otherwise owing.

Family Get-Together Honors Two Birthdays

TIMBER ROUTE - Mr. and Mrs. Lester Teeling of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Falconer and Mrs. H. A. Thacker were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thacker, honoring the birthdays of Mrs. Teeling and Mrs. Falconer. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thacker and Ken from Forest Grove, Mrs. George Smith and Susie from Kist district also called at the Thacker home.

Mrs. Carl Snyder and Mrs. Chas. Hascall were luncheon guests of Mrs. George Snyder and children at Hillsboro Thursday and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jacobs at Banks on their way home. Mrs. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hascall were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Mae Wienecke. Monday and Saturday evenings Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Edna Reynolds and children were guests of Mrs. Wienecke.

Lonnquist Visitors From Various Areas

BIRKENFELD - Friday overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lonnquist were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Noble of Triangle Lake, which is near Horton, Oregon. Sunday afternoon visitors at the Lonnquist home were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Westberg of Newberg, and Lydia, Esther, Joseph, and Arthur Swanson from Warren, North Dakota.

Mrs. Herbert Rodgers, Lynne and Douglas spent Saturday afternoon visiting her folks, the Francis Larsons. She brought home her nephew Dennis Larson who had spent Friday night there.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nordstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Baker were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vick Berg Sunday

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Enrollment of Students Given

Who are the students at the nine institutions in the State System of Higher Education?

Mainly, they are individuals from all 36 of Oregon's counties. For instance, the 1965-66 biennial report of the State System of High-

er Education, just released, shows that 40,450 Oregonians went to the public colleges and universities one or more quarters during the 1965-

Add the 6744 who came from out of state and you have a cumulative total of 47,194 (which, of course, will be substantially exceeded during the current academic year).

The state system's biennial report shows that two-thirds of the counties last year had students enrolled in all nine of the state system institutions while the rest of the students were represented at five to eight of the state campuses. Columbia county has 322 enrolled

at the nine state institutions. Of the 6744 students from out of the state, 5585 came from all 50 of the states, while 15 came from four United States territories.

Another 1114 students during 1965-66 were from 93 foreign countries ranging from Afghanistan to Zambia. The greatest foreign enrollment was from Canada, 203, distributed through six of the state colleges and universities. The next largest number, 95, attending four institutions, was from Nationalist China.

New Residents On Spencer Ave.

RIVERVIEW - Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phipps and four children of Banks moved into the Laws house on Spencer avenue last week end. He works with his brother in the Phipps garage. Others who moved to Spencer avenue recently are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kagler and two sons from Fort Lewis. He works in Portland.

Mrs. Margaret Wickander and three daughters from Portland spent Saturday at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Hudson. Sherri Thiringer was Debbie Hudson's overnight guest Fri-

The mumps epidemic is no respector of age. Mrs. Carrie Brown who will be 88 years old in April has had quite a bout with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker spent Monday in this vicinity on day at the home of her sister. Mrs. Ted Keasey on Keasey road. She is much improved since the last report.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rose were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Staight and four children

Mr. and Mrs. Myrt Jenkins and their daughter, Mrs. Richard Kenney and children of Portland visited Sunday at the E. L. Lloyd and Bud Rose homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Yoreson spent the holidays at the home of their son and family, W.K. Yoreson at Pomona, California. They made the trip by plane. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woolfolk of Clatskanie visited at the Yoreson home and Sunday their callers were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speiring of

Trip Made to **Visit Sisters**

BIRKENFELD -Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson and Joey took his mother, Elsa Richardson to Portland Sunday and she left from there for Madras to visit with her sisters for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berg and family visited the Nick Nickolson family at Seaside Sunday.

Jim Garlock and son Gordon of Woodburn visited at the Fred Larson home Sunday. Also there were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Garlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beach were in Scio Saturday to visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnston

made a trip to the Portland stock yard Monday and cared for other business in Portland, also. Mrs. Darrell Baker was a Clatskanie business caller last Thurs-

Mrs. Bob DuPuis was in Portland one day last week on busi-

Buddy Larson came to his folks home Sunday evening and will glay with them while he is working for Crown Zellerbach in this area.

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