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MEMBER



Seat Belts Save Lives Says Gibson

"The quickest way to cut highway fatalities, is for automobile occupants to use seat belts," said Mark Gibson, speaking at the 7th annual Traffic Safety Conference September 9, which was sponsored by Oregon Women Highway Safety Leaders.

Gibson, regional director of the Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility is from Boise, Idaho. He pointed out that seat belts are an instant payoff because they are there yet "in a vehicle, people are lethargic and yet won't hesitate to fasten a seat belt on a plane."

Approximately 200 attended the conference with 12 traveling from Columbia County including Mr. and Mrs. Walt Gilbert, Mrs. Robert Starret, Mrs. Velma Rowles, Mrs. Val Erickson and Mrs. Buel Blackburn, all of Scappoose; Mrs. Roland Olson of Clatskanie; Lt. Richard Dressler, St. Helens Police Department; and Mrs. Harold Shadley, Ms. Ida Hamilton, Mrs. John Taber and Ms. Doris Thornton, all of St. Helens.

The panel participants during the day were from different fields of traffic safety that would be involved in the 3 by 80 program, which was explained by Gibson to be a goal of a traffic fatality rate of no more than three people per 100 million vehicle miles by 1980. At present the rate is 4.5 persons for every 100 million miles.

Panelists were Gil Bellamy, administrator of the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission; Betty Polen, Portland schools; and Robert O. Erickson, Portland Traffic Safety Council.

Among the topics was that of the Highway 30 meeting held May 1 which involved 67 miles of highway from the Multnomah-Columbia County line to the Longview-Rainier bridge given by Mrs. Blackburn. Columbia and Washington county share the honor of winning the award for top enrollment of members for the year.

SEPTEMBER The Month To Start Saving at Vernonia Federal Credit Union Call 429-8031

Stevenson Services Read

Starlene M. Stevenson, 11, formerly of Forest Grove, died from head injuries she received when she fell from her bicycle at her home in Judsonia, Ark. on Sunday August 31.

Funeral was held at Fuiten Mortuary Chapel on Friday, Sept. 6 in Hillsboro. Elder E.G. Fresk and Elder Dale Ziegele, former pastor and pastor of the Hillsboro Seventh-day Adventist Church officiated. Burial was in Fir Lawn Cemetery.

Starlene M. Stevenson was born in Hillsboro on March 31, 1963 to Claude E. and Stella I. (Woolsey) Stevenson. The family had lived in Mollala prior to moving to Forest Grove in July, 1973. Starlene attended the Dilley Elementary School the 1973-74 year. The family moved to Judsonia, Ark. in June.

Besides her parents, Starlene is survived by a brother, Bobby K. Stevenson and a sister Debora Stevenson both at home, grandparents, Hazel Woolsey of Vernonia, and Mr. and Mrs. George Rhamy of Nodaway, Iowa.

Services Pending For Howard Mathews

Howard Mathews, 59, of Keasey Rt. died Tuesday, September 17, at Tuallity Community Hospital in Hillsboro.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Fuiten Mortuary, Vernonia.

Services Held

September 18 for John Upton, 61, who suffered a heart attack while deep sea fishing out of Astoria Saturday, September 14. He was the father of Mrs. William Harkson, Keasey Route.

Course On Energy Set

A new evening course on energy and the future, offered this fall at Portland State University, is designed to help the layman understand the technical side of the energy issue.

The course, given by the Department of Applied Science and Engineering is intended for both regular students and interested members of the community.

George Tsongas, an applied science and engineering professor who has experience in energy-related fields, says the course will help students without a science or engineering background understand the technical side of the problem. It also will help students understand the multi-disciplinary effects of technical decisions on social, political and economic areas, he added.

The course will examine energy requirements and usage, energy resources, methods for producing energy, implications of energy production and energy conservation. Power production techniques such as nuclear, solar, wind and geothermal also will be studied.

The class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:40 to 9:20 p.m. The first class session is October 1.

Fall registration is Monday, September 27. Regular students register between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Part-time students, who may take up to six credits without going through formal admissions procedures, register from 4 to 7 p.m. More information on the course registration procedures is available by calling 229-4631.

Benefit Dance Set At Shrine Hall

The Columbia County Shrine club will hold their 30th annual Benefit Dance at the Shrine Hall Saturday, September 28 with proceeds slated for the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children and other Shrine activities.

Music for the evening event will be provided by the Mustangs and refreshments will be available. Admission is \$1.50 per person.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK - - -

(Editor's Note: The following statement was issued by the Columbia County Commissioners in answer to charges levied against them by the Recall Committee last May which resulted in circulation of petitions to force a special Recall Election to remove the commissioners from office. Enough signatures were collected to warrant an election which will be held Tuesday, October 1.)

To the people of Columbia County: In answer to many of the rumors, statements, and outright lies told by the circulators of the petition to recall the Board of Commissioners, we would like to make the following comments:

First, we have not persisted in placing our constituents under the jurisdiction of CRAG. No decision was made on whether or not Columbia County would become an associate member of CRAG until after the by-laws of the newly organized CRAG were adopted, on June 13, 1974. The ultimate decision that Columbia County would not join was not based upon threat of recall, but on the adopted by-laws of CRAG. After careful reading, discussion and consideration of the by-laws as adopted, the Board of Commissioners determined it would not be in the best interest of the citizens of this county to become an associate member, and as a result, voted not to become associated with CRAG. Subsequently, funds which have previously been tentatively allocated for CRAG dues were withdrawn from the budget prior to its adoption.

Those pushing the recall indicate CRAG is a government of oppression, and foreign to the natural rights inherent in people. If this statement were true, it would have been impossible for the 1973 legislature to adopt SB 769, which created the newly-organized CRAG organization.

We have been accused of submitting the citizens to an unlimited head tax, in violation of the Oregon Constitution. A head tax has not been imposed, nor will one be imposed. Those supporters of the recall have made many erroneous statements, and this is but one of them.

We have also been accused of entering into an illegal interstate compact, in violation of the Oregon Constitution. If this allegation were true, we would have been prosecuted by the District Attorney or the Attorney General for such action and this has not been done. Therefore, this is only another mis-statement.

During the course of the meetings of the recall committee, we were accused of budgeting the sum of \$100,000 for mass transit (Tri-Met). This again is another untruth. As a requirement of receiving Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, we must publish in the newspaper both a "Planned Use Report" and an "Actual Use Report". The \$100,000 listed in the Planned Use Report for "Public Transportation" was for improvement of county roads, and not for mass transit as reported by those pushing the recall.

We have also been accused of favoring a charter government for Columbia County. To the best of our knowledge, none of us has ever made a statement that we are either in favor of, or opposed to the charter which has been prepared, and which will be submitted to the voters in November. As commissioners, we will have the same right as every other citizen in the County to express our feeling about the proposed charter when we mark our ballot at the November election.

We have been accused of striving to control development in Columbia County through building codes and sanitation laws.

The Uniform Building Code of the State of Oregon applies to all counties, not just Columbia County, and is to protect you, and us, from faulty or slipshod workmanship in buildings constructed in which we are to live. We feel every citizen has the right to expect the home he buys to be built to specifications which will insure his house will not fall down around him, and has been constructed in a workmanlike manner. However, there are those who feel that they can do as they please and do not have to follow the laws which have been adopted.

The sanitation laws of the State of Oregon, and the rules and regulations of the Department of Environmental Quality, have been developed over a period of years to insure you and I that we will not have our property inundated by the sewage coming from our neighbor's septic tanks. We have the right to expect that our property will not be damaged by willful neglect by our neighbor, and we also have the right to expect our neighbor to live by the same laws under which we live. This is the Golden Rule, and is part of the rights of every citizen, whether in Columbia County, in Oregon, or in the United States. There are those who will say "It is my property, and I will do as I please." However, if each and every one of us "did as we pleased" this would soon become an extremely bad place in which to live.

There are many who signed the recall petition who did so because they had a personal

"gripe" to express against one or more of the members of the Board of Commissioners. This may be because a chuckhole was not repaired immediately in a road, a building permit was required before they could construct a dwelling, a sanitation permit was denied because of unsuitable soils, or some other personal vendetta.

When we took the oath of office, each of us swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Oregon, and to obey the laws thereof. For upholding the Constitution and obeying the laws, we have been made subject to a recall petition.

This recall cannot be justified, because the true purpose of the process is to eliminate any elected official who has knowingly committed an impropriety, or willfully disobeyed laws. It was not the intent of the initiators of the legislation that it be used to remove an elected official from the office for exercising the discretion he is by law authorized to exercise. This is the purpose for which he was elected, to use our discretion and best judgement in solving problems, and allowing for orderly growth in Columbia County.

We sincerely ask each and every voter, when he goes to the polls to cast his ballot, to take a long hard look at the many good and constructive accomplishments made for Columbia County by the present commissioners.

Each person should ask himself whether he wants a government run by those who have the best interests of all county citizens at heart, or a government who can be told by a small faction of people who say "If things aren't done our way, we will recall, recall, and recall, until we can have our own way." This is an example of an attempt to influence government by threat, intimidation and fear. This is not the American way.

It is extremely important that each and every citizen of Columbia County come out on the recall election day and vote. Those accompanying the group were Jane and Debbie Whiteman of Tigard and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nunze of Portland. Mr. Nunze is a student at the Baptist Seminary in Portland. The group held Sunday School in Mrs. Whiteman's home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Harders attended a high school re-union at Hubbard on Sunday. Mrs. Harders graduated there several years ago.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Snook spent Thursday through Sunday at the Pendleton Roundup. Darlene Morgan and Cora Exline of Portland stayed with Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. Myrtle Snook while they were away.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christianson were Mrs. Allen Christianson of Portland, Mrs. Kenneth Lande of Oregon City and Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Miner with David and Cindy of Birkenfeld.

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tures were secured against each commissioner. Petition carriers feel the outlook is bright for a successful recall election.

It is now in the hands of the electorate of Columbia County to decide whether they want government under the constitutions of the United States and the state of Oregon, or Regional Government administered by appointed officials.

Submitted by the Recall Committee-Marge Stafford, sec treas

Letter to the Editor:

The members of the Board of the Columbia County Council of Senior Citizens in attendance at the September 13 meeting voted unanimously to go on record as being in support of Columbia County Commissioners Foshaug, Minkoff and Albhorn. It is our belief that the commissioners have acted in good faith, in the conviction that they were acting in the best interests of the citizens of our county.

We believe that if our citizens really understood the issues they would not doubt the good faith of the men serving in the thankless positions of commissioners.

We hope all responsible citizens will go to the polls and give a vote of confidence to the commissioners for the many things they have done right rather than voting to punish them for the one thing some people consider may have been wrong.

'Clean Up America' Month Announced By BLM Director

"September 15 marks the beginning of 'Clean Up America Month' sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior Johnny Horizon '76 program", announced Archie D. Craft, state director of the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon and Washington.

"Clean Up America Month" encourages sponsors, cooperating agencies, and organizations to expand their environmental awareness and action projects during the period September 15 through October 15.

The Johnny Horizon '76 campaign is an expansion of the program launched in 1968 by the Bureau of Land Management, according to State Director Craft. Under its direction, millions of helping hands responded to Johnny Horizon's call. "This land is your land, keep it clean," and volunteered to participate in trash cleanups on the national resource lands, parks, recreation areas, and neighborhoods. Public awareness and support of Johnny Horizon grew to the extent that the program is now a nationwide effort and offers a unique challenge with the message, "Let's Clean Up America for Our 200th Birthday."

"As the nation's birthday nears, citizens throughout the country are making plans. Cleaning up and decorating are important steps in preparing for the big celebration," Craft said. "The first step is caring-becoming aware of the need to improve and protect our environment. People are encouraged to look around their cities, towns or communities to see what needs to be done to make them cleaner and more attractive.

"The next step is action," he said. Individuals can begin; they can get their friends to join in; and they can take the initiative in motivating business, civic groups, and local government officials to work together for community improvement."

Suggested activities include: planting trees and flowers; cooperating in recycling programs; starting a carpool or riding a bus or bike; helping to establish bike trails and new urban parks; organized litter cleanups; and recycling. These and many other project ideas are included in a set of seven information sheets and two action booklets, "How to Conduct a Cleanup Campaign" and "How to Set Up a Recycling Collection Center."

Study Club Meets

The Vernonia Study Club will hold their first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Owen East Thursday, September 19 at 8 p.m.

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FRI., SAT. SEPT. 20-21

THE BOY WHO CRIED WEREWOLF

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson Jr. were Ted Steinhart of Rogue River and his daughter Mrs. Jayne Wilson and two children of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Whiteman of Beaverton spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Leta Whiteman.

This weekend Tex Whiteman of Tigard brought his Sunday School class to the home of his mother, Mrs. Leta Whiteman. The eleven Junior Hi boys rode their bikes over, taking five hours, on Saturday, then riding them back on Sunday. Those accompanying the group were Jane and Debbie Whiteman of Tigard and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nunze of Portland. Mr. Nunze is a student at the Baptist Seminary in Portland. The group held Sunday School in Mrs. Whiteman's home Sunday.

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