

## Upper Willamette Resource Conservation & Development Project

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### RC&D PROJECT EMPHASIZES RESOURCE COMMITTEES

The RC&D quarterly meeting held in Eugene on April 28 emphasized the importance of resource committee activities. Chairmen of the seven resource committees made reports ranging from planning for the Siuslaw River Cleanup on June 5th to community projects such as the Oakridge Attitude Survey.

Project president, W. G. "Buck" Nash, said, "Our Resource Committees are the strength and backbone of our project. Through these committees we find out what local people need and want." To prove a point, Mr. Nash said, "We just approved an assistance application for the Spring Creek area in Lane County which we would like to call the "Spring Creek Pollution Control Project."

"Buck" went on to say, "We would like people in Benton, Lane, Lincoln and Linn Counties to know that we have interests in areas other than drainage, irrigation and flood control, although these are very important."

"Our Wildlife Committee is working with Planning Commissions on long range plans for gravel removal, for better fish and wildlife habitat, development of the Girl Scouts' Camp Cleawox, and the Boy Scout wood duck nest program."

"We have sponsored the publication of many booklets, including a "Fish & Wildlife" list of films and colored slides and one on utilization of small posts and pole materials."

"We would like people to know that our Beautification Committee sponsors the Area Beautification Contest with nine entries this year. Two of these cities, Oakridge and Toledo, have won state and national awards."

"In the area of community planning, we hold planning workshops, land use tours and are very much interested in coastal development."

"Buck" would like to extend an invitation to people in the RC&D Area who have an interest in Agriculture, Beautification, Recreation, Community Planning, Water Development, Wildlife or Woodland to contact our office in Eugene.

### WATER FOR IRRIGATION

Scouring of the McKenzie River bed lowered the river at the Muddy Creek Irrigation Project intake structure in the vicinity of Armitage Bridge. The Irrigation District received approval from the Lane Council of Governments to lower the intake at the old location and relocate the pumping operation, at a cost of \$149,600. The structure, designed by CBS Engineering of Medford and being constructed by H&W Construction of Longview, Washington, is being financed using a \$100,000 RC&D-FHA loan and \$49,600 from the District. Completion of the project before summer will bring adequate water to the 104 farmers being served and will provide for future expansion of irrigation needs.

#### GREENWAY FOR PERIWINKLE CREEK

Gene Higgins of the East Linn SWCD reports that the Periwinkle Creek Steering Committee has a recreational greenway-picnic area strip under planning for the Periwinkle project. Preliminary plans call for seeding of grass and shrubs along the channel, some small water impoundments and several picnic tables, benches, and cooking equipment. The project, which includes proposals for flood prevention and water management, is located in the Albany area.

#### HOUSING CONFERENCE AT OSU

May 26 is the date for a conference on "Mobile Homes, Modular Homes & Experimental Housing Designs" to be held on the Oregon State University campus. The session is being sponsored by the Housing Section, Cooperative Extension Service and the Forest Products Department, OSU. Speakers will discuss experimental low-cost housing designs, construction and marketing trends of mobile homes.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Room 105 with the program beginning at 1:30 p.m. and concluding at 4:30 p.m.

#### SPONSORS APPROVE NEW PROJECT

The Sponsors, at their quarterly meeting on April 28, approved the Spring Creek Pollution Control Project. The project involves drainage and pollution control on 4-1/2 miles of Spring Creek. The primary benefits are a reduction of community health hazards in the Santa Clara and River Road areas of Lane County. The total area includes eight farms, a county park, an elementary school and approximately 100 homes.

#### OAKRIDGE CONSTRUCTION NOW UNDER WAY

Contracts for the Oakridge Flood Control Project have been let to Lord Brothers Construction of Portland. Total cost of the project is \$99,535 with local and RC&D funding support. The project will benefit commercial and residential properties including an elementary school.

#### ATTENTION WOODLAND OWNERS!

A progress report on "Soil-Woodland Interpretations for Soils in the Willamette Basin" has been published by the Soil Conservation Service. Any woodland owner who has a soil survey will find this material useful since it gives productivity and management interpretations for each of the soils where trees could be expected to grow. Each soil is rated for site index and management problems such as windthrow hazard, erosion hazard, seedling mortality, plant competition and equipment restriction.

#### OAKRIDGE ATTITUDE SURVEY

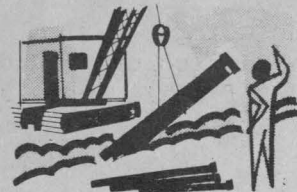
Fifty plus volunteers (high school students and adults) turned out to help distribute and collect 1,400 questionnaires. The survey covered such topics as recreation, education, housing, city government, health services and growth in planning. Results of the survey will be discussed at public meetings to be held late in May.

#### STOP SEDIMENT POLLUTION!

"Stop Sediment Pollution," a recent publication by the Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Commission, is being included with this newsletter. The pamphlet aimed at helping to create a quality environment, gives advice on how the individual can help with this serious problem.

#### EAST LINN HAS GRAVEL PERMIT FORMS

Gravel permit application forms are now available at the East Linn SWCD's Scio office. Having the forms available locally will save farmers time and effort when applying for a permit.





#### NINE IN ABC

Nine cities have become contestants in this year's Area Beautification Contest. They are: Brownsville, Lowell, Lyons, Mill City, Monroe, Oakridge, Sweet Home, Toledo and Veneta. Monroe, our newest entry, is getting great support from the high school freshmen class headed by Dave Currin. The young people are working on planting trees, cleanup and development of the local park.

#### BENTON AND LINCOLN FORESTRY TOUR

A forestry tour on state forest land will be held in northwestern Benton and Lincoln Counties on June 2 to observe brush control practices required for regeneration of forest lands, selective thinning and areas that have been clear cut, slash burned and replanted.

#### FARM FORESTRY DEMONSTRATION

Eight Willamette Valley farms will display and demonstrate farm forestry equipment at the J. J. Bowley farm five miles southeast of Brownsville on Saturday, June 5. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The exhibit and demonstration is sponsored by the Linn County Small Woodlands Association for the purpose of showing woodland owners the latest in labor-saving equipment.

#### BOOKLET ON WOOD PRODUCTS

A new RC&D publication "Small Roundwood Products and Split Cedar Fencing" is now being distributed and is available at our office in Eugene. The booklet lists names, addresses and telephone numbers of the small roundwood peeling companies in the RC&D Area, as well as retailers selling fencing material and the contractors who specialize in fence construction.

#### LINCOLN RECREATION POTENTIAL

Lincoln County's An Appraisal of Potential for Outdoor Recreation Development has been published and distributed. A similar publication of this type has also been completed for Benton, Lane and Linn Counties.

#### GRASSLAND '71

June 23-27 Oregon's Grassland industry will hold an open house at the Eugene Airport for growers and tradesmen nationwide who will have an opportunity to see harvesting, processing and irrigation activities under normal growing conditions. Besides watching a number of special events designed to demonstrate the durability of Oregon's turf grasses, visitors can reach growing areas by bus in a number of planned tours. Fun things are varied from sheep dog trials, a draft horse pulling contest and a post peeling and setting demonstration to polo match and home lawn workshop. Another feature will be three different barbecues----chicken, lamb, beef----on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

#### BARK DISPOSAL PROBLEM

County agent Stoney Jackson has indicated that bark disposal is becoming a serious problem for local sawmills and a better answer for the industry as a whole is needed now.

#### WOODLAND CONSERVATIONIST TAKES NEW POSITION

Ed Olmsted, RC&D Woodland Conservationist, has taken the District Conservationist position in Curry County. Ed assumed his new post in April and will definitely be missed.

#### NEW CHAIRMAN FOR WOODLAND COMMITTEE

Mike Atkinson is the new woodland resource committee chairman replacing Bob Kintigh. Mike, who is employed by Weyerhaeuser and has his own woodland operation, lives in Veneta.

#### BENTON COUNTY ZONING

Local advisory groups, assisted by county agent Andy Anderson, are in the process of making zoning recommendations to the county planning commission. It is anticipated that two particular zones will be strictly for farming and forest use.

## A CHANGING SOCIETY

The following quote in reference to the late Nicholas Murray Butler, a noted American educator, comes from John W. Gardner's No Easy Victories: "Nicholas Murray Butler used to insist that in the Garden of Eden Adam paused at one point to say, 'Eve, we are living in a period of transition.'"

## HECETA PROJECT

Reconnaissance surveys have been completed on the Heceta Flood Prevention Project which is located north of Florence.

A report, for use by the local sponsoring organizations, will be completed within the next two months.

## FHA ADDS SEVERAL NEW DESIGNS TO SELECTION OF HOME PLANS

The Farmers Home Administration has added several new designs to its selection for home plans available to rural housing loan borrowers. One example is shown here.



While these additional plans provide a wider choice for borrowers, FHA does not require that a standard plan be used. Plans are available through FHA offices in Albany and Eugene as well as county offices throughout the state.

This newsletter is a quarterly publication edited by the Community Development Specialist assigned to the Upper Willamette RC&D Project by Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service. The Project is designed to accelerate resource development in the 4-county area of Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Benton Counties.

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