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The Oregon State Fish and Game Commission made its first visit of the year to Lake Vernonia where they dumped 3000 ten inch trout for the enjoyment of fishermen on opening day. Two more dumps are scheduled prior to the beginning of the trout season, April 27.

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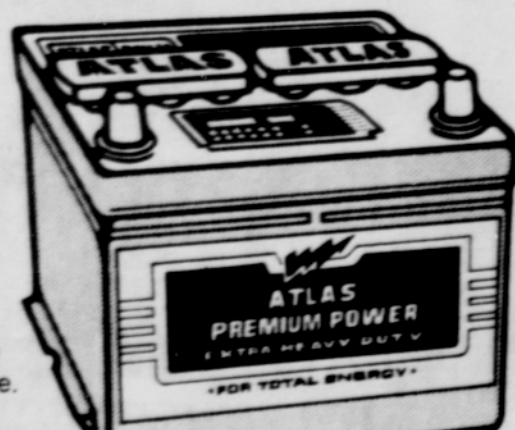
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THE PEOPLE SPEAK . . .

AMBULANCE FUND
Enclosed are donations from the Fishhawk Lake Recreation Club, Inc. and interested members.

Probably other member donations will be forth coming. Someone mentioned that the ambulance and crew would be willing to come to the Lake and give a demonstration.

We will be having our annual get-together on Memorial Day (May 27th) and this would be an ideal time for a showing, if possible.

Lavern J. Willie
Fishhawk Lake
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Fishhawk Lake Rec. Club
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Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs
Rev. and Mrs. T.R. Buzzard
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Brandt.

CCOG boards and planning commissions, in the position to plan for all, without the jurisdiction of the people. The citizens of Columbia county will long remember the elected officials who realized the dangers of CRAG and backed off, nor will they soon forget the handful that are pushing membership.

Sincerely,
Marge Stafford
Rte. 1, Box 475
Warren, Ore. 97053

P.S. Write to the County Commissioners, St. Helens, Ore. 97051. Express your feelings of being placed in CRAG — a 5th layer of government, a government of assessment without a vote of the people.

Letter to the Editor:
Scappoose Mayor Kinzig's recent letter in the Scappoose Spotlight was indeed a revelation. I thought the letter would arouse the Scappoose citizens into an angry hornet's nest. Calls for his resignation or recall would surely be forthcoming. As I understood his letter, he, several times indicated that government would do a better job of controlling and managing people's private property than they could or would do themselves.

Surely each Scappoose resident does wish to have better control over his own property in keeping with the laws of his own city, but free of the control of big government.

In my opinion, the statement that if this idea of gov't controlling private property was Communist, then the mayor would have to be considered part of the Communist party, was the most damning and revealing of all.

Yes, doing away with private ownership of property is a primary task of Communists. Whether the government confiscates our property outright, or whether it is done by the "stalking horse", Regional Gov't doesn't make any difference. So, Mayor Kinzig is right, it is a Communist approach. Regional government (in our case CRAG) is called the "Quiet Revolution" because it is a part of the Communist takeover. It's disguised as a helpful, assisting money-securing locally controlled system; but it assumes outright, naked power gradually.

Local mayors and newspapers are outright liars when they say "South Columbia County" wants CRAG regional government.

If they really believe this is true, why don't they put it to a vote. They are getting away with it because the citizens of Scappoose and St. Helens so far haven't had the guts to raise their voices in protest.

Your silence is considered to be your agreement to signing away control and finally ownership of your property (without the formality of you signing your name).

Burke said, "People never give up their freedom, except under some delusion." Regional gov't is the delusion. Private property is the freedom.

Could Mayor Kinzig be re-elected now that he has revealed his beliefs concerning your homes, business etc? Could Mayor Kinzig withstand a recall effort?

Why aren't the ordinary citizens ever given a chance to vote upon whether they want regional gov't? How can regional gov't really be legal without a vote of the people?

Think Act.
The home you save will be your own.

Dale N. Brooks

Women Voter League Meets

The program for the March Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Columbia County was presented by Mrs. Pearl Becker, Secretary of Columbia County Historical Society. Mrs. Becker gave a historical account of our area from the first ship up the Columbia, through the settlement and statehood and up to modern times. She enhanced her presentation with anecdotes and human interest stories.

Mrs. Virginia McBride, the State League Advisor to the Columbia County group, announced that the members demonstrated commitment and could now apply for a Provisional Charter.

The three units reported: Scappoose Day Unit, Marge Endicott, chairwomen, stated progress on study of the County Judicial System. The Scappoose Night Unit, Lura Freeman chairwoman, are studying Government Structure of the County and the St. Helens' Unit, Theresa Burr, Chairwoman, are studying county health facilities and agencies.

A field trip to the Trojan Nuclear Plant was announced for April 21 at 4 p.m. Member's husbands and friends will be welcome. For more information contact Edith Bartel, 543-6287.

Members interested in helping with voters registration contact Lura Freeman 543-2266.

Women interested in participating in this non-partisan organization should contact Geraldine Meyers, 543-2162.

In the Middle Ages, bat blood was considered a good depilatory. What a hairy idea!



RECEIVING Trophies as the top team in the Vernonia Women's Bowling League were, l to r: DeDe Webb, Darlene Wilcoxon, Jan Bernardi and Kathy Gwin. (Not pictured is member Eleanor Thompson). The ladies are all members of Bob's Union Service team.

ACS Members Hold Meeting

Columbia County Unit of the American Cancer Society held their regular board meeting on March 12 at the home of Phyllis Olson, in St. Helens. Ten were present.

Treasurer, Ralph Bergerson, submitted his report and it was noted that the Memorial Fund has consistently increased. This is a very appropriate way to remember a loved one.

Bergerson is more than willing to take care of this, or any of the members of the American Cancer Society. County total last year was \$1,287.75.

Crusade workshops have been proceeding throughout the county under the supervision of Louise Hamnett, County Chairman. There will be one in Vernonia on March 18. Dr. Niles, associated with the U. of Ore. Medical School will be featured speaker.

Schroeder dates for this year in Vernonia will be the last week in March, with a "wrap-up" meeting scheduled for April 18th.

Attending this meeting from Vernonia was Louise Hamnett, Evelyn Heath and Reatha Horn.

FDAA Considers Aid Request

The Federal Disaster Assistance Administration (FDAA) this week will be considering a request for \$1.4 million in assistance for fire protection on state and private lands in the area of Oregon's tussock moth infestation, according to State Forester J.E. Schroeder. The request was made after Governor Tom McCall declared a state of emergency to exist in Oregon's Union, Umatilla, Walla and Baker Counties.

The Department of Forestry, Schroeder indicates, is responsible for fire protection on some 110,000 acres of state and private lands damaged by the tussock moth. The infestation, according to Schroeder, has increased the forest fire hazard an estimated 10 to 17 times the normal danger level and poses a serious threat to life, property and remaining undamaged timber.

Schroeder indicates that the normal annual fire protection budget of \$440,000 for this area will need to be supplemented by \$1.4 million to meet the needs for adequate fire protection in the infestation area for the next six years.

Childbirth Class Slated

Couples who participate fully in the births of their children share a unique family experience that can have a very positive effect on their relationship. Knowledge of breathing and relaxation techniques can do much to improve the kind of experience childbirth will be.

Portland Community College, in cooperation with Portland Association for Childbirth Education (PACE), offers an eight week course, "Childbirth," to teach women or couples skills that will be helpful whether or not the birth is to be natural.

Taught by Mrs. Barbara Snell, University of Oregon Medical Center instructor, classes will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning March 28, in room 4 at Tigard High School, 9000 S.W. Durham Road, Tigard. Tuition is \$18 per person or per couple.

For further information, call Portland Community College Southwest Center, 639-6111.

TOWN TOPICS

Those of Vernonia attending the Ellis-Koch wedding at Oregon City on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kretschmer, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tiffney, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Forbis and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Proehl and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fuller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Weigand and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crowston and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, and Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Wooten.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crowston and family took her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fair of Portland out to dinner Sunday in honor of Mrs. Fair's birthday.

Low Johnston was taken to the Tuality hospital on Saturday with respiratory trouble.

Harry Sandon returned home March 11 after a nine-day stay in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. He underwent surgery and had tests and is much improved in health.

Melvin Nice was brought home from the Tuality hospital in Hillsboro on Saturday. His back condition is greatly improved. He is still confined to his home while recuperating.

Stephen Holm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Holm, underwent surgery at Doernbecher hospital in Portland on Thursday. A growth was removed from his chest which proved to be a new type of infection. He will remain in the hospital several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gates and son Tommy of Placerville, California spent Saturday at the home of his mother and stepfather Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shipley.

Tuesday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidlin were Mrs. Theresa Schmidlin and granddaughter Judi Avery in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Will Harders.

Charles Cederberg was taken to the Forest Grove hospital on Monday for tests.

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U501	Drying Foods for Survival	M	8:45-10:00	Vernonia HS	2	8	1.00	
U502	Golf (beg. Apr. 22)	M	9:30-11:00	Golf Course		5	6.25	
U503	Survival with Dye	M	7:30-8:45	Vernonia HS	2	8	1.00	
	Backpacking & Horseback	M						

Other Classes will be offered when 12 or more students indicate an interest. Call Betty McKee, 429-5891 or 429-7932 after 12:00 noon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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