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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Expansion of state planning agencies frightening'

(The following was submitted for publication.)
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
SUBJECT: Local Planning vs. State Planning

If you are of the opinion that the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC), and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), should be continued and expanded into a super agency you do not need to read the balance of this letter.

However, if you have any concern over the State of Oregon LCDC, DLCD, and the Courts continuing:

1. To promulgate dictatorial policies, and play the role of a policeman; or
2. The usurpation of local authority and judgement on local planning; or
3. The continuing endless litigation, frequent court rulings, with planning results

being based on who can pay most for attorneys; or
4. Undue restrictions on private property; or
5. Red tape, delays, the constant threat of challenge, to any planning decision; or
6. Unreasonable and impracticable definitions such as what constitutes commercial forest lands, economically viable farm lands, needs versus desirability; or
7. Continual public misinformation on objectives, implementation, and adminis-

tration of the LCDC and the DLCD versus actual practice; or
8. Implementation of restrictive zoning practices that drive up land prices 100 to 1000 percent and makes housing and developmental costs prohibitive; or
9. The institutionalizing of an agency whose real objective is to bring to kneel individuals, local governments, state agencies, and federal agencies; and finally,
10. The return of feudalism

where only the very rich and powerful large corporations can own and control land.
If you are sincerely concerned and would like to restore planning controls to the Cities and Counties please reply to this letter. I should have in my possession early next week copies of petitions that would accomplish this needed reform. These petitions need to be actively circulated, signatures obtained and returned by June 25, 1980.

Time is of the essence and only those that feel a strong commitment to returning land planning authority to local governments should respond. As a recent past Chairman of the Umatilla County Planning Commission I have personal first hand knowledge of the frustration and futility of elective, appointive and staff personnel attempting to provide responsive and reasonable local

planning that reflects the realities of each sub-area, which is unique in its own way. The planned expansion of this agency is frightening and would make many of the present dictatorial bureaucratic federal agencies comparatively a "piece of cake."
Very truly yours,
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Bureaucratic Nonsense

The state Employment Division has started a new effort which is actually only a thinly disguised affirmative action program.

Labeled the "targeted jobs tax credit" program, (bureaucratic promotions bathe in elaborate names), the program is designed to motivate employers to hire members of traditionally hard-to-hire categories. They include low income veterans of the Vietnam era, handicapped individuals, youth aged 16-18 in cooperative education programs, individuals aged 18-24 from "economically disadvantaged" families, individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income, or on welfare, and low income ex-convicts hired within five years of their release.

Under the program, employers hiring individuals from those categories will be able to take off a tax credit deduction from his income tax. The exact amount of the deduction is determined by the employer's income tax bracket and the wage paid the employee.

Now, we aren't against the hiring of individuals included in the above categories. But, we are against the government trying to manipulate private enterprise, which is what is basically happening with the tax credit push. As one individual phrased it, "If an individual is worth hiring, he's worth paying. If he isn't worth paying, he isn't worth hiring."
There are several deceptions to the government's concept of trying to legislate employment for individuals. The first lies in the concept of "economically disadvantaged" and implies that all individuals, regardless of what they do, deserve to receive a certain level of income. True, there are hard-working individuals in the above classifications who don't get an even break in the employment market. But, it's probably truer that government legislation and assistance has produced more social freeloaders than would have otherwise occurred.

Furthermore, the tax credit breaks may act on private enterprise as CETA programs have for local governments. The employers may begin to rely on the tax credits (even though the program is aimed to last only two years per employee) to have a prospering business. If the government decides to fold up the program, as it has done with the CETA funds, the business may find it difficult to operate.

Finally, the tax credit program may result in a reverse discrimination. In that case, individuals who are less qualified may be hired over those more qualified simply because of the tax break offered employers.

The one positive thing we found about the program is that if employers have already hired employees who may possibly fit into those categories, they should take advantage of the tax breaks. But, they shouldn't rely on them, or hire individuals because of them.

Relying on the state's goose, may result in no golden eggs.

-Central Oregonian,
Prineville

Energy report due

After more than eight months of research, Oregon's Alternate Energy Development Commission will take its preliminary report on renewable resources to the people in a series of five formal public hearings.

The first hearing will be in Pendleton on Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. in the Pioneer

Hall Theater at Blue Mountain Community College.

Following the public hearings, the AEDC will prepare its final report and submit it to the governor in September. The AEDC recommendations will be the basis for Gov. Atiyeh's 1981 legislative package for renewable energy resources.

36,000 towns depend on trucks

More than 36,000 American communities now depend entirely on trucks for delivery of goods and services.



"Quote"

"Where I was brought up we never talked about money because there was never enough to furnish a topic of conversation."

Mark Twain

'Why 3 men to wash bridge?'

Editor:

I am wondering why it took three men to wash the crushed rock off of the bridge on Chase Street Friday. They were there several hours. Two pickup trucks were parked close by as well as the tank truck.

Why couldn't one man have used a hose attached to the water direct and done as well?

Mud and rock were washed on my sidewalk, and after having it dry there as well as being tracked into the house. I turned my water on and proceeded to clean it off. One man came and did the cleaning. I believe it would have been more important to have been cleaning the creek of weeds and cattails. If they can't be sprayed why not burn them

out with flame throwers before we have another flood?

The men didn't act as if they were interested in cleaning the sidewalk. It would only have taken a jiffy to have cleaned it when they put the dirt on the sidewalk.

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Pre-school readiness plan lauded

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Pat Edmundson, Betty Rietmann, Linda Shaw, and the Northwest Foundation for making the pre-School Readiness Sessions available to the parents of children in the Heppner and Ione areas. I personally feel that these sessions have been very beneficial and enlightening to me as a parent. The two sessions which have already occurred have not only given parents the opportunity to learn ways by which they could help their children in preparing for school, but also a means by which they could vent some of their frustrations as parents and realize that they are not alone.

I would also like to recommend that if at all possible the final session be attended. One of the guest speakers will be Bill Miller, who is a registered physical therapist. Bill works for our Educational Service District. In my personal acquaintance with Bill, I have found him to be a person who cares very much about children and their problems, big or small. It is my understanding that Bill's appearance at this final session is not to discuss children with severe handicaps, as much as to discuss the problems many children encounter with coordination and the likes in their normal growing process.

Again, parents, I encourage you to attend this final session to be held June 4 in Heppner and June 5 in Ione. Both sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m. If you have not attended either of the first two sessions, please find the time to attend this final one.

Thank you again, Pat, Betty and Linda.

Appreciatively,
Sheridan Tarnasky,
Heppner

Sifting through the TIMES

1930

Fifty years ago Dr. D.V. Poling of Oregon State College gave the commencement address at Heppner High School. He told the students that "The purpose of education is to build character and personality to develop manhood and womanhood."

Also at the graduation, 17 girls and 13 boys were presented their diplomas. Earl Thompson was presented the Norton Winnard Memorial Cup, which was given each year to the outstanding student in the junior class.

Pupils of the Willow Creek School were going to be transported to Heppner the next fall so they could attend that grade school. A bus would transport the students so the Willow school could be closed. A \$25 per year tuition charge was made to the parents of the new pupils in Heppner.

A Farmer's Field Day sponsored by the Willows Grange was attended by almost 400 people. Participants took a tour of the wheat country north of Ione, observed a hay-cutting machine in operation, ate a pollock lunch, and had athletic events. There was competition with a tug of war, sack races, races, discus throw, javelin throw and high jump. Floyd Jones won a .22 caliber rifle for placing first in the 100-yard dash.

A Heppner man was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Heppner Library above the Humphreys Drug Store was being painted and was almost ready to begin operation.

1955

Twenty five years ago the top judging team at the 4-H and FFA fat stock show and sale at The Dalles consisted of three boys from Ione: Dick Ekstrom, Phil Emert and Bill Brannon. Ekstrom was also the grand champion in the steer competition and second in the Herford competition. Brannon was the reserve champion for hogs. Dennis Doherty was first in the sheep competition.

Reservations were being taken for use of the Cutsforth Park. The park was open to the public except when reservations were made for special

occasions.

Heppner City Council was sending out notices to property owners in town who had bad sidewalks and requested that the walks be repaired in 60 days. City Superintendent Vic Groshens asked the council to urge residents to not use as much water. With the warm weather, Groshens said city water customers used 425,000 gallons a day and he was afraid the reservoir could go dry.

Ray French, Howard Cleveland, and Harold Wright were the only persons who filed for three openings on the school board.

In the big news of the times, a Portland attorney was shot to death in a local restaurant by a Heppner woman. The attorney was in Heppner discussing with the woman about the custody of her son. Her ex-husband in Portland had presented a proposal to take custody of the son and when they got into a heated argument in the restaurant, she shot him.

1975

Five years ago Roland Bergstrom was named "Conservation Man of the Year."

The Democrat Gulch School House was moved to Heppner and set up near the library where plans were made to paint and repair it as part of a Historical Society and Bicentennial project.

A planning committee for Morrow County Schools recommended six new classes be built at A.C. Houghton Grade School in Irrigon at a cost of \$225,000 and four classrooms added at Riverside High School in Boardman for \$110,000.

A variance was granted for a mobile home in Heppner so new doctor Richard Carpenter could live in it.

Oregon students outscore contemporaries scholastically

Oregon high school juniors and seniors last year outscored their national contemporaries on all four tests administered by the American College Testing Program, State School Supt. Verne A. Duncan has announced. Nearly 1,600 Oregon

college-bound students were tested for their general educational development and ability to complete college level work in English, math, social studies and science.

The Oregon average on all tests was 19.3. The national average was 18.6.

'Vandals endanger pilots' lives'

Editor:

On Monday, May 19, a helicopter owned by Evergreen Helicopters, Inc., of McMinnville was attacked by vandals who cut electrical wires, smashed instrument panels, and painted "ban spraying" slogans on the windshield. The helicopter was parked near Toledo, for use by Evergreen in its forest management spraying contracts with the U.S. Forest Service. The vandals also shot out the tires of an Evergreen tanker truck, smashed the radiator and interior with an ax and poured sugar into the fuel system and crank case. On Wednesday, May 21, vandals broke into a locked storage building near Myrtle Point and poured 800 gallons of the herbicide Tordon K and 2, 4-D onto the ground. The chemical was owned by Re-forestation Services, Inc., of Salem, for use in its spraying contracts with the Bureau of Land Management. Approximately one week earlier an anonymous phone call was placed to the BLM office in Coos Bay, warning that planned spraying in the Myrtle Point area should be monitored closely because it would be made "extremely hazardous for the pilots."

The persons responsible for these crimes apparently feel that their opposition to the use of herbicides can best be

\$13 million to be asked for schools

State School Supt. Verne A. Duncan said he still plans to ask the 1981 Legislature to make up the \$13 million Oregon schools will lose in the last half of the 1980-81 school year if federal revenue sharing to states ends.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh announced last Friday that districts will lose \$13 million because of the end of revenue sharing and less than expected revenue from income taxes.

"Passing the \$13 million loss onto local school districts sets a dangerous precedent for revenue shortfalls in future bienniums," Duncan said. "Schools have already set conservative budgets for next year."

Another problem, Duncan said, is that the \$13 million loss will hurt 70 percent of Oregon's 311 districts while others "won't lose a dime." Under the basic school support formula, the districts that will get hurt are the equalization districts, those which are defined as poor districts under the formula.

Duncan said if the Legislature doesn't make up the \$13 million loss, he will ask it to change the formula so that all districts share in the loss.

demonstrated by illegal scare tactics and by risking the lives of pilots and persons on the ground by vandalizing aircraft. We trust the danger of such acts is evident to all responsible people, whether they are opponents or proponents of continued herbicide

use by farmers, foresters and homeowners in this state.

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