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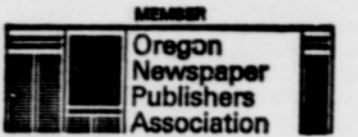
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Lucia Rite Opens Season

Coronation of the 1974 Scandinavian Lucia Bride and presentation of her court is planned for Friday, November 23, at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Center Ice Pavilion.

Sponsored by the Scandinavian Men's Club of Portland, this annual holiday tradition officially marks the beginning of Portland's Christmas season.

Corinne Huffman, Oregon's 1973 Lucia Bride and her court will end their reign when a successor is crowned and the new court is introduced.

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The People Speak . . .

Editor's Note: Wilaiwan Wanasut was Vernonia's foreign exchange student in 1970-71. The following account of the recent overthrow of the government in Thailand gives a very graphic picture as related in a recent letter to the David Banta family.

November 6, 73
 Dear Father & Mother,
 I'm still alive! As you know October 14 was a big day for us. The students started to protest and demonstrate on October 6. According to the old schedule I was to take the final exam on the eighth. Since they had the protest at my university, all the exams were postponed. I joined them on the 12th and 13th. I think you know what was going on. I was exhausted so I went back to my dorm. When I got up the next morning, it was awfully quiet. I looked out from my window and saw some cars parking on the new bridge and I saw no cars running. There were thousands and thousands of people running in and out my university. It seemed to me that they were very angry. Then I realized that the students were facing the worse situation. I got up and got dressed then my friend and I climbed up on the top of the building where we could see everything. Pretty soon we saw the tanks coming with hundreds of soldiers. The great radio station which belongs to the government announced that the students were wrong and the communists told the students what to do and tell the people the wrong information so the students were going to take over this station. The soldiers fired at the students who were trying to get in. There were so many people got shot. I couldn't believe what appeared to my eyes. The soldiers with guns were shooting unarmed students. Where they fight is about 150 yards from my dorm. At about noon the helicopter came and they fired from it. A lot of people died. I jumped down to the fourth floor. My light fought all day. The best thing the students could get were bottle bombs. A student got a bus and drove right into the tank and he got killed. In the evening the old government set resigned. The tanks went back to passing by the dorm and fired to the people at the bridge. I was scared to death. At night we still heard they fired. We slept on top of the building because we were afraid that the dorm would catch on fire. The students burned down some of the government's offices near where I live. At noon it was quiet, no noise of a gun. I decided to go home. I couldn't find a bus or a taxi and had to walk about 2 1/2 miles. Finally I got home. My parents were very happy. I've been home since the fifteenth. I'll go back to Bangkok on the thirteenth. The exam will begin on the twentieth. I hope everything is over. That was enough and too much.

Please write to me again.
 Love always,
 Willa

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Admitting List
 November 13 - Harriett Bowers

The best excuse of all these days for not cutting grass is the gasoline shortage.



FATHER Anthony Gussin holds Friendship Quilt given him on his birthday from the ladies of St. Mary's parish. The quilt was put together from blocks—each one pieced by a member and embroidered with the name of the donor—then quilted by Mrs. Louise Smejkal.

—Photo by Rich Jones

Details Of AMAX Application For DEQ Permit Disclosed

A M A X Pacific Aluminum Corporation has disclosed details of its application to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for permits for the proposed Warrenton reduction facility.

The application requested permits for air, water and solid waste; and indicated AMAX's progress in initiating a study of the Youngs Bay estuary in the area of the plant site.

AMAX plans to build a two-pipeline aluminum reduction plant at Warrenton with an annual production capacity of 187,300 tons. Startup is scheduled for 1976.

According to the permit application document, the AMAX Warrenton plant will use "best available technology" to control air emissions, and with a combination of primary and secondary scrubbers, hold fluoride emissions from the plant to less than 1.5 pounds per ton of aluminum produced on a monthly average.

Under normal conditions, the plant will emit approximately 1.2 pounds of fluoride per ton produced, but statistical variations and operating upset possibility make the higher average figure necessary.

Also included in the permit application is an atmospheric dispersion model, prepared by H. E. Cramer Company of Salt Lake City, which uses computer modeling techniques to predict dispersion of emissions from the Warrenton plant.

The model's calculations indicate that concentrations of fluorides, particulates and sulphur dioxide in the ambient air will remain well below harmful levels. Ground level concentrations of gaseous fluorides will not exceed .48 micrograms per cubic meter—or one half part per billion—anywhere around the site.

Except for sanitary sewage, which will be treated by the City of Warrenton, the application

indicates all wastewater from the AMAX plant will be retained on-site, treated and recycled. An ultra modern wastewater treatment plant will continually clean process water and return it to the smelting operation. No wastewater will be discharged.

Storm water runoff on the plant site will be collected in retention ponds to permit settling. Some of this stormwater will be used in the plant as process water cutting demands on city supplies — the rest will be allowed after settling to reach the natural drainage system.

The application calls for all solid waste generated at the AMAX plant to be sold, incinerated or deposited in landfills. Some plant waste contains valuable process materials and can

be reclaimed. The remainder after sales and incineration will total about 4,500 tons annually and will be disposed of in a landfill. An on-site landfill facility will be used if necessary until the proposed Clatsop County landfill is developed.

The Youngs Bay estuary study will be an 18-month long effort, carried out by scientists from Oregon State University. Objectives of the study are to examine existing life systems in the Bay, determine the impact of the plant on the estuary, and define any corrective action that might be necessary. Cost of the study will be borne by AMAX, and will total nearly \$400,000.

SALEM SCENE

There's a brand new government agency in Salem.

And despite presidential guarantees to the contrary, the new agency predicts Oregonians are going to suffer this winter. Its job is to make certain everyone suffers equally.

It is the state's Office of Energy Allocation and Conservation, headed by Energy Coordinator David Piper, former assistant Public Utilities Commissioner.

Piper's office is part of the Capitol Building's buzzing energy Information Center and he's only been in business since the first of this month. Already his function has provided creature comforts to many of the state's residents individually and probably has done much to maintain the present level of private employment.

As the weather gets colder - his office will become more familiar to more people.

The office of Energy Coordinator evolved from mandatory allocations of fuels issued by President Nixon's energy czar John Love. The allocations predated the president's November 7 energy statement and represent the tangibility of those remarks.

Specifically, the allocation program currently involves propane gas and middle distillate fuels. Most people are familiar with bottled gas, understanding propane is no problem.

Middle distillates is something else again.

How's this? If you heat your home with oil, your furnace is burning a middle distillate fuel. Others include kerosene, jet fuel, range oil, stove oil, gas oil and diesel fuel.

They are all in short supply. At this point no one appears to know precisely how short. But some Oregon manufacturers may have to close their plants because of the propane shortage.

And not a few residents of homes less than a year old are having fits obtaining oil to fire their furnaces.

This is where the allocation program and Piper fit in. Each state has been allocated 100 percent of its 1972 middle distillate fuel use for the month of November. Theoretically, everyone consuming a middle distillate in November 1972 will receive a like amount this November.

Each state has been allocated a flat 10 percent of that 100 percent to help ease the problem.

Portions of that emergency 10 percent can be obtained, for instance, by home owners or businesses if they submit hardship assistance applications which are approved by Piper.

These hardship allocations are designed to provide dealers with authority to serve new customers in their areas containing homes constructed after November last year.

They also serve to keep the doors open and machinery humming at vital industries - which last year might have been using interruptible natural gas during November, but this year find themselves without a source of natural gas. In some cases, a

middle distillate fuel can be substituted and jobs and production preserved.

If everything works right, according to Piper, everyone with a genuine need for middle distillate fuels will have some.

Mathematically, it would appear no one would really suffer more than a 10 percent lack of these specific fuels. And if we all turn down our thermostats the recommended number of degrees, we'd probably not even miss our percentage of the shortage.

But there's a hooker. And Piper is quick to point it out. All suppliers are not able to provide that theoretical 100 percent to their dealers and distributors. Some can but many are providing somewhere in the neighborhood of 85 percent. One, Piper said, is only able to come up with 43 percent of last year's middle distillate supply for the period in question.

President Nixon told the nation it faces petroleum shortages of between 10 and 17 percent this winter. By the time crude oil is refined to its many byproducts, specific shortages could vary greatly. And when the refinement process and distribution factor are added to the equation, actual shortages could be multiplied several times.

Piper and his counterparts across the country face a difficult task at best. Tools are in short supply. Budgets have not yet been clearly defined. Lines of authority run directly from Washington, D.C. but there is a regional overlay. The allocation process runs from month to month. And there is a considerable lack of basic information regarding supply and demand.

But the problem is here now and Piper's office is assigned to deal with it in Oregon. He, along with others attempting to cope with the crisis on the state government level, can be reached by phoning the toll-free Energy Information Center number - 1-800-452-0340.



Footnotes

Thursday, November 22, 1973 and a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Count your blessings and give thanks as we near the end of a pretty strange year. Thanks that the war in Vietnam is over; that meat prices have dropped; that despite energy shortages, gas shortages, and even fertilizer shortages, we still have one of the best ways of life in the world.

Give thanks that we live in a country where we can knock the government and complain to our hearts content and know that there will be no knock on the door in the middle of the night telling us we talked once too often. Thanks that even though prices are high, there is something on the shelves to buy and we're a long way from the point where it takes a week's salary to buy a pair of shoes.

And we can give thanks too, that we live in a place like Vernonia where people are friendly and a walk down a dark street isn't tantamount to invading a concrete jungle. Where the hustle and noise of the city is a sometime thing; not a way of life.

So again, Happy Thanksgiving, 1973, and many more of them.

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TOWN TOPICS

Jack Christensen of Sweet Home visited Mr. Mabel Graves on Monday.

Lannie Ross and family will be visiting here this weekend from Olympia. He is former associate pastor of the Vernonia Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Mrs. Robert Andrews spent a couple of days last week at the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Woodcock at Rainier. On Wednesday they visited Robert Andrews at the Veterans hospital in Vancouver. They found him about as well as usual. On Thursday the Woodcocks and Mrs. Andrews visited their brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Chester Woodcock at a Silverton nursing home.

Mrs. Macile Roberts attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Washburn at Union Gap Washington on November 10.

Mrs. Trilla Anderson enjoyed a protracted birthday celebration last week. On Sunday, the eleventh. Mr. and Mrs. Chet Anderson of Tillamook held an all-day open house, with cake and coffee, for her. At one o'clock a pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by 31 relatives and friends. On Friday, her actual birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roediger served a family dinner for Mrs. Anderson, her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson and Mrs. Chet Anderson of Tillamook. Another daughter called from Pearl City, Hawaii and had the pleasure of visiting with all of the relatives at Roedigers.

Pope Urban VIII began the custom of conferring the rank of Eminence on Cardinals in 1630.



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