

Spraying an issue?

Recently well known local environmentalist, Don Willard, has been distributing a survey sheet concerning the use of the controversial herbicides 2,4,5,-T and 2,4,5-TP. Don says this is in response to the planned aerial spraying of the herbicide 2,4,5-T announced by Allen Kuest of Timber Rt.

Don says the survey is put out by the Columbia County Environmental Council and that he is distributing it to his friends and neighbors in order to get an idea of the feelings about the upcoming spraying. This is the first use of the herbicide 2,4,5-T in Columbia County since the recent ruling by the Oregon Board of Forestry.

Below is a section from the survey by the Columbia County Environmental Council that gives the rules for spraying as set forth by the Oregon Board of Forestry.

In September, 1978, the Oregon Board of Forestry adopted new rules for the use of herbicides, 2,4,5-T and 2,4,5-TP (Silvex) on private and state forest lands in Oregon.

1. Users of 2,4,5-T or Silvex must maintain a 200 foot buffer strip around Class I streams or areas of open water. They must also maintain a 500 foot buffer strip around inhabited dwellings unless written permission is received from the resident. (Class I streams are those from which people get drinking water)

2. Landowners aerially applying 2,4,5-T or Silvex must make every reasonable effort to notify contiguous landowners and residents, and downstream water users who have official water rights within one-half mile of the intended spray area, at least fifteen days prior to the spray application. Notification must be by registered letter and or direct personal communication and by advertising in the

local newspaper.

3. Boundaries of an aerial spray area must be posted by the landowner with a sign provided by the State Forester at all points of regular access at least five days prior to spray. Posting must remain at least fifteen days after spraying is completed.

4. Where road closure is feasible, roads leading into or next to a spray area must be closed temporarily to public traffic during spraying. Where road closures are not practical, sprayer must leave a buffer zone of at least one swath width (roughly 60 feet) on each side of all regularly travelled public roads.

5. Landowners are responsible for determining whether or not chemicals they apply to forest lands are contaminating streams or other bodies of water. This is an old rule that may not be obeyed or enforced.

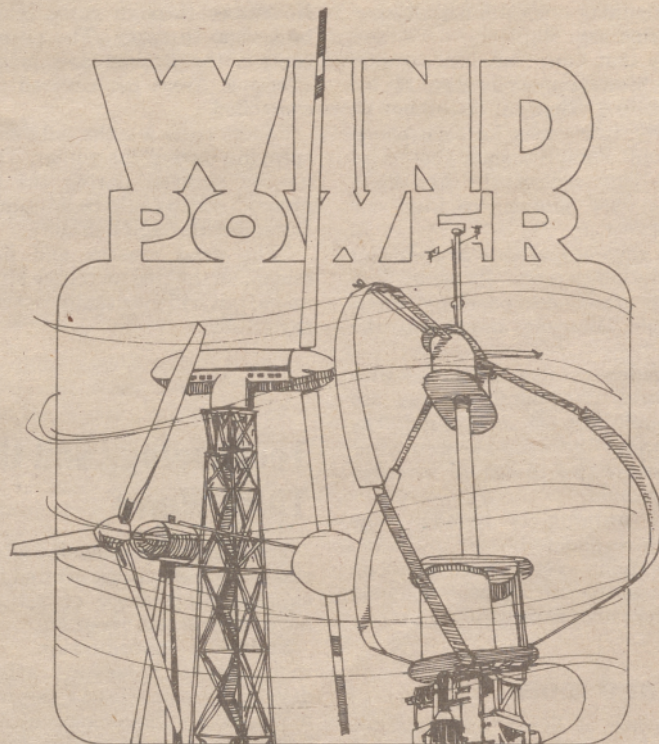
Chemicals are to be applied only in accordance with certain temperature, humidity, wind speed and other factors specified by the State Forester.

Chemicals shall not be applied:

- When winds exceed 5 m.p.h.
- When temperatures exceed 70 degrees F.
- When humidity is less than 50 percent.
- During snow, hail, or rain storms.
- When snow or ice covers target vegetation.
- During foggy weather.

g. When air turbulence is so great that it seriously affects the normal spray pattern.

If you have noticed anything that you feel violates any of the rules listed above please contact the Columbia Environmental Council.



Haiku poems from Washington Grade School

GIRAFFE

*There once was a giraffe so tall,
If you climbed upon him,
you could see the whole wide world.*

Rodney Devine

SNAKE

*There is a fat snake
Who jumped into a small lake
to eat a big fish.*

Jason Nice

COUGAR

*I saw a cougar.
I thought he was really dead,
But he was sleeping.*

Tina Dean

THE FOX AT THE ZOO

*Oh, how the fox howls,
In the moonlight, late at night —
Because he wants food.*

Carol Miyasaki

THE LONELY BEAR

*A bear in the Zoo,
Without you there, is sad,
Because he's lonely.*

Ronnie Rudolph

THE PANTHER

*I like the panther
Because he is so shiny,
And because he's black.*

Avery Shirley

WGS honor roll

During the second nine weeks period there were no 7th or 8th graders receiving Principal's Honors.

Those students receiving High Honors, with a grade point average of 3.50-3.99 included: Leora Battrick, Ross Bellingham, Charles DuVall, Monica Hogan, Wendy Ray, Junior Berge, Karen Pitt, Kristi Reinsch, Sonia Aldrich, Jewel Shetler.

Those students receiving Honors with a grade point average of 3.25-3.49 were: Jimmie Deakin, Shana Bodenhamer, Bruce Carter, Shelly Crabtree, Larary Rider, Otis Fuller, Becky Nice, Heather Remsen, Eric Wilcoxsen, Cynthia Reiken, David Kleinman, Deborah Sharar, Christina Skinner.

Teachers attend meeting

Mrs. Linda Welch and Mrs. Peggy Pitt attended a State Title I meeting on February 7, 8, and 9. The meeting, conducted by the Oregon Department of Education, serves to acquaint staff and parents of the state and federal guidelines. Knowledge of these regulations allows the local school districts to plan a district program for the use of the federally allocated funds. Title I funds in the Vernonia district are used to run the skill centers in basic education at both Vernonia High School and Washington Grade School.

Lions Club wives night

The Vernonia Lions Club members entertained their wives at a Ladies Night on Tuesday, February 13, at the Eagle Office cafe. The ladies were presented carnations by President Bob Cadwallader and dessert was a special cake baked by Mrs. Cadwallader. Lion Rev. Russ Vinyard addressed the group on the topic of marriage.

A letter was read from the Oregon Lions Sight Foundation Chairman thanking the Vernonia Lions Club for the \$500 they had contributed to this year's drive.

Melodrama needs piano player

The melodrama committee is sending out an urgent plea for a person that would be interested in playing the piano for the melodrama to please contact Pam McClafin (429-7361) after 4:00 p.m.

Noell Strudeviant on Dean's list

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sturdevant are pleased to announce that their daughter, Noell Sturdevant who is a sophomore at Hanover College, Indiana, has been named to the Dean's List in recognition of her outstanding academic record achieved in the enrollment period recently ended.

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