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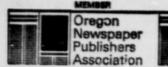
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Seat Belts **Save Lives** Says Gibson

"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 vet 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 m

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 fam-ily had lived in Mollala prior to moving to Forest Grove in July, 1973. Starlene attended the Dillev Elementary School the 1973-74 year. The family moved to Judsonia, Ark. in June.

Besides her parents, Starlene is survived by a brother, Bobby Stevenson and a sister Debora Stevenson both at home, grand-parents, 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 Tuality 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 back ground 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, en-ergy resources, methods for producing energy, implications 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 infor-mation on the course registration procedures is available by calling 229-4631

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 Courty: 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 constituants 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 has 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 newlyorganized CRAG organization. We have been accused of sub-

mitting 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-state-

ment 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 "Plan-

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

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 ong hard look at the mary good and constructive accomplishments made for Columbia County by the present commission-

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. This we ask you to do. Democracy cannot be preserved or safeguarded if people are so apathetic they will not express their opinion at the polls. There is a danger that a small minority can become the sole determining force in government if the large majority of people are too disinterested to express themselves.

The Recall Committee of Columbia County is holding weekly meetings in the Rainier City Hall. Business is centering on advertising and news releases prior to the election date of Tuesday, October 1.

The committee feels that Regional Government and it's State agency of CRAG has been brought into our local government by a minority through the

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 gov-ernment under the constitutions of the United States and the state of Oregon, or Regional Govern-ance 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 Fos-haug, Minkoff and Alhborn. It is our beijef 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.

TOPICS OF THE **OWN**

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson Jr. were Ted Steinhardt of Rogue River and his daughter Mrs. Jayne Willson 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.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Chambers of Dunlap Iowa came Friday for a few days visit with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seeley.

The Seeley's who have been awaiting a call as missionaries to Indonesia were not accepted at this time and plan to remain in Vernonia for the present.

Harry and Arlie Emmons flew

'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.

urban parks; organized litter cleanups; and recycling. These Public awareness and support and many other project ideas of Johnny Horizon grew to the are included in a set of seven extent that the program is now a information sheets and two acnationwide effort and offers a tion booklets. "How to Conduct a unique challenge with the message, "Let's Clean Up America Cleanup Campaign" and "How for Our 200th Birthday

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.

"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.

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

"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

Suggested activities include:

planting trees and flowers; co-

operating in recycling pro-

grams; starting a carpool or riding a bus or bike; helping to

establish bike trails and new

community improvement.

and more attractive.

"The first step is caring-becom-ing aware of the need to improve

JOY THEATER FRI. SAT. SEPT. 20-21 THE BOY WHO CRIED WEREWOLF Plus SSSSS

trade or rent? Place an Eagle Classified today

Mr. and Mrs. J.J Bennett of

San Diego, visited with Mrs.

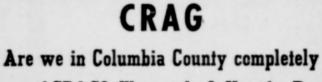
Ruth Steers Thursday, Mrs.

Bennett is the sister of Marion

Steers. They are camping at Long Beach, Washington with

the Airstream trailer group.

Something to sell?



out of CRAG? We wonder? Vote for Recall of Columbia County Commissioners

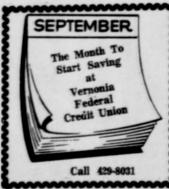
October 1st — October 1st!

Paid for by Recall Committee, Rt. 1, Box 475, Warren, Ore.



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.





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

ned 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 con-structed 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 inudated by the sewage coming from our neighbor's septic tanks. We have the right septic tanks, we have the right to expect that our property will not be damaged by willful ne-glect by our neighbor, and we also have the right to espect 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 to live

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

use of appointment and appoint-ees, sidestepping the constitutional right of a vote of the

people. The recall charges, if successful, could establish a precedent that can be used by citizens as a basis of action against CRAG and Regional Government not only in Columbia County, but state and nationwide

The petitions circulated char-ged the Commissioners A.J. Ahlborn, Jack Minkoff and Fred Foshaug for their persistance of putting their constituants under the jurisdiction of regional government-notably CRAG. The petitions further charged that CRAG was a government of oppression, foreign to the Natural Rights Inherent in People, Article I, Section 1, of the Oregon Bill of Rights.

Section 3 of the individually filed petitions rapped each Com-missioner for subjecting his constituants to an unlimited head tax in violation of Article IX, Sec. 1,(a) of the Oregon Constitution.

Section 4 rapped on another point, for placing his consti-tuants in an illegal Interstate Compact in violation of Article XVI, Sec. 1.

Although cross section of voters county wide were contacted when approximately 1900 signa-

to Reno, Nevada on Monday Friends will be watching for them on Wednesday, anxiously waiting to hear if Arlie "hit the jackpot" this time.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews last Tuesday were his brother Frank Andrews of Klamath Falls and his nephew and wife Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham of Pleasant Home, Oregon. They also visited Mrs. Elsie Andrews and son Wendell on Keasey Road

Mr. and Mrs. Isom Wooten of Denver Colorado came Monday for a visit at the home of their son and family, Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Wooten.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Snook spent Thursday through Sunday at the Pendleton Roundup. Darlene Morgan and Cora Extine of Portland stayed with Mrs. Mor-gan'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. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rodgers of

Turner visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan on Monday.

