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Is Recycling a Wasteful Practice?

Recycling advocates claim we are, that even if actual recycling is no more than an even break, it still is worth while. This because it may change habits of consumption.

Our society is tremendously overpackaged and conservationists feel recycling is valuable if its lone accomplishment were to cut down on packaging.

Is this a sufficient counter-argument to those who claim the total energy used and pollution created by recycling is more than needed to create a totally-new product?

Oregon's experiences with the bottle bill haven't yet provided a conclusive answer. The battle is joined, not decided.

Recycling has been all the rage for the past few years. Just recycle everything, so the story goes, and we'll solve most of our pollution problems.

Maybe not. Recent studies seem to indicate that recycling may be more therapeutic than practical.

Studies by students at Stanford indicate that recycling certainly reduces waste and conserves raw materials.

But it also requires energy to crush, transport and remanufacture the product. In turn, recycling produces pollution of its own and depletes other resources.

Are we, then, really ahead?

Another Look at Social Security

That all isn't serene with Social Security is evident from comments this week by Wisconsin Sen. Gaylord Nelson.

Sen. Nelson is readying proposals which would cut back what he terms "monstrous increases" in the bite taken by social security.

We've editorialized before that we think social security is a most regressive tax and that, if allowed to continue unabated, would have most of the money in the country in 50 years.

Nelson's figures indicate that increases up to 73 per cent have been extracted from those earning \$12,000 per year or more just since 1971. It is, in Nelson's opinion, the nation's least

fair and fastest-growing federal tax.

Nelson's reforms would especially benefit those least able to pay, those making less than \$1,300 per year. He also would roll back the tax rate to 5.2 per cent, where it stood until raised to 5.85 per cent Jan. 1, 1973.

None of Nelson's proposals would reduce Social Security benefits. The huge trust fund already accumulated is far more than adequate to produce benefits at present or higher levels.

Obviously we don't know what reception Nelson's proposals will get from fellow lawmakers. But as a Grade AAA certified and guaranteed taxpayer, both personal and corporate, here's one resounding 'Yes' vote!

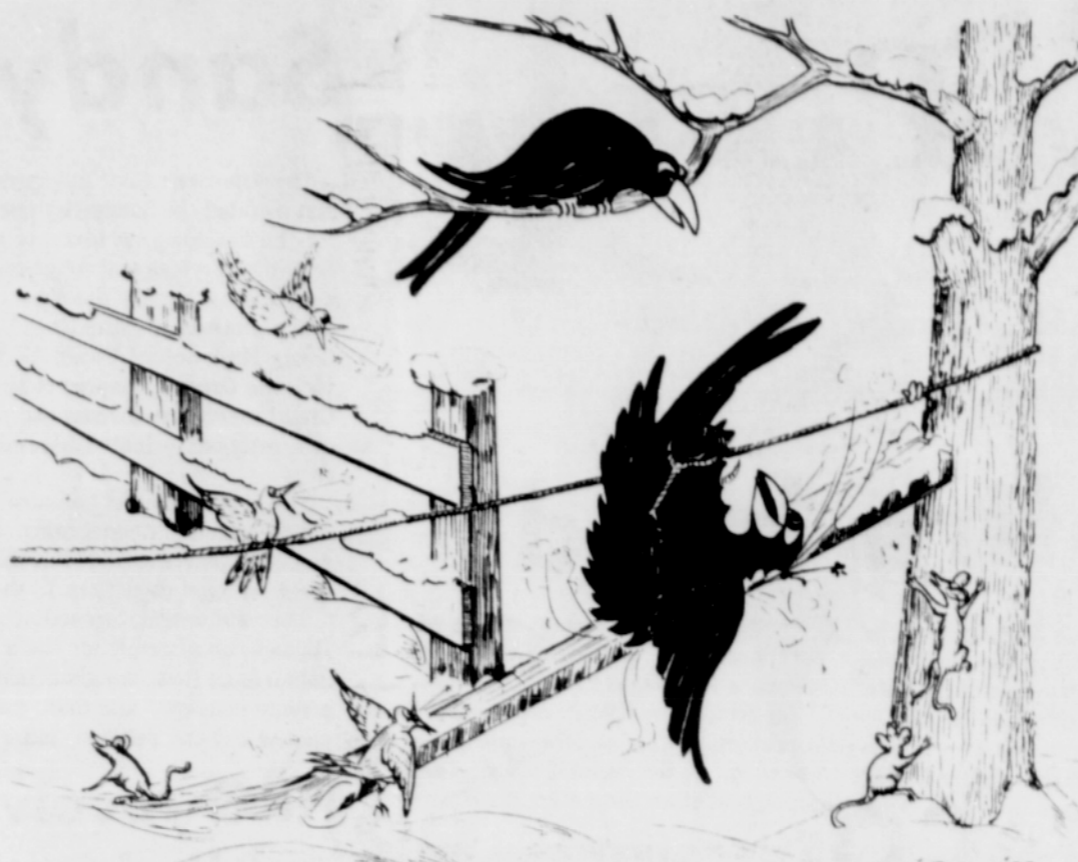
A Worthy Cause

The Red Cross bloodmobile is coming to the Gresham Elks lodge again, this time from 1-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

This is a most-worthwhile venture and anyone who can donate, should.

Blood donated in Gresham is not confined to this community, nor to Elks' members etc. It is for anyone who needs it. The Gresham Elks merely provide the facilities.

CHERP AND TWERP



"Oh yes! You're the life of the party all right, but it just isn't your party!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: The following is a letter which was sent to the Hoodland Planning group regarding the Mt. Hood Community Plan.

To the Hoodland Planning Group:

It is our opinion that the Mt. Hood Community Plan should not be adopted until the prescribed environmental carrying capacity is determined.

We do not believe that an urban usage of the mountain combined with the very high density levels set by CH2M and Clackamas County can possibly be compatible with the goals found within the plan. If the plan, as it is now written is adopted and implemented the environmental study would be a waste of time, effort and money.

Who can possibly imagine unsubdividing?

How could we possibly use an environmental study for areas that have already been subdivided and developed, according to the plan?

We would also like to urge the Hoodland Planning Group to recommend that a moratorium be placed on all major development and zoning alterations within the Mt. Hood Recreational Corridor until a completely comprehensive plan can be obtained.

Perusal of local newspapers from around the county will illustrate to the HPG that moratoriums on development are both legal and desirable. A number of Clackamas County cities are either adopting moratoriums or are considering them. The reasons being given for adopting moratoriums are to give the various areas an opportunity to solve the problems they already have without adding to them. This is a very prudent and rational approach to the problem.

We would like to recommend, also, that the HPG and all interested citizens study the recent Oregon Supreme Court decision in the Fasano case. This decision underscores the very serious nature of a comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is law and the courts stand ready to enforce plans and supporting ordinances in all ways. A comprehensive plan is not to be taken lightly.

AN INADEQUATE PLAN MUST NOT BE ADOPTED WITH THE IDEA THAT A BETTER ONE MAY COME ALONG SOMEDAY.

Thank you.
Stan Coleman
Board of Directors,
Gov't Camp Homeowners
Past Member Hoodland
Planning Group

Betty Coleman
Member Clackamas County
Advisory Planning Commission

Beer kegs taken

Burglars forced a door at Rental Mart, 17020 SE Division, March 19, stealing two beer kegs, tools, hydraulic jacks, a projector and a framed one dollar bill.

To the Editor:

How long are the citizens of Clackamas County going to stand by silently and allow hired county officials to deprive us of our right to know and our right to participate in the democratic process?

On March 9 I went, along with another resident of the county, to the County Planning Department to view the revision of the proposed County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. We were told by Mr. Hall that we could not even see the revised urban area land use map. This map will form the legal basis for rezoning large areas of the county, much of which is not undeveloped. Furthermore he would not take our name and number so that the secretary could call us when the map was "ready" for the public.

How often have other people gone there with an honest desire to find facts and been intimidated? Do elected county officials condone this intimidation of the citizenry by those whose purpose is supposed to be to serve the public?

It seems we in Clackamas County have lost sight of who is to serve whom and for what purpose.

Joyce Cohen
2680 Glen Eagles Road
Lake Oswego, Oregon

To the Editor:

It's a fact that alcohol consumption causes more illness and premature death than any other one cause. And while the leading cause of injury and second leading cause of death is the automobile, our lawmakers seem at a loss in dealing with either.

Granted, neither alcohol nor autos could be banned, but one-half of both easily could be replaced with marijuana and bicycles, if they were provided for. And in so doing, some hospitals could be converted into community centers. I really believe Oregon is God's country, and in this regard we should lead the nation in legislating for life with love--not 'death with dignity'.

Wayne L. Johnson
4366 NE 41st Ave.
Albany.

Bapst gets new post at college

Dr. Jennis J. Bapst, Mt. Hood Community College dean of research and planning, has been named to the newly-formed Community College Management Systems Commission.

The commission will undertake a long-range program to study and recommend management systems for Oregon community colleges. It was developed from suggestions made by Oregon community college presidents. Commission members will attempt to develop management systems for community college finance, registration procedures, course approval, full-time student designations, accounting and reporting, statistics, con-

struction and PPBES (Program Planning Budget and Evaluation System).

Boring budget meeting slated

The Boring School District budget committee will meet at the school April 3 at 8 p.m.

The purpose is to receive the budget message and budget document for the year 1973-74. Any interested persons may appear.

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CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

Lyle Lapray, MHCC director of student activities, spoke at the 1973 Conference of the Association of College Unions-International in San Francisco March 18-21.

Lapray's topic was: "Financing the Activities Program in the Two-Year College." It dealt primarily with methods of financing, student activity fees, program budget and decision making, and the relationship of university budgets to college union budgets.

College Unions-International was founded in 1914 and has a membership of nearly 900 colleges and universities.

Persons wanting to enroll in MHCC After Six classes conducted at local high schools are encouraged to enroll by mail. Those wishing to sign up in person should plan to do so the first week of classes at the respective high school...Gresham, Sandy, Corbett, Cascade Locks, Centennial, Barlow, Reynolds, David Douglas or Parkrose.

Mrs. Marjorie M. Wintermute will discuss "Historical Buildings of Portland" in the March 28 session of MHCC's Contemporary Lecture Series. It starts at 10 a.m. at the Gateway Branch of Portland Federal Savings & Loan.

More than 60 paintings of birds are being displayed currently in the Mt. Hood

library. Interested persons may view the paintings from 8 am to 9 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 8 am to 4 pm on Fridays.



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PLANT SAFETY record set. Reynolds Metals Troutdale reduction plant recently set a new safety record—510,000 man hours worked without a disabling injury. In honor of the occasion, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company presented the plant with a special plaque. Posing in front of the plant safety signboard are, left to right: Mike Mahaffey, chairman of Local 63, Machinists Union safety committee; Tom

Hale, vice-president of Local 330, United Steelworkers of America and chairman of the local's safety committee; Harry Helton, plant manager, and John Bailey, plant safety director. All plant employees at Troutdale were presented with specially inscribed pen and pencil sets in honor of the achievement. The safety board behind the men shows that the Troutdale plant leads Reynolds reduction division in safety.