

OSU professor finds NW leads fight against smog

The three Pacific Coast states—Oregon, Washington and California—probably lead the nation in efforts to solve air pollution problems, according to an Oregon State University engineering professor.

Richard W. Boubel, newly elected president of Multi-Nation Air Pollution Control Association, believes air pollution "is on the decline now in most places" and that controls will be speeded by the full implementation of the 1977 federal Clean Air Act. However, Boubel adds some "but and concerns."

He points out that "things haven't been completely turned around clean air wise in the Willamette Valley yet." And he has come concerns about the increasing concentration of air pollution control authority at

the federal level.

The demands for new energy sources, including increased use of coal, and the economic problems of the country (inflation, unemployment, etc.) could come in conflict with the clean air movement.

"Unemployed people in sub-standard housing are not much worried about air pollution. New forms of energy—geothermal, solar and nuclear—are not without their own forms of pollution. And coal obviously has the potential for higher levels of pollution unless its use is extremely well controlled."

The Air Pollution Control Association, which Boubel will head for the next year, has about 7,000 members in 40 countries. It is a voluntary, cooperative, non-profit organization devoted solely to air pollution control, Boubel noted.

Willamette Valley air clean-up poses some real challenges, according to Boubel. "More cars mean more air pollution even though most of the vehicles have emission controls," he said. "Forest slash burning and grass seed field burning remain major concerns. As long as we continue to burn

wood wastes and straw instead of utilizing them, we'll continue to have air pollution problems."

The geography of the Valley can't be changed and it will remain a constant concern, the engineer added. It permits build up of polluted air in some locales (around Eugene, for example) and atmospheric inversions sometimes hold the pollution in the Valley for days, he added.

Boubel heads the university's graduate training program in air sanitation and has done extensive research in wood waste disposal and utilization.

The U.S. and Canada have generally similar air pollution problems but vastly different regulatory programs, Boubel observed. "Most of the U.S. regulations are now being set by the federal government even though they are implemented and enforced by the states. In Canada, there is little federal direction. Such things are left to the provinces."

Boubel said he regrets the end of the local control in Oregon and wonders whether federal agencies will ever be able to match "the excellent

performances of our old State Sanitary Authority and our present Department of Environmental Quality."

Federal regulations are necessary for the common good and to avoid regional rivalries and irresponsibilities, Boubel acknowledged. "But the Oregon DEQ is far more understanding, far more responsive and far easier to work with than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency."

Washington also has done "a very good job over the years through its Department of Ecology," the engineer pointed out. "California has operated largely on a county, region or multi-region area. The California state agency doesn't carry a lot of clout. But statewide advances have been impressive."

The West Coast "is certainly the leader when you consider things area by area in the U.S.," Boubel stressed. "Air pollution control gains are not being slowed by lack of technology," Boubel stated. "Technology is ahead of our air pollution control needs. The things we're fighting now are people problems—politics, inertia and apathy."



Rock shop opens...

ROCK SHOP proprietors David Edwards (left) and Bill Johnston opened their new Gifts of the Earth lapidary on Proctor next to C & L Remodeling recently.

Pair opens rock shop in Sandy

Traveling throughout the country to conduct health and nutrition surveys for Public Health Service, Bill Johnston and Dave Edwards discovered two things they share in common.

One is a decided preference for small town living, and the other is a common love for lapidary—or rock collecting.

So after three years on the road, the two decided to leave the security of the HEW grant and settle down in Sandy where they recently opened their own rock shop at 38776 Proctor Blvd.

"We've hit every rock shop from Maine to Washington and Florida and put something like 50,000 miles a year on the car," Edwards said.

Besides the roadside rock shops, they most enjoyed the small towns where they administered cardio-grams, allergy tests, and blood tests for the government.

Gifts of the Earth contains many of the pieces they collected in their travels plus local arts and crafts.

Man questioned

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Annexation of the following territory to the City of Sandy. Territory generally located on the N edge of the City of Mt. Hood Hwy. 26, more particularly: TL 800, Sec. 14, T2S R4E, W.M. Clack. Co., Ore. (Assessor's Map 24E 14 & Index)

ROBERT S. BALL, CHAIRMAN
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CLACKAMAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Clackamas County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in Courtroom 2, second floor, County Courthouse, Oregon City, Oregon, at a meeting commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 1978, to consider the major partition of Thompson Major Partition, File No. MP-678. The property is located approximately 1,000 feet south of Kiesecker Road in the Firwood area, and is more properly described as Tax Lot 500, Section 32D, T2S, R5E, W.M.

The Planning Commission will consider the major partition consisting of two lots of 20.33 acres in the EFU-20 zone. The applicant must obtain a waiver of Article V, Section B, Subsection 1.0(n) which states:

"Access. All subdivisions or major partitions of twenty (20) acres or more shall have at least two (2) ingress-egress points which shall connect with existing County or State Roads, thereby providing for better traffic flow."

The applicant must also obtain a waiver of Article V, Section D, Subsection 1.0(d) which states:

"Access. When easements are used to provide vehicular access to lots within the subdivision or major partition, the construction standards, but not width standard, for the easement shall be to County specifications. The minimum width of the easement shall be twenty (20) feet. These shall be installed by the developer and then inspected by the Public Works Department."

Said easements in this instance may also be used for utility placement.

The applicant must also obtain a waiver of the required maximum depth to width ratio of 2 1/2 to 1 for parcel 1.

The record and application are available for inspection at the Clackamas County Planning Department office, 940 Warner, Milne Road, Oregon City, Oregon. WS:dc July 6 1-1

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