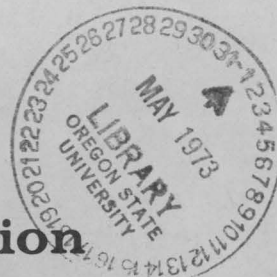




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RC&D GOALS FOR 1973

Citizens' resource committees of the Upper Willamette Resource Conservation and Development Project met in Albany in February to formulate goals for the work of 1973.

Working with the committee chairmen, pictured on following page, were interested citizens and representatives of agencies with resource responsibilities. The goals discussion served as a most effective forum for citizens to point out resource needs as they saw them. Agencies reviewed achievements in present activities and discussed new directions for their programs.

The following goals lists one major effort for each of the citizens' resource committees, from among the many areas of effort planned:

Agriculture - Report and update all straw utilization methods with emphasis on economics and support continued research. Publish material for information of the public.

Countryside Beautification - Demonstrate to the Livable Oregon Committee how a state-wide beautification program can be carried out.

Town & Community Planning - Encourage local government to participate in flood plain management programs. Conduct conferences in two areas of the Willamette Valley on handling of flood plain areas.

Water Development - Urge the Sponsors to provide input into the Lincoln Water Plan. This would include technical assistance and communication with the Legislature.

Wildlife - Support county planning commissions to develop positive comprehensive plans to provide for gravel needs without damaging fish and wildlife habitat--then follow through on compliance.

Woodland - Promote additional markets to utilize materials not now saleable that can be harvested from forest lands.

Recreation - Support the development of a multiple use comprehensive plan of the lands adjoining the Willamette River with emphasis on a harmonious relationship between all suitable uses.

ABC WINNERS

Ron Paddock of Oakridge, 1972 chairman of the Area Beautification Contest, announced winners in the 1972 contest as follows: Sweet Home was first place winner for cities of over 2,000 population. Mill City and Lowell were co-winners for first place in the under 2,000 population category with Brownsville in second place.

Awards have been made to these cities at appropriate meetings over the past three months.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE LEADERS

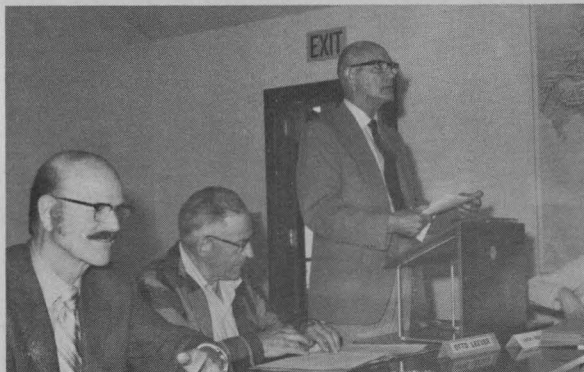
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WHO'S WHO

1. Left to right, Secretary Slim Kasner, President W. G. "Buck" Nash & Vice Pres. Don Fisher
2. Acting Chairman Don Fisher(left), Agriculture
3. Chairman Archie Root (right), Countryside Beautification
4. Chairman Ron Bentz (left), Recreation

5. Acting Chairman Tom Kerr(left), Town & Community Planning
6. Chairman Paul Blazer (left), Water Development
7. Chairman Dave Shelgren (right), Wildlife
8. Chairman Michael Atkinson (left), Woodland

RESOURCE REPRESENTATIVES ADDED TO DISTRICT 4 COG

Three persons concerned with natural resource management have been named to the technical advisory committee to the Council of Governments. These take their place along with representatives of city management, planning, sanitation, and engineering in making up the total advisory committee.

Serving in the resources role are Gene Sturtevant, District Conservationist for Benton SWCD; William Carpenter, ranger with Willamette National Forest; and Mel Rigdon, District Conservationist with Lincoln SWCD. The need for representation from resource development groups to advise COG was pointed out by the Rural Development Committee, a group combining resource agencies of the area, to deal with matters relating to proper uses of soil, land capabilities and related matters.



EAST LINN SWCD'S SENIOR ACTIVE
FARMER OF THE YEAR

Jess Wells, for all his 79 years, looked as sound as a dollar used to be. Standing in his now depleting Christmas tree plantation, he talked with youthful enthusiasm about the new planting of 3,000 Douglas fir trees "just set out" and about the future of cultured Christmas trees.

Jess and Norma Wells were honored by the East Linn Soil and Water Conservation District at the February 22nd annual meeting with a certificate of appreciation.

DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORTS

Twelve thousand acres of Soils Surveys were completed in 1972 for the Comprehensive Soils Interpretive Study of Albany and suburban area. Information is now being transferred from field sheets to mosaic photos by Soil Conservation Service for city of Albany and Linn County Comprehensive Planning work.

Since the study involved an area several miles in each direction from Albany, the Linn-Lane and Benton Soil and Water Conservation Districts also became sponsors of the study. The completed report will be ready for use in the Albany area by early spring of 1973.

Linn-Lane annual report shows Little Muddy Creek section 4 completed, section 3 to be would up within this year. Channel clearance, stabilization, structures, banks seeded for stability, all were part of the project.

WHY CITIES?

"Cities are built as a secure place to live, work, trade and play; as a place to have cultural activities, education and community services at low costs; and as an origin and destination of transportation and communications.

"When any of these reasons for the existence of a city fail to serve the people well, then the continued existence of that city is doubtful. Many inhabitants become despondent and, except for some of the poverty stricken and elderly, start moving to the edge of town. Since we know these things, it is possible, with good leadership, to build a better city. A city which works with nature, is relatively unpolluted, reduces waste, is beautiful and is loved by its inhabitants." - from "Trade Secrets," Coop. Ext. Service, Miss. State University.

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* SOMETIMES, AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE,*
* MORE IS SAID THAN DONE. *
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ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

RC&D Project work goals for 1973 were finalized at the organization's annual meeting in Newport on March 15.

Over 50 persons, private citizens and agency representatives, participated in the review and final appraisal of goals. Tentative development of goals had been done at mid-February through committee meetings and some revisions had been suggested during the interval between suggestion and final adoption.

New goals proposed at the Newport meeting and added to goals developed earlier include a project measure to study the dune area from north of the Siuslaw River to Heceta Head, and to make an evaluation study of flood control on Butte Creek in Linn County.

W. G. "Buck" Nash, president of the sponsors of the Resource Conservation and Development Project, led the annual meeting.

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ROWLAND MEASURE

"Removal of surface flood water from cropland is a paying proposition," says the Little Muddy Water Control District. Lynn Barnes, chairman of the board, has made this point clear in several meetings recently on the Rowland Project. This project, located northeast from Harrisburg, is an extension of the Little Muddy Project. Development of the measure will provide direct flood protection to 150 acres and secondary protection to 1500 acres of cropland.

The Water Control District has been proceeding on planning by contacting utilities in the area and sending a "notice of intent" to local and state clearing houses. The District recently attended a meeting involving representatives of DEQ, Oregon Game Commission, District 4 COG, state clearing house and SCS. This meeting cleared the way for further planning activities.

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