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'Heroin not dangerous'

Drug committee member gives reasoning for re-classifications

The following is the second article of a two-part series on the proposed re-scheduling of drugs by the Controlled Substances Committee.

Glenda Anderson is a member of the Controlled Substances Committee. She gives the reasoning behind the committee's recommended changes.

Glenda Anderson is the one person from the general public chosen to be on the Controlled Substances Committee along with three doctors and three pharmacists who are all "middle-aged men" she said.

Anderson said one member is the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy president and another is from the Oregon State University medical school.

"Our task," she said, "was to re-classify drugs not by emotion but by using 1979 information from the scientific community on the potential risks of certain drugs. We placed a strong emphasis on science and not emotional opinions."

She said all of the u.

were looked at under the same criteria for their effects with maximum abuse.

"Heroin is not all that dangerous," Anderson said, "as long as nothing is added to it. Statistics say three percent of any population are addicted to heroin whether it is controlled or not."

"The strict penalties now do not deter the drug users," she continued. "Because the drugs are sold underground, they are high priced and crimes are committed to get the drugs. If the drugs were available in a pharmacy, they would be safer and cheaper for the drug user."

Anderson said the public has had bad information about drugs. If the public used reason and logic and they really cared about people with a drug problem, they would see the drug users should not be treated as criminals, Anderson said.

"We (the committee) do not endorse drugs," she said. "The drug users have a problem and it does not help by making them an outlaw."

The users cannot seek help from society because what they are doing is illegal. Jail does not cure the drug addict."

She went on to say society should allow less consequences on these people with a problem.

"Let's not make criminals out of sick people," she said. "The criminal justice system cannot handle this medical problem because it is inadequate," just like the medical system should not handle a criminal justice problem.

Anderson said Oregon was the first state to decriminalize less than one ounce of marijuana in 1973. The result, she said was fewer people in jail and no noticeable increase in the use of marijuana so people should not necessarily worry that down-classifying other drugs will increase their use.

"To lock in ignorance is no way to solve the problem," Anderson said. "It's like hiding your head in the sand."

Anderson said use of the drugs will still be illegal but the penalties will be reduced.

She said programs like the use of methadone, to help heroin addicts kick the habit, may be used to help other drug users.

She added that law enforcement officials should concentrate and enforce more important laws like rape, robbery and murder.

Federal laws will still rule supreme, according to Anderson, even if the committee's recommendations do become state law, but in practical use, the federal organizations will not have time to prosecute drug cases in federal courts so the state law will be the one that is used.

"Most of our (the committee's) support has come from private citizens," Anderson said. "The D.A.'s (district attorneys) have been the most negative and that is understandable because strict laws make their job easier."

"But to pursue the drug users is not what we should want," she said. "We want to help those sick people with their medical problem."



Denny Smith will seek the Republican nomination for congressional representative from this district.

Republican hopeful faces Rep. Ullman

Denny Smith has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination to the U.S. House of Representatives in the second congressional district in Oregon.

So far, he is unopposed on the Republican ticket and would face Rep. Al Ullman, the incumbent Democratic congressman, in the 1980 general election.

Smith made his announcement in a series of 13 airport news conferences throughout his district on Monday and Tuesday.

He cited taxes, inflation, and government spending as the main issues in the upcoming campaign. "It seems as though Congress proposes new programs each year to solve these problems, but the programs never work," said Smith. "The reason for these failures is that government refuses to face the real cause of inflation—it's own deficit spending."

Smith, from Salem, chairman of the board of Eagle

Newspaper, a chain of weeklies, stated he felt his business background and common sense would help him deal with the economic problems that are now facing the country and must be dealt with by Congress.

"Government must learn to live within a budget just like the rest of us," Smith stated. "Congress cannot continue spending money year after year that just isn't there."

Smith blasted Rep. Ullman's value added tax as nothing more than a national sales tax that would add at least 10 percent to the cost of all goods produced and purchased by Americans.

In the coming year, Smith feels that it will be his task to focus the voter's attention on the differences between Ullman and himself. He feels that the difference is that he believes government should be put on a fiscal diet while Ullman believes that government should spend more and tax more.



Larry Mills, left manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, and Ken Kreuger, vice president of the Bank of Cooperatives in Spokane, at the Grain Growers annual meeting Monday at the fairgrounds.

Inflation hit as No. 1 issue

About 250 persons attending the Morrow County Grain Growers annual meeting Monday night at the fairgrounds enjoyed a very special roast beef dinner, then heard a banker from Spokane attack inflation as the nation's No. 1 economic problem.

The dinner was served in the fairgrounds exhibit pavilion by members of the Ione Grange.

The speaker was Ken Kreuger of Spokane, vice president of the Bank of Cooperatives.

Kreuger cited the rise of the prime rate—the lending rate that major banks give to preferred borrowers—to more than 15 percent.

"The banks are trying to scramble around to find funds. Some banks have already closed their loan windows to certain types of accounts," he said.

Kreuger mentioned a 58-point drop in stock market averages "representing a paper loss of \$55 billion," and an unemployment figure of 6.7 million, six percent of the labor force.

"If I were Jimmy Carter or anyone else, I don't think this is the year to be running," he added.

He said farmer-owned cooperatives are finding their costs increasing without corresponding gains in sales.

With the full impact of inflation, he said, the cooperatives are faced with higher levels of debt and attaining net income at the expense of capital.

Kreuger stressed the importance of cash flow analysis. He said his organization is trying to aid the cooperatives to counteract inflation by increasing the export market and finding better transportation facilities. "You have to know the rate of return and find the hidden costs. You have to analyze the market feasibility. You can't rely on seat-of-the-pants judgement."

Kreuger lauded the Morrow County Grain Growers as having "exceptional management and an excellent board."

Gene Majeske, president, conducted the proceedings. Larry Lindsay, secretary, read the minutes of last year's meeting in which the international wheat market was discussed.

Steve Green, C.P.A. of Green & Green, gave the auditor's report as an introduction to the financial statement. The statement for the year ending May 31, 1979, reflects a gain of \$134,045 in net earnings over the prior year—\$294,032 compared to \$60,987.

Larry Mills, manager, reported on the "golden pile of wheat beside the North Lexington elevator." He said the speed of the harvest—reduced to 15 to 20 days from a former 35 to 40 days—resulted in the necessity to store wheat on the ground.

Part of the problem, he said, is the lack of terminal storage facilities in Portland because of current market conditions.

In the organization's current modernization program, the Hogue-Warner elevator on the Columbia River, between Boardman and Irrigon, is

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Local rescuers aid wounded hunter

A Redmond man was shot last week while hunting 25 miles southeast of Heppner and he was in critical condition for awhile but nurses at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton say now that he is going to be all right.

Norman L. Garbutt was shot by his hunting partner accidentally and he probably would not be alive today if it weren't for the efforts of some local people, according to Sheriff Larry Fetch.

Garbutt was shot while he

was riding through brush on horseback by his partner, Edward Elwin Barnes, also of Redmond, who thought Garbutt was an elk. The bullet entered his lower right back and emerged from his left thigh.

Seven U.S. Forest Service employees who had talked to Garbutt only minutes before, were there to help the victim. Carolyn Davies, Terri Allred, Linda Carmichael, Al Burt, Bob Heiden and Kevin Saxby were in the area marking timber for sale when Garbutt rode by.

The Forest Service workers radioed for help at 2:30 p.m. and the ambulance left Heppner to go get him at 3 p.m.

The Forest Service employees gave first aid to Garbutt while they waited for the Heppner medical team.

The medical team arrived at 4:20 and administered IV's to the victim. They left the scene of the accident at 5:15 and they hiked through the wind, fog, snow, darkness and heavy brush two miles back to the ambulance.

They got to the ambulance at 6:45 p.m. They all switched positions carrying the stretcher to make it easier on the rescue team.

They got to Pioneer Memorial Hospital at 7:40 p.m. and Garbutt was transferred to St. Anthony Hospital where he is still recovering but is now out of critical condition. He was operated on that same night.

The members of the medical team were Betty Curnutt and Carmen Bjella from Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Dan McBride of the search and rescue team also went as did Chuck Holt, of the Heppner city police department and Harry Oakes, a deputy at the sheriff's department who was off duty that day.

Sheriff Larry Fetch and Sergeant Donald McGee aided in the rescue.

Property taxes due later than usual

The Morrow County tax assessor's office is loaded with work because of the legislature's new tax relief program and therefore taxpayers will have until Dec. 15 instead of Nov. 15 to pay property taxes.

According to Greg Sweek, county assessor, statements will not be mailed out until the end of November because 1,100 Morrow County property owners have applied and filled out the new tax relief forms. The assessor has to work out a separate tax rate for those applicants which, "almost doubles our tax load," Sweek said.

Sweek added that of the 6,000 county accounts, 2,000 were eligible for the new tax

relief program and 1,100 applied for it.

He said the relief is strictly for homeowners who own and live in their own home. The state will pay 30 percent of the applicants tax bill because Oregon has collected a surplus in the past from income taxes so the state is giving homeowners a tax break and giving the money back to the people, Sweek said.

The assessor said the relief package will be computed on the fall tax statement. The relief program was approved by the Oregon legislature and will be in effect for two years, he said. Voters will decide whether to extend the program in next year's general election.

New administrator Umatilla man of year

A.K. "Lucky" Felt, who has assumed direction of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, was named recently as Umatilla's Man of the Year at a Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Felt was recognized for the four years he served as administrator of the Umatilla Hospital, the position he resigned to come to Heppner. He was also chairman of the Umatilla City Budget Committee.

Felt and his wife observed their 36th wedding anniversary on the day of the award.

In addition to Felt, the Umatilla Chamber honored

the community's Woman of the Year, Anna Puddy, a retired school teacher involved in civic activities; Young Man of the Year, Larry Clucas, banker and city councilman; Educator of the Year, School Supt. Bud Lippold; and Businessman of the Year, Logan Beam, owner of an auto parts store.

Prior to taking over management of the Umatilla Hospital, Felt had been in merchandizing in Hermiston and other eastern Oregon communities. He became administrator of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital effective Nov. 1.

Studded tires now okay

Motorists on Oregon's highways may now use studded tires, the Oregon Transportation Commission voted at its meeting in Ontario last week.

Normally, the effective date for studded tire use is Nov. 1, but because of heavy snow in the mountain areas, and the start of the hunting season in eastern Oregon, requests were received to move the date ahead.

The commission asked that persons not subject to hazardous driving conditions caused by ice or snow to forego the use of studs until they are needed because of the damage studs cause to dry pavement.



Al Bunch, retiring director of the Morrow County Grain Growers, holds the desk pen set with which he was presented at the annual meeting Monday.