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farmer's forum



'Nose pollution' expert at work

Can you describe the smell of cow manure? Ron Miner can. That's the start of a news release from Oregon State University about the "nose pollution expert" at Corvallis, who was a most entertaining after-dinner speaker in Heppner last autumn at the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers. Ron Miner, head of Oregon State's agricultural engineering department, spoke then about his specialty, which is agricultural pollution.

In a recent interview in Corvallis, Miner said: "The trick is not to even try and describe how offensive an odor is. I usually just say something like, 'A detectable odor is probably going to drift into town 5 to 10 percent of the time' and then let their experiences and imagination do the rest."

The approach works for Miner, who built his reputation as an authority on agricultural pollution with studies of how to collect and reuse swine, chicken, cattle and other animal wastes and with several environmental impact studies of agricultural operations he has conducted for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In January, the OSU professor traveled to High River, Alberta, a Canadian farming community about 40 miles south of Calgary, to participate in his first foreign pollution case.

"I started studying climatic conditions—wind directions and rainfall patterns—and tried to learn enough about the plans regarding a feedlot firm, so I could make some comparisons with similar lots I'm familiar with," he said.

"Then I attempted to objectively quantify the amount of manure that would be in various places and potential runoff into streams and groundwater," said Miner of his several appearances before an appeals board in a packed hearing room.

Weighing the pros and cons, the board decided to grant permission for construction of the feedlot. And, as you might expect, many were not pleased. Miner said recalling in particular a couple who had recently built their retirement "dream home" near the feedlot site.

Others were delighted, he said, adding that he sympathized with the feelings of both sides and did not envy board members who had to make the decision.

In support of the boycott

Wheat growers in Morrow County have had the opportunity this week to sell their crop directly to the federal Commodity Credit Corporation—all as a result of the government's grain boycott against Russia.

Offers were to be made to Judy Buschke of the Heppner office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. She announced Monday that the government's price was \$3.87 a bushel. However, farmers were to make offers, either at that price or something different, from Tuesday through Thursday. The government will know by April 15 in what volume it will be able to purchase wheat in this area, she said.

Farmers whose offers are accepted must make deliveries to a commercial warehouse, where the wheat would be held for at least six months. If more wheat is offered than the government is willing to buy, then percentages will be determined for each farmer.

Warehouses to which deliveries may be made include the Morrow County Grain Growers, Pendleton Grain Growers, Jordan Elevator at Ione and the Condon Grain Growers.

OBITUARY

Henry Delameter

Graveside services for Henry Joseph (Joe) Delameter, 74 of Heppner, took place Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Pine Grove Butte Cemetery in Hood River.

He died April 2 at his home in Heppner. The Rev. Edward Tubbs officiated at the service. Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner was in care of the arrangements.

Delameter was born Oct. 15, 1905 in Mill Grove, Mo. He had resided in the Heppner area since 1928 and was a retired farmer.

Survivors are a son, John of Idaho Springs, Colo.; a brother, James of Princeton, Mo.; two sisters, Ara Kirk of Spicard, Mo.; and Ada Stokes of Independence, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Write laws in simple, understandable English'

Editor: An idea proposed in initiative form by Mad Oregon Property Owners, Inc. is one whose time has come.

The Willamina based organization wants legislative bodies—not administrative bodies—to approve statewide rules, and it wants our laws to be written in simple, understandable English.

Initiative backers are seeking to collect 72,891 signatures by July 3 in order to place the proposal on the November, 1980 general election ballot. It is a simple plan that would have far-reaching effect on our state laws.

Many administrative rules, regulations and standards are written by governmental agencies, and have the force of law to implement goals of more broadly worded statutes. This initiative would mandate that such rules, once written, would have to be approved by elected representatives before taking effect.

The proposal makes sense. We elect people to establish

our laws, and they should not be able to delegate that law-making responsibility to agency employees.

The initiative also proposes that all laws be required to be written in simple, specific English, easily understandable by the majority of voters. Many laws defy interpretation by the average citizen, and even cause considerable problem among those trained at reading "legalese."

This kind of requirement would benefit all citizens by making it possible for them to understand the laws that govern them.

If sufficient signatures are obtained, we suspect that Oregon voters next year will see the benefits of this proposal and vote overwhelming support for it in November.

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Sifting through the TIMES

1930
Fifty years ago Heppner City Council began action to upgrade the sidewalks in town. Property owners were ordered to repair sidewalks in poor condition, which was a menace to pedestrians. The council also decided to build a crosswalk at the corner of Main and Baltimore streets.

"Slow" signs were going to be put up around the area to warn motorists of the school zone. Doris Klinger, seventh grade pupil at Strawberry School, won the silver cup for winning the county-wide spelling bee contest. Cleo Duncan of Heppner was second and Clifford Yarnell of Ione third. Thirty pupils participated. They first had to spell at least 96 of 100 words correctly in a preliminary round. Nine dropped out that round and nine more after a second similar round with the score rising to 98. Another nine spellers were out after a third round with the score needed being 99 or better. Up to that point, the 300 words were taken from a list of 1,000 each pupil had to study. The three students left then had to spell 50 words from a sealed list of 200. Klinger misspelled chimneys and surprise. Duncan missed Chiblain, all right, shining, chimneys and asparagus. Yarnell missed incorrectly, protein, Multonomah, bathe, decimal, cannery, carrot, Chevrolet, library and asparagus.

Mayor W.G. McCarty pro-

claimed April 21 Clean-Up Day. Fish were being planted in Willow Creek by game warden Barney Tillotson.

1955
Twenty-five years ago the dedication took place for the Umatilla, Oregon to Plymouth, Wash. bridge across the Columbia River. It replaced the Umatilla ferry and was built by Umatilla County.

An election took place to see if the kindergarten in Heppner would join into the regular school system or remain a privately-owned incorporation. Results showed 90 in favor of having the kindergarten join with the school and 202 against.

Glen Ward of the State Game Department spoke to the Chamber of Commerce and told members that 2,800 hunters had killed 1,800 deer in Morrow County that year.

Seven automobile accidents within four days left one person in Pioneer Memorial Hospital with a serious injury. Maxine Sams was thrown from her car and pinned underneath it and received third degree burns from the exhaust pipe. Ralph Marlatt and Ed Thorpe were reported as falling asleep at the wheel causing two other accidents. Russell O'Donnell, Clarence Buchanan and Stanley Doe were the drivers in the other minor accidents.

Marilyn Munkers was crowned princess for the fair

and rodeo by the Lexington Grange. She was the editor of the Heppner High School paper the "Hehisch."

A Sunrise Service took place in Lexington and Easter Egg Hunts were abundant in Boardman.

1975
Five years ago District Attorney Dennis Doherty spoke to the Heppner Merchants Association on how to handle "bad checks." There was a concern by the association about the number of "bad checks" that were being written in Heppner. County Treasurer Sylvia

McDaniel reported that interest earnings on county funds were up \$14,000.

Bill Kletzer and Bill Phillips reappraised 27 sales of property in the area and found that their original appraisal of \$271,080 for the properties was off 45 percent as the properties sold for \$392,700 combined.

The location for a new city reservoir was in doubt as the city council was discussing where to put it.

John Kilkenny had four hits in four at-bats to lead Heppner's baseball team to a 26-6 trouncing of the Riverside Pirates.

Forestry Industry Labor

The steep employment dip several U.S. Forest Service and university researchers have predicted for Oregon's wood products industry over the next 20 years—as private timber stands shrink—might cause less chaos than some people think it occurs.

Many of the industry's veteran workers are in their fifties, or are older, and will retire before the year 2000, and a sizeable number of less experienced loggers and mill workers are accustomed to "floating" in and out of wood products jobs, says Joe B. Stevens, Oregon State University agricultural economist.

But that does not mean no hardships will result from a decline in it occurs, speculated Stevens. He recently published an article in the Journal of Forestry on his study of a 1972 survey of 189 wood products workers and various Oregon mill closures and hirings from 1971 to 1975.

"There really are two labor forces in the wood products industry—the older people whose jobs generally are secure and the younger workers who make less money and are fairly adaptable...because the industry is so cyclic they have to be," he said.

"The extent of the problems, especially for the more vulnerable younger workers would depend on how fast the decline occurred—plus other factors like the state of the national economy and the number of other types of jobs available in various geographic areas."

The OSU researcher said several of his findings "seem to contradict" commonly held views of Oregon wood products workers.

He explained that in 1972 the 110,000-person Oregon wood products labor force was made up of two general types of workers—about 60,000 "core" workers who had dedicated their careers to the wood products industry and about 50,000 "peripheral" workers or "floaters," including many who had to "splice wood products and other jobs together to make a living."

Among Stevens' observations: —The frequently expressed opinion "everyone would be better off" if wood products workers did not change jobs so often makes sense from the bosses' vantage point. But peripheral workers in particular can make more money by changing jobs regularly (about once a year) and their pattern "seems to be rational economic behavior."

—The view that wood products workers are unemployed a lot is misleading. In 1972, the unemployment average among core workers was extremely low—3.1 percent for loggers and 1.8 percent for plywood and sawmill workers.

—The view that workers are "locked into" wood products jobs because they lack the skills to hold other jobs also is misleading. Among 1972 core workers, half the loggers and three-fourths of the mill workers had held other jobs. Most remained in the wood products jobs because of higher earnings. The peripheral workers, who made less and had less seniority, were extremely mobile, the researcher said.

—Age does not help or hinder workers, even older ones, seeking new jobs after a mill shuts down. Seniority does. Stevens said employers search for "stable" workers they can hire.

—Itemizer-Observer,
Dallas, Oregon

Potent Medicine

President Carter dished out some potent medicine when he revealed his plans to battle inflation. On the face of his actions and proposals, we would say Carter's remedies may be heading in the proper direction. However, we will wait and see on his report card until we learn the final details and ramifications of his inflation-slowing operations.

Carter alone did not get our economic system to the brink of disaster. Our present situation has developed from more than 40 years of our government's economic policies. Don't expect these problems to be solved quickly.

We expected to hear cries of irreparable harm from various special-interest groups. These cries have already started. We're convinced, however, that to beat our current economic problems that everyone will have to feel the effect. It won't work if only some of us sacrifice while others don't.

Our one complaint, at this point, with Carter's plan to beat inflation is his tax on oil imports. We could understand the tax if we had not already cut down on our use of gasoline. We could understand the tax if we had another type of fuel with vast distribution points throughout the United States. But since we have conserved gasoline (we can't conserve down to zero) and we don't have another type of fuel ready for immediate use, we don't understand the purpose of his new tax on oil imports. The tax will be regressive and it will hit those persons and those areas which can least afford it.

President Carter's attempt to battle inflation has been needed for a long time. We, as a country, must act now. If we wait much longer, it may be too late. However, patience is needed. Results won't show immediately. It will be a long and hard fight. We only hope that the President of the United States has charted the right path for our nation.

—Lake County Examiner
Lakeview, Oregon

Blue Mt. enrollment climbs

Spring term enrollment at Blue Mountain Community College totaled about 950 students by the second week of spring term according to Truman Baily, registrar.

This total is about 90 higher than last spring term at the same time, he indicated.

Evening division enrollment is at about 1,800.

Regional primaries

The 1980 presidential primary campaign has been long and costly. It has seen fortunes rise and fall. Before rolling out of a mere caucus in Iowa the Reagan campaign showed signs of financial fatigue. A month later, and \$10 million poorer, the Connally camp threw in the towel. The \$10 million had earned but a single delegate and that was just too costly.

The national press has alternately written off or renewed interest in the Kennedy, Bush and Anderson campaigns. Former President Ford rose to some unspoken challenge, then faltered and withdrew.

Dark horse John Anderson, of Illinois, has drawn a cross-over vote in states with open primaries that promises to sap the strength of the two party system and hints that he may yet be an independent candidate for the presidency if he fails to win delegate strength.

A series of regional primaries provided for in a bill introduced by Senators Packwood and Hatfield has real promise in bringing an end to the "campaign fatigue" most candidates must be feeling now.

The Presidential Regional Primaries Act, introduced by the Oregon Senators, would provide for only five regional primaries to be held on the second Tuesday of the month, one a month for five consecutive months, starting in March. The order of the vote would be chosen by lot, so who goes first would depend on the luck of the draw. It would bring an end to the unrealistic influence of those bell-weather contests in Iowa, Vermont and New Hampshire; eliminate the hazards of physical exhaustion, danger and inordinate expense; and, it would reinforce the two-party system.

While there are some debateable aspects to the bill as it stands, we think Congress should move affirmatively on the Regional Primary Act, and soon.

—TV editorial, Channel 2
KATU, Portland

Schools lose \$13 million

Oregon schools will lose \$13 million in basic school support in 1980-81 if Congress eliminates federal revenue sharing to states, State School Supt. Verne A. Duncan said.

Duncan said he will ask the 1981 Legislature to make up the difference if revenue sharing funds are lost. "Otherwise, local school districts will have to ask voters to raise property taxes or cut education programs," he said.

"I support a balanced budget," Duncan added. "We all must quit looking to Washington for federal dollars. I can only hope that any cuts in federal aid will be followed by equal cuts in federal regulations."

Last week in Washington, the House Budget Committee recommended that the states' share for revenue sharing be eliminated.

Oregon put its entire state share into the basic school support fund. More than \$27 million, or 6.5 percent of the fund, was expected for 1980-81. Most of the revenue sharing pays teacher salaries. More than 7 percent, or 1,780

teachers, are paid by revenue-sharing dollars.

Because state and federal fiscal years overlap, schools will still get half of the \$27 million if revenue sharing is eliminated, Duncan said.

Irrigation directors to increase?

The West Irrigation District voted Tuesday on whether to increase its board of directors from the present three to five members.

According to Marie Johnson, secretary of the board, the special election was advertised by posting notices in the post offices in Boardman, Irrigon and Umatilla and in the district office in Irrigon.

The election was called as a result of a petition being presented by a group of irrigators on March 12. By the district by-laws, said Mrs. Johnson, an election had to be set immediately. March 24 was the last day for persons to file for positions on the board to be filled by the election.

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