

Article from King City Newspaper (1977)
by Bill Blank

Paul Vaden thinks so. In fact so much, he has made a large financial gamble that he is right.

Vaden, an Arlington businessman, heard about an abandoned air base up for sale near the tiny community of Condon, Oregon, the county seat of Gilliam County. He decided the base, although slightly run down, had potential. So he made a bid for the property and to his surprise his bid was good enough to make him the owner of an air force base without an air force. Since that time over the past two or three years he has become the county's largest land owner, but his real dream was to convert his air base into a livable community.

It has seemed like at times his goal would elude him. At a massive personal expense, he was required to update the property's sewage system, which entailed the creation of a man-made lagoon, before he could get a permit from the Department of Environmental Quality. That alone would be enough to stop most men, but not Paul Vaden. Nothing was going to deter him from his dream. He also completely remodeled and renovated some of the existing houses and properties on the base to make them more livable and efficient.

In August, Paul Vaden finally got the approval he had been

waiting for - approval to sell property from the State Real Estate Commissioner.

Now all he needs is people to show what he can offer them. He thinks he has quite a lot, plus good climate, peace and solitude. In fact, Paul wanted SCN to make it quite clear, while he is looking for potential homeowners, they shouldn't consider his properties unless they enjoy the remote solitude that living in a rural farming community offers. There are no big city frills, nevertheless he is offering a great number of amenities (see ad this issue) - He also promises to add an additional tennis court and outdoor-indoor swimming facilities after he has sold his first ten homes. Mr. Vaden showed us with pride, articles commending his efforts.

Can Condon, Oregon become another King City? Paul Vaden thinks it can and is making a super effort to prove it. Appropriately enough - his development is called VADEN HEIGHTS. You can visit the site anytime, however, it would be best to write or phone Mr. Vaden so he can arrange to personally meet with you.

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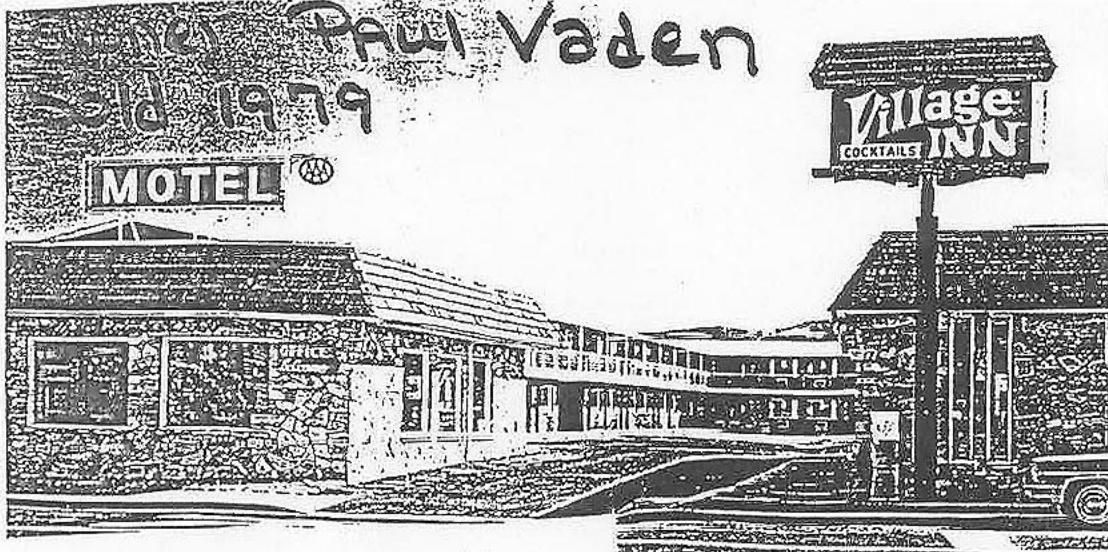
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