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Call to Battle Over Herbicides

Farmers are sounding a call to battle to defeat an anti-herbicide initiative that may appear on the Oregon ballot at the November general election. Louis Carlson, a wheat farmer in the Valby area of Morrow County, raised the issue at a recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Heppner. If the issue should pass, he said, farmers would be severely restricted in their use of an everyday tool to kill weeds, namely the group of chemicals known as phenoxy herbicides.

"They're the tools of our trade," he said. "We use them every day, every month to kill weeds." He said if the chemicals are used according to the directions of the manufacturers, they may be applied safely and without harm to farm workers or their families.

A provision of the proposed initiative, Mr. Carlson said, would limit the use of phenoxy herbicides to commercial applicators, whose services would have to be hired by the farmers. This, of course, would increase the overhead costs of farm operations.

An editorial in the Gate City Journal of Nyssa, Ore., points out that farmers are in a very serious economic squeeze, just like everyone else. The overall effects of inflation are being felt on a daily basis and certain crop prices, particularly onions, are at a low ebb. The use of agricultural chemicals has enabled the farmer to become more efficient. The proper use of chemicals has enabled many farmers to stay in business because of the availability of efficient and effective alternate control methods. It would be impossible to produce many of our crops at a profitable level without the use of farm chemicals, the Nyssa newspaper declares.

If there were more efficient alternate methods for controlling insects, weeds and diseases than using chemicals, the farmers would adopt them, asserts the Nyssa editor, Jim Peterson.

Both Mr. Carlson and Mr. Peterson point to the "environmentalists" as a group of people who are "completely against" using any chemicals in agricultural production. Their campaign has originated in western Oregon, where the chemicals 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D, have been used extensively in spraying forests to increase evergreen timber growth. The use of chemicals disrupts the growth of undesired brush and broadleaf plants and enables the conifer trees to thrive under increased exposure to sunlight, nutrients and water.

An organization known as "Keep Oregon Oregon" is a new political action committee sponsoring the statewide Herbicide Safety Initiative that will need 60,000 signatures to place the measure on the ballot. The group says, in the publication "Wild Oregon," that the initiative would not ban the chemicals but restrict their use. The sponsors are concerned that these toxic chemicals have been found to cause cancer and birth defects in animals. Vietnam veterans complain of illnesses they believe to be related to Agent Orange, a substance containing 2,4,5-T, while pregnant women living on the Oregon Coast fear miscarriages and malformed babies.

However, studies originating at Oregon State University in Corvallis dispute these claims with the assertion that no significant differences in the abortion rate have been observed in groups either "exposed" or "unexposed" to the chemicals.

To bring the issue back to the agriculturists, Mr. Carlson used the example of people who eat apples. The one thing worse, he said, than biting into an apple and seeing a worm is to bite into an apple and see half a worm. It is thanks to the use of chemicals that consumers may have appetizing-looking food.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'World C of C stole the Olympics'

Editor:
In reading the pros and cons in regard to the Olympics, I would like to get on my soap box and express my opinion. This is not a thought that's just coming off the top of my head, but a well studied fact.

The Olympics were the brain-child of Greece, and I was always under the impression that it was their copy-

right, and it was, til the "WORLD" Chamber of Commerce woke up one day, and said that pie is too good for Greece, we want it. They could plainly see that it could be the world's biggest propaganda machine along with a hundred billion dollar rip-off financially. So that is why the big powers are dividing this big, juicy pie and this year

Russia is getting the big bite. Being Greece is such a small country, she couldn't defend herself.

This is my undivided opinion, that we send our athletes to Russia to participate in the Olympics this year, for if we don't, we will certainly be dumping our whole bucket of stupidity which sometimes seems to be our main product.

Then I would like to suggest that we return the Olympics to Greece, its true home and forever be theirs, and tell the "WORLD" Chamber of Commerce to keep their damn politics and their greed and grafting out of the "OLYMPICS."

Otto H. Jorgensen Jr.
P.O. Box 443
Scappoose, Oregon 97056

'We're enjoying Gazette-Times'

Editor:
We are enjoying the Gazette-Times. We are so glad Eva Hamlett is writing from Ione again. And your other special correspondents make it interesting.

As former residents, we can often recall some of the happenings from "Sifting Through the Times."

We hope Mrs. Weatherford keeps traveling and vividly describing the eastern Oregon scene.

Sincerely,
Erling and Katherine
Thompson,
1549 Morgan Lane
McMinnville, Oregon 97128

'A great job!'

Editor:
I would like to subscribe to the Heppner Gazette-Times. Enclosed is my check for \$10. I think you do a great job!

Sherill Rudolph
9436 S.E. Winsor Drive
Milwaukie, Oregon 97222

Speed control board to meet

The State Speed Control Board will hold a regular meeting starting at 9 a.m., Feb. 20 in the Main Conference Room (Room 122) of the Transportation Building in Salem.

'Postal Service delivers only bills'

Editor:
I don't know how many of you realize it but you are being taken for a ride. The organization that's taking you for the ride is the U.S. Postal Service. The service that I have personally received stinks.

Have you ever noticed that the only mail you seem to receive on time are your bills. I think there must be some sort of conspiracy between the postal service and the bill collectors.

This letter though is not complaining about late mail, I'm talking about letters that

never arrive. Three weeks ago a friend of mine sent a letter that failed to show up. Now three weeks isn't bad if it's going to New York and back, but this was just going from one side of Eugene to the other. This isn't the only time; twice last year I had cards from a friend that never showed.

I would like to ask one question: what are we paying 15c a stamp for if the darn thing isn't going to arrive? The next time the postal service asks for a postage hike, (which probably won't

be long) we ought to tell them where they can put it until they prove they can do the job.

I would like to state that I mailed this letter in Eugene and if it appears, then I know the postal service isn't all bad.

Chris Rauch
U of O student
Eugene

(Editor's Note: Mr. Rauch's letter was postmarked in Eugene Feb. 6, 1980 and was delivered to the Heppner Gazette-Times box in Heppner on Friday morning, Feb. 8.)

A PROCLAMATION

No one immune to heart diseases



Heart and blood vessel diseases affect all Oregonians, regardless of race, age, color, sex, or economic status. No one is immune.

The Oregon Heart Association's relentless battle against heart disease has resulted in the death of 10,500 Oregonians from diseases of the heart and blood vessels. In addition, almost 300,000 citizens suffered to some degree

from these diseases.

These diseases cost Oregon's business and industry 40 million dollars annually in lost income.

our state's leading health hazard has helped reduce the death rate from heart and blood vessel diseases by 18 percent since 1950 for persons under 65, through advances in prevention and treatment.

Therefore, as Governor, I hereby proclaim February 1980 "OREGON HEART MONTH" and I urge all citizens to support the Oregon Heart Association and thus speed greater advances in the conquest of Oregon's leading killer and disabler.

Vic Atiyeh
Governor of Oregon

Sifting through the TIMES

1930

Fifty years ago the Heppner school faculty performed the comedy-drama play "Smile Rodney Smile." Money raised from the benefit went to the purchasing of school equipment and library books. Cost was 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults.

More than 400 persons attended the athletic circus staged by the Heppner Grade School. Exhibitions of class gymnastics, dancing and tumbling were featured. With the lights out in the auditorium, the first through fourth graders, with flashlights in hand, followed each other in serpentine-like formations across the darkened stage executing the movements of a glowing worm. It was the first year tumbling had been taught at the school.

Evangelist and singer Fred Canaday visited Heppner. An essay contest was being put on by the Morrow County schools. The subject of the essays was butter. At the time there was an overproduction of dairy products and prices paid to the farmers were below the cost of production. It was hoped the contest would stimulate the use of butter.

1955

Twenty five years ago Heppner Value Days were going on in town with all the businesses having special sales. Penny's had a robe for \$3, the Heppner Bakery sold Coconut cream pies for 39 cents, a dozen daffodils from Mary Van's Flower Shop for 76 cents, a case of 24 cans of corn for \$2.95 at Central Market and Grocery, a 1940 Chevrolet Club Coupe for \$49 from the Rosewall Motor Co., two cans of pork and beans for 19 cents at Loyd Burkenbine's Heppner Market, and a chili burger and coke for 50 cents from Moyer's Cafe.

Other savings came from Fullerton Chevrolet which gave a free lubrication job with every oil change, denim jeans for \$1 a pair from Penny's, lipstick for 50 cents from

Phil's Pharmacy and shoes from 99 cents to \$6.95 a pair from Gonty's.

While Ione and Heppner were talking about how to get TV into their respective communities, Lexington residents took things into their own hands and beat those communities to having TV. A tower was erected and 30 customers subscribed to get the TV service. The cost was \$3 a month with a one time \$159 charge for a hook-up fee. The tower was 105-feet high and was placed on the hill near the Lexington airport. The Lexington TV corporation was in charge of the program.

There was going to be a special door-to-door campaign drive for the Oregon Heart Fund.

The chili feed sponsored by the Heppner band parents raised \$105.96 toward the purchase of new band uniforms. The group was planning a carnival to raise more money in April.

The Boardman post office safe was found two miles north of Pasco, Wash. Money order forms worth \$40,000 were still in the safe. About \$300 in cash was missing.

Heppner students were putting on the play "Here Comes the Brides." The cast included Ralph Marlatt, Laurel Allstott and James Monahan.

The Heppner Ministerial Association encouraged a church drive for members to attend more often. Attendance increased from 233 to 264 after one week.

Roice Fullerton, the Heppner Chevrolet and Union Oil dealer, was presented a check for \$1,000 as the winner of a Union Oil contest. He sold more oil in the previous three months than any dealer in the northwest.

Swanson's Grocery in Ione was hit by burglars for the second time in six weeks. No money was taken but some food was.

The March of Dimes fund drive in Morrow County netted the fund \$2,442. Heppner was the most generous city donating \$1,462.

Four dogs in Heppner were poisoned and another shot. The townspeople had been complaining about dogs running loose.

Heppner won its eighth straight basketball game beating Rufus 38-21.

Oregon marijuana law invalidated by ruling

An Oregon legislative law that intends that marijuana should be made available for treatment of persons experiencing reactions to cancer chemotherapy and for persons with glaucoma has been invalidated by the U.S. Attorney General.

According to an Oregon State Health Division news release, the Attorney General stated that the Oregon Laws Chapter 253 is in conflict with the Federal Controlled Substances Act and since the two laws conflict, the federal law is supreme and the state law is

invalidated.

In an effort to satisfy the intent of the State Legislature, the Health Division is preparing a research protocol that will be submitted to the Food and Drug Administration. If approved, marijuana grown under federal supervision may be made available to physicians who are willing to participate in the research protocol.

Several states are already following this legal approach to providing marijuana, free of contaminants, to physicians for the treatment of their patients, the release said.

Write-in candidate eyes U. S. Senate seat

Another candidate has declared he will be running for the United States Senate in the 1980 elections, according to a post card received in last week's mail at the Heppner Gazette-Times.

The candidate is Greg

Goodwin who, his post card said, would make his formal declaration at the Lewis and Clark Monument in Washington Park in Portland. He will seek a write-in vote for the seat now held by Sen. Robert Packwood of Oregon, a Republican.

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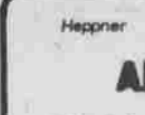
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