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**Editorial**  
Now & Then



The edge isn't really a business, sometimes it's barely art. We were touched in the darkest part of our tiny hearts by the response to our plight. You have allowed us to get back to the normal desperate scramble for the printer's check each month. We know who you are, and your names are spoken at vespers, nightly, except Wednesdays, at the old chapel.

Deacon McCloud dropped in for services and brought us a copy of the Oregon Historical Quarterly (fall 1994) to let us read the true story of the real guy who gave us the bottle bill. His name was Richard Chambers, he lived in Pacific City, and he hated trash. You can look it up. After reading that we couldn't help, going onto the Morse/Nueberger Feud, and the story of how the Oregon Democrats rebuilt the party in the Fifties. We realized, of course that this stuff is still going on, and Oregon continues to have some of the most unique characters. These are a few quotes:

"The plain fact is, as we should know by now, that most Americans have no great desire to be rescued from greed and stupidity."

"There's only one cure for bad (political) parties, and that is to join them and reform them and make them good."

Howard Morgan,  
(Oregon Democratic Party  
Chairman, '52-'56)

History: read it or repeat it.

**Locally:** Well, last month we told you about our dreams for the Cannon Beach watershed, silly us. We now find that apparently it's a done deal. Four major timber companies: Plum Creek, Weyerhaeuser, Willamette Industries and probably Simpson will divide up the holdings of Cavenham, between themselves, with Willamette getting our watershed. When asked if they might be interested in selling it to the City of Cannon Beach, the answer was, "We are in the business of buying timber, not selling it." We also have learned that our little watershed is worth closer to 100 million than 2 million because it has the only timber over 30 years old left after Cavenham's clearcutting. Our trees average 50 years old and that is rare for a tree farm these days. (By the way, did you know that the natural life span of a Douglas Fir is 750 years? Whereas the current average life span is below 50 years.) So, there you have it.



January 16  
To The Community of Cannon Beach:

The impending sale of Cavenham forest land is cause for great alarm. While we have never appreciated Cavenham's policies of gated forests, herbicide spraying and immature harvests, at least we knew where we stood. Soon come new and unknown players.

It is likely the new "owner" of our watershed, viewshed and forest will have borrowed heavily to fund the purchase. They will need to cut trees quickly to pay off their debt. Our beautiful Cannon Beach woodlands, so full of harvestable trees, are certain to be clear cut. At least Cavenham claimed they would preserve the view. The new purchaser is under no such obligation. The work of the community to forge an understanding with the timber barons will come to naught. What can we do?

The Ecola Creek Awareness Project was created to preserve the quality of our drinking water. We believe the impending sale poses an extremely serious threat to Ecola Creek, the City's water supply, migratory salmon, and our tourist industry.

We offer this solution: Community ownership of our watershed. Join with us.

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To the editor

We just recently discovered "The Upper Left Edge" and think it is great reading -- so please keep publishing!

My husband and I belong to a group called "The Friends of Chapman Point" and have followed closely the John Yeon property acquisition. We are aware that the sale started before John died and that it was done to supposedly endow property he had in the Columbia Gorge. That property has been "gifted" to (I believe) the U of O, and will never be public. The thing that burns me up is that it is also in the State of Washington, so our lovely dunes were sacrificed totally for gain. The only good to come out of it was that the Wessingers were able to acquire Chapman Point. The Point was actually a part of Lot #1 on the original dune plan that Scanlon presented to the Council.

We bought our property on Oak in the early '70s. My husband Les was resident engineer on the original sewer system in Cannon Beach. We lived in C.B. for 2 years -- I loved it then and love it now. We feel so fortunate to have a home in C. B. and hope to retire there soon.

Keep up the good work. Cannon Beach needs a voice such as yours. I understand the lots on the dunes are selling for \$250,000 to 1 million. Can you imagine what kind of homes we will have on our dunes????

Sincerely,  
Myrna G. Wierson

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