

# The Inquiring Mind

This series of articles, on many different subjects, results from work by senior students at the school of journalism at the University of Oregon. Each is a condensed version of a full-length thesis written as partial requirement for graduation at the school.

## THE PEOPLE'S STAKE IN POLLUTION ABATEMENT

If you were given a choice between two glasses of water, one suspiciously cloudy and the other crystal clear with the state's guarantee of purity attached, which glass would you choose to drink? The answer is obvious.

Suppose, however, that the glass of pure water were to have a price tag of one cent attached to it. Which one would you choose then? Once more you would probably pick the clear one.

The people of many of Oregon's communities have had to make the kind of decision illustrated in the example above. These people live in cities and towns where the domestic water supply is withdrawn from streams into which improperly treated sewage is being discharged. New or improved sewage treatment plants are needed in those communities, but labor and equipment for such projects cost money. In attempts to raise the necessary funds, bond issues have been proposed to the citizens of many of these communities. The bond proposals in most cases have been flatly rejected. The people have chosen the glass of impure water.

It is hard to believe that such unwise decisions were made through stupidity or greed on the part of the people. Perhaps it is because the only information available on the subject of pollution is concealed behind the veil of political issues.

Pure water for personal consumption is not the only issue to be considered. If Oregon is to have a healthy fishing and tourist industry, comprehensive pollution abatement must have public support. One out of every four adults in Oregon utilizes the fishing resources. The Department of Commerce has estimated that each fishing license holder spends about \$300 per year on the sport. This means a total of about \$100 million spent annually for fishing. Fishing is one of the state's main industries and anything threatening that industry is threatening an integral part of the state's economy.

Oregon's main industry, however, is timber. Any ex-

reme pressure brought to bear on the timber processing industry, in the form of enforced expenditures for the purification of wastes, might tend to discourage investment from outside interests needed to develop the industry to its full potential.

The best industrial sites are, ideally, located adjacent to marine and estuarine waters. As new industries come into the state the pollution problem will become more intense unless preventive measures are taken.

Clean water is as important to industrial users as it is for domestic use. The suspensions in turbid water tend to shorten the life of machinery that must utilize water in its operation, and the mineral contents cause a hardness in the water making it difficult for use in certain manufacturing processes.

Pollution control agencies must take into consideration the interests of domestic users, manufacturing industries, and the fishing industry, in making any pollution abatement decisions. That is the problem which faces the Oregon State Sanitary Authority and people of Oregon.

Due to financial limitations, the activity of the Sanitary Authority is confined to inventorying existing sources of pollution, surveying proposed industrial sites, and determining treatment requirements for new industrial developments. Although these are jobs that must be done, the responsibilities of research and policy enforcement are for the greatest part neglected. The authority must have more funds at its disposal and a larger staff, if it is to do the whole job for which it was created.

Knowledge Needed In dealing with industrial wastes there are many problems which at the present time can not be met because of lack of knowledge of the nature of the pollutants. A joint research campaign should be conducted by the authority, the fishing interests and the industries. The cost of the progress should be shared by all three. There are remedial measures that can be taken now, but which in many cases are ignored by the industries concerned. Repeated warnings from the Sanitary Authority have failed to spur any action on the part of some of those industries. Such violators should be given a "comply or close down" ultimatum. A few such closures would likely stimulate action on the part of the remaining offenders.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This wise old saying applies aptly to present pollution problems. With population increases in the state there will also be an increase in industrial development. Industrial development waste treatment should be considered an integral part of the production of any industry coming into the state. Waste treatment should be considered in research, design, pilot plants, and in full scale operations. The employment of full time waste disposal specialists should be made mandatory for both industries and municipalities. Reports from these specialists should be submitted to the authority at regular intervals so as to keep up with the problems as they arise.

The ultimate solution to Oregon's pollution problem is going to cost a good deal of money, and money is not easily come by for such projects. But if enough people complain about the conditions existing in our streams long enough and loud enough, the Sanitary Authority should have enough funds allocated to it so as to do the job for which it was created. If you live in a community where a pollution abatement bond issue is being submitted for your approval, get yourself a glass of water and take a good look at it. It may look all right but is it really fit to drink?

## Salem To Control Bend Police Office

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon State Police has announced a supervisory change whereby the Bend office will be controlled from Salem headquarters rather than from Milwaukie. Sources close to the State Police said the change had been contemplated for some time due to changing highway conditions.

The sources said the new arrangement would help "tie up State Police operations throughout the state better." Changing highway conditions make it easier to run the Bend office from here, they said.

MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Or. 9  
Thursday, June 18, 1959

### LEGAL NOTICES

**JACKSON COUNTY DRAYAGE AND STORAGE OF POLL BOOTHS**  
Bids Due on or before 4:30 p.m. June 30, 1959.  
Sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Jackson County, Court House, Medford, Oregon until 4:30 p.m. June 30, 1959 and then opened, for drayage and storage of poll booths for the elections department of the County Clerk's office.

Specifications are on file with the County Clerk of Jackson County and copies thereof may be obtained by request.  
No bid will be received or considered by the County Court or any officer of such County unless the bid contains a statement of the bidder as a part of his bid and he will convenant, and it will be a condition of his bond, that in performing his contract he will pay and cause to be paid not less than the prevailing rate of wages as of the date of his bid in such county per hour, per day and per week for and to each and every workman who may be employed in and about the performance of his contract.  
No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a check payable to the County Clerk of Jackson County, certified by a responsible bank, or in lieu thereof, a surety bond for an amount equal to ten per cent of the aggregate proposal. The successful bidder shall furnish a bond satisfactory to the County Court in the full amount of the contract. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.  
First publication June 18, 1959. Final publication June 25, 1959.  
E. M. Madden  
County Clerk

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson  
Probate Department  
In the Matter of  
the Estate of Daisy C. Patterson, deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that I have been appointed Administrator with the Will Annexed of the above estate by an order made therein on June 17, 1959. All creditors having claims against said deceased are hereby notified to present the same duly verified and with proper vouchers attached, to me at the office of Roberts, Kellington Branch, 201-5 U. S. National Bank Building, Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.  
Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 17th day of June, 1959.  
Miles L. Mosher  
Administrator with the Will Annexed

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of July, 1959, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at the front door of the Jackson County Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, I shall sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, all right, title and interest of Otis Warren Baker, Clarence A. Smith and Lorraine E. Smith, husband and wife, and Lowell E. Smith and Jane Doe Smith, husband and wife, in the following described real property situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to wit:

The West 10 acres of the following described property:  
All that part of Donation Land Claim No. 69 in Township 37 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon, beginning at a point in the center of roll at 34.02 chains East, and 19.61 chains South of the Northwest corner of said Donation Land Claim; thence South 19.61 chains; thence East 8.22 chains; thence North 19.61 chains; thence West 8.22 chains to the place of beginning.  
Said sale is made pursuant to an Execution issued out of Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson on the 12th day of June, 1959, in a matter wherein Mabel Clara Sims, an unmarried widow, is plaintiff and Otis Warren Baker, Clarence A. Smith and Lorraine E. Smith, husband and wife, and Lowell E. Smith and Jane Doe Smith, husband and wife are Defendants.  
Dated this 12th day of June, 1959.  
Joseph D. Walsh, Sheriff  
Jackson County, Oregon

**NOTICE OF HEARING UPON FINAL ACCOUNT**  
No. 10414  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY  
PROBATE DEPARTMENT  
In the Matter of the Estate of HENRY E. RICHARDSON, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Robert D. Dames administrator de bonis non of the estate of Henry E. Richardson, deceased, has filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County, his first and final account and report as such administrator in said estate, and July 13, 1959, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. in the court room of said court at the Court House, Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing of objections to said final account and report, and all persons having objections thereto are hereby required to make or file the same on or before said time.  
Dated June 11th, 1959.  
ROBERT D. DAMES  
Administrator de bonis non  
Robert D. Dames  
Attorney for Administrator  
Goldy Building  
Medford, Oregon

**NOTICE**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County  
In the Matter of the Estate of Frank Pettigrew, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed the 13th day of July, 1959, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the Circuit Court Room in the Court House in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, and for the settlement thereof.  
Dated and first published June 11, 1959.  
FRED PETTIGREW  
Executor  
Skvrman & Heisel  
Attorneys for Executor

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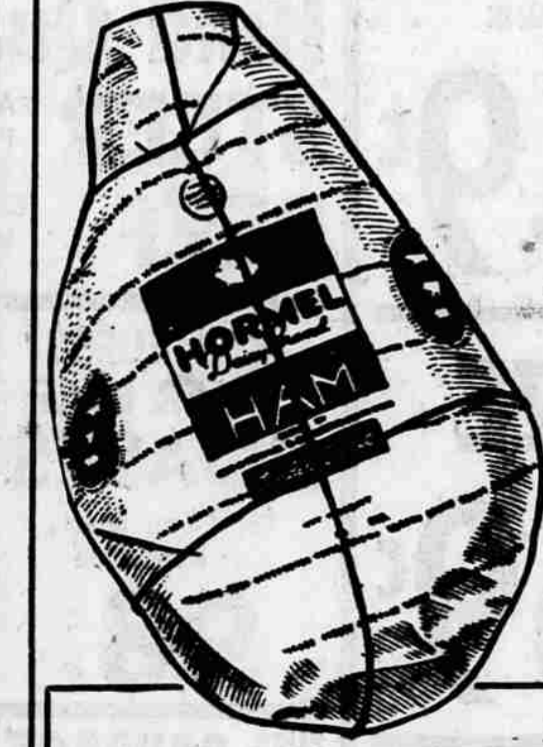
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