

State fair exhibit salutes forestry

Oregon State Fair's most spectacular exhibit ever will salute forestry as this state's No. 1 breadwinner industry. It takes one of the biggest tents ever seen in Oregon to house the exhibit that carries out the 1972 State Fair theme: "A Better Environment Through Forestry."

The 400 by 150 foot tent covering one and a half acres was officially topped-out with an 8-foot Douglas fir placed on a centerpole at the main entrance.

The forestry theme exhibit area inside the huge tent occupies 30,000 square feet devoted to 35 exhibits of key aspects of forest recreation, management and products, plus a 32-foot high replica of Mt. Hood.

(Continued on Page 12)

FROM THE RIVER'S EDGE

By George MacAlevy



Tansy!

I read with considerable interest the front page story about Tansy ragwort in the August 10 issue of the Post. From my own experiences with the plant, I find myself in disagreement with several of the statements in the article. So, in rebuttal, I offer my own experiences with the golden scourge.

When we first met up with Tansy first hand was the summer after we purchased our acreage on the Sandy. It was a tossup as to which was the dominant plant on the nine acres, tansy or cottonwood saplings. We had bought in late winter, so the tansy wasn't showing at that time. In July and August of that year it was quite a surprise to see all those yellow flowers all over the place. We also were surprised by a visitor.

He announced himself, "I am your county weed control officer. You are hereby notified that you are on notice as harboring a dangerous weed." Having delivered himself of this pompous beginning, he went on, "Now I'll tell you what you can do; you can spray it, dig it up, or burn it. If you don't get rid of it we will hire a bunch of winos and dig it for you. You will pay their wages." With no more information than that for me, he turned and left.

Now all around me were other small acreages with tansy infestations, some much more dense than mine. When I inquired of the various owners, I found out I was the only one that had been approached about the weed. It seems I was to get rid of my Tansy, but they could keep theirs to multiply and thrive.

I asked the county agent in another county what to do to get rid of tansy. He told me to use 2-4-D ester and spray it twice about three weeks apart. So I bought a tank sprayer, and a hand sprayer, and a "Killer Kane" along with a copious supply of 2-4-D ester. I sprayed! It killed all the other

plants around the Tansy on the first application, but the Tansy just got healthier. I figured that spraying had just set it up for the kill. When I hit it the second time —WHAMMO—over it would go and I would be the possessor of a first class desert.

Things just didn't work out that way. Freed of all the competition from the other plants I had killed off, that Tansy was shockproof. It received the second spraying—lo, I had created a monster, a veritable Dr. Frankenstein I had become! I now had a race of super tansy. It even outgrew the bracken and it was as tall as I am. Where I had killed off all the other vegetation, a worthy companion for tansy had moved in—Nettles. Those nettles made it considerably more interesting when it was necessary to move about in the stuff. I inquired about nettles and was told it was perfectly legal for me to harbor nettles. Bless their official little hearts.

Along the county roads the tansy was thriving also. They must have sprayed with the same stuff I did, I thought. I inquired. No, they hadn't touched the stuff. The county didn't have funds to kill weeds. Another agricultural expert in the public employ advised me to use a mix of 2-4-D and 2-4-5-T. He said that would kill nettles, tansy, and blackberry vines. (I also had a surfeit of the latter.)

Well that stuff really worked, right to the soil level and not one eighth inch further down. Now where I had one tansy before, up came a clump; where I had one nettle before, up came a colony; where I had one blackberry bush before, up came a thicket. Some of the tansy was more giant than ever. I wondered, maybe if I sprayed them again they would mutate into trees. It would be a fast timber crop at the rate they grew and the foliage would be too high up for cattle to eat it and get sick. Man oh man, are those weed killers ever loaded with tansy vitamins.

I tried digging tansy in the

spring. More came up from the root fragments left in the ground. And my neighbors, who were allowed to harbor tansy, didn't do anything about theirs so more seed blew in and I had the original dwarf Tansy that only grows about four feet high along with my super strain. Meanwhile, I had found a means of controlling the bracken and nettles. If you start cutting it every two weeks early in the season, you can eventually exhaust the roots after about seven or eight cuts. But that super tansy just thrived on these biweekly prunings. I also found out how to get rid of the blackberries. You dig a well under the bush. A big deep wide well.

A friend of mine over Molalla way also got a notice he was harboring this poisonous weed. He was running a small flock of sheep, and they were doing their part by eating all the tansy they could and they were suffering no ill effects. There was some profit to sheep also, so he doubled the size of his flock and licked the tansy problem in no time. He never lost a sheep to the stuff, either.

I am no sheep man, in fact I don't cotton much to livestock of any sort. His success was his own. I couldn't duplicate it. Thus it was quite by accident I finally stumbled on to the way I finally got rid of most of my tansy. When it is in full bloom, it seems the plant has put its all into the stem and flower head. The basal rosette of leaves has withered away. The usually fleshy roots are now fibrous and weak. If you pull straight up, you can pull the entire plant out, and what is significant is it does not come back. If you pull on a slant it may break off. If the crown is left in the ground, it will come back. After pulling it, burning was the only answer to destroying the flower heads. After the plant is uprooted, the seed still forms. Now they have local burning laws that forbid burning in July and August as well as a lot of other months. What to do with the pulled plants so the seed won't form? I

tried several things and finally hit a good one. Pull the plants in the morning of a day that is going to be hot and sunny. Lay the plants on a hard packed earth road way. The sun dehydrates them so quickly under these conditions, no seed develops.

We have come a long way towards eradicating this once bountiful pest on our place but it seems you never get completely rid of it. Evidently, as in many persistent weeds, a lot of the seeds have different delayed dormancies. Some may lay in the ground for years before germinating. Then too, the seed is airborne, and can be carried from place to place on light breezes. A new infestation is always moving in. But Tansy is only an incidental plant here now. Most of the yellow you see on our place is hypericum, which so far is not on any bodies black list. It is also benign—like nettles!

Redda way seeks assessor post

Fred A. Reddaway, an assessor in Clackamas County and a resident of Clackamas, will be seeking the office of Clackamas County assessor on the November ballot.

"I am better qualified than either of the other two candidates," said Reddaway. "There should be someone in there with past knowledge."

He is opposing Juanita Orr, the Democratic nominee who defeated Don Hattan, the incumbent, and Jim Wiley, a Republican candidate.

Reddaway has filed a letter of intent and said he will seek nomination by a convention of 250 delegates on Aug. 23 in the Clackamas Community College Gym. There will also be a drive to obtain 3,198 signatures on a petition to place his name on the ballot.

Reddaway previously worked as a real estate salesman for ten years before becoming an independent appraiser.



CUT FIREWOOD with a HOMELITE E-Z Chain Saw

Whether you're cutting for your own use or for profit, that log pile grows quicker when you use a HOMELITE E-Z chain saw. Come in and try this great saw

Wally's Small Engine Repair

Rt. 2, Box 1453
Sandy, Oregon
Owner
Walter R. Von Berger

allowed to work for 12 hours to clean up his property with the remaining time spent in jail, the judge said.

Junk accumulation draws sentence

Vincent Anderson, Boring, was found in contempt of court and sentenced to 60 days in the Clackamas County Jail on Aug. 14 for continuing to accumulate car and auto parts around his property.

Circuit Court Judge P. K. Hammond, Oregon City, ruled that Anderson had violated an earlier injunction that prohibited him from "maintaining, collecting and storing solid waste" on his property.

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners ordered Anderson to clean up the cars and parts from his property in November, 1971. Two days a week he will be

GOLDEN COMB BEAUTY SALON

309 W. Proctor

SHAMPOO & SET
10% discount
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Appointments Preferred
WALK INS WELCOME
668-6811

TJ's In Sandy

For Your Dining Pleasure
DELICIOUS FOODS AT REASONABLE PRICES
6 a.m. 'til Midnight
Lounge 11 a.m. 'til 2:30 a.m.



Served with Baked Potato, Vegetable, Soup, Salad, Dessert, Tea or Coffee
Relish Plate

Tender, Marvelous Flavor
U.S. Choice
TOP
Sirloin
STEAK
\$3.25
SPECIAL

ROAST TURKEY or FRIED CHICKEN
Complete Dinner \$2.50
Relish Plate

Chicken Fried Steak or Breaded Veal Cutlet
\$1.95
Served with Whipped Potatoes, Vegetable, Soup or Salad, desert, Tea or Coffee.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BUYS

Typing Paper 500 Count 99c

Miss Breck HAIR SPRAY reg. hard to hold, unscented 66c reg. \$1.09

School Savings

500 Count Filler Paper 8 1/2 x 11 99c

NOTE BOOKS 3 Pack reg. 1.47 99c

FREE Plastic Tote Bag With Your Back-To-School Purchase of '3, or More

SKINNY DIP COLOGNE 2 oz. reg. \$1.75 \$1.25		Schick HOT LATHER MACHINE reg. 19.95 \$12.88	
VISINE Eye Drops reg. 1.50 99c	JERGEN'S SOAP Special 2 Bars 25c	SQUIBB ASPIRIN 250 Tablets reg. 59c 39c	PEARL DROPS 1.5 oz. reg. 1.09 69c
NICE & EASY All Shades reg. \$2.25 \$1.49		PanaSonic Toot-A-Loop Transistor Radio \$12.88	

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BUYS

Plastic Mark Crayons 15

Steno Books 39c

Pencil Tablets 39c BEST BET Pencil Tablet

Pencil Pack 33c reg. 49c

★ ★ **REXALL SUPER PLENAMINS** ★ ★

★ ★ **WINNER'S SPECIAL** ★ ★

★ ★ **72 FREE TABLETS** ★ ★
IN REUSABLE APOTHECARY JAR

★ ★ **216 SUPER PLENAMINS FOR ONLY \$8.69** ★ ★

★ ★ **TOTAL VALUE \$13.67 YOU SAVE \$4.98** ★ ★

★ ★ America's largest selling multi-vitamin, multi-mineral product ★ ★



PEE-CHEES
2 for 15c

S&N Green Stamps

668-4111

SANDY REXALL DRUG