



MT. HOOD Community College counselor Maxine Watson thinks yard work is more fun at Oral Hull Park than at home. Maxine joined more than 25 MHCC students in Project SHINE (Students Help Improve Neighborhood Environment) for spring yard-cleaning at the park for the blind April 12.

(Outlook photo)

## Aerosol spray ban bill closer to enactment

A controversial bill which would ban the use of aerosol sprays in Oregon moved one step closer to enactment Monday.

The bill, sponsored by Clackamas County legislator Walt Browne (Dist. 13), was approved 4-0 by the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Three of the committee members left the room when the motion was made to send the bill to the Senate floor.

Browne contends there is "substantial evidence" that gases in freon aerosol sprays react with ultra violet rays in the stratosphere, depleting the ozone shield surrounding the earth.

This could bring a serious increase in ultraviolet radiation on the earth's surface, increasing skin cancer

and possibly disrupting the world's food chains and weather patterns, he said.

A Portland State University chemistry professor, Robert O'Brien, testified saying there was "no question" that fluorocarbons destroy ozone. How much ozone they destroy or in what time frame they destroy it remains uncertain, he said.

Dr. Clark S. Hoffman, Wilmington, Del., spoke in opposition to the bill, at the request of the Oregon Retail Council. He is a chemist with the E. I. duPont de Nemours and Co., with invented Freon-11 and 12 during the early 1930's. Those are the principal propellants for aerosol products.

"Ozone is in a dynamic balance," Hoffman said. "It is being created and destroyed daily."

The industry is making a substantial effort to determine the effects of fluorocarbons on the stratosphere, he said, urging the committee to wait until the evidence was in.

## Arts, crafts premiums increase at State Fair

Oregon artists and craftsmen have two new reasons to enter the Oregon State Fair's 1975 art and craft show, fair officials said this week.

Doubled premiums in professional divisions and new purchase awards are the reasons, thanks to an \$800 matching grant from the Oregon Arts Commission.

The new prizes were announced by Phyllis Richardson, Corvallis, new superintendent of the Fair's All-Oregon Art and Craft Show.

Premiums have been doubled in professional divisions only, she added.

For the first time, purchase awards will also allow the fair to buy two or three works, to be displayed at the fairgrounds for one year. Purchased works will then become part of the permanent collection of the University of Oregon Museum of Art.

Superintendent Richardson is assistant professor of art at

### Tractor gone

A tractor valued at \$2,800 was reported stolen from a shed at Rt. 2 Box 453, Gresham, April 12 or 13, according to sheriff's reports. The tractor belongs to George Hale, of Boring.

NEED A SITTER?  
TRY THE CLASSIFIEDS

Oregon College of Education in Monmouth. Her commissioned works hang in several states across the U.S., as well as in Canada, India, and Brazil.

Deadline for entries in the

## 'Uncommon' colds not simple task

Red noses and hacking coughs are mid-winter staples. Can't we ever cure the common cold?

Trouble is the common cold is not a single disease that can be tracked down and wiped out. Colds are caused by viruses, which are slippery characters with a genius for surviving.

Antimicrobial drugs that fight off some infections don't phase most viruses one bit. Cold vaccines are pretty hopeless, too. Vaccines only work against specific, targeted types; untargeted viruses pop up like ants at a picnic.

But there is a hesitant hope on the cold research horizon. Researchers are exploring the way our bodies naturally try to protect themselves against viruses and other infectors.

For example, the cells of our bodies produce a chemical called interferon which is an infection-fighting antibody. In a research study spon-

sored by the American Thoracic Society, the medical section of the American Lung Association, Dr. J.E. Rodriguez of the University of Iowa is attempting to determine just how interferon functions.

He wants to find out if the chemical can be spotted in people who have respiratory infections. He wants to discover whether or not different levels of interferon are related to different virus attackers.

And he hopes to see if different levels have any effect on how long the infection lasts. Findings from studies such as this may offer a new line of attack against virus invaders.

Work soil carefully agent says

Garden soils may require working on a limited extent to plant some vegetables now but the method selected may cause harm lasting for several years.

It's caused by the fragile nature of soil says Wilbur W. Burkhart, area extension agent, who cautions against putting mechanical equipment to work on wet garden plots.

When plantings of early peas or potatoes must be done now, the spade or shovel is the ideal tool when used to merely turn the soil over in a loosening process.

This method calls for planting in the rough without the usual smoothing and raking beforehand. Since moisture loss prevention is not necessary now, the weathering process after planting serves to smooth the soil to compact it around root systems.

If working to a fine seed bed before planting were practiced on wet soils, later rains would produce a concrete-like surface detrimental to plant growth.

The wet clay soils of some areas may be benefitted by early use of the spade when each spadefull is merely turned over and left without further working.

A single day of drying weather rapidly removes excessive water from roughly spaded soils but will have little or no effect upon the water content of soil worked into a sticky mass by use of a mechanical tiller.

Burkhart suggests a simple but effective test for telling when soil is ready to prepare for planting with a mechanical tiller.

Simply pick up a handful and squeeze it moderately hard. Open the palm and tap the ball with the thumb.

Soil should break apart if ready to work but will remain in a tightly formed mud-ball if too wet.



ALBERT DENMAN

## Airman assigned

Airman Albert J. Denman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Denman, Rt. 2, Estacada, has completed Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The Airman is remaining at the Air Training Command base for specialized training in the security police field.

Denman graduated in 1974 from Estacada Union High School and attended Mt. Hood Community College.

## Training completed

Marine Pvt. Terence L. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Brooks, 31907 SE Compton Rd., Boring, has completed Infantry Training School at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He received specialized instruction in infantry weapons and tactics.

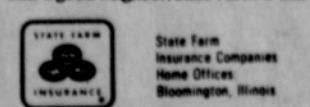
Practice pruning any time a plant makes erratic growth. When a shoot points in the wrong direction, pinch it off to favor one going the way you desire. Pinching produces compact well-formed plants.

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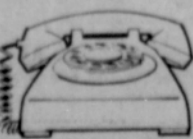
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