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Rites Held for Dane S. Brady

Final rites were performed Wednesday, July 31 at the Bethany Lutheran Church at Warren for Dane Saxton Brady who passed away July 28.

He was born February 10, 1907 at Orange, Texas and death came at the age of 67. He had been a resident of the Warren area for the past 11 years and prior to that had lived at Vernonia for 40 years where he was active in the logging industry.

Survivors include his wife, Martha; children: Terrance of Randall, Washington, Mrs. Don Cline, Tacoma; Dane A. of Portland, Elizabeth and James at home; two brothers: Jerome of Shelton, Washington, and Donald of Longview; a sister: Mrs. Harvey Young, Longview; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. One son preceded him in death.

The deceased was a member of the Bethany Lutheran church, a past master of the Vernonia Masonic Lodge and former county commissioner.

Rev. James L. Seiffert officiated at the church services which were followed by Masonic graveside rites at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to the heart association or the Bethany church if friends so desire.

Vernonia Hosts Pomona Meet

Pomona met at Vernonia Grange Saturday, August 3. Due to a shortage of help, Vernonia Grange members were unable to attend the meeting, but worked in the kitchen preparing and serving the noon meal, as is the host Grange's duty.

The Grange ladies discussed having a rummage sale the first part of October. It will be brought before the rest of the ladies at the regular Grange meeting on Aug. 10. Hope to see all members out.

Vernonia Grange members are proud to have a nice coat of paint on their hall now, especially in time for Pomona.

Also at the fair, Vernonia received second place on its fair booth.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

A guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serafin for the past week was their daughter, Vickie Notestine, from San Mateo, California. She enjoyed this year's Friendship Jamboree while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Graves and family of Veneta spent the weekend with the Wilbur Thacker's for the Jamboree. Vickie came up the week before and stayed with her grandparents, the Thacker's, going back home Sunday. Her boyfriend, Aaron Doughty, came for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves visited the Thacker's again Sunday p.m. on their way home from spending the weekend at Seaside and other beaches.

Mrs. Celeste Poetter visited Don George at the Portland Veteran's hospital on Monday. He sends his best regards to all of his friends here. He will be in the Hospital for some time yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ellis spent Sunday at the home of his sister and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Koch, at Milwaukie.

Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Rogers and family of Portland spent Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Baker.

Visitors at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Logan are her grandaughter and family, Mr. & Mrs. Colin Palmer and 2 children, of Hailsham, Suffex, England. On Sunday Mrs. Logan's daughter and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ernster, of Los Angeles also visited them.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan were their daughter, Darlene, and Miss Cora Extine of Portland, Mr. & Mrs. Max Snook and children of Deer Island and Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Snook.

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Olson and sons spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Boeck, at Seal Rock.

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Meyer and Brandi of Montrose, Colorado spent several days last week with his grandmother, Mrs. Leta Whiteman. Sunday visitors at her home were Mr. & Mrs. Tex Whiteman and son, Ted, of Tigard and Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Hathaway, sons Jeff and Brad, of Tualatin.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Will Harders were Mr. & Mrs. Gene Ward and grandson, Troy, of Cedar Hills.

Mrs. Monica Quintrall came home Thursday after visiting her two sons, Albert and Jack Quintrall, and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Townsend, at San Clemente, California.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Mathews and their daughter Marian spent from July 27 to August 3 at their cabin on the Lewis River near Battleground, Washington. They attended their church meetings. Marian's husband (Melvin) joined them on the weekends. She is visiting in the Tacoma-Seattle Area this week while Melvin is teaching at U.P.S.

Recall Committee Reaches Goal

Mrs. Marge Stafford disclosed Monday, that the committee seeking the recall of the County Commissioners has reached its goal of 1800 signatures by August 1, 1974 and that the committee has decided to seek 200 more signature by August 20 due to State regulations.

The 90 day deadline for filing the petitions is August 22, 1974. According to Mrs. Stafford, the recall committee will hold a meeting in Vernonia at the Vernonia District School Office on August 13, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Mary Kangas will be speaking on CRAG Regional Government.

CZ Announces New Manager

Crown Zellerbach has announced the hiring of Kenneth L. Stayton as new resident manager of the company's Columbia City sawmill.

Stayton, 51, joins CZ from the Edward Hines Lumber Company in Hines, Oregon, where he has been lumber production manager since 1971. He replaces W.H. Wright who has left the company.

Stayton will be responsible for overall operations at the Columbia City sawmill which produces approximately 100 million board feet of dimension lumber annually. Designed primarily for high-speed conversion of small logs, the mill has 190 employees who share an annual payroll of 2.4 million.

Prior to joining the Edward Hines Lumber Company, Stayton was plant manager for a Georgia-Pacific mill in Pilot Rock, Oregon. He worked for the Hammond Lumber Company in Samoa, California, from 1947 until joining Simpson Redwood Company in 1957. He joined Georgia-Pacific in 1959 as sawmill superintendent of three northern California plants and transferred to Pilot Rock in 1970.

Stayton and his wife, Agnes (Babe), have three children-a son, age 27, and two daughters, ages 24 and 17.

Council Discusses Needs of Elderly

At its July 31st meeting, the District II-A Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council elected Charles Needham of Lake Oswego as Chairman and Seth Jackson of Washington County as Vice Chairman.

The Area Agency on Aging, Columbia Region Associaition of Governments, plans and coordinates services for the elderly in Clackamas, Columbia, and Washington Counties.

In other business at the meeting, Advisory Council members discussed the needs of the elderly in the three counties and proposed objectives for meeting the needs in 1975.

Ms. Terrie Wetle, Director of the Area Agency on Aging at CRAG announced her resignation as of August 9 to accept a research position at the Institute on Aging at Portland State

Argentina produces about 530 million gallons of wine a year.

Services Held Here Saturday

Wesley L. Bolmeier, 72-year-old retired merchant and a former member of the North Dakota House of Representatives, died July 31st at his cottage at Watesco near Rockway. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 3 at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery with interment following the services. Rev. Jack Carlson, pastor of the Vernonia Evangelical Church, conducted the services with arrangements in care of the Fuiten Mortuary Chapels. John Holt, Jerry Dinger, Richard Bush, Ben Brickel, William Nelson and Richard Berkenfeld served as pall bearers.

Mr. Bolmeier was a native of Hunter, North Dakota where he was born May 31, 1902, the son of the late August and Caroline Alberts Bolmeier. He received all of his education and graduated from high school at Erie, North Dakota. He then was in the grocery store with a brother in Erie for a number of years and then later had his own store there. During these years he served as a representative in the North Dakota Legislature for four terms.

In 1946 he came to Oregon and a few months later to Vernonia and purchased the Mill Market. He owned and operated the Mill Market until he retired in 1966.

Mr. Bolmeier especially enjoyed reading, hunting, sports and politics. He was a member of the Vernonia Lions Club and the Vernonia Cemetery Board.

He was married to Ora Hammerud at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota of May 31, 1936 who survives at the family home in Vernonia; a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Gretchen) Bush, Hillsboro; a son, Linn Bolmeier, Beaverton; and three grandchildren, Rebecca, Adam and Rachel Bush.

Also surviving are four brothers; William Bolmeier, Yuciapa, Calif; Dr. E.C. Bolmeier, Durham, N.C.: Haven of Salem, Oregon and Melvin, Vallejo, Calif; and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Beckmeyer, Oceanside, Calif. and Mrs. Erle (Ester) Hill, Salem.

The family suggests contributions to the Vernonia Cemetery or Ambulance funds by those who wish.

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Oregon State Officials Find Citizens Apprehensive About Regional Planning

Oregon State officials toured Columbia County last Tuesday, July 30, held a number of press briefings with local county newspapers and held an open meeting Tuesday evening which was billed as a conference with state administrators, county officials and the city mayors and councilmen.

Present for the afternoon sessions with newspapers were Kess Cannon, Director of the State Department of Environmental Quality; Laverne Miller, Chief of Sanitary Services for the State Health Department and Robert K. Logan, Administrator of the Local Government Relations Division of the State Executive Department.

Due to illness and other commitments only Robert Logan and Laverne Miller were present for the evening meeting.

The evening meeting, which was attended by officials of the county and officials from three of the five cities of the county and about 25 citizens began with opening remarks by Logan in which he noted that the purpose of the conference was to answer questions regarding the role of the state and the role of the county.

Logan then discussed the reasons for the establishment of state administrative districts, councils of government and regional councils of government. He cited the fact that there are 200 state agencies, boards and commissions and that these often overlap and duplicate efforts and the governor established 14 administrative districts to deliver the services more efficiently.

Regarding regional planning Logan stated that the purpose of the councils of government is to strengthen local governments; to help local governments to work together on common problems. He noted the fact that there are 24 federal programs that require regional planning. They include programs in water, highways, sewer districts, aging etc. The governors purpose he said, is to create an umbrella organization to aid planning.

At this point the meeting was opened to questions from officials and citizens present.

One citizen raised the question, "Why do we have to be in CRAG?" Logan's response was that a city of county does not have to have a CCOG or a CRAG.

Another citizen asked, "By what authority did the governor set up the administrative districts??" Logan's response was that this is a management function and that many of the departments already had districts and they have been in existence now for 7½years.

A citizen asked how many states have administrative districts? Logan's response was that 44 other states now have sub-state districts.

"Why has the governor's office persisted in wanting us to join CRAG?" another citizen asked. Logan's response was that Columbia County does not have to belong to CRAG.

The same citizen then alluded to CRAG literature and asked "Why do all the books say we are numbers?" To which Logan replied that he did not care what the books say. They are wrong. He then went on to say that to participate in certain federal programs the local government must belong to a regional planning organization. He cited the Fanno Creek and the Tigard-Metzger sewer projects as reasons for the need for planning.

A citizen made a comment concerning a Preliminary Housing Plan for the CRAG region to which Logan responded by saying that there are certain broad national problems that do not stay within boundaries.

Coming back to the reasons for CRAG and CCOG Logan noted that what the state and federal agencies are trying to do is to see that the money given them is used wisely.

He then cited the Trident facility as an example of the way regional government is putting the control back into the hands of local government. He stated that local people, local government-elected officials have to approve the project before it can be done.

In response to a question concerning the splitting of the county and placing half of the county in one administrative district and half in another, Logan noted that Columbia County is not an easy geographic area to deal with and that the governors office has been reluctant to split any county. "We are looking for something workable and reasonable," he said.

A citizen asked what was the purpose of the administrative districts. Logan responded that state agencies have to know where to send services and the districts give the state one constant base for the gathering of data needed.

A citizen questioned the need for efficiency and said, "Dictatorships handle things much more efficiently than do democracies." Logan responded that he did not think this to be so.

A citizen asked, "Where does Columbia County sit as far as federal funding?" Mr. Frank Corsiglia, who is on the St Helens City Council and is a representative of that body to CRAG, stated that when you don't have a member you don't have anyone there to plead your case.

Regarding a question concerning domination by Portland, Corsiglia stated, "I didn't see any indication in four years that Portland was trying to dominate."

A citizen then asked, "Does every region have a CRAG?" Logan responded that 33 of 37 counties in Oregon belong to some regional planning organization, and that 140 of the 240 cities of Oregon are members of CRAG.

A citizen questioned Logan concerning the financing of CRAG. Logan responded that CRAG's are financed on a per capita assessment of the members of the association of governments. The Columbia Region assesses members 37 cents per capita. He noted, however, that the per capita assessment does not pay the total CRAG budget but that most of the money comes from state and federal funds.

A citizen asked if per capita taxation was not illegal and cited the example of Mrs. Kangas who, she said, receives a rebate from the state government. Representative Dick Magruder who was present at the meeting stated that Mrs. Kangas was way off base in that statement.

Logan commented that the CRAG assessment was not a capitation tax and was similar to dues paid by nearly every city to the local Chamber of Commerce.

A citizen then asked if some federal programs require a CCOG. Logan responded that some such as Highway require planning.

A citizen asked, "Did we have to be in any district?" and then made a statement addressed to Logan, "You are advocating that we are in districts." Logan's response was that the governor does have the legal authority to establish districts and cited Attorney General Johnson's opinion to that effect.

Following questions by Stan Pintarich and Rod Norwood concerning administrative districts Mayor Kinzig commented that Scappoose has joined CRAG and that no citizen of Scappoose had been to the Council to complain. This was followed by a comment from a resident of the Cedar Lane trailer court (which is outside the city) that he was a citizen and complaining. The citizen followed up by saying, "I am complaining-If you aren't representing Scappoose any better than you are then Scappoose should find a new mayor." Logan noted that there are certain advantages to belonging to CRAG and that many of the problems are not contained within boundaries.

Frank Corsiglia, St. Helens, responded to a question from a citizen regarding the feeling of CRAG on city memberships. He said, "They are very happy to have city membership."

Logan then stated, "Government is made up of just as many sincere folks as you are and there has to be reasonableness on both sides."

A citizen then inquired concerning the possibility of a vote on CRAG membership. His response to this was that a vote wa taken in 1971 by the entire state which approved planning.

Another citizen asked concerning the status of current programs. Logan responded that certain federal programs demand regional planning. Some of these are in the areas of aging, highways, and manpower.

In response to another question concerning the purpose of administrative districts, Logan noted that over 500 different programs have to be delivered and administrative districts aid the delivery of the programs.

A citizen commented to the effect that Logan was here as a bureaucrat and the only solution offered were adding more to the bureacracy. Logan responded that there are two ways to handle the problems: 1) to close your eyes to the problem and pretend it doesn't exist, or 2) to try to deal with the problem.

A citizen asked, "With our checks and balance system how are they going to enforce it?" Logan asked for clarification of the question and another citizen gave an example of building a garage and asked, "how can they keep me from building a garage?" Logan replied, with the police.

A citizen asked regarding flexibility of the rules within the regions. The response from state officials was that they will be flexible from county to county and within each county.

One citizen said at this point, "This is what scares me on regionalism, the lack of flexibility."

At this point Magruder asked what the governor's position would be if a proposal was brought up in the next legislature concerning referral of the CRAG question to the people? Logan responded that this would be no problem.

At this point a citizen asked where the new Unites States Police Cars come from? Logan stated he did not know of the existence of any such police force.

A citizen commented that "we have county and state and the whole business can operate without another layer of government to oppress us." Logan responded simply that membership in CRAG is not essential.

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