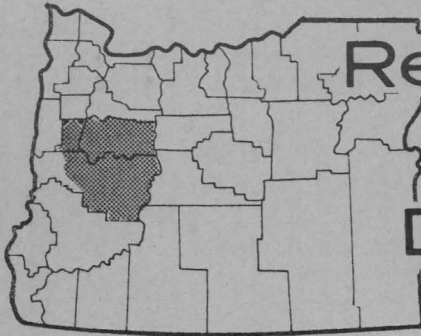


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EAST LINN FARMER WINS AWARD

E. J. "Buster" James of Lacombe was selected as area farmer of the year by the Oregon State Association of Soil and Water Conservation District supervisors. James was in competition with six contestants from six SWCD's in Linn, Marion, and Polk counties.

GRASS SEED FIELDS TO BE PART OF SHEEP TOUR

Linn County lamb and wool buyers will cooperate with the Extension Service and the Linn County Livestock Association in sponsoring a sheep tour of the Shedd, Halsey, and Harrisburg areas on Saturday, December 20, reports Leonard Forster, Shedd, who is serving as tour chairman. Preliminary plans call for a sheep handling equipment demonstration, viewing of lambs on grass seed fields that have been burned, a lamb barbeque, and visits to lambing sheds and fat lamb assembly corrals. The tour is to assemble at the Shedd Fire Hall at 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE HARVEST

Harold Sasser, State Farm Forester, indicates that approximately 250,000 Christmas trees harvested on private lands within the RC&D area have been shipped to various lots throughout the State and Nation. Sasser said that this represents a steady increase over previous years' harvest.

ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEES MEET

Four area orientation sessions for Linn County Zoning Advisory Committee members were held during September.

The sessions were designed to acquaint committee members from 15 geographical areas with the background of zoning in Linn County, and a briefing on their role as advising county planners.

John Massie, Extension Agent who organized the session, indicated a successful beginning for a county-wide planning program.

The 15 area groups represent 140 citizens who have been asked by the County Court to study their own areas and make recommendations on the types of zoning needed.

OFF THE PRESS

Benton County's report "An Appraisal of Potentials for Outdoor Recreational Development" is hot off the press. Publishing arrangements were made possible by nine separate organizations, both public and private. Distribution has been wide and well received. School libraries, conservation teachers, colleges, and public agencies concerned have all received copies. One copy found its way to the Canadian Parks Department in Alberta, Canada; and another to the Parks and Recreation Department in Switzerland.

NEW BROWNSVILLE DAM

A new concrete structure on the Calapooia River, two miles east of the city, has been completed. The structure with removable flashboards will provide water for irrigation. The new project replaces an old rock crib structure built in 1856 and destroyed by the 1964 Christmas flood.

The dam and mill race restoration work was financed by a combination of Federal and local funds. Nineteen farmers, the city of Brownsville, Linn-Lane SWCD, Linn County Court, Pacific Power and Light, Linn County ASCS Committee, and the Soil Conservation Service all worked together to make this project a reality under a special ACP Project measure.

It is expected that the pool formed by the dam in the summer will become a popular swimming hole for local residents.

MEETING ON FORAGE CUBING EQUIPMENT

The Agriculture Resource Committee is sponsoring a program presentation by the John Deere Company with a slide talk and movie on forage harvesting equipment including a hay cuber. The meeting, with those interested invited to attend, will be held at the Extension auditorium, Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 17.

Committee Chairman Keith Crocker said, "We hope to come up with some new approaches to utilizing grass, straw and/or alfalfa in livestock feeding programs."

Don McKinnis, Development Specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, will discuss foreign markets for pelleted feed.

TREE FARMERS RECEIVE AWARD

Mr. R. N. "Bob" Carpenter was honored as Linn County's tree farmer of the year at the November dinner meeting of the Linn County Chamber of Commerce.

The Carpenters have a Certified Tree Farm on McCulley Mountain in eastern Linn County where they specialize in Christmas trees.

Samuel Konnie of Eugene received the Lane County award on the basis of operation of his privately owned and managed tree farm west of Eugene, and because of civic activities.

The tree farm award is presented each year to a tree farmer who is doing an outstanding job of practicing and promoting a timber program in the county in which he resides.

OSU EXTENSION AGENT CHOSEN

An Oregon State University Extension program leader is helping to set up machinery to bring greater citizen involvement in state government programs.

He is Theodore H. Sidor, project leader for community resource development programs of the OSU Cooperative Extension Service for the past two years.

Sidor, taking the position in September will work with the Local Government Relations Division, according to Gene M. Lear, Extension Director. Sidor, working in the division's Salem offices, is primarily responsible for forming district councils on a multi-county basis along the 14 district lines outlined last year by Governor Tom McCall. Sidor's assignment with the state is for a ten-month period.

ABC IS SUCCESS!



ABC winners left to right Peter Klosterman, Oakridge; Mrs. Ralph Middleton, Florence; Mrs. Dennis May, Lowell; Herbert Peck, Mill City

Over 100 persons attended the Area Beautification Contest awards banquet held in Coburg, November 14, to honor those cities who made outstanding efforts in improving their communities.

Those receiving awards presented by State Treasurer Robert Straub were: Oakridge, first place; Florence, second place; Lowell and Mill City were awarded third place and honorable mention, respectively.

Straub congratulated the competing communities for organizing beautification campaigns based on volunteer efforts.

"This is a wonderful example of the way things ought to be done," he said, "people helping people."

"If the idea would spread, so that we were doing more with our neighbors, then government would get smaller and less burdensome," Straub said.

Judges for the contest were: Robert Robertson, Corvallis parks and recreation director; Ben Solberg of Corvallis and June McFee, University of Oregon director of community arts studies.

The contest sponsored by the RC&D Countryside Beautification Committee included Brownsville, Creswell, Drain, Florence, Lowell, Mill City, Oakridge, Scio and Veneta.

Ron Paddock, committee chairman, indicated that participating cities were so enthused with the program that they are making plans for the 1970 contest.

OAKRIDGE RECEIVES FLOOD REPORT

Control of flood waters in the lower portions of Oakridge was the aim of a preliminary engineering study presented to the city council on December 4. SCS District Conservationist William Cox presented the report which incorporates flood control with the cities proposed storm sewer system.

DRAINAGE STUDIES

Mel Rigdon, resource conservationist; Richard Patching, soil survey supervisor; Ted Deitz, Lane County soil scientist, have completed field evaluations of installed tile drain on Dayton type soil. Pits were dug down to the tile lines and the profile studied and evaluated. Bart Flanagan, Junction City area farmer, stated that he can get on the ground two to three weeks earlier than his neighbor in the spring since installing the tile drainage system. Detailed reports will be made at a later date.

STUDENTS TO ASSIST AT LOWELL

Mayor Wilma May announced recently that a group of University of Oregon graduate students will begin in January a six-month land use planning study of Lowell.

The students, part of an urban planning class taught by Marvin Gloege, is designed to help planning efforts in Lowell, and at the same time provide students with a practical working situation.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Fund reduction has severely limited Willamette River revetment work done by the Corps of Engineers. Completed this year is the Laird Revetment on the left bank of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River about four miles southeast of Springfield. Work consists of 3,700 feet of bank protection. This work was completed in September, 1969.

FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS SEEDED

Seeding was completed on two of the three flood control projects constructed this past year. The two, River Road and first stage Little Muddy, are turned over to the local people for operation and maintenance. Each are providing flood protection to the people living in the area. Fall rains prevented the seeding of the Little Oak Creek Project. All three projects were funded by the Soil Conservation Service using RC&D funds.


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LANE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES

In a recent policy statement, county commissioners said the county is now in a position to provide police protection, planning and engineering assistance, street maintenance, data processing help and other services to cities in the county requesting such aid.

While aiming their new policy primarily at Lane's smaller cities, the county commissioners said they will welcome the discussion of any cooperative effort by any city or any unit of local government.

Cities obtaining county assistance will be charged "reasonable" costs, the commissioners said.


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