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Subject: Buena Vista Club Review and Concurrence- Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Johnson,

The city is exploring the long term viability of the Buena Vista Social Clubhouse as a city facility. Since 1987, it has been used as a rental facility for events and parks programs. It is currently not on the National Register or locally designated but is over 50 years. No project is being proposed at this time. However, if a rehabilitation and programming plan is not financially feasible, the city may opt for demolition of the structure.

In anticipation, Oregon City submitted a ORS 358.653 clearance form requesting concurrence from SHPO on the potential eligibility of the structure for listing on National Register in spring of 2016, the first step in the ORS 35.653 process. Based on the integrity of the building, staff identified that it was potentially eligible. Along with the physical survey form, staff provided a small amount of information from a 1987 City Commission report and minutes relating to the city's acquisition of the building from the remaining club owners in the initial submittal.

In spring of 2016, Jason Allen, Historic Preservation Specialist with the Oregon State Historic Preservation office, indicated over email that additional information was needed on the context and history of the club as that was most likely the criterion the building would be eligible for, namely **Criterion A** ; *That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history*. This information was passed on the Scott Archer, former Community Services Director for next steps.

As Community Services is again looking at the next steps for the Buena Vista Club building, the eligibility of the building needs to be resolved in order to move to the next steps of the ORS 358.653 process. In lieu of performing an Intensive level survey (ILS) at the beginning of this process, potentially holding up stakeholder outreach and alternatives analysis review, the city worked with the neighbors to provide additional research for Criterion A to support its eligibility for listing, which I have enclosed as an exhibit to this letter. This is hoped to be supplemented by a formal ILS by a paid consultant as part of any mitigation or rehabilitation program when funds can be made available in the next budget cycle.

The following information was requested by the State Historic Preservation Office:

- How and why was the Buena Vista Club created?
- Who belonged? Were they well known citizens of the community?
- How did the club contribute to the development of the city, the neighborhood?
- What activities happened at the club, were they political, social, leisure?
- How did this club connect the larger themes of Oregon City's context statement?

With this supplemental information, Oregon City is requesting a formal determination from SHPO of the Buena Vista Club's potential eligibility for listing on the National Register. This finding will allow the city to begin to discuss the options for the building through the lens of the ORS 358.653 as it creates a clear and transparent process.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Christina Robertson-Gardiner
Senior Planner

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Phil Lewis, Community Services Director

Tony Konkol, City Manager

Laura Terway, Community Development Director

Denyse McGriff, McLoughlin Neighborhood Association

Todd Iselin

Exhibits:

- A. April 2017- Supplemental Information

Supplemental information: Buena Vista Club House

1. How and why was the Buena Vista Civic Improvement Club created?

The Buena Vista Civic Improvement Club (Club) was formed and organized on February 27, 1923 by forty-five (45) residents who had a desire to improve their neighborhood. Prior to the late 1920's, the area now known as Buena Vista was named "Kansas City". The neighborhood was located from Jackson to Division Streets and from 14th to 18th Streets. The area was in need of street lighting, improved streets, and a connection across the canyon at Madison Street. The existing bridge was unsafe and there was no way for residents of the "Kansas City" area to get around their neighborhood and no access to downtown Oregon City. One of their first order of business was to rename the neighborhood from Kansas City to Buena Vista.

The neighbors banded together to determine what they could do to affect change in the under developed portion of northeast Oregon City. The residents met at the home of Mr. and Mrs Anton Naterlin in January of 1923. The initial goals of the club were as follows:

- Street improvements- new bridge across the Madison Street canyon;
- Clean neighborhood & downtown streets
- Better street lightening;
- Improved sewer connections;
- Neighborhood park
- Add more shade trees; and
- Improved street signage.

One of the first project of the Club was to get the city road commission (on November 21, 1925 meeting) to approve an expenditure of \$5,000 for the purchase and maintenance of a street flusher to clean the downtown and neighborhood streets. At the same meeting they put forth a program providing for the construction of a new and greatly needed bridge. The second big project was the purchase of a 23-acre tract of land at 16th and Jackson Street to establish a park and playground. Families in the area wanted to see a park on the property.

BY June of 1923, about 100 people belong to the Club.

2. Who belonged to the Club? Were they well known citizens of the community?

Organizers and members included:

- Ella & Anton Naterlin- it was in their home that the first organizing meeting was held; 1422 Madison Street (designated landmark). Anton worked for Hawley Pulp and Paper Company
- A.J. & Anna Lewis- AJ was the first Club president, charter members;

1619 Harrison Street

- Kathryn Vonderahe Carothers & Chester Carothers- She was the first Club secretary and treasurer; charter members; Chester worked for Portland Traction Company; 1616 Jackson Street. As of the 1982 inventory Kathryn (Kate) was still living there. She is the daughter of Henry Vonderahe, one of Oregon City premier builders (designated landmark)
- Dr. Mabel Hardenbrook, local dentist and one of the original founders of the Club-; 1602 Jackson Street (designated landmark). Dr Hardenbrook office was in the US National Bank building on Main Street
- Eric & Mary Hedlund- charter members; he worked for Crown Willamette Paper Company; 1501 15th Street
- Doris & Charles A. Thorpe- He worked for Western Machine Corporation; 1714 16th Street
- Jack & Mary Charriere- charter members; he worked for Crown Willamette Paper Company; 1508 16th Street
- Arch & Leona Phillips- he was employed by Crown Willamette Paper Company; she was active in the club; 16th and Division Street
- Jack (John) Drumm, second Club president; - 1405 Division Street
- Fred & Nell Wiley- last Club president 1982 to 1985-she was a clerk at the Oregon City Woolen Mills Company and he was a salesman for Wardrobe Cleaners- 514 Pleasant Avenue
- Bessie Anderson- charter member
- Bernetta Hedlund Nicholas- member; daughter of Eric & Mary Hedlund 511 15th Street
- Mike & Julia Long- charter member & renovated the donated building so it could be used as the Club house- he was a cement man; 1307 15th Street
- George Pursefull- charter member & renovated the donated building to be used as the Club house by members
- Florence and Kenneth Kerns- he was employed as a hardware clerk at Fredrich's Hardware; she was a clerk at Vic's Variety Store, 1810 14th Street
- Agnes & Bert Morgan- member- 404 Washington Street (designated landmark)
- Vera Marshall- member- 1510 Taylor Street
- Charles Scharbach- member; 18th and Division Streets
- Mrs. David Bradley- member
- Donald and Dolores Ireland- he was an employee of Crown Zellerbach Corporation, she is a clerk at Oregon City Hardware- 507 Abernethy Road

Club officers:

1923: AJ Lewis, president; Kate Vonderahe Carothers, secretary/treasurer
1923-28: Jack (John) Drumm, president
1941: William J. Croner, president; Mary Charriere, secretary
WJ & Myrtle Croner lived at 1817 12th Street
1987- Nell Wiley- last club president

The members of the Buena Vista Improvement Club were members of the Oregon City Community at large. Regular working class residents who saw a need to have improvements made in their neighborhood.

The men and women of the neighborhood worked at the Woolen Mills, Crown Willamette Mills and Hawley Pulp and Paper and stay at home mothers. The exception being Dr. Mabel Hardenbrook who was one of the first women dentist in Oregon City. They all had one thing in common, a desire to improve their neighborhood. It is a very early example of citizen involvement where residents came together to solve a problem and “they rolled up their shirt sleeves” and got to work. They identified a community problem and became part of the solution by raising funds and contributing to their neighborhood and city as a whole

3. How did the Club contribute to the development of the city, neighborhood?

The group raised funds to purchase a street cleaner for the city to help improve the appearance of city streets. Their next project, a year in the making, was to raise funds to purchase land in the neighborhood for a park. The first funds were from small donations and fundraising by holding dinners, card parties, dances and donation from business firms and the local Kiwanis Club.

The park, Atkinson Memorial Park, was named for Reverend George H. Atkinson, who organized the first Congregational church in the northwest. The Club purchase of the property included a portion of land that was once owned by Reverend Atkinson. The families in the area wanted a park and playground. The group also moved a couple of small buildings to Atkinson Park. It was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Surfus. The building was originally located behind Huntly –Draper Drug Store located at 7th And Center Streets. The building was renovated by Mike Long and George Pursefull.

The Club was truly a grassroots organization and a classic example of citizen involvement. The efforts of the Buena Vista Improvement Club are an example of how a few civic minded citizens can have a profound and lasting effort on Oregon City. They identified a problem and took steps to solve it.

In addition to the projects listed above, the Club also sponsored activities for the youth of the community including the Buena Vista Boys band and the Junior Stamp Club.

4. What activities happened at the Club, were they political, social or leisure?

The initial goal of the Club was to bring improvements to their section of Oregon City. They started out by attending a meeting of the city road committee. They went there to request improvements- cleaner streets, a new bridge across Madison Street and street lightening. They raised money to buy a park and gave it to the City. The Club created programs and activities for the area children.

The Club was active from 1923 to 1987.

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The Club used the building to hold their membership meetings. The Club also held fundraisers social activities that included dances. There were also the headquarters for youth activities: stamp club and several boy band groups. Relatives and friends of Club members were allowed to rent the clubhouse for parties and receptions. The Buena Vista Club house was the center of the social fabric of the neighborhood.

The July 1924 dedication celebration of Atkinson Memorial Park was a day to remember. Jack Drumm, club president, presented the “keys to the park” to Mayor William Andresen. Noted author, Eva Emery Dye spoke on the life of Reverend George Atkinson. The Club organized a parade and musical numbers for the day’s festivities. A local girl was named Miss Liberty and she led the buglers in the procession.

5. How did this Club connect to the larger themes of Oregon City’s context statement?

The Buena Vista Improvement Club came into existence in a very progressive time in Oregon City’s history. Parts of Oregon City were improved during the progressive era of the city’s growth and development. Electric lights and many of the city’s streets were paved and improved. New community improvements included a new highway, a new grade school m swimming pool and other street and highway improvement. Much of these improvements came to fruition because of federal funds. However, the Buena Vista area of Oregon City was largely untouched by any progress.

The formation of the Club coincided with Oregon City’s motor age. After the members of the Club petitioned the road committee, improvements were made not only to the Buena Vista neighborhood, but with the purchase of the street cleaner other area of Oregon City were a lot cleaner.

The Buena Vista neighborhood became a booming area and was described by the Morning Enterprise as “the busiest growing place in Clackamas County”.

In conclusion, the Buena Vista Improvement Club contributed to the health and vitality of Oregon City for over 64 years. The following quote fits the Club:

Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

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Clackamas County 1947-48

CLASSIFIED BUSINESS DIRECTORY

235-A

Organizations—Cont'd

MISCELLANEOUS

American Legion Canby Post Canby
American Legion Auxiliary Canby
American Legion Post Molalla
American Legion Auxiliary Molalla
American Legion-Willamette Falls Post No 5 Ore.
American Legion Harrington-Elston Post No 32
Oswego
American Legion Post No 127 Sandy
American Legion Auxiliary Sandy
American Red Cross Clackamas County Chapter
Court House Oregon City
Barlow Community Club Barlow
Boy Scouts of America Masonic bldg Oregon City
Buena Vista Civic Improvement Club 18th & Jackson
Oregon City
Business & Professional Women's Club of Oregon
City
Business & Professional Women's Club see Oswego
Camp Fire Girls-Clackamas County Guardians Ass.
see 5th & John Adams sts Oregon City
Camp Fire Girls Council 5th & John Adams sts
Oregon City
Camp Fire Girls Inc 5th & John Adams sts Oregon
City
Chamber of Commerce Hearld bldg Canby
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ESTACADA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MILWAUKIE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 9th & McL bld Oregon
City

Chamber of Commerce Oswego
Chamber of Commerce Sandy
Clackamas County Agricultural Conservation Assoc
McL bld Gladstone
Clackamas County Automotive Trades Association
13th & Main Oregon City
Clackamas County Bar Assoc Butler bldg Oregon
City
Clackamas County Community Chest Inc Oregon
City

CLACKAMAS COUNTY DENIAL SOCIETY Hogg bldg
Oregon City

Clackamas County Fair Board Court House Ore-
gon City
Clackamas County Farm Bureau Oregon City
Clackamas County 4-H Clubs see Oregon City
Clackamas County Implement Dealers Assoc Oregon
City
Clackamas County Jersey Cattle Club Rt 1 Bx 36
Canby
Clackamas County Library Board 7th & John Adams
Oregon City
Clackamas County League of Women Voters see
Oregon City
Clackamas County Medical Society Masonic bldg
Oregon City

CLACKAMAS COUNTY PHYS ASSOCIATION Barclay
bldg Oregon City

Clackamas County Public Health Assoc Hogg bldg
Oregon City
Clackamas County Realty Board Oregon City
Clackamas County Sportsman's Assoc Club House
82nd & Kelly Field Oregon City
Clackamas-Marian Counties Fire Patrol Assoc Rt 2
Bx 195 Molalla
Clackamas D Veterans Oregon City
DAB-Susannah Lee Barlow Chapter See Oregon
City
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War-
Isabelle Hensley Tent No 7 Oregon City
DAV Auxiliary see Oregon City
Disabled Veterans of World War-Oregon City Chap-
ter No 4 Oregon City
Fesilon Sigma Alpha see Oregon City
Girl Scout Troop No 30 Lake Grove

GLADSTONE BUILDERS Gladstone

Gold Bar Veterans Memorial Commission see Ore-
gon City
Irish Walton League see Oregon City
Junior Chamber of Commerce Court House Oregon
City
Kiwanis Club Canby
Kiwanis Club Estacada
Kiwanis Club Milwaukie

Organizations—Cont'd

Kiwanis Club Oregon City
Kiwanis Club Oswego
Kiwanis Club Sandy
Lake Grove Community Club Lake Grove
Lions Club Oregon City
Lions Club Oswego
McLaughlin Memorial Assoc see Oregon City
Milwaukie Community Club 42nd & Monroe sts
Milwaukie
Milwaukie Saddle Club see Milwaukie
Molalla Buckaroo Assoc Molalla
Molalla Commercial Club Molalla
Mt Pleasant Booster Club see Oregon City
Oak Grove Community Club Oak Grove
Oregon City Public Library Board 7th & John Adams
Oregon City
Oregon City Restaurant Assoc Oregon City
Oregon State Guard Co B see Oregon City
Oswego Lake Country Club Iron Mt Road Oswego
Pro-America-Oregon City Unit Oregon City
PTA Oregon City Council see Oregon City
Rotary Club Oregon City
Sandy Business & Professional Women's Club
Sandy
Sea Scout Ship Santa Maria No 855 St John's
Catholic Church 25th & Monroe Milwaukie
Toastmasters Club see Oregon City
U.S. W.V.J.U. Campbell Camp No 30 Oregon City
U.S. W.V. Auxiliary Oregon City
VFW Estacada Post 5879 Estacada
VFW Auxiliary Moore Post No 9259 Gladstone
VFW Harold Appleby Post No 1557 Milwaukie
VFW Rex Appleby Post No 1557 Milwaukie
VFW Auxiliary Molalla Post No 3973 Molalla
VFW Auxiliary No 3973 Molalla
VFW Auxiliary Oregon City
VFW Waldo Caulfield Post No 1324 Oregon City
VFW Don Vinton Post Oswego
VFW Sandy Post No 7961 100P Hall Sandy
WCTU Clackamas County see Oregon City
WCTU Milwaukie
WCTU Oregon City
Woman's Club of Oregon City
Woman's Club Oswego
Woman's Club Woman's Club Hall Sandy
Women's Relief Corps Meade No 18 Oregon City
Youth Club of St. John's Catholic Church Parish
1125 25th Milwaukie

Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

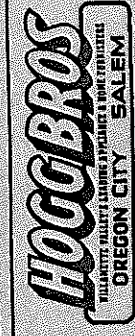
BURNHAM DR E I Beaver bldg Oregon City ph
9421
Cheney Ford A Molalla
KENAGA RUSSELL F—Urology and Proctology 922
Morgan bldg Portland ph AT 2878
Kinney J E 1019 Main Milwaukie
MAUTHE M R Main st Canby ph 9001

Painters and Decorators

Gutless Chas E Rt 16 Bx 132 Aldercrest rd Mil-
waukie
GRIFFITHS ARTH H LG Rt 1 Bx 32 Madrona rd
ph 5682
Gubser J Wilbur Rt 1 Bx 6A Oak Ridge rd Lake
Grove
OSWEGO DECORATING SERVICE 126 A av Oswego
ph 3021
Rasmussen F N Rt 4 Bx 245A Buck st West Linn
SHICK RALEIGH E 290 Hereford Gladstone ph 2-4106

Paints and Wallpaper

DICKEN FURNITURE CO 7th & Monroe ph 2-6271
FRIEDRICH C W & SON 7th and Wash ph 3751



Phone 3541—Oregon City
(See Buyers' Guide—also latest Phone Directory)

1941 Oregon City Directory

ORGANIZATIONS

A F & A M—Multnomah Lodge No 1—meets 2nd Mondays Masonic Hall ph 2-4131 J Albert Roake Jr WM William Brown secretary
ARVE Inc.—Club No 124—meets every Friday City Hall Mrs Pearl Burkhalter pres Mrs F J Alldredge sec

AMERICAN LEGION—Willamette Falls Post No 5—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays Court House Everett Burns commander Carlos P Johnson adjutant
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA—Clackamas County District Committee Portland Area Council meets 1st Wednesdays Philip K Hammond chairman Guy P Miller secretary and field exec

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA—Troop 220 Oregon City—meets Saturdays basement First Presbyterian Church Carl R Moline Scoutmaster ph 2-5931
Troop 244 Oregon City—meets Thursdays Episcopal Parish Hall Martin Mockford SM
Troop 246 St John's Parish Oregon City—meets Tuesdays McLoughlin Institute Frank Tanzer SM

Troop 267 Oregon City—meets Tuesdays First Baptist Church Wesley Edwards SM
Troop 249 Beavercreek—meets Wednesdays Grange Hall Jack Watts SM

Troop 214 Bolton—meets Tuesdays Bolton School R Graham SM

Troop 251 Gladstone—meets Mondays Gladstone Church of Christ Wilbur R Hensley SM

Troop 239 West Linn—meets Mondays Richard Ehrstrom SM

Troop 223 Willamette—meets Tuesdays Scout Shack City Park E A Woodworth SM
CUB PACKS—No 509—meets Barclay School last Fridays Wm R Meyer Cubmaster Jack Caldwell asst

No 512—meets Eastham School 3rd Mondays William Foster Cubmaster

BREAKFAST CLUB Oregon City—meets Wednesdays Chamber of Commerce Ralph Gaynes pres Geo La Husen sec

BUENA VISTA CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB—meets last Tuesdays Club House 16th & Jackson st W J Croder pres Mrs J Charriere sec

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF OREGON CITY—meets 3rd Thursdays Myrtle Belle Swallow pres La Veve Good sec

CAMP FIRE GIRLS—Clackamas County District Committee—meets 3rd Mondays Mrs A G Beatrice Milw Rt 12 chairman Maude Park sec

CAMP FIRE GIRLS—Clackamas County Guardians Association—meets 3rd Mondays Barclay School Mrs R R Friedrich pres Mrs H L Stroder sec

CAMP FIRE GIRLS—Aowakiya Group meets Tuesdays Mrs Donald Bauer guardian—Menahka Group meets Thursdays Mrs Walter F Buse gdn—Bluebird-Chikadee Group meets Thursdays Mrs Ralph Guynes gdn—Winoka Group meets Thursdays Mrs Murray Miller gdn—Cheskaamy Group meets Tuesdays Mrs David Leonard gdn—Sanwipansoon Group meets Wednesdays Mrs Harold L Stroder gdn—Wicaka Group meets Mondays Mrs R R Friedrich gdn—Willamette Group Isabelle Hannon gdn—Gladstone Group Mrs Lyle G Williams gdn—Sunset Group Mrs Madeline Dutton gdn—Park Place Group Mrs Chester Hadsall OC Rt 3 Bx 222 gdn—Ocean Group meets Mt Pleasant School Mrs Dow R Phillips gdn—Iyopta Group Mrs W E Dillon gdn—Ekolela Group Mrs J B Caldwell gdn

CANEMAH COMMUNITY CLUB—meets 2nd Fridays Canemah School Mrs William Harvey Jr pres Mrs Alfred Klemsen sec

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA—St Anne Court No 1089—meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays McLoughlin Hall Mrs John Serres grand regent Mrs Lloyd Comegys fin sec

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF OREGON CITY—meets Tuesdays Hogg Bldg Chas Legler pres J Ralph Guynes sec ph 2-1311

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION—Geo L Hibbard pres Paul Biggs sec

CLACKAMAS COUNTY CIVIC COUNCIL—meets Thursdays City Hall Carl Green pres Wayne Bailey sec

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD—H H Chindgren pres Meadowbrook John P Tallford Ore City Harvey N Everhart Canby

CLACKAMAS COUNTY 4-H CLUBS—meet 3rd Saturdays Chamber of Commerce H H Chindgren pres Dorothy Brush sec

CLACKAMAS COUNTY JERSEY CATTLE CLUB—John Gale Rt 3 pres Mrs W J Thornley Molalla sec

CLACKAMAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS—meets last Fridays Mrs H F Bergis Oswego pres Elenore Kurth Lake Grove sec

CLACKAMAS COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION—meets 2nd Tuesdays A D Paddock Gladstone pres Mrs Gertrude Brumbaugh Ore City sec

CLACKAMAS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY—Dr Edwin A Hendry Canby pres Dr W Ross Eaton Ore City sec

CLACKAMAS COUNTY PRODUCERS & DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION—John Kunzman pres Mrs Marlin M Fox sec

CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION—Court House—Mrs Errol C Rees pres Mrs H A Peoples sec

D A R—Succanah Lee Barlow Chapter—Mrs Guy D Barnett regent Mrs S W Richardson sec

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR—Isabelle Hensley Tent No 7—meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays City Hall Mrs August Scheer pres Mrs Corinne Gay sec

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS—Cont'd

IWA-CIO W Main st Molalla
Lumber & Saw Mill Workers Local Sandy
Painters Local No 1397 204 Masonic bldg Oregon
City
Paper Makers Local No 166 1002 12th
PULP & SUPPLITE LOCAL NO 68 PO BX 550 Ore-
gon City
Retail Clerks Local No 1171 204 Masonic bldg Ore-
gon City
State County & Municipal Employees see Oregon
City

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ELKS BPOE Oregon City Lodge No 1189 Elks Tem-
ple Oregon City
Elks Auxiliary Elks Temple Oregon City
Catholic Daughters of America St Anne Court No
1089 (See Oregon City)
IOOF Lodge No 156 Canby
IOOF Lodge No 165 at Needy Canby
IOOF Estacada Lodge No 175 IOOF bldg Estacada
IOOF Lodge Molalla
IOOF Oregon Lodge No 3 7th & Wash Oregon City
IOOF Falls Encampment No 4 IOOF bldg Oregon
City
IOOF Oswego Lodge No 93 Oswego
IOOF Lodge No 195 Sandy
Job's Daughters-Beithel No 23 Oregon City
Knights of Columbus Dr John McLoughlin Council
No 2825 Oregon City
Knights of Pythias Cataract Lodge No 76 Oregon
City
Maccabees Hive Tent No 7-D Oregon City
Modern Woodmen of America OC Camp 5666 Ore-
gon City
Neighbors of Woodcraft Community Hall Milwaukie
Neighbors of Woodcraft Soli Circle No 167 Ore-
gon City
Neighbors of Woodcraft Oswego
OES Daphne Chapter Masonic Temple Milwaukie
OES Orchid Chapter Molalla
OES Pioneer Chapter 28 Masonic Temple Oregon
City
OES Wahga Chapter Oswego
PEO Sisterhood Chapter P Oregon City
Pythian Sisters Cataract Temple No 42 Oregon City
Rebekah Lodge-Kirk Canby
Rebekah-Continental Lodge No 147 Estacada
Rebekah Lodge Milwaukie
Rebekah-Oak Lodge No 149 Molalla
Rebekah Lodge No 2 Oregon City
Rebekah Lodge No 193 IOOF Hall Sandy
Royal Neighbors of America-Haley Camp No 7089
IOOF Hall Oregon City
Woodmen of the World-Williamette Falls Camp No
148 508 Main Oregon City

GRANGES—

Abnerthy—See Oregon City
Central—See Oregon City
Clackamas County Grange Henry Du Bois
Master Rt 1 Clackamas Mary Ioman sec Rt 3
Oregon City
Clarks—See Beaver Creek
Colton-Foothills—See Colton
Damascus—See Boring
Eagle Creek—See Eagle Creek
Garfield—See Estacada
George—See Estacada
Harding—See Oregon City
Highland—See Beaver Creek
Holcomb-Outlook—See Oregon City
Ladd—See Wilsonville
Maple Lane—See Oregon City
Maplewood—See Barlow
Milwaukie—See Milwaukie
Molalla 40—See Molalla
Molalla 310—See Molalla
Monitor—See Canby
Oregon Pioneer—See Clackamas
Oswego—See Oswego
Headland—See Oregon City
Rosemont—See Oregon City
Springwater—See Estacada
Sunnyside—See Clackamas
The Sandy—See Sandy
Tualatin—See Oregon City
Warner—See Oregon City
Williamette—See Oregon City
Auto Mechanics Local No 1495 204 Masonic bldg

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS—

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Oregon City's Breakfast Table Newspaper

Oregon City Enterprise

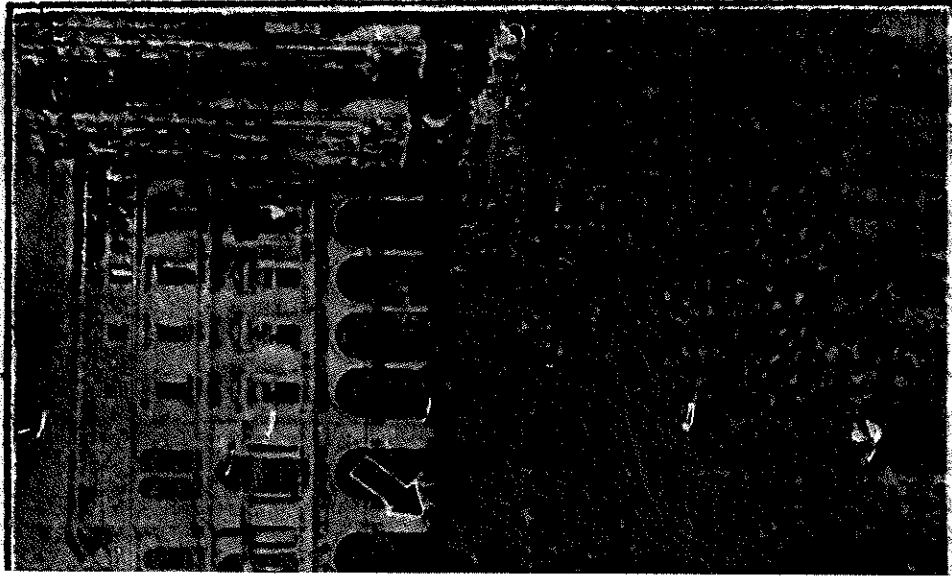
OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE, ESTABLISHED 1886

OREGON CITY, OREGON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1925.

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MOULINI ROYAL OVATION



to hear "Il Benito"—Muscolini, prima' soprano, with
all Italy, speak at a Fascist meeting in Rome. Musco-
lini thrust the king into the background, and is encouraging

Setting a Fast Pace

THIS IS not the first time we have had occasion to speak in commendatory terms of the people residing in the Buena Vista section of Oregon City, and we believe it will not be the last either. The once despised district, referred to as Kansas City, took a new birth several years ago and has been up and doing ever since. Attractive homes have been erected, local pride has manifested itself in well-kept lawns and lovely gardens, and the community club has been on the job early and late to set an example which, we must confess, has not been followed in other parts of the city.

Last Saturday night, while property owners of the main steam were indifferent or too busy to attend the city road meeting, these energetic people marched down the hill and marched back again, but not until they had put across a program providing for the construction of a new and greatly needed bridge over the Madison street canyon. That was not all. They recognized the necessity of cleaner streets in the business section as elsewhere, so they voted \$5,000 for the purchase and maintenance of a street flusher. Glory be!

Our hat is off to Buena Vista, and for all the name stands for. We now know where to go when a public improvement is desired. Let it be remarked, in passing that it is no selfish spirit which controls the attitude of the Buena Vista men and women. They are interested in their own locality, but are no less self-charged with a deep responsibility for the welfare of the city as a whole. If Buena Vista had asked for the city hall, it would never have been located on its present site, and if they ever seek to move it, good-by to Seventh street!

DWELLING HOUSE BURNS
Building Owned by C. D. Latour.

GRAND UNUS SUND

CALL DAY PLANS FOR CELEBRATION

Many Sections of County Will Provide Unusual Program of Interest for Independence Holiday; Parades Scheduled

COAST DRAWS CROWDS

Attention Memorial Park to be Dedicated in Connection With Patriotic Occasion

People of Oregon City had the opportunity to attend Fourth of July celebrations in different sections of the county. The celebration at the city was held at the city hall, and the celebration at the coast was held at the coast. The celebration at the coast was held at the coast. The celebration at the coast was held at the coast.

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EXTREMISTS HIDE FOR STATE EDITOR'S MEET

Members of Editorial Group To Convene at Tillamook This Month for Correspondence Program and Oration Trip

DR. C. GAUSS TO TALK

Speakers of Wide Range in Field of Journalism Will Appear, State President

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Oregon State Editorial Association will be held at Tillamook on July 10 and 11. The convention will be held at the Tillamook Hotel. The convention will be held at the Tillamook Hotel.

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THE WEATHER
WEATHER FORECAST: Tomorrow: Partly sunny; Wednesday: Partly sunny; Thursday: Partly sunny; Friday: Partly sunny; Saturday: Partly sunny; Sunday: Partly sunny.
FORECAST FOR TODAY:
Clear; probably rain; occasionally windy.

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BUENA VISTA CLUB PLANS PATRIOTIC PROGRAM FRIDAY Atkinson Memorial Park will be scene of exercises of Dedication and Celebration of National Holiday Date CHILDREN TO PARADE Program includes Talks and Musical Numbers; Mayor to Receive Troop From Club All arrangements for the dedicatory exercises and celebration to be held at the Atkinson Memorial park at 10 a. m. and Jackson streets on Friday, July 5, will be the play of the Buena Vista neighborhood club, are complete, according to the committee. The new flag, 63 feet, will be unfurled from the 60-foot mast at sunrise and baggers from the Atkinson Memorial park, American Legion, will sound reveille. Beginning at 11 o'clock, continuing until 1 p. m., the dedicatory exercises are to take place and the following program will be given: Presentation of Park, John Debrahm, president Buena Vista Civic Improvement Club; Acceptance, William Anderson, Mayor of Oregon City; Response, Philip Hammond, representative Chamber of Commerce; responses, Dr. A. H. Tupper, representing Atkinson club; response by a member representing Woman's club. At the conclusion of this program at 1 o'clock the parade, which is to be formed at Fourth and Main streets at 11:45 o'clock, will arrive at the park, and those who have assembled there will witness the 150 children who take part, as it will come down Jackson up to 16th street, where it will disband. Features of the afternoon will be a pageant by 150 children, band concert, and during the intermission of the concert at 3 o'clock little Edna Jones, of Gladstone, will make her appearance in several vocal numbers in Highland costume. She will sing "Footest of the Family," and "Stop Your Ticking Jack." This little singer recently appeared in the children's concert given in this city under the direction of Mrs. Warner Bennett and her number proved popular. As coffee is to be furnished the picknickers free of charge by the members (continued on page four)	WOMAN DRIVER OF AUTO STOLEN That Little Girl Dusted in Front of Machine on Street Dorothy Lucille, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Groener, of Eleventh and Center streets, who was struck by an automobile driven by Verma Peterson, of Corvallis, Saturday evening, is improving. She is suffering from a fractured bone in the head, causing an injury to the right ear. It was first feared that she was suffering from a fracture of skull but she has remained conscious since the accident, which occurred at 11th and Main. Highwaymen are a mass of brutes and cuts and her head has large welts on both sides, according to her parents. At the time of the accident the little girl and her small brother, Richard, were on their way to a grocery store across the street to buy candy. They were also with a playmate, who asked them across the street to where his brother sat. The girl falling to see the car coming was struck, according to bystanders and was thrown in the air and falling her head struck the curb. Witnesses claim that the woman driver was going at a high rate of speed when she struck the child. Among those witnessing the accident was Everett Cross, automobile salesman. Miss Gladys M. Howard of 307 Eighteenth street, Portland, assisted in picking up the injured child. She was passing in a car in company with a girl friend, and also stated that the car was traveling fast. In making her report of the accident to the sheriff's office, Verma Peterson, who was accompanied by Mrs. S. I. Ross and Gertrude Peterson, both of Corvallis, stated that the child darted out in front of the car so suddenly that she was unable to avoid striking her. She stated that the girl got up after the accident and walked to the sidewalk.	STORES OF CITY TO REMAIN OPEN ON SATURDAY, AGREED The three banking institutions—Bank of Commerce, Bank of Oregon City and First National Bank—will close for Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th, then cashing their customers to have two days' vacation and the regular Sunday closing day. A large number of the employees are to take advantage of the extra day and sail to sea resorts, while there will be a number to take their outing in the mountains. All have plans made for an enjoyable week-end trip. The manufacturing plants of the city and West Linn have made similar rulings. The business houses will open on Saturday as usual. As the grocery stores at this time of the year, as well as meat markets, have perishable goods, it was held impossible to close for two days. A movement on foot to close business houses of the city, but after consideration the plan was decided to open on Saturday following the Fourth.	CHARLES GRAHAM DIES Charles J. Graham, of Canby died at the family home Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Graham was 76 years old. He had made his home near Canby for some time. He is survived by his wife and sisters and brothers.	OREGON FAVORS KLAN Delegation From State 'Said to Stand on K. K. K. Side of Issue' NEW YORK, June 30.—The Oregon delegation to the Democratic convention had it in its power to carry off defeat the resolution denouncing the Ku Klux Klan by name in the Democratic platform. The two Oregon votes were cast solidly on the Klan side of the issue, the resolution denouncing the masked order was therefore defeated in the convention as a whole by 4.3 votes, and the innocuous plank was carried, which declares for religious liberty, freedom of speech and other rights of citizens guaranteed in the bill of rights of the Constitution. Several of the Oregon delegation are reported to be Klansmen, but so far as can be learned there was little difference of opinion among the Oregon delegates on the Klan issue, the McAdoo followers and the followers of the Chamberlain-Journal-Pioneer line also favoring the Klan position. William Riddle, who had declared against the proposal to denounce the Klan by name and the Oregon delegation as well as those of Washington and Idaho, followed his lead.	Public Market Will Open Tuesday The public market in this city will be open on Tuesday, July 2, at 8 o'clock. 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FIFTEEN BALLOTS SHOW NO CHOICE AT CONVENTION

Bourbons Quit After Total Reached at Late Hour With no Advantage to Candidates Up for Party Nomination

HALT AFTER MIDNIGHT

Figures of McAdoo, Smith and Davis Show Slight Gain in Last Vote of Long Session

NEW YORK, June 30.—At 12:05 eastern daylight savings time, the Democratic national convention, after 15 unsuccessful ballots adjourned until 10:30 tomorrow morning.

As midnight approached the convention was finishing its 14th one to find a candidate, and was equipping away to hit again.

The total effect of the balloting had been to increase the totals of McAdoo, Smith and John W. Davis. It failed to bring either of the leaders, Smith and McAdoo, within striking distance.

The totals for the leaders on the 14th ballot stood: McAdoo, 473.5; Smith, 308.5; John W. Davis, 44.5.

NEW YORK, June 30.—Nine ballots taken in methodical order during Monday's session of the Democratic national convention failed utterly as indicators of how the wind was going to blow when the race narrowed down and the break was apparent in the deadlock toward which the meeting seems to be drifting.

McAdoo, starting with 431 votes on the first ballot, climbed during the balloting to 441.5; while Smith, beginning at 240.5 on the first ballot, climbed steadily to 278 at the last of the session.

John W. Davis, beginning at 31 votes, rose to 63. At the conclusion of the ninth ballot, the convention recessed until 8 o'clock.

All the campaign managers for the various candidates declared they are satisfied with the situation; that the results did not indicate anything unfavorable to them and that the balloting had verified their estimates of what the figures would be.

The nine ballots made some impression on the field of favorite son candidates, however, by accomplishing the total elimination of Governor Street of Colorado and Senator Norris of Michigan. Senator Kendrick of Wyoming, who was also generally mentioned, but was voted for from the floor, also was eliminated.

The first seven ballots in the Democratic national convention today failed to bring about a nomination for president. Both the McAdoo and Smith forces stood firmly throughout the balloting but neither was able to muster McAdoo's first showing was on the fifth ballot, with 463 1-10, and Smith reached his peak for the seven ballots on the sixth and seventh ballots with the 1

THREE INDICT

Fall, Shelton and Doherty as Result of "Pin"

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Indictments were returned today by the federal grand jury here against three men who were indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government. The first named Fall, Doherty Jr., as an officer of the naval school of the naval school. Four indictments. The first named Fall, Doherty Jr., charging conspiracy to defraud the government with the 1

Senator Pat Harrison took the chair and read to the convention a United Press dispatch from Washington announcing the indictments of former Secretary of the Interior Fall, Harry F. Sinclair and E. L. Doheny and his son.

CLUB PLANS PROGRAM

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of the Buena Vista Improvement club, cups are to be brought to the grounds by the picnickers.

Never before has there been a greater enthusiasm manifested in the Buena Vista section than over the coming event. Women as well as men of that district are working untiringly in preparing for dedicatory ceremony which promises to go down as one of the historical events of the city and will make the establishment of a picturesque park in Oregon City. It will also be the only patriotic program in the vicinity on July Fourth.

The buglers and drummers of Wilamette Falls post, American Legion, will on this occasion, make their first appearance in their new uniforms. The trousers are white with red stripes and the coats are dark blue. The number of buglers has been increased from six to twelve during the past two weeks, and the drum corps has also been doubled.

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money out of his own scant resources.
"Dr. Atkinson explored Eastern
Oregon and Washington, giving it the
name 'Inland Empire,' predicting that
out of its inexhaustible soil of volcanic
ash, like that of Sicily, would arise
the 'prize orchards and wheatfields of
the world. He visited the site of
Whitman's old mission and encourag-
ed and assisted Father Dells in found-
ing Whitman college," said Mrs. Dye.

"Three times Dr. Atkinson went
east to raise money for Pacific schools
and churches. The Frank Branch
Riley of his day, as scientist, geo-
grapher and explorer, learned bodies
invited him everywhere to lecture on
the resources of this unpeopled west.
Lecturing up to the last moment on
one occasion he barely caught his
homebound ship and amid his luggage
and library contributions fell fainting
on the deck. Teachers he had en-
gaged to bring back with him took
care of him until he recovered, and,
as usual, within a year all these teach-
ers were married to Oregon pioneers
and it became necessary to import a
new lot. San Francisco offered great
inducements to hold there this un-
daunted educator but his heart was
with Oregon and here he returned to
live and to die.

"And so it is no wonder that we
are dedicating this park to his mem-
ory, a piece of land that he secured
out of the primeval forest and his
heirs have held it intact to this day.
the sacred ground Dr. George H. At-
kinson designed for a school, for a
church or for the people," Mrs. Dye
concluded.

The parade, forming at Fourth and
Main streets, was lead by the Red
Men lodge, marking the importance of
the historical event by appearing in
the garbs of Indian tribes. One of the
braves, seated on horseback, made a
most picturesque grand marshal of the
day. Following him were Uncle Sam
and many members of the Red Men
lodge, band and float, bearing the
Goddess of Liberty. Mrs. Arthur
Buckelin, and her maid of honor, Miss
Minnie Kilmer, besides thirteen little
children representing the original
states.

In the parade also were the drum
and bugle corps of the Willamette
posts, American Legion, C. A. R., Wo-
men's Relief corps. A large flag car-
ried by children attired in Indian cos-
tumes and specialty characters.

The stirring music of the drummers
and buglers of the post added to the
interest of the parade as the line of
march went along Main street and on
its way to the park, where a band
concert completed the day's event.

At 3 o'clock little Edna Jones, of
Clatskanie, gave several Scotch songs
and was attired in Highland costume.

CANBY LOCALS

Mrs. A. H. Knight and son, Beau-
ford were Portland shoppers Monday.
Mrs. H. A. Graham was a Portland
visitor Monday.
F. F. Hoy left Tuesday for a months
vacation at Seattle.

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throughout the evening. Serve
a big punch bowl, into which
it is no more trouble to serve
punch, except that spoons must
be provided. But it is much more
lag than any drink ever in, but
eaten slowly.

Band, Oregon, called on friends
Canby Sunday.

Mrs. George Knight spent six
days last week with her daug-
Mrs. Clyde Evans, of Portland.
Mrs. C. P. Shewey was a Port
visitor Tuesday.

Miss Lenore Pendleton of Port
was a guest of Mr and Mrs. E.
Graham Thursday.

Mrs. W. R. Abel and children
Portland visitors Tuesday.
Dr. and Mrs. John Fuller and E.
ford Knight motored up the Colu-
river highway Sunday.

William Heinz of Molalla was
business visitor Friday.
C. Lorenz of Mackeburg trans-
business in Canby Saturday.

Preston Smith, of Barlow, a
Canby shopper Monday.
B. H. White, who is working in
toria, spent a few days in Canby
week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Eccles vis-
relatives in Oswego this week.

Mrs. William Bladorn, who has
spending the past week, with
daughter, Mrs. Clarence Eld, return-
to her home in Portland Saturday.

George Wall of Portland spent
week-end with his parents, Mr.
Mrs. C. N. Walte

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Shel-
were Portland visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wall and son
Portland were week-end guests of
and Mrs. C. N. Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hampton
Portland were week-end guests at
Hampton home Sunday.

Mr. Satter of Monitor was a Ca-
business visitor Saturday.
W. C. Culbertson, president of
Clatskanie County Holstein asso-
tion, made a trip to Graham Sa-

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"I was the last president of the club from 1981 to 1985. When no one else wanted to take the office, it was the beginning of the end for the Buena Vista club. That's been heavy on my heart and my head," Wiley said.

The club was organized in an area that at the time was called "Kansas City." The neighborhood stretches from Jackson to Division streets and from 14th to 18th streets.

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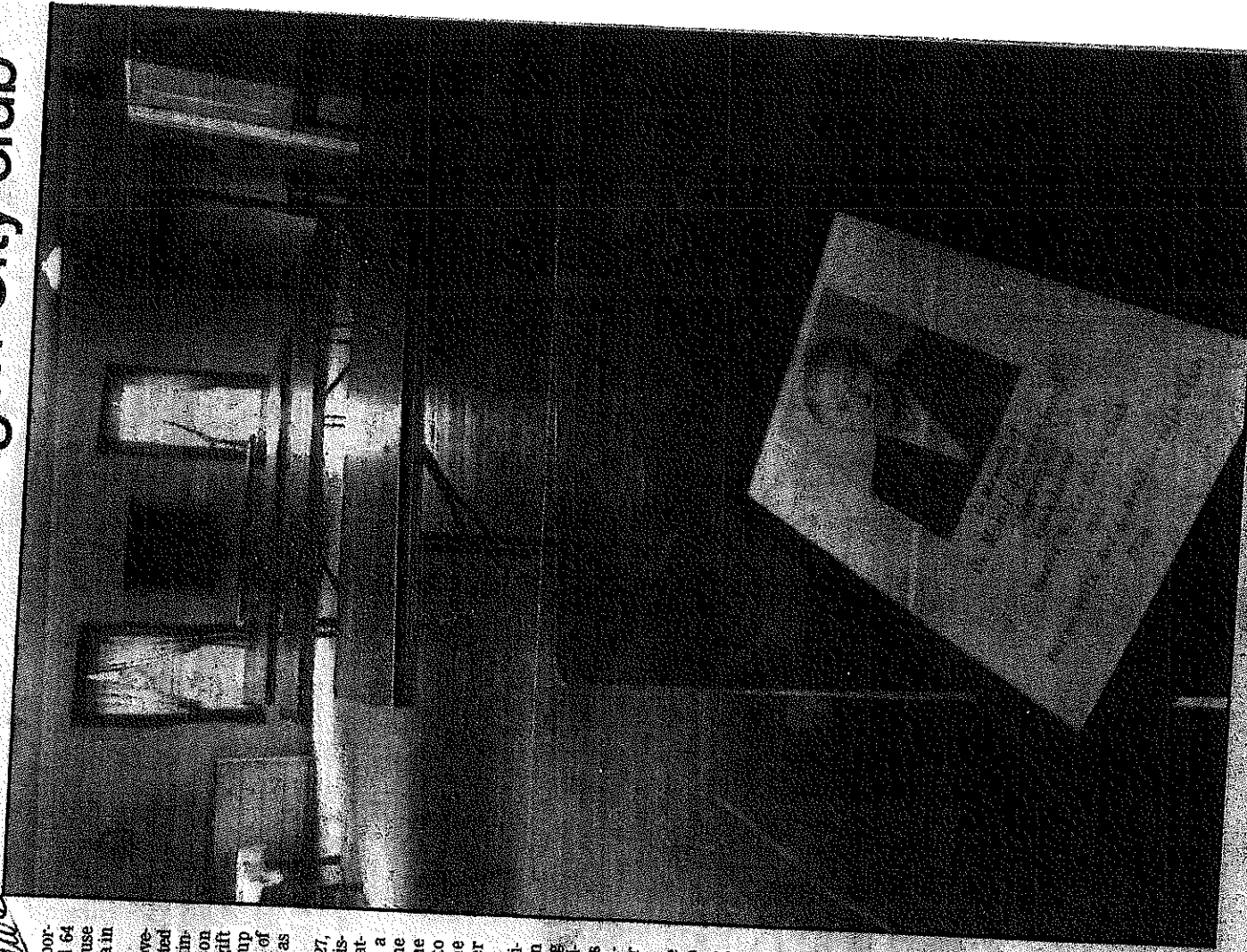
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"It was a real active club and it did a lot of things for the children in the neighborhood. I'm afraid, and of course I can't do any more," she said.

Harriet Nelson, 84, is another member of the club who said her parents, Eric and Mary Hedlund, were charter members of the group.

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had a wonderful time," Nichols said. "But nobody wants to take an office and we surely must leave to do something about it."

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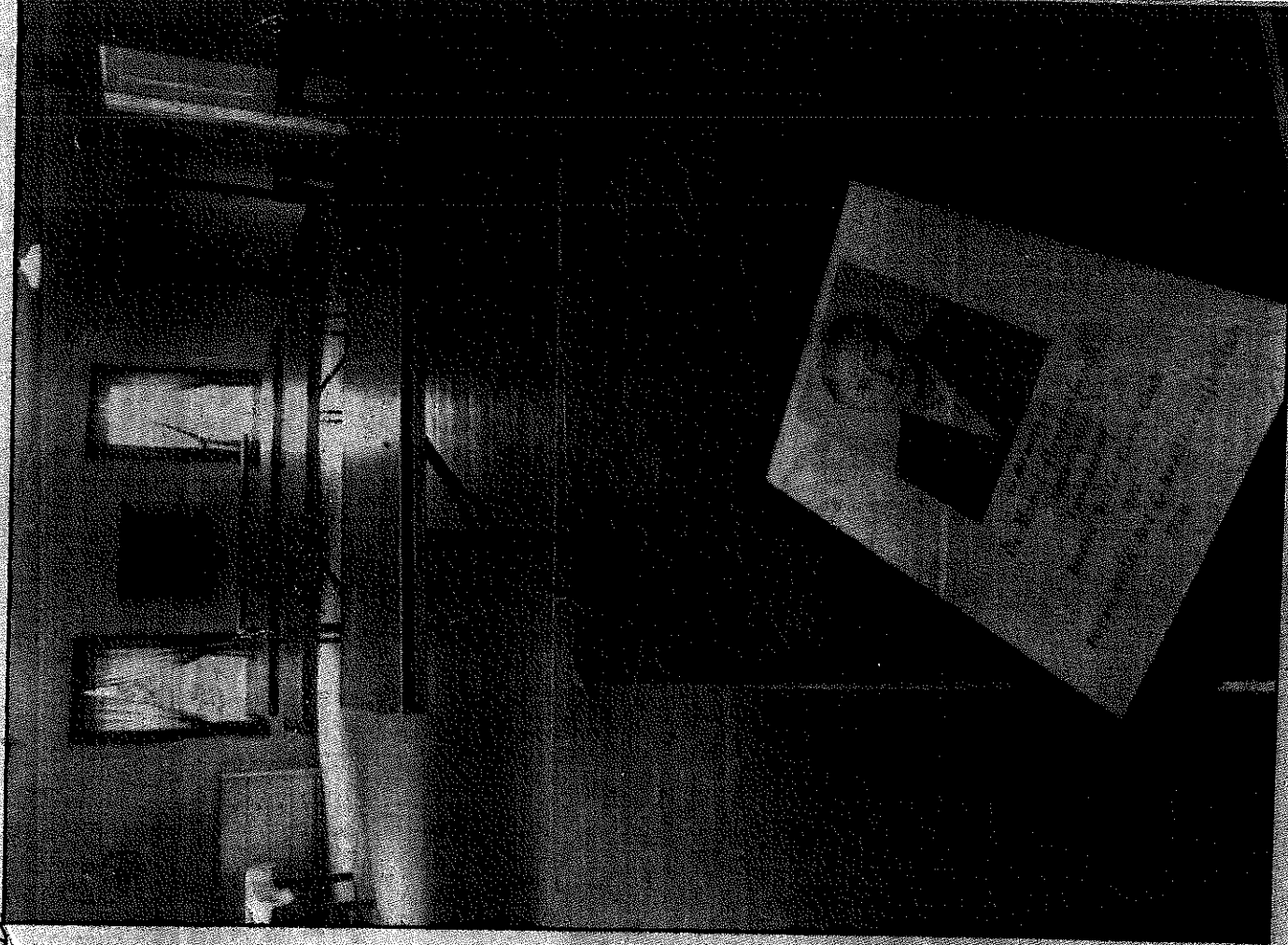
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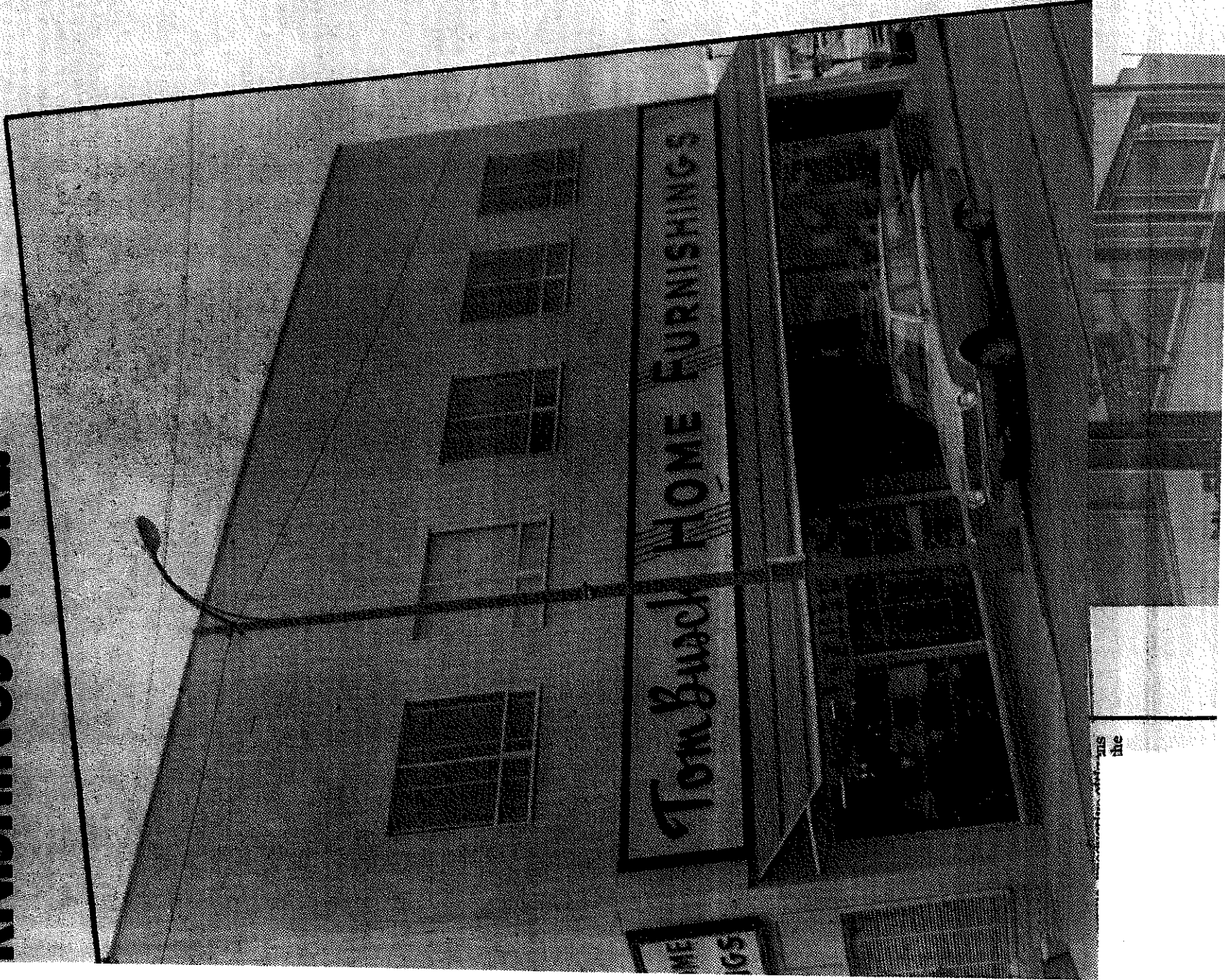
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Buena Vista 'Dream' Becomes a Reality



At the top of Madison Street hill in the Buena Vista district of Oregon City stands Atkinson Memorial Park, a five-acre wooded tract with facilities for picnicking, a playground and ball field, and attractive landscaping. Near the entrance to the park is Buena Vista clubhouse. The area around the park is an attractive, well-kept residential district.

Back in 1922 this vision of Buena Vista was just the dream of a few civic minded citizens. In real life, Buena Vista was a run-down sheep-chill of the city, referred to as Kansas City and sadly in need of better streets, lights and a new bridge across Madison street canyon.

In January, 1923, 45 residents of the Buena Vista area met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sullivan, bent on doing something drastic about their community. A month later they formed the Buena Vista Civic Improvement Club at a meeting held at the home of Anton Nancith. A. J. Lewis, elected first president, resigned at the next meeting, to be replaced by John Drumm who headed the organization for five years. Mrs. Chester Carothers was first secretary and treasurer.

The club's first move was to re-name the area, and its second to do something about the bridge. The decisive action that resulted was the subject of a front page editorial in The Morning Enterprise on Nov. 24, 1925, which reported:

"Last Saturday night, while property owners of the main stream were indifferent or too busy to attend the city road meeting, these energetic people (Civic Improvement Club members) marched down the hill and marched back home again, but not until they had put

across a program providing for the construction of a new and greatly needed bridge over the Madison street canyon. That was not all. They recognized the necessity of cleaner streets to the business section as elsewhere, so they voted \$5,000 for the purchase and maintenance of a street flusher."

The bridge issue settled, the club turned its energies to street improvements, better lights, better sewer connections, shade trees and street signs. From its very inception, one of the organization's goals was the purchase of a 23-ft tract at the intersection of Jackson and St. Lawrence to establish a park and playground. A bid for the park, begun with small donations, was swelled by fund-raising dinners, card parties, dances, donations from business firms, and some help from the Kiwanis Club.

The park was donated to the city, and the Fourth of July, 1924, chosen for the formal dedication. A parade that included 150 children, half of them from Buena Vista, the Oregon City band, the American Legion drum corps in their new uniforms, the OPA and Woman's Relief Corps, led by a be-whiskered Uncle Sam, marched up the hill to kick off the festivities.

It was a big day for Oregon City, and a triumph for the Improvement Club, as prominent citizens, including Oregon City authorities Eva Emory Dye, gathered on the bunched, decked platform for speeches of dedication.

Spectators brought their own blankets and cushions and picnic lunches, and the clubwomen served five coffee. The stars and stripes flew from a temporary 60-foot pole and grown-ups and kids had a wonderful time, dis-

spite the extra-early fireworks in the park.

The clubhouse, still in operation, was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Surtus. Located behind Barclay-Draper Drug store at Seventh and Center, it was moved to the park site by charter members of the club, Mike Long and George Pankhuff, and renovated for use by members of the club.

Dr. Mabel Hardenbrook, who spearheaded the organization of the Civic Club and is credited with being its founder, was also the organizer of two groups that the club inspired, the Oregon City Boys Band and The Junior Stamp Club.

The boys band, begun in the latter part of 1923 and continued for four or five years, was the nucleus for the Oregon City and West Linn high school bands. Begun as a small group, it grew to 60 members and was then split into two divisions. Large, expensive band instruments purchased by the club were divided between the two high schools when the two bands were incorporated into the schools.

Mrs. Eric Hedlund has served as secretary - treasurer for the band committees. Other members who spend many hours in making the band a going project were Mrs. C. A. Thorpe, Mrs. Jack Charrara, and Mrs. Arch Phillips.

The stamp club became a county-wide endeavor, and grew to a number of about 45 members, children over 10 and teenagers. Mrs. David Bradley and Mrs. Eric Hedlund served with Dr. Hardenbrook on the Civic Group committee that directed the stamp club.

There are now living charter members of the Buena Vista Club, which still maintains an active interest in civic affairs, especially matters that pertain to the Buena Vista area.

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