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County Charter Pros And Cons

New ways of doing things or new ideas always meet resistance before they are accepted. Columbia County voters will be faced in November with a new proposal; a charter of government that would bring about basic reforms in county government.

It is our hope that the new charter will not be defeated merely by the fact that it is new or because it is different or because the opponents of the charter use scare words such as CRAG, dictatorship, land use planning, administrative edict, socialism, etc. in speaking against it.

We urge you to look at the provisions in the entire charter



Senator Wayne Morse Dead At 73

The Tiger is dead! Senator Wayne Morse, 73, died in the morning hours Monday, following a brief hospitalization. Morse had entered the hospital with what was thought to be a respiratory problem but later was diagnosed as a severe urinary tract infection. He was given antibiotics and was reported in stable condition Friday and Saturday. Sunday his condition took a turn for the worse and he was put on the critical list with kidney failure. Monday morning he was dead.

Morse had been campaigning hard in an attempt to defeat Sen. Bob Packwood who had unseated him in 1968 by a narrow margin. Morse won the right to face Packwood again by defeating State Senate President Jason Boe in the May 28, Democratic primary.

In 1972, Morse had made an earlier comeback try against Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield, but Hatfield had won easily.

Morse, termed the "Tiger of the Senate" by his enemies, was known for his independence and forthrightness in speaking out on

issues. He was one of only two Senators who spoke out against and voted against the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution which gave President Johnson the authority to put American troops into South Vietnam.

In 1945, Morse became the Senator for Oregon and retained that office for 23 years until his 1968 defeat by Packwood.

Morse was extremely popular in Columbia County and often carried the election here while

losing in other areas. In the 1972 election Morse lost to Hatfield by a wide margin in the State but carried Columbia County by nearly a thousand votes.

Morse carried Columbia County easily in the 1974 Democratic by winning every precinct but one and in that one he tied.

Heart Attack Takes L. Smith

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m. at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery with the pastor Jim Kent of the Forest Grove Church of Christ officiating. Funeral services were entrusted to Fuiten Mortuary Chapel in Vernonia.

Louis L. Smith died Tuesday, July 9, 1974 at Livermore, California following a heart attack. Mr. Smith was visiting his daughter in Pleasanton at the time of his death.

Mr. Louis L. Smith was born June 17, 1916 in Cornersville, Arkansas, the son of Man, and Ethel Smith. As a young boy he moved with his parents to Arizona where he attended schools and grew to adulthood. He later moved to California. Mr. Smith worked as a carpenter most of his lifetime.

Mr. Smith is survived by his widow, Nettie of Hillsboro; two sons, and four daughters; Kenneth Smith of Vernonia, Oregon; Eddie Smith, Hyland, California; Nettie McMurry, Hillsboro; Lillian Moore, Vernonia; Alice Morrison, Pleasanton, Calif.; and Barbara Bennett of Hillsboro. Mr. Smith is also survived by his parents; Manuel and Ethel Smith of Fresno, California. Twenty-three grand and two great grandchildren survive as does two brothers and five sisters all of California.

It is estimated there are 23 million youths in the U.S. between 12 and 17 years of age.

About 1.2 million overseas tourists came to the US in the first half of 1973.

TOWN TOPICS

The Clifford Isaacson family visited Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and took the 145 mile loop around the area to see the many scenic wonders the park offers while on their vacation. They returned home by way of Glacier National Park in Montana, where they camped out in a thunder storm which added excitement to the vacation trip. They visited the World's Fair at Spokane, ending their camping trip at Sun Lakes Park, Washington, returning home July 16.

Registration For PSU Classes Open

Registration is open up to the day classes begin for nine special programs and the third and final concentrated short term which runs Aug. 8-29 at Portland State University's Summer Session.

During the third short term, courses are available in accounting, biology, chemistry, earth sciences, economics, English, foreign languages, geography, physics and sociology. Among the special programs yet to be offered are: "Conservation of the Oregon Environment," Aug. 4-10 with geography professor John Dart; "Consumer Protection Workshop," Aug. 5-6 with marketing professor Jack Taylor; "Communication Problems in State Government," Aug. 11-17 with speech professor Ted Grove; "Learning About the United Nations," Aug. 12-23 with North Carolina Central University history professor Helen Edmonds; "Crime Prevention," Aug. 12-23 with administrator of justice professor Gary Perlstein; and "Politics of Equality: Chicano Politics in the U.S.," Aug. 12-23 with Rudolph de la Garza, visiting instructor from Colorado College.

Anyone may register to attend the PSU Summer Session. Formal admission is not necessary. For further information, contact the Summer Session Office.

Vet. Office Closed

The Veterans Service office will be closed for the week of July 29-August 2 according to Veterans Service officer Robert Tolleshaug.

The People Speak . . .

I am about to accept a fine offer of a principalship from the Jefferson School District No. 14-J, Marion County. In accepting, I must leave Vernonia and the many fine friends and associates I and my family have made here. A substantial increase in salary at this time seems rather small compensation for all that must be left behind, however, I am grateful for the wonderful memories that I will take along with me.

To all who have expressed concern for my situation and sought reasons for my leaving, I must refer them to pertinent school board meeting minutes. My greatest problems, however which tended to interfere with the successful administration in my opinion were those related to my working situation with the superintendent. I feel the lack of given latitude to freely administer the elementary schools without restrictions, constraints, limitations and obstacles which rendered my authority and leadership ineffective, has prevented real success.

There must be free and amicable communication among the superintendent, principal, and board if one is to succeed in the administrative role. A principal must also have the authority to act equal to the responsibilities he accepts; without which it eventually becomes necessary to leave the principal's role. This seems to have become the case.

I hereby reluctantly terminate my long affiliations with the school, community and county and specifically my long enjoyable memberships in Vernonia Lions, Cub Scouts, Izaak Walton, Vernonia Recreation Committee as well as my association with the Columbia County Elementary Principals.

I and my family are about to embark on new life experiences and we are entering this new phase in a spirit of enthusiasm and appreciate greatly the well wishes of so many of you fine Vernonians.

I sincerely hope that the new principal enjoys the warmth and support of the community and staff that I and my family have. I offer him or her my best wishes for a long and successful administration in Vernonia.

Edward F. Forbes

Private property shall not be infringed upon. So says our constitution of the United States.

There for the Harry Franklin Family of the Vernonia-Mist area has started again, to continue building their new home, against the Columbia County's order to purchase a building permit to do so.

Before we really knew just what the Constitution really meant, we had started our new home without a permit, and after being harassed by the Building Inspector, we tried just about all ways, to cooperate with him, to get drawings and all completed and turned in for a county building permit, but the farther along we got, the more harder it got to be to complete because of this lack of knowledge of the Laws, which later proved unavailable even in his code book.

We also learned the State Code, for building was repealed in 1963, therefore we were hauled into court, and fined for a Law that wasn't in effect at the time. So now after all the hassle we will stand against even the new State Law that came into effect July the 1st of this year, for the Constitution does not define any means, or ways, that private property can be infringed upon, and that means it's (PRIVATE).

Mary Kangas is our club speaker, and has taught us a lot concerning our private property.

Freedom of Private Property Starts Here

Col. Harry Franklin
 Vernonia, Oregon

Services Read For C. Reed

Clarence Reed, 90-year-old resident of Keasey Route, Vernonia for over 86 years, died July 18 at the Forest View Care Center following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at the Fuiten Mortuary Chapel, Vernonia, Saturday July 20, Gene Church, one of Jehovah Witnesses', conducted the services with concluding rites and interment following at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Reed was born July 4, 1884 at Newton, Iowa and moved from Iowa to Kansas and then Forest Grove, before moving up Rock Creek out of Vernonia, in 1888. The family later moved on the Throop homestead here and farmed and worked in the Logging industry most of his lifetime.

Mr. Reed was married to Gaynell Wood on November 5, 1911 at Vernonia and they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary before her death in 1966.

Surviving are four children, Mrs. Kenneth (Bernece) Bodle, Malibu, California; Ivan C. Reed, Sherwood; Mrs. Harold (Beulah) Maikin and Robert M. Reed, both of Vernonia; a grandson, Kent Battrick, Vernonia; and three great grandchildren.

Wm. M. Braun Services Held

William M. Braun, 76, who was a native and lifelong resident of the area, known for many years as Braunsport, between Buxton and Vernonia, died July 15 at the Tuality Community Hospital following an illness of the past six months.

Funeral services were held at the Fuiten Mortuary Chapel, Vernonia Thursday July 18 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Father Michael Raleigh, officiating. Archie Christensen, John Siedelman, Richard Lee, Edison Aldrich, Cecil Huff and Earl Ray served as pall bearers with Lloyd Thomas, Cass Bergerson, Roy Nesbitt, Edwin Schedwin, Bill Nichols and Clyde May and Floyd VanDomelen as honorary bearers. Mrs. William Kretschmer was soloist and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, Organist. Concluding rites and interment were at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

His parents, the late Johan and Victoria Braun moved from Cedar Hills to a homestead North of Buxton in the mid 1880's, their homestead papers being signed by Grover Cleveland, president. William M. Braun was born at the family home on September 17, 1897 and received his education in a school that adjoined the family farm. They also had a post office, bearing the postmark "Braunsport" in the family home.

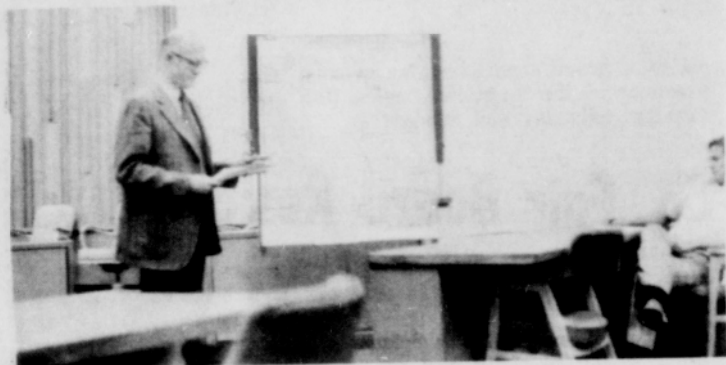
Bill spent his entire life on this farm and farmed until his retirement. He also worked many years in the Logging Industry and in a shingle mill with his late brother, Fred Braun. When he sold the farm a few years ago he built a new home across the highway, that was the fifth Braun home built on this property.

He was married to Anna L. Schmidlin at St. Helens on November 4, 1934 who survives at the family home. Also surviving is a son, William A. Braun; and two grandchildren, Christopher and Jennifer Braun, all of Sunnyvale, California and a sister, Mrs. Marie Christensen, Vernonia.

Vancouver businessman James Craig, has been named to serve as chairman of the Boy Scout phase of this year's Good Turn Day for Goodwill Industries set for November 2.

Craig Named By Goodwill

Switzerland cancelled its 62 miles per hour speed limit, imposed because of the gas shortage.



DAVE WILLIAMSON, Charter Committee member and St. Helens Attorney, explains the various sections of the newly proposed charter. Here he discusses the electoral districts established in the charter. Approximately 35 citizens of the county were present to speak for and against the charter.

House Okays Program For Reforesting

The start of a ten year program to reforest all ravaged Forest Service lands in the U.S. was approved Thursday morning July 18 by the full House Appropriations Committee, congressman Wendell Wyatt (R-Ore.) announced from Washington.

"This is the culmination of a ten year effort," Wyatt said. "There are 3.3 million acres of Forest Service land capable of commercial growth of timber, and it makes no sense at all to waste this vast renewable natural resource."

The FBI says forcible rapes increased 11 percent in 1971.

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Death Takes Oldtimers

Three lifelong residents of the community, Bill Braun, Clarence Reed and Lida Mills whose combined years of residence on the community totaled 250 years, died on July 15, 18 and 20 respectively.

Bill Braun, and Lida Mills were born here and children of early homesteaders here while Clarence Reed came 86 years ago when he was 4. Clarence Reed was married to a sister of Lida Mills so these two families were close relatives and lived their lifetimes on Keasey Route.

Considerable history and the hardship of early life in the Community was witnessed by those folks and a chapter of this life style is closed with their deaths.

Food prices jumped 20 percent in England last year.

In some areas of the Atacama Desert in Chile it has not rained for 20 years.

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