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### ALTON BAKER PARK GARDENING

With approximately 3 1/4 acres of unused ground available at Alton Baker Park, the Lane County Parks and Recreation Department divided the land off into 140 individual plots 20 x 50 feet, fenced the area and put down irrigation pipe with outlets for attaching a hose available at each plot.

A five dollar charge was made for people signing up for their individual plots and all plots were immediately signed up.

The ground was well worked by the county with rototillers and there are now many enthusiastic gardeners harvesting radishes and watching their peas, tomatoes, cucumbers and other crops develop. The Lane County Extension Service has a plot where demonstrations are periodically held and agents are frequently available for answering questions. For many gardeners this is their first experience at gardening and many different methods are being employed in the gardening operation. A portion of the 3 1/4 acres was set aside for those wanting to garden only by organic methods. Several garden enthusiasts have already expressed the hope that the garden project of the county will be a permanent project enabling interested gardeners to reap some of the bountiful harvest of the land.

### DIGGING SOFT-SHELLED CLAMS

To better acquaint the public with the resources of the marine lands of Lane County, a workshop was held in Florence on May 11 where two Oregon Extension Marine Science specialists, John Faudskar and Vicki Osis,

presented a discussion of digging soft-shelled clams. Information was presented on how to identify clams, how to locate the clams and how to dig as well as clean the clams.

As pointed out at the workshop, most of the clam chowder on local store shelves comes from soft-shelled clams from the eastern seaboard states; whereas, there are adequate supplies of these clams on our own Oregon coastal areas.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

The Utilization and Marketing Forester, Doug Cruickshank, states that the six post peelers in the area have provided an economic impact of about half a million dollars. The gross to the peelers has amounted to about \$175,000. The work has provided about \$50,000 to the treating plants.

### BOX SCORE FOR RC&D PROJECTS

Latest figures show that there are now 123 RC&D Projects in the United States, at least one in every state. Seventy-five are operational while 48 are in the state of developing an overall project plan. In Oregon the Upper Willamette Project has operated since 1964, first in Lane, Linn & Benton Counties and later including Lincoln.

The Columbia Blue Mountain Project has operated since 1970, covering Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler Counties, and the North Coast Project started in the spring of 1973, in Clatsop and Tillamook Counties. Application has been accepted for the Mid Willamette Project, to take in Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties.

PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS FOR PROFIT

There is food for thought for private recreation operators in a Michigan survey of the private campground industry.

A number of conclusions can be drawn from the data obtained in this survey of privately owned campgrounds in Michigan. One of the greatest needs is for the industry to cooperate in a detailed accounting process that can provide a pool of accurate data as well as individual business analysis.

The rapid growth of the industry and the use rate on sites already in operation suggests that the industry may be reaching a point of overbuilding. Potential investors should be aware of the increasing competitiveness within the industry. An important consideration is the fact that the Michigan State Parks Division has decided its expansion will be in rustic campgrounds, thus allowing the private sector to provide the more modern, convenience types of camping facilities.

Unless combined with other income-producing, camping-related services, privately owned campgrounds usually do not offer significant returns on investment.

A major portion of existing privately owned campgrounds are operated as hobby type enterprises rather than for highest economic returns.

Campgrounds owners need to fully exploit mid-week and off-season use of existing campsites in preference to expanding as a way to improve net income.

Increased income opportunities exist in establishing different fees for choice sites and charging higher fees during peak use periods.

Taken from Cooperative Extension Service Bulletin E-756, Michigan State University, March 1973.

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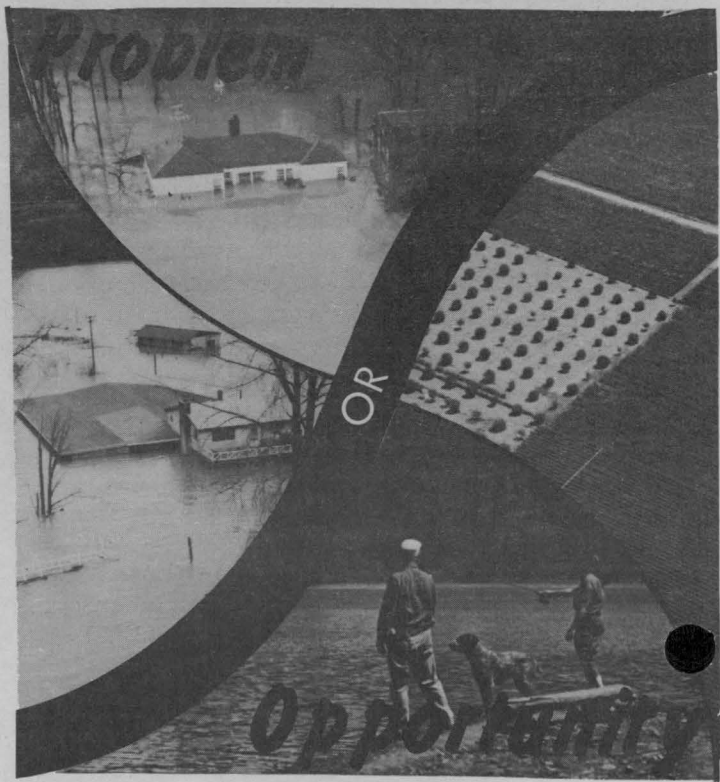
FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Thirty-five representatives of land-use agencies of the Willamette Valley spent two days in retreat studying management of flood plains. Of concern to the group were the characteristics of flood plains, the several uses of flood plains as a resource, the regulation of new developments on flood plains, and the handling of housing or other developed areas already located in flood plains. Authority for the information presented was staff and agencies actually in present management of flood plain areas of the Willamette Valley.

Sponsoring the workshop were the State Water Resources Board, Lane County Planning Department, and the Resource Conservation and Development Project. The site was St. Benedict Lodge at McKenzie Bridge.

A typical sample of reaction by a participant: "There are problems so much more complex and interrelated than I had thought them to be. To think that each structure on a flood plain obstructs water flow to further raise the water level affecting the rest of the plain. And to realize that there are forces at work changing stream courses continually."

FLOOD PLAINS



## RESOURCE COMMITTEES ACTIVITIES

Citizens' resource committees of the Resource Conservation and Development Project reported to the May meeting of sponsors on work toward goals identified for the year. Major activities reported were these:

The Agriculture Committee has met under the leadership of Clayton Wood and assigned leadership for certain projects to individual members.

The Area Beautification Committee has a cities' beautification contest under way, with nine entries in the Lane, Linn, Benton, Lincoln area. Chairman Archie Root has led a visit by a judging committee to the cities involved, inspecting projects planned and work accomplished in each center. Taking part in the contest are Brownsville, Coburg, Florence, Lincoln City, Lowell, Lyons, Oakridge, Sweet Home and Veneta.

Chairman Root has involved the state organization of a More Livable Oregon Committee and the national group titled Keep America Beautiful in conducting this year's contest. It is expected from these contacts that the contest may be broadened to state and national proportions in the future.

The Community Planning and Development Committee has encouraged the holding of a workshop on flood plain management. Committee Chairman Tom Kerr has assumed an active leadership role in the project, and the workshop has been held. Further detail is reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Water Development Committee Chairman, Paul Blazer, reported on the status of RC&D project measures affecting water. Projects on Periwinkle Creek, Richardson Butte, Rowland, Heceta, Marcola and Amazon Drive are at different stages, but progressing toward completion.

The Recreation Committee has kept in touch with developments in the Willamette Greenway system, and Chairman Ron Bentz has requested of the Governor's office that a comprehensive plan of the full length of the Greenway be developed.

The Woodland Committee is continuing an information program through newspapers by developing a woodland column to be released each quarter. Chairman Mike Atkinson reports subjects being developed relate to marketing, a summary of woodland legislation, guides for tree planting and income tax matters related to forestry.

The Wildlife Committee, as reported by Chairman Dave Shelgren, has entered into recommendations for boat sites, in relation to Armitage Park, at Odell and Crescent Lakes, and on the McKenzie River. The chairman reported on a predator control program conducted in a problem area in Arizona using animal calls.

## NEW ASSOCIATION BEGINS WORK

Woodland owners in Benton County completed organization in early May of a Small Woodland Owners' Association for the county. Officers selected for the association include Marvin Rowley of Philomath, President; Hal Schudel, Corvallis, Vice President; Gary Blanchard, Corvallis, Secretary and Gary South, Corvallis, Treasurer. John Dilworth of OSU Forest Management Department was named director.

The young association has scheduled activities beginning with a twilight tour and picnic July 12. Tour stops are planned for Holiday Tree Farm and U. S. Forest Service Seed Orchard.

Persons desiring further information should contact the Extension office in Benton or Lane County.

## FEDERAL FUND SQUEEZE FELT

Federal belt tightening will affect many RC&D activities--termination of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program, the Rural Electrification Administration 2% loan program and Farmers Home Administration community facilities grants. Other budget cuts, including reduction in the community development program and forestry program, will have an impact on Upper Willamette Project measures.

Local inputs for good planning, financing and management will be more important during the coming year.

SCHOOL FORESTRY TOUR

A 40-acre classroom "came alive" this week as 1338 fifth and sixth graders tramped through the McGowan Creek Park on the 18th Lane Extension Service school forestry tour.

The youngsters came from schools in the Springfield area, from Goshen, Creswell, Walterville, Mohawk, Marcola and Fern Ridge.

School busses shuttled the kids from their schools to the Lane Intermediate Education forestry study area located along McGowan Creek in the timbered hills above Marcola.

"Faculty" in this week's school forestry tour included foresters and outdoorsmen from Oregon State University Extension, Oregon State Forestry Dept., Rosboro Lumber Co., Weyco, Hines, Pope and Talbot, Bohemia, Mt. June, United States Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife students at Oregon State University, Industrial Forestry Association, Eastern Lane Fire Patrol, Georgia-Pacific, and L. D. McFarland Co.

KINDS OF PRIORITY FOR PROJECT MEASURES

Three Resource Conservation and Development project measures, among others approved for fiscal 1973, point up different kinds of priority recognized for support by the project. At Florence a study of four large dunes will be made, for the purpose of developing means to stabilize the dunes. This is given priority for a "critical area treatment program," since without corrective measures damage now being done to surrounding areas will continue and expand.

A project measure on Butte Creek is expected to contribute to flood prevention, recreation, fish rearing, and water supplies--municipal, industrial and domestic use. Work on the project will involve primarily water storages.

In a measure on Yaquina Bay the RC&D Project has been asked to take part in the development of a large sports marina. Studies developed for the Port Commission by consultants indicate this merits priority because of its impact on tourism, recreation and stimulation of the local economy.

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