

EDITORIAL

For a long time focus in the United States centered on the youth of the nation so much that the country became known throughout the world as a child-oriented society—the needs and, too often, the wants of childhood and adolescence overriding all else, much to the amusement of other countries who placed more stock in the older members of the world.

Today that scent is beginning to change to some degree as one of the nation's most important national resources—the senior citizen—is recognized.

Long ago this nation looked up to and listened to the elders of the country, appreciating that with age often came wisdom and experience. Then, as the country became more industrialized, the seniors were relegated to the old rocking chair, ignored as they peered out through dimming eyes at the world they had made and which now rejected them.

You saw them everywhere—on front porches, soaking up the sun on park benches, shuffling down lonely streets looking for a friendly face in the crowds who hurried past. Those lucky ones who weren't watching their lives drift away in the home of children they had raised and who suddenly treated them like infants, or worse, those who dwindled away in old folks homes, unwanted, forgotten, where it was brought home to them day-by-day that they were the discards of a mobile age.

Now we seem to have come full circle. With the advent of Councils on Aging, the banding together of seniors throughout the country, they have found a new dignity in hearing their voices call for better conditions, in being allowed to live out their lives as useful members of society, translating their unique experiences and talents into a pattern for the young who follow.

With the new services provided for them, and those to which they can contribute, giving of themselves to provide a better world today for both old and young, they are now living—not as senior citizens but as human beings.

Such programs as RSVP-Retired Senior Volunteer Program—helps those over 60 years of age find an activity needed by the community and one which suits their interests. Seniors may work with children; help other people; help the handicapped; or serve in a variety of community programs, and while serving, be reimbursed for their own out-of-pocket expenses.

For those oldsters handicapped by a low income, as many are, there is also a volunteer program—Foster Grandparent—which pays a small salary while giving senior citizens a chance to work with children on a one-to-one basis four hours a day, five days a week, a long way from rocking their lives away in some dingy corner.

There are many other specialized programs also for older Americans such as Senior Community Aides, assisting in child care centers, vocational educational classes, etc.; VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) a national corps of volunteers working in urban ghettos, small towns, rural areas, or wherever there is poverty in America; SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) unpaid volunteers who aid owners of small businesses or community organizations who are having problems with management; to mention a few.

For the senior citizen of today, it's no longer a crime to grow older and, indeed, their lives may be richer than ever before as they continue to be part of their community, state, and the world.

Mrs. Nettie Lloyd In Seaside Center

RIVERVIEW—The latest news from Nettie Lloyd is that she is in the Seaside Care Center and is much improved in health. Several of the local Senior Citizens visited her on Friday.

Mrs. Ed Buckner and Mrs. Ora George of Stoney Point have visited their brother Everett Rundell of Portland, daily, in the St. Vincent hospital. He underwent surgery on Thursday and hopes to go home on this Wednesday.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Yador's were their son and family Mr. and Mrs. John Yador and baby of Bend and their two daughters Mrs. Kaye Bollinger and son, and Mrs. Dee Bateman both of Vancouver Washington.

Clarence Entwistle was brought home on Sunday after about a month in the St. Vincent hospital. He suffered with heart and lung problems but is much improved. His sister Mrs. Vera Hendry left Friday after spending several weeks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Warner of Portland spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kudrna.

About four million veterans separated from military services between Jan. 31, 1955, and July 1, 1966, now have GI Bill eligibility until May 31, 1976, under provision of Public Law 93-337.

BPA Issues Statement

Bonneville Power Administration's final environmental statement on its proposed wholesale rate increase concludes that no significant environmental impact would result from the action.

The statement, prepared after months of gathering public agency and private citizen input, has been filed with the Council on Environmental Quality.

Other findings include an indication that the rate increase will not be significantly controversial. The proposal calls for an overall average increase of 27 percent in BPA's wholesale rate structure.

BPA Administrator Don Hodel last November ordered the preparation of the draft environmental statement on the rate increase. His decision was based on a BPA rate impact study which concluded that although it was uncertain that the proposed increase would have a significant impact on the human environment, the increase in itself might be controversial.

The draft statement was filed with the Council on Environmental Quality on March 11 as well as circulated for review to more than 600 Federal, State, and local agencies, organizations and individuals. More than 70 written comments were received by BPA on the draft statement. BPA also held eight public meetings throughout the Northwest. Average public attendance at these meetings was nine persons.

Hodel said, "In spite of the clear lack of significant environmental impact and controversy surrounding the proposed rate increase, BPA decided a final statement should be filed. Many individuals and groups have carefully considered the rate increase and the draft environmental statement and have commented extensively on both. I sincerely hope this document will provide a base for studying the ways in which our society can plan a balanced future."

Copies of the final environmental statement are available in BPA's headquarters, area and district offices.

Building In County Down Says Report

First-half volume of Oregon and Southwest Washington construction contracts climbed 21 percent above the year-ago figure, the Oregon Columbia Chapter of Associated General Contractors reported. However building was down in Columbia County with \$1,731,774 shown for the first half of 1973 while the first 6 months of 1974 totaled \$138,338.

New contracts totaled \$364 million through the first six months of 1974, compared with \$301 million at mid-year, 1973. Figures were compiled at Oregon State University in a data research project made possible by the AGC-administered Construction Advancement Programs.

With the help of two large contracts, June produced the biggest monthly volume thus far in 1974. The \$88.5 million total included contracts for a \$16.2 million sewage treatment plant expansion for the City of Salem and a \$15 million grain terminal at Portland for Cook Industries.

The June total was 60 percent above the \$55.3 million in contracts awarded during the same month last year.

The OSU figures on newly awarded contracts give an indication of what can be expected in the way of future construction activity, the AGC pointed out, since many of the contracts cover work that will continue for several months and in some cases a year or more.

Figures from Oregon's State Employment Division were cited as a measure of construction work in progress. The state agency said 42,800 Oregonians were employed in contract construction during June 1974, compared with 40,500 in the same month last year.

Earnings figures from the same agency indicated that non-supervisory construction workers averaged \$8.02 an hour and \$284.71 a week in June, compared with year-ago averages of \$6.98 an hour and \$247.79 a week.

Travel Near Normal In June Says MVD

Travel in Oregon during June returned to "near normal," said Chester W. Ott, Administrator of the Motor Vehicles Division said August 16.

Ott said the division collected the seven cent per gallon gasoline tax in June on 105,046,065 gallons of gasoline and that represents only a 1.3 percent decrease in gallonage from June a year ago.

Miles traveled, a figure estimated on the basis of gasoline taxed, dropped from 1.360 billion miles in June last year to 1.358 billion miles this June, he said. "Our figures," he said, "indicate that travel in Oregon for the first half of this year was about 7½ percent below the first half of 1973."

Board of Commissioners

(Memorandum Minutes)

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session August 14 with Chairman Fred Foshaug presiding, Commissioners Minkoff and Ahlborn, legal counsel John F. Hunnicutt, and secretary Gloria Salvey (deputy clerk) present.

Commissioner Minkoff moved a-3 Commissioner Ahlborn seconded the minutes of the meeting of August 7 be approved. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous claims were approved.

Sam Hollinger met with the board to discuss road department matters. He expressed objection to the board "interfering" with the operation of the road department, in discussing problems about roads directly with the foremen in his absence, and with regard to personnel matters. The board explained that they were not interfering, but

had been unaware that he was going to be gone on Friday August 9, and that the St. Helens Scappoose foreman was also gone, and that numerous complaints had been received about excess gravel at the intersection of Airport Road and Columbia Avenue in Scappoose, and that they were trying to determine when the problem would be corrected.

The board then discussed with Hollinger the condition of several roads in the different areas, and learned what repairs or other work was planned.

Hollinger stated that he had been under the impression that only the monies budgeted for the Road Fund were available. The board explained that in addition to the regular monies budgeted in the Road Fund, a large portion of Revenue Sharing funds had also been allocated for use by the road department, but these were not available at this time, since payments are received quarterly, and explained that some of the funds had been invested in Certificates of Deposit, and would be tied up until October 6.

A complaint regarding PMB operations involving the Dike Road in Scappoose were discussed, and Hollinger indicated he would investigate and report back to the board.

Hollinger then discussed a problem on the hazel Grove Road, affecting property of George Devine, stating that a slide had dumped dirt and rock on Devine's property, and he wished the dirt to either be removed, or to be paid for damages to the property. After discussion, Hollinger was requested to meet with Devine to determine what amount he considered acceptable for damages, prior to making a decision about removal.

Hollinger indicated that representatives from the Highway

Department had told him the road numbering system that had been developed is unsatisfactory, and not a workable system. They wished to meet with Hollinger and the board to discuss the matter, and to recommend changes which were needed. Hollinger was requested to set up such a meeting with them in the near future.

Hollinger also stated the road maps recently prepared by CH2M were of no value because the information was apparently taken from old highway department maps, and have not been updated for several years. He added the state will update the maps after receiving the necessary information from the county, after a proper road numbering system has been developed.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded Hollinger be instructed to put two "shots" on Hirtzel Road, to bring the road into more satisfactory condition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded to approve the following purchase orders: 3388, Perma-post, for posts, \$1,179.12; 3367, Alaska Steel, Iron, \$922.05; 3383, Scappoose Sand & Gravel, rock, \$8,639.18; 3387, Chevron Asphalt, CR-2, \$25,165.20.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Tom Tennant and Dog Control Officer Monty Brownlee met with the board at the request of Commissioner Ahlborn, to discuss problems encountered on weekends when emergencies arise and Brownlee cannot be contacted. Commissioner Ahlborn advised he has ordered a telephone with an unlisted number to be installed in Brownlee's house, so that he can be reached on weekends, but suggested that in the event Monty Brownlee were not available, the board

appoint Cody Brownlee as assistant dog control officer, to be on call and handle any weekend emergencies, and indicated Cody Brownlee was agreeable with the suggestion. Sheriff Tennant was requested to set up a report form to be used by Monty Brownlee so the sheriff's office will know when he is available by radio, and Tennant was also advised that the unlisted number was not to be given out by any of the jailers or deputies, but that it was for use for them to contact him on weekends. The board concurred in Commissioner Ahlborn's suggestions, and Tennant agreed to prepare the report form.

Clerk Roy Nelson met with the board to seek advice on its plans with regard to fees to be charged for licensing, and penalties for failure to purchase, dog licenses. At Nelson's recommendation, the Board approved a fee of \$5 for all dog licenses, whether male or female, and a \$5 penalty fee for failure to purchase a license under advisement, pending further investigation.

A claim submitted by Mrs. Joe E. Shaw, for two chickens allegedly killed by dogs, was denied, as there was no evidence of killed chickens, nor any witnesses to the killing.

Ron Reeves met with the board to request that a transfer of \$500 be made to the Building Inspector budget, for publications (building code copies, for re-sale). Reeves stated the budget item for this is nearly depleted, and there is need for more copies to be made available for purchase by residents. Upon inquiry, Reeves stated there was no "resource" anticipated in the 1974-75 budget from the sale of the copies of the building code, but that the money is being given to the treasurer, to be placed in the General Fund. After discussion,

Reeves was requested to discuss the matter with the auditors to determine whether it might be better to make the transfer as requested, or to establish a revolving petty cash fund for the purchase of the books by the county.

Reeves also requested that whenever another car is made available for the Building Inspector, that it be a new car rather than a used one, because of the considerable amount of miles he must travel. After discussion, it was determined a pickup would be better, and it was agreed the former dog control pickup would be tuned up and painted, and then assigned to Mr. Esheby.

Hunnicutt discussed with the board problems encountered by citizens with "red tape" involved with such things as planning commission approvals, building permits, septic tank permits, etc., and indicated he hoped to discuss this with the various department heads involved, to determine if more satisfactory solutions to some of the problems might be made.

The board approved the plat of Gray Cliffs Park subdivision.

Lloyd Quinn, Vernonia, met with the board to inquire about the new laws regarding payment for mileage as constable, and new fees. He indicated that as it had been explained by Judge Mason to him, he was not receiving less compensation than before. Hunnicutt agreed to check further into the matter and to advise him.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded Order No. 85-74 be signed, transferring the sum of \$5,250 from contingency, road department, to Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges, to cover the cost of purchasing a brush chipper. Motion carried.

U of O Continues To Accept Applications

The Office of Admissions at the University of Oregon is continuing to accept and process applications for admission to the University this fall term according to Vernon L. Barkhurst, Director of Admissions.

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