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TOUR & WORKSHOP SCHEDULED May 27th

Thursday, May 27th, has been scheduled for an Upper Willamette RC&D tour of active or recently completed measures in the project area in the general vicinity of Albany and Eugene.

Sponsoring county governments and Soil & Water Conservation Districts will be asked to participate as well as interested citizens, legislators, congressmen and co-operating agency personnel.

Plans are to visit stops from Eugene to the Lebanon area in the morning with lunch served at the Crowfoot Grange Hall, and to visit from Albany to Eugene in the afternoon, completing the tour by 4:30 p.m. in the Eugene area.

Soil Survey Workshops:

Soil Survey maps have been prepared for 12 cities and towns in the Upper Willamette RC&D project area since 1968 to aid in planning and land use. Use of soils data for comprehensive planning and selection of lands suitable for particular developments requires understanding of certain soil characteristics and capabilities.

With new emphasis on soil surveys coming through the guidelines of the LCDC, soil scientists in the RC&D area are offering two day-long sessions on the use of soil maps and their interpretations for comprehensive land use planning and soil management.

A public workshop has been scheduled for April 23rd from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

in the Lane Extension Auditorium, 954 13th Avenue West, Eugene. Another will be held on May 7th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room, 850 S.W. 35th, Corvallis.

RC&D SPONSORS' MEET

Dale Munk, Springfield, attended the March 30th meeting of the Upper Willamette RC&D project sponsors to reminisce with those he had worked with as project coordinator from 1965 until February 1971. After retiring from the Soil Conservation Service in California, he worked in Africa under the AID program. At the meeting he shared many of his excellent slides and experiences on his work in Africa.



(front row center) Dale is surrounded by friends who recalled with him the early beginnings of the project. On Dale's right is C. (Chuck) Liles, exec. director of the State Soil & Water Conservation Commission, and on the left is Otto Leever from the East Linn SWCD. In the back row, left to right, is Tom Kerr, former chairman of the Community Planning & Development Committee; Buck Nash, RC&D project president, and Ben Christensen from Linn Lane SWCD.

AGRICULTURE, HOME ECONOMICS, AND 4-H CLUB WORK

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With the RC&D information booklet just recently completed showing the accomplishments of "A Decade of Progress", it was very appropriate to have Dale present.

Two new measure proposals accepted for feasibility studies were: Lowell-- The city of Lowell requested RC&D assistance in helping alleviate flooding and improve drainage near the Lowell High School; North Lake Creek--The city of Tangent and Linn-Lane SWCD have requested technical and financial assistance in solving flood and drainage problems on North Lake Creek.

This measure would provide benefits to the City of Tangent and approximately 2,500 rural and urban acres.

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

One of the first and foremost ingredients of the Oregon land use planning process is citizen participation. The methods vary among the many counties and incorporated towns and cities with ample opportunity for trading ideas and accumulating the most successful methods.

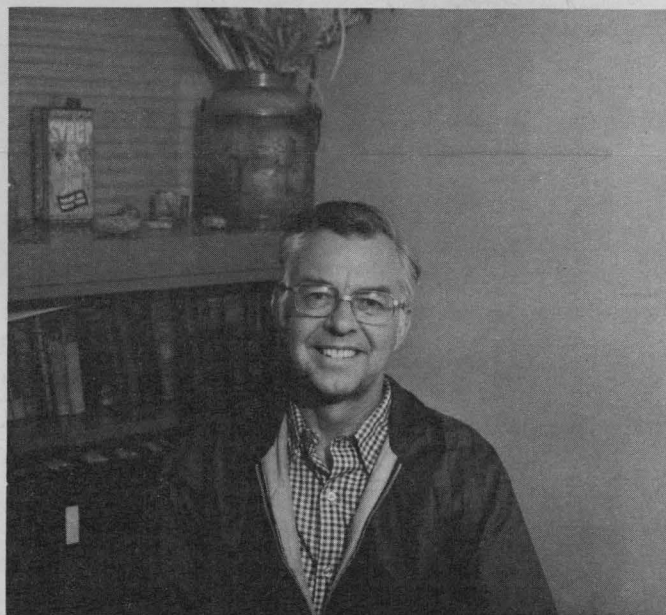


Shown above is the Linn County Committee for Citizen Involvement deliberating on the formation of planning advisory committees. This CCI group is partially composed of members of the previous 15 area advisory committees who worked on the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance adopted in 1971.

Areas will now total 5 and represent the 5 High School Districts in the county. The CCI members total 3 from each of the districts, and the planning advisory committees will also be set up to represent the same 5 areas with members coming from the elementary school districts.

Members of the planning advisory committees will be appointed by the county commissioners based not only on their interest and residential location but on other experiences helpful to the planning process.

The reduction of planning groups from 15 to 5 will make it possible for the planning staff to work more closely with the advisory committees as the comprehensive plan for Linn County is reviewed and developed in further detail on an area-by-area basis.



WOODLAND CHAIRMAN

Sam Konnie, vice president and timber manager of Swanson Bros. Lumber Company at Noti is the new Woodland Committee chairman.

At our recent annual meeting, he voiced his concern about the loss of the farm forestry program. He hoped the Woodland Committee, working with other groups and individuals, could convince the State Legislature that this program may again be made available to the small woodland owner.

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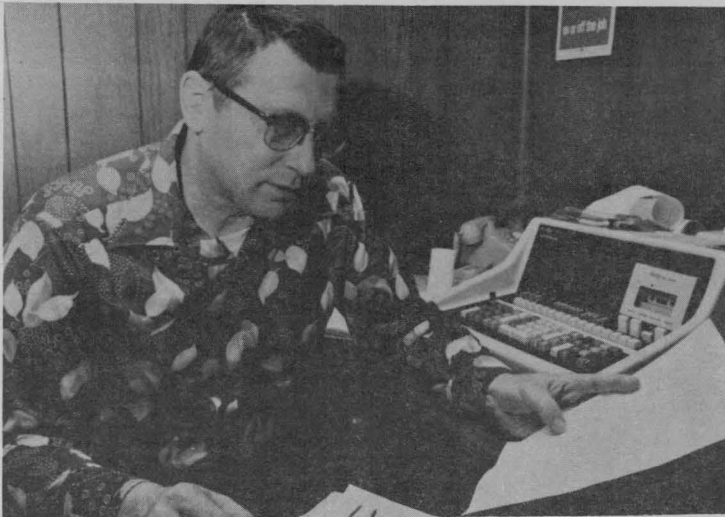
SURVEYS AND QUESTIONNAIRES

Planners in Scio and Tangent recently used questionnaires to aid citizens as well as planning commissioners in looking at present attitudes and goals of a community, or to examine a specific question they may wish to deal with.



The Scio Planning Commission recently conducted a survey in their community to gain citizen interest and opinions. Questionnaires were taken to all households and picked up again within two or three days by members of the Commission.

According to Anne Sample of the planning commission, shown above as she discussed results of the survey, the contacts with the townspeople and efforts of the commission members really brought new interest and enthusiasm to the task at hand--planning for the future of Scio.



Tangent, a newly incorporated city within the project area, completed a house-to-house survey to obtain more specific information.

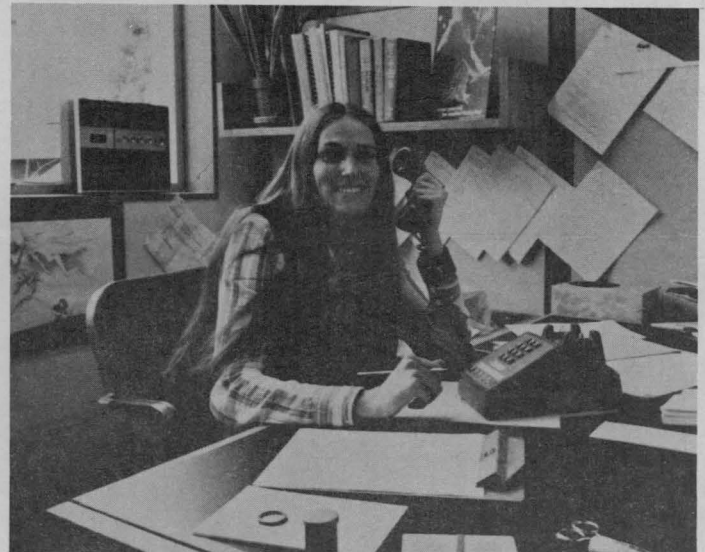
City Recorder Eugene Van Cauteren, developed a single page questionnaire to find out how townspeople felt about soliciting for commercial establishments or industries to occupy the newly zoned area within their city. Tangent has zoned for industry a 1000 ft. wide strip along Hwy. 34-- from Highway 99W to within two miles of I-5. A commercial zone, 2500 feet wide, extends west from 99W for about one mile along Hwy. 34.

Van Cauteren delivered the questionnaire to 139 households in Tangent, and 52 signed and returned the form. Answers showed 11% in favor of discouraging industrial growth, 17% favored letting proposals for development come to the city, and 72% wanted the city to actively solicit commercial and industrial development along Highway 34 within the city limits.

Examples of such questionnaires may be obtained by contacting the RC&D Newsletter Editor, Jack Wood.

We were born to win. Anticipate, plan, believe, and you will never be far from your objective.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS--Lane County



Linda Nettekoven, community organization coordinator for Lane County, is shown at her desk in the Community Relations Department. Her experience and training are focused on helping people of the unincorporated, rural communities of Lane county develop an interest and a mechanism for additional citizen involvement.

Lane county commissioners have adopted a policy to encourage an on-going exchange of information between county officials and residents of the smaller unincorporated areas through community organizations.

The Community Organization Program, patterned somewhat after the Eugene neighborhood associations, will offer a formal method for outlying groups of residents to present their needs as well as respond to county programs and plans. Such an organization is by no means mandatory nor to be superimposed but, where wanted, Linda Nettekoven is the county resource person assigned to help in their organization.

INFORMATION

James Pease, Land Resource Management Specialist with the Oregon State University Extension Service, has recently distributed an "Inventory of Land Use Educational Materials." Materials include written reports, written handouts and circulars, films, packaged programs and games.

This publication will be helpful to planners and planning advisory committees in

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accumulating reports and studies helpful to their outlook and understanding of present regulations, alternatives, and methods for land use planning.

Copies of the inventory are available from J. R. Pease, OSU Extension Service, Oregon State University, Corvallis 97331.

The following list of booklets should be of interest to Small Woodland Owners:

Guide to State Regulations Affecting Timber Harvesting, Extension Circular 872, February 1976.

The Forest Property Tax Law in Western Oregon (alternatives for the Small Woodlands Owner), Extension Circular 888, March 1976.

Useful to those involved in erosion control on forest roads:

Grasses & Legumes for Erosion Control (on roadsides, logging roads and skid trails), Upper Willamette RC&D booklet, 1975.

Seeding to Control Erosion Along Forest Roads, Extension Circular 885, 1976.

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