

Environment beats out jobs

Survey shows support for death penalty

A recent poll by Oregon Opinion Index, a division of Oregon Research Institute, indicates that a majority of Oregon residents favor the death penalty, land use planning and an open primary system.

A majority of Oregon residents also show strong support for the environment, even when faced with a choice between jobs and environmental quality, the poll indicates.

The state-wide poll was conducted in November and results were released to The Outlook as a public service.

There has been increasing activity in Oregon in recent years to reinstate the death

penalty for certain types of crime. The Oregon Opinion Index asked a statewide sample: "Would you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?"

Sixty-seven per cent favored the death penalty for murder, 27 opposed it, and 6 per cent had no opinion.

In other states where reinstitution of the death penalty has become an issue, legislation has been proposed which specifically limits the use of the death penalty to persons convicted of killing police officers. In light of this, the index asked those persons who opposed use of the death penalty if they would "favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of killing police officers?"

Of those who said they were against the use of the death penalty, only 13 per cent said they would favor it for cop-killers, 68 per cent continued to be against it and 19 per cent had no opinion.

Under the proposed new state law, voters could vote for candidates of either party in the primary.

The results of the Index survey indicate this proposed new law would have widespread support among the people.

Eighty-three per cent of a state-wide sample said they would favor such a change and only 13 per cent said they were opposed. Four per cent had no

opinion.

Strongest support came from Democrats (85 per cent) with Independents (83 per cent) with somewhat fewer Republicans agreeing (77 per cent).

Land-use planning is a controversial program which is familiar to large numbers of Oregonians.

Eighty-two per cent of the men, in a state-wide survey conducted by the Index, and 66 per cent of the women said they had heard of land-use planning. Sixty-one per cent said they would favor a policy of land-use planning in their community, 24 per cent said they were opposed and 15 per cent weren't sure.

Oregonians indicate strong support for the environment, even when faced with a choice between jobs and environmental quality. The Index asked a state-wide sample, "Would you favor or oppose a state policy which encouraged new industry bringing new jobs, even if this meant reducing the quality of the environment?"

Fifty-eight per cent said they would oppose such a policy, 31 per cent said they would favor it and 11 per cent had no opinion.

Slightly more women (60 per cent) than men (56 per cent) expressed opposition to a policy which brought jobs at the expense of the environment.



ANN FENWICK, left, and Lynn Ellis accepted trophy for the outstanding commercial Christmas display for 1975

from Gary Lang. The award was presented by the Sandy Chamber of Commerce. (Post photo)

Dormant season action due

Dormancy is a desirable and necessary condition plants must attain during winter months but their owners cannot follow the example without

inviting future trouble says Wilbur W. Burkhardt, extension agent.

Gardeners must help certain trees and shrubs by giving them protection against devastating disease infections taking place during the months of December and January.

The serious plant disorders are likened to the susceptible human who has been exposed to chicken pox or other communicable diseases.

The exposed person doesn't get sick immediately but may remain in apparent good health for nearly a month before being driven to bed by the disease.

A peach tree, for example, is exposed to leaf-curl by a tiny invisible spore entering the bud as soon as bud covers split to permit winter growth.

The incubation period lasts

many weeks but the disease appears with the first leaves being distorted and eventually destroyed by the parasitic fungus. Repeated attacks on all leaves weakens the tree to the extent that two successive seasons of leaf-curl infections on the same tree will kill it.

Burkhardt lists apples, pears, cane fruits and berries, roses and more than ten other less common plants as requiring spray applications while they are dormant to assure survival.

Spray programs are prepared regularly and kept up-to-date by Extension Specialists.

Gardeners in need of help may get instructions by listing the plants to be sprayed and directing the order to "Dormant Sprays," 049 SW Porter, RIC, Room B3, Portland.

Early tax filing urged

Ralph B. Short, district director of Internal Revenue Service for Oregon, today urged all taxpayers to file their 1975 income tax returns as soon as possible.

Short explained that refunds can be issued to early filers within four or five weeks after a return is received by IRS. However, he said, it may take up to eight weeks to process a refund for those who file close to the April 15 deadline.

The 1976 federal income tax forms have been mailed to all taxpayers who filed income tax returns in 1975. Tax forms are available at most post offices

and banks throughout the state and at all IRS offices.

Federal income tax information is available statewide by telephone. The toll-free numbers are: Portland dialing area, 221-3960 and other areas in Oregon, 1-800-452-1980.

Short noted that Portland area taxpayers should be alerted that the Portland IRS office has moved to 1220 SW Third St., in the new Federal Building, where Taxpayer Assistance is located on the tenth floor and available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mulches can become rodent 'dining room'

Don't invite rodents to eat young plants in the garden by building custom dining rooms.

Dining rooms consist of straw, grass or other mulches placed around the base of shrubs and trees to protect them from possible freezing during the winter.

Wilbur W. Burkhardt, extension agent, warns of extensive damage taking place because the mulch offers shelter as well as food in the form of bark covering the base of the plants.

Winter food supplies dwindle quickly and rodents take whatever steps are necessary to sustain life until more

favorable food appears with new spring growth.

Grass, bark on woody plants and shoots coming through mulches offer food to mice, rabbits and other small wildlife taking advantage of the shelter formed by the organic refuse.

Prevention of damage calls for a temporary tight wrap of young tree trunks with hardware cloth and pulling all mulching materials away from the actual trunk or main stem.

A majority of plant materials used for landscape and garden purposes in Western Oregon have the ability to withstand cold winters without protection.

Only the tender exotic imports may need the extra care afforded by mulching and special protection devices.

In event of a rodent population explosion, effective toxic baits may be obtained at retail garden and nursery outlets and can be safely employed around any home when label directions and precautions are followed.

Burkhardt suggests creating new shelters for desirable wildlife rather than eliminating them by use of poison baits.

Dense ground covers or woody plants planted in hedge patterns attract wildlife and allow for limited feeding if necessary to protect young trees and shrubs.

Dairy princess selection set

Twelve young ladies, representing every section of Oregon, will compete Jan. 24-26 in Portland for Oregon Dairy Princess title.

The contest finals will be held at the Jantzen Thunderbird Motor Inn.

Preliminary plans for the coronation have been completed, according to Ray Kozak, executive secretary of the Oregon Dairy Products Commission, which has sponsored the milk industry event for 17 years.

The event will culminate Monday afternoon, Jan. 26, when a successor to reigning Oregon Dairy Princess Rhonda Forsyth of Eagle Point is

selected by a three-member panel of judges.

Candidates for the 1976 title and the dairy areas they represent are: Debbie Griffiths, Central Oregon; Rebecca Droz, Clackamas County; Brenda Wall, Clatsop County;

Tina Russell, Coos County; Deborah Fisher, Linn-Benton Counties; Cindy Osborn, Malheur County; Dena Mann, Marion County; Debra Kinkaid, Polk County; Patti Martin, Rogue Valley; Julie Gienger, Tillamook County;

Sharon Hillecke, Washington County; Kristi Roberts, Yamhill County.

State withholding rates to change

Some Oregon wage earners will find a bigger state tax bite taken from their January pay checks, while others will get more take-home pay.

The reason for the changes is the new withholding tax tables which become effective Jan. 1 reports Oregon revenue department director John J. Lobdell.

"Oregon's tax tables have not been revised since 1964 and federal taxes upon which the Oregon tables are based, have been changed several times since then," he says.

"We believe the overall effect is that a person will have less additional cash to pay when filing his or her tax return in 1977."

For example, a single taxpayer with no exemptions earning between \$1,000-\$1,039

a month will have \$4 more a month withheld. While a married taxpayer earning the same amount will get an additional \$5 a month in his check.

A single taxpayer claiming two exemptions and earning between \$1,000-\$1,039 a month will have \$11 more withheld. Whereas the married person with two exemptions and earning the same amount will receive an extra \$2 in the pay envelope.

The tables are designed to withhold even dollar amounts—another change from the past.

"Since withholding at best is an estimate of the individual's final tax liability, we believe that withholding to the nearest dollar will simplify accounting for everyone," Lobdell adds.

Garden equipment repair time now

When Christmas failed to bring the hoped-for new mower or garden tiller, chances are the present one will need some repair before spring garden season rolls around.

The next three months offer the best chance for repair firms to get the job done completely and in time for use when needed in contrast with waiting until the job must be done and the equipment is still broken down.

Wilbur W. Burkhardt, extension agent, explained that special parts can be ordered and available in ample time for repairs to be made before the rush season starts.

Some firms even offer attractive savings in the form of discounts or extend more liberal credit in order to keep expert repairmen on the job for the entire year.

In addition to a repair savings, there may be a chance to get that new equipment at a reduced price during stock clearance sales before inventories are taken.

Even when later purchase of equipment is contemplated, there's a better trade-in value when the used item is in good working order rather than offering to trade in a model not capable of functioning.

4-H news

Homemakers meet

The Happy Homemakers 4-H cooking club in the Boring area was formed in November when its members chose Chris Schwab as president.

At the group's December

meeting Christmas candy was made.

The young homemakers meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moon and are led by Mrs. Karyn Dyal.

Dictaphone removed

A dictaphone, case and adapter were stolen Dec. 30 from an unlocked car belonging to Richard Steven Patton, Eagle Creek.

According to sheriff's reports, Patton was at work when the theft occurred. Loss was estimated at \$295.

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