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Garbage in the Gorge

Multnomah County commissioners are finding scant sympathy with their plans to create a garbage dump at the confluence of the Columbia and Sandy rivers.

Not only have their plans met with unanimous resistance in the Troutdale-East County areas but even Portland newspapers are looking with disfavor on the proposed dump.

There are a jillion reasons why this is a bad idea but most of all, it's the idea of creating a dump right at the entrance to one of the nation's

most beautiful areas.

Could you imagine, for instance, a steel mill belching smoke out over the Grand Tetons, a garbage dump next to Old Faithful, a used-car scrap yard in the Grand Canyon?

There is little enough beauty left without being despoiled in this most inappropriate fashion.

Actually, there have been developments of late which soon may make old-time garbage dumps anachronistic. County commissioners, take note.



SALEM SCENE

by ERRETT CUTTER

Litterbugs in Oregon may find themselves sentenced to serve up to five days wearing "Litter Patrol" armbands and picking up refuse along highways and in parks.

Quite a few violators will have to be caught to keep up with the problem. But the police detail is one provision, along with stiffer fines for littering, of a new law passed by the 1969 legislature.

Actually the legislature itself constitutes one of the best cleanup organizations in the

state. After moving toward solutions to air and water quality problems for several years, the legislature this year turned more attention to issues involving general environmental quality and livability.

The result: such laws as the Litter Patrol concept and prohibition of dumping motor vehicles or their parts into state waters. Another new law allows counties to regulate, franchise and establish rates for garbage collection and disposal and to go together with other counties and cities on regional programs.

Oregonians will vote next May on a Constitutional amendment, referred by the legislature, to help municipalities fight pollution. It will authorize the state to issue bonds for local pollution control facility funds, which will carry the low interest rates made possible by the state's superior credit rating.

The legislature strengthened the hand of the State Sanitary Authority, renaming it the Environmental Quality Commission and placing it directly under the governor. Previously it was under the State Board of Health.

Engineers of the Solid Waste Control Section of the Board of Health are transferred to the new commission. This move, again, reflects the agency's concern with land pollution and not just air and water quality.

In solid waste questions, state and local health agencies may consider commission rules as their own and may enforce them.

This year's legislature took several steps to tighten air quality laws. They include adoption of a new public policy statement, which for the first time uses the specific term "air pollution," and revision of the term's definition.

Another first is specific mention of air and water quality in a zoning law. The measure requiring counties to zone all land by 1971 notes as its first goal for comprehensive planning "to preserve the quality of air and water resources of the state."

Air quality standards of the new Environmental Quality Commission were legally clarified to include emission standards. The legislature directed the commission to establish a program and apparatus for measuring air pollution at its emission sources instead of in the general atmosphere.

Another new law provides for the commission to establish schedules of "marginal" days for field burning. Agricultural burning no longer is exempted under the state's Air Quality Act. Home incinerators also now are subject to the law, and land clearing and grading exemptions are limited to agricultural operations.

Fire permits for slash burning now may be required any time of year. Restricted areas will be designated by the commission, in cooperation with the State Department of Forestry, which will administer the permit program.

The legislature made it a misdemeanor to remove an automobile exhaust control device or knowingly allow it to remain inoperative.

And the new commission was given added power to enforce compliance with water quality laws or restrain violation of them. Specific violations noted include operation without a water quality permit, waste discharge from a building without approved treatment, sewage system construction without prior plan approval, and failure to secure a bond before installing a domestic sewer system.

Progressive gains already have been noted by anti-pollution officials as a result of the extensive laws passed two years ago. More improvements will be realized as a result of the 1969 legislature's actions, they say, particularly in cleanup efforts extending beyond the scope of air and water.

The legislature has worked responsibly, says one, to keep Oregon in a position of leadership among states in preserving livability factors. Now the public must cooperate, he says, expressing hope that the spectre of serving on Litter Patrol may help provide one incentive.

Robert Tupper Receives Degree

Robert Tupper, son of Myron D. Tupper, Route 2, Sandy, was among 216 receiving degrees from President Robert L. Reynolds in Walla Walla College Commencement ceremonies, June 1.

Tupper, an organ performance major, received the B. Mus. degree. On the campus he was a church organist as well as a contributor to the 1969 Inland Composer's Symposium. Following graduation and a summer vacation, Tupper will go to the University of Oklahoma for work on a graduate degree.

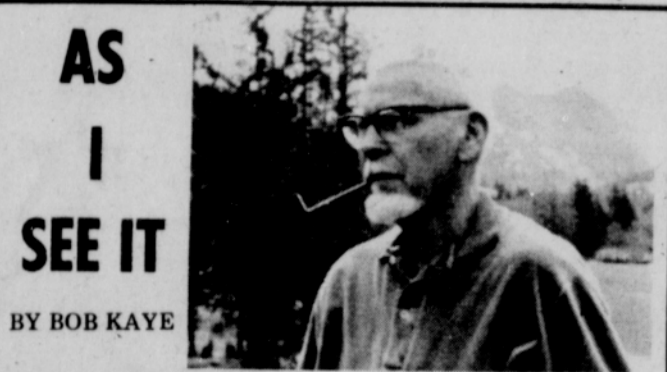
BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Coffman, Rt. 1, Sandy, are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child, a daughter, born June 12 at Gresham hospital.

The infant, who has been named Carmen Gayle, weighed eight pounds, five ounces at birth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Persons, Sandy, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Coffman of Portland.



SANDY'S MEINIG PARK has been promised a much needed mowing and clean up in time to accommodate Fourth of July picnickers. Although water and rest room facilities are not yet available in park there are plenty of tables and benches awaiting use in the wooded setting behind new city hall. Work on park came to a standstill with the death earlier this year of Spike Emerson who was overseeing its development. (Post photo)



BY BOB KAYE

"It is natural for the mind to believe, and for the heart to love; so that for want of true objects, they must attach themselves to false" - Pascal.

The point of view of some of our young people, as I understand it from the Generation Gap TV program and in conversations, could be summed up as a refusal to condemn the other members of their group no matter that it would be unacceptable by past standards. If my high school girl friend becomes pregnant or my pal takes drugs, that is his "thing" which he is just as entitled to as I am entitled to refuse. He remains my friend without condemnation even though I may not agree with his behavior. After all he is the same person he was before, isn't he? "This viewpoint postulates that 'What does it matter except to the person involved so long as you don't hurt someone else?'"

We must grant that such an attitude is an attempt to exemplify tolerance, forbearance, and the admonition to 'Judge not, so that ye be not judged.' Yet one must ask, where is the fine line between tolerance and moral indifference, idealism and confusion of values? Incidentally, it seems difficult at times for these young disciples to extend their charity to people outside their age group, particularly to members of what is called the "establishment".

Unfortunately this approach ignores the fact that we do not live in a vacuum. Whatever we do does sooner or later affect somebody else, perhaps many people. What about the child of the illicit pregnancy? the heartbreak of the parents of the offender? the future wives, husbands or children? Indeed, is any thought given to the future? Sad but true, the future always does come knocking at our door with a fistfull of bills to pay, and everything in life does have its price, sometimes dammed high for what you get. When an individual becomes corrupted, our society, in fact all of mankind, suffers corruption. Who can say where the ripples stop?

I cannot go along with these

In an effort to produce meatier mangoes, a Florida grower is playing continuous recorded music in his groves.

Nebraskans to Meet

The Nebraska Social Club of Oregon and Washington will meet Saturday, June 28, at Waverly Hall, 3536 SE 26th St., Portland. Bring your own table service for the potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to

old time music starts at 8:30 p.m. All Nebraskans and their friends are welcome and you do not have to be from Nebraska to attend. This will be the last meeting until September.



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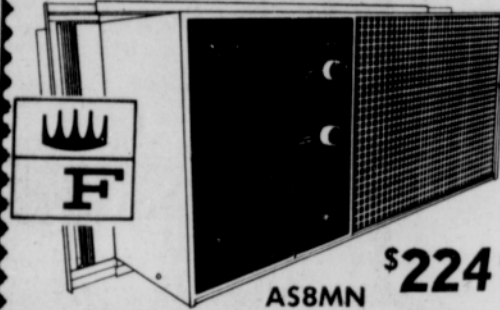
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MAJOR GERALD GOFF

DFC Awarded Sandy Flyer

Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Major Gerald G. Goff, USAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Goff of Sandy, has been announced by the Air Force.

The citation accompanying the award reads in part that Goff, then a Captain, "...distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a U-10 pilot at Tinh Binh Duong Province, Republic of Vietnam on 19 June 1968. 'On that date Captain Goff was flying a critical psychological warfare mission in support of operations against a large concentration of hostile forces. Forced to fly his loudspeaker orbits over intense hostile ground fire Captain Goff received a hit in his aircraft disabling the engine.

'Only through outstanding airmanship was Captain Goff able to successfully crash land the aircraft, allowing both aircraft and crew to return to duty.'

Major Goff is presently stationed in Santo Domingo as an advisor to the Air Force of the Dominican Republic. He is a 1955 graduate of Sandy high school.

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