

Solutions to tire dumping problem costly

by MICHAEL P. JONES

What to do with illegally dumped tires in the Mt. Hood National Forest and on private timber company land is a question officials are asking themselves.

The U.S. Forest Service estimates that it will take \$8,000 to clean up the growing mountains of tires.

Private timber companies such as Publishers Paper have yet to put a price tag on the cleanup and have, in most cases, decided to leave tires there until an economical way of disposing of them can be found.

A northeast Portland company has come up with a unique alternative for these discarded tires, and such agencies as the Oregon State Highway Division and the Clackamas County road department are taking advantage of this operation. Tires are ground up and made into "hogged fuel" for use in boilers at lumber mills. This fuel is mixed with wood chips and acts as a supplement for

fuel to produce steam.

Pacific Energy Recovery Center (PERC) has been operating for six years and is currently serving two mills in southern Oregon and a mill in eastern Washington.

A company official estimates that thousands of tires are ground into fuel each week.

According to Orville Baxter, a foreman with the company, tires are always needed by PERC. He said that the company charges a 15 cent disposal fee for passenger tires and 50 cents if it is still rimmed. Although most of the tires utilized in the fuel process are from re-cap dealers, gas stations and tire dealers, they are accepted from anyone.

Harry Woodward, a district engineer with the State Highway Division, said that although the fee for disposing tires through PERC is relatively low, the combined total per tire is about \$1.25 when one includes the cost of labor to pick up the discards in the ditches, and the cost

of transporting them to the disposal site.

Woodward said that picking up the tires along the highway is more than just a financial burden to Highway Division officials. It's "a mess for the crew because of the water that gets trapped inside the tire and splashes out on a person when the tire is turned over."

"It's a growing problem," said Woodward. "We have a lot of tires on our hand and it's difficult to keep up with it. Fences are knocked down and signs are damaged as well, because the tires are usually thrown out of the back of a moving truck."

Woodward said that the only time anyone has been apprehended for illegal tire dumpings occurred just recently when a Springdale rancher witnessed two men tossing tires out on I-84 from the front door of a school bus. The bus was loaded with hundreds of tires.

Woodward believes the current dumping problems are the direct

result of the difficulty in having a legal place to dispose of tires. He said that when the private dumps were closed, tires quickly became a major headache.

"A lot of these problems have come about with the closure of the small dumps on private land," said Woodward. "People used to be able to dump tires free or for a relatively small fee. When they were closed for environmental reasons, our problems really began."

"The other landfills that were open to the public were either too expensive or would not allow the disposal of tires."

Woodward said that he knows of three additional uses for the tires outside of the fuel made by PERC.

One method that utilizes tires is a sealant used on roadways. Tires are ground up into a fine compound that seals cracks and prevents deterioration and the eventual breakup of the highway.

Woodward said that this sealant has been used by the state for about three years. He said that the sealant has added to the life of the highways and has saved taxpayers a lot of money.

In eastern Oregon, tires are shredded to make custom fencing. Tires are cut into long ribbon-like strips and stretched between two posts. Some ranchers claim that this type of fencing is better than barbed wire, and a lot safer.

In coastal areas, tires are wired together and sunk in the ocean to serve as a spawning area for fish. The eggs are laid in the tires, which

serve as a protected environment.

Woodward estimates that the state is spending over \$4,600 annually for illegally dumped tires in the Sandy area alone. He said that despite of the lack of public awareness of the problem and the difficulty in apprehending dumpers, he believes that as long as the alternatives uses can be utilized, the problem can be somewhat controlled.

United Way at 80 percent of goal in Clackamas County

Carl Halvorson, United Way campaign chairman, announced Monday that they have pledged totaling \$12,712,000, or 80 percent of the \$16 million goal.

There is one week left before the campaign comes to a close.

Halvorson has "guarded optimism" about the possibility of reaching the goal, according to York Haines, director of public relations.

"We're still shooting for the \$16 million," he said.

Over 2,500 companies have yet to

conclude their employee campaigns.

Halvorson reported an unusual inflow of money from private individuals, many retired, who have not been solicited at their place of work.

"It's encouraging to see the response we have had since we initially announced the campaign's slowness in reaching our objective," Halvorson said.

On Nov. 24 there will be a Victory Dinner at the Hilton Hotel at 7:45 p.m.

Hoodland happenings

Medicinal herb class to be followed by walk through Wildwood Park

Thursday, Nov. 19

The Clackamas County Well-Baby Clinic and WIC programs will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Hoodland Women's Club on Salmon River Road. Call Patty Henniger, 622-3067, to make an appointment for immunizations or examinations of children newborn through age five.

Loaves and Fishes will sponsor a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Welches School library. These luncheons are for senior citizens.

The Mt. Hood Pre-School Co-Op will hold its monthly Parent's meeting this evening beginning at 7 in the Hoodland Women's Club.

The following Welches Community School classes will be held this evening: "Indoor Soccer," 6 to 7:30 p.m.; "Wrestling for Kids," 7 to 8 p.m.; "Recreational Basketball," 7:30 to 9 p.m.; "New Games for All Ages," 7 to 8:30 p.m.; "Beginning Astrology," 7:30 to 9 p.m.; and "Bow Making," 7 to 9 p.m. For more information or to register call Reva Cox at 622-3397.

A medicinal herb class, focusing on herbs indigenous to the Northwest, will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at The Store, Natural Foods and Cafe on Highway 26 in Wemme. Cascade Anderson, a chartered herbalist from Portland, will teach the class. It will be followed by a walk at Wildwood Park on Nov. 22, where herbs that were talked about in class will be collected. The walk will begin at 8 a.m., weather permitting. The cost of the class is \$4. Call 622-3130 for more information.

Friday, Nov. 20

"Barefoot in the Park" will be performed this evening by the Mountain Players at the Lions Club building in Wemme. Tonight is "Family Night." Tickets are \$2.75 for adults, \$2 for youngsters and free to those under 14. Tickets are on sale at various businesses on the mountain, or can be purchased at the door. For additional information call Dave Ligatich at 622-3811 between 5 and 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21

The Mountain Players will perform

"Barefoot in the Park" tonight at the Lions Club building. This evening will be "Cabaret Night," with drinks being served.

Monday, Nov. 23

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, will be held at Welches School library beginning at 11:30 a.m. Transportation and further information is available by calling 622-3331.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

The following Welches School Community classes will be held this evening: "How to Guarantee Your Financial Survival during the 1980s, or How to Get Started in Real Estate Investments and Make a Fortune," 7 to 8:30 p.m.; "Recreational Volleyball," 6 to 7:30 p.m.; and "Preparation for Parenting," 7 to 9 p.m. For more information or to register call Reva Cox at 622-3397.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Welches Community School Tiny-Tots group meets from 10 a.m. till noon. Call Louise Hoyt, 622-3752, for information or meeting location.

Welches Community School's "Oil Painting/Landscapes" class will meet this evening at Welches School from 7 to 10 p.m.

The Mt. Hood Lions Club will hold a general meeting at 8 p.m. at the club building in Wemme.

To place an event in Hoodland Happenings call Dawn Morrison at 622-3538.



Connie Ligatich, who plays Corrie Bratter in the Mountain Players' upcoming production of "Barefoot in the Park," anxiously waits to kiss her husband. She will soon discover, however, that she's been yelling sweet nothings down the stairs to the delivery man, played by Hank Dalpez.

Photo by Scott Newton

New Hoodland chiropractor is glad to be out of the city

by SCOTT NEWTON

Dr. Larry Oliver, who recently opened the Hoodland Chiropractic Clinic in Rhododendron, is glad to be in a community where one knows his neighbors.

In the Navy he was stationed in places such as Newport, R.I., San Francisco and San Diego. And then four years ago he and his wife, Ann, and daughter Carrie, now six, moved to Portland, where Oliver attended the Western States Chiropractic College.

"We lived, basically, the whole decade of the '70s in cities," said Oliver.

"We enjoy living in an area where there's not this kind of house, and you take the floor plan and flip it and build it next door, and you flip it the other way and build it across the street."

The Oliviers recently moved into a home at Timberline Rim.

It was a goal-setting class in the early '70s that got Oliver out of the Navy and into Western States Chiropractic College.

The class was offered by the Lutheran Church, and there were no holds barred when it came to setting goals.

So, the Oliviers put down that they wanted to live in the mountains, next to a stream, with a mountain in the background, and have five acres, and horses.

Well, he still doesn't have all those things, but he is glad he got out of the Navy and went back to school.

"If I'd have stayed in the Navy I'd

be on sea duty, probably. Maybe floating around on an aircraft carrier someplace in the Indian Ocean.

"I'm still a member of the Naval Reserve, and that's something I enjoy and it's doing my part for the country, but it only takes one weekend a month."

At the time he made the decision he and his wife had just started their family. He said they were not real happy with the way the Navy was functioning, and the idea of leaving his family for long periods of time didn't appeal to him.

So, they moved to Portland, and he took science classes at Mt. Hood Community College for a year in order to get accepted to Western States.

Oliver, who was born in Scotland, S.D., has a bachelor of science degree in education from The University of South Dakota, and taught for a year.

Once he got into Western States Chiropractic College, which is certified by the Council on Chiropractic Education, which is in turn recognized by HEW, he finished a four-year program in three years.

He then served a four-month internship at the Western States outpatient clinic.

Oliver said that one reason he got into the study of chiropractic is that it's an occupation where one is able to help people.

The Oliviers had been in the Mt. Hood corridor before to cut firewood. "We thought, 'Boy, this is really nice. Too bad there aren't enough people up here to support a practice.'"

They had made plans to move to a small town on the Columbia River. "As whoever is guiding us would have it, somebody rented the space we were looking at," Oliver said.

Being back to ground zero, they went back up the mountain, and the people they talked to had mixed reactions about whether the area could support a chiropractor.

"We finally ran across Connie Rock down at Merit Properties, and she said, 'Oh yeah, I think you'd do well up here.'"

"She showed us around, and then we got to realizing how many people are here."

There are two dentists and the Hoodland Osteopathic Clinic in the area. Oliver is the only chiropractor.

About the practice of chiropractic, Oliver said, "Basically, it's chiropractic philosophy that the body is designed to take care of itself. We believe in keeping the spine healthy, which in turn keeps the central nervous system healthy, we keep your body at its very best to ward off all the things that can happen to it."

"When you go to a medical doctor, and he gives you a pill, you put that pill in your stomach. There's nothing wrong with your stomach. It goes to some other part of the body and has the effect he wants it to."

"We treat your spine, and in that way affect some other part of your body as well."

"Now, another thing that I stress a lot is nutrition."

Oliver said that nutrients are processed out of many of the foods eaten today.

He said that the current trend toward fitness fits right in with chiropractic.

"People are more aware of good health, and that just falls right down chiropractic's alley because we're in the job of making people well through preventative health care."

About the relationship between medical doctors and chiropractors, Oliver said, "I don't think anybody has a corner on the health market."

"You know, chiropractic doesn't do everything, but what it does do it does very well."

"I'm certainly not out to replace medical doctors anywhere. I think we ought to work hand-in-hand."

"So many people say, 'Well, I talked to my doctor and he said I've probably got to have back surgery.' Well, I say, 'Let's try chiropractic first. And if chiropractic works, then it saves you the back surgery. If it doesn't work then you can still go have your back worked on. You're not out anything.'"

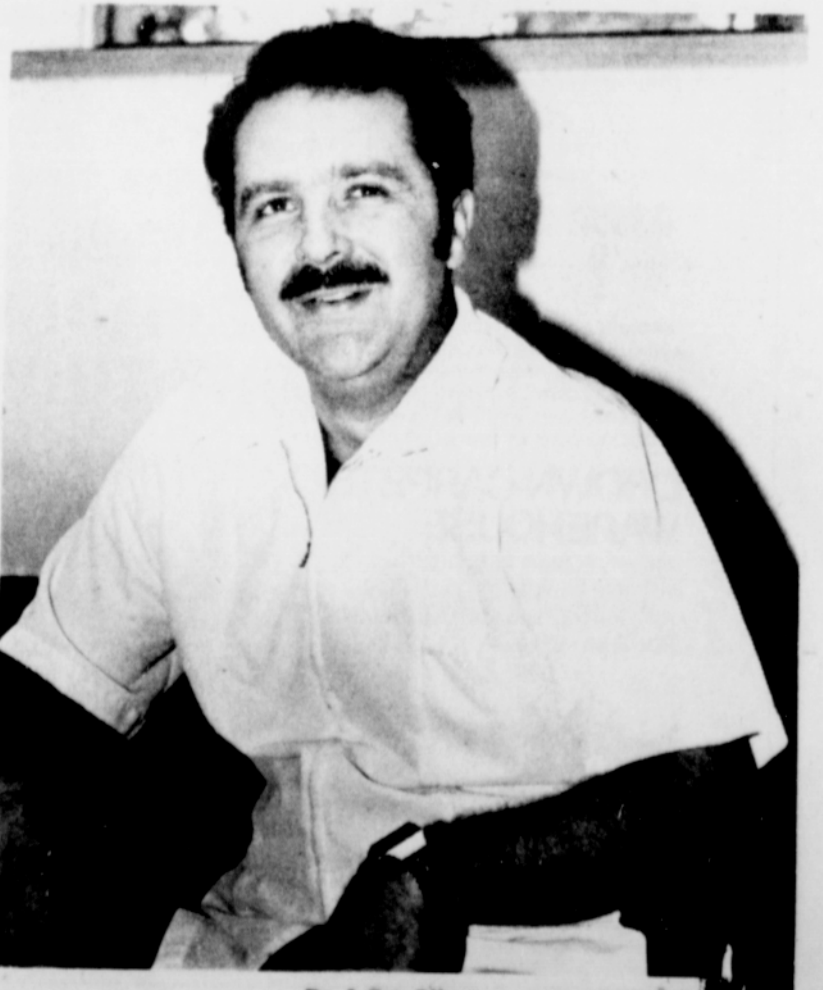
"So we stress conservative care." Oliver, whose clinic is across from the Dairy Queen in Rhododendron, would like to have a better table than he has, and eventually would like to get an X-ray unit.

"I see that as an opportunity for me to provide another service to the community," he said, adding that there is not an X-ray unit on the mountain.

Doing home births is also a possibility. Although Oliver doesn't have all

the equipment he would like, he said that he is set up and ready for business.

And, he's glad to be living in a community where one gets to know the people in the area.



Dr. Larry Oliver