

Compound 1080 Losses by Coyotes Noted at Public Hearing on Program

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There are at least 1,000 coyotes in the county. Half of them are females. Figuring each female will have six pups do you see where we stand?" Walsh asked. "We must stop fighting amongst ourselves and all declare war on the coyotes. I have seen one coyote take a doe and I have witnessed. Three coyotes can kill the biggest buck."

The program included: manufacturer's directions indicate it is toxic to man; there is no known antidote; actual results from the three poison stations in the Lake Creek area last year are not known definitely; more livestock are lost to dogs in Oregon than coyotes; poison has no preference, it kills any animal eating it; the coyote does more good than harm by controlling the rodent population and seldom kills sheep; stations in the hills won't kill the coyotes when the problem is in the low valley area, Bill Bray said.

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Walsh argued that if "the dog people will work hard enough so their dogs won't be killed, we won't kill one Coyotes also kill grouse."

"We are losing sight of our objective," Niedermeyer remarked. "Do we or do we not have a coyote problem? How can we control it? If we employ additional government hunters Mr. Patterson can tell you how much tax money that would cost."

Not Scattered
"The poison would not be scattered indiscriminately in the valley. It's ridiculous to assume pheasant would eat the meat and would get the poison. Location of the poison meat stations would be 15 to 20 miles from the valley floor. All stations will be posted and put out when snow is on the ground. Nobody will be hunting, camping or picnicking in the area then. Those running their hounds after cats can do it in the other half of the valley," Niedermeyer said.

"Directions for the use of the poison Mrs. Marshall read are directions like you would find on any household item advising extreme caution in handling. The point is, there are not a lot of people putting out the stations (two men), according to Patterson," he said.

Other arguments against

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Not Urging Use
Judge Miller added that neither the county court nor Patterson is urging use of the poison. They are merely explaining the program's purpose, he said. Stockmen requested the stations be set out, he said.

"I'm a hound man myself," Patterson said. "If I had my preference I would use straight field traps. But my job is to present the cheapest possible solution of this problem to the county court."

A dog is more likely to get a cyanide gun because this device must be used expan-

sively to do any good, Patterson said. Meat can be dosed lightly enough with the 1080 to kill canines but not consistently other animals.

Meadow Mouse Population
The eruption of the meadow mouse in eastern Oregon "set the table" for coyotes. Coyote litters doubled in size and bobcats more than doubled their litters, Patterson said.

Summertime coyote population is in the high country. They are in the low country in the winter and generally follow the migratory deer pattern. Poison bait stations are set in the intermediate range to catch them, he added.

A representative of the Green Springs Cattlemen's association said his group had not been bothered by coyotes.

County Court To Decide Problem of Serving Papers

The county court expects to make a decision this week on the problem of serving civil papers by two county offices, County Judge Earl Miller said Friday.

About a month ago the county court received a letter from Sheriff Joe Walsh stating that the civil department's workload had increased beyond the physical ability of the deputies to handle it and give proper service.

At the same time, Constable Michael C. Loftus' workload has decreased, according to the constable's reports, Miller said. Complicating the situation further, two civil deputies, John O'Hara and Glenn Wright, recently had heart attacks. The sheriff's office has been using criminal deputies to fill in, and has hired another man on a part-time basis.

Consider All Angles
Miller noted that budget money allowed the sheriff's civil department has risen steadily during recent years. "I want to consider all angles before another man is added to the staff," the county judge said.

Miller said so far he has received letters on the problem from all but two credit bureaus. He received a letter recently from Edward Branchfield, president of the Jackson County Bar association.

The county court also received a written opinion from District Court Judge E. Roy Bashaw on the constable's service and his evaluation of the number of papers processed from his court on small claims and handled by the sheriff's office.

Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell has also presented the court with a legal opinion on what authority the county court has over the constable, Miller said.

None of the communications will be made public until the county court makes a decision, Miller said.

Campaign Quotes

By United Press International Vice President Richard M. Nixon:

Speech at Davenport, Iowa: "The Republican tide is running strong and Democrats by the thousands are joining with us. Why? Because they do not have confidence in their own national ticket."

Whistlestop speeches in Illinois: Sen. John F. Kennedy is trying to "scare" Americans into voting Democratic, but "it won't work because the American people have more sense than Kennedy has. Note that I said sense, not dollars. He's got more dollars than you have but you have more sense than he does."

Speech at Mattoon, Ill.: "Sen. Kennedy is betting on a recession. But the American people are betting on prosperity. Kennedy is wrong and the people are right, and that's why they are not going to elect him on Nov. 8."

Speech at Davenport: "The most despicable and most ignorant comment made in this whole campaign" is Kennedy's forecast of a recession. Kennedy must have "a hole in the head" if he thinks America has been standing still under the Eisenhower administration.

Speech at Tolono, Ill.: "America will not be pushed around any place in the world."

Sen. John F. Kennedy: Speech at Scranton, Pa.: "The nation's economy must be 'put back on the track. When the economy is not growing, then few businesses are looking for new sites in which to locate plants. And when 159 areas of substantial unemployment are competing for the few new plants that are being built, no single area like Scranton can do much on its own."

"And what is worse, most economists now agree that another recession is underway. The vice president has denied this, of course, but the figures speak for themselves. The gross national product has fallen. Business is at a lower level than six months ago. Steel is at barely half capacity, home-building at two-thirds. Unemployment has been at recession levels for months, and the hours of work and take-home pay of factory workers has fallen."

"If our country is strong at home, we will be respected abroad. If we solve the pressing problems of our own people, then we will be looked to for guidance by the new and emerging peoples of the world. Let us get America moving forward once again."

Brother, Sister Win Speech Event

A brother and sister from Crater High school placed first and second, respectively in the conservation speech contest sponsored at Phoenix High school by the Rogue Soil-Conservation district, according to Clem Ault, work unit conservationist for the district.

Dave Foote, Crater Future Farmers of America member, took first place, and his sister, Carol, representing the Crater High school speech department, took second place. Third place went to Ernie Boiz, Phoenix FFA chapter.

Foote is eligible to compete in the southern Oregon area contest in Grants Pass Thursday. Winner of the area contest will receive an expense-

paid trip to the state contest and U.S. Soil Conservation Service convention in The Dalles, Ore., Nov. 16 and 17. Speech topic was wild life conservation. Foote stressed the importance of keeping a biological balance in wild life and the additional crop the farmer receives through growth of game birds on his land.

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State Motor Court Group Opposed To Ballot Measure

Ed Bolt, Gold Hill, president of the Oregon Motor Court association, Saturday said his organization has gone on record strongly opposing ballot measure 15, the bill-board control measure, because "it denies our members freedom of communication, a freedom which is basic to our country's way of life."

Bolt said the "outlawing of outdoor advertising along our state's most important highway systems is as critical a blow to motel operators as the outlawing of newspaper advertising would be to grocery stores."

Eliminate Outdoor Ads
In a released statement, the motel association head pointed out that measure 15 would eliminate completely all present outdoor advertising whatsoever along all of Highways 99 and 30 east of Portland, except in cities.

"These two highways are our tourist mainstays," Bolt said. "Take away our right to advertise on these highways and you will put many of our members completely out of business."

"But what is worse," Bolt's statement said, "is that the measure restricts all tourist facilities advertising along 16 additional Oregon highways to signs within five miles of our places of business. This is ridiculous. As anyone in the tourist business knows, decision as to where to stay or where to eat or what to see are usually made up long

County To Provide Bus for Workers

County Commissioner Ralph James said Friday the county will designate a bus to transport members of the county's welfare work program.

Friday, the county had four men in the program and six the day before. The crew has been cleaning up tin cans along Sterling creek rd. in the Jacksonville area, James said.

before the tourist gets within five miles of the spot," the motel official stated.

Chamber Board Commends School

Medford Chamber of Commerce board of directors have unanimously passed a resolution commending Medford school officials following the visit of some 100 businessmen in Medford schools Thursday.

Education-Business day, designed to develop "better understanding between those on the teaching staff of the Medford school system and business people of the city," drew this year the largest group of participants, according to Don McNeil, chamber manager.

The annual project is directed by the chamber's education committee headed by H. D. Christensen. It is the complement of an earlier Business-Education day when local teachers visit businessmen.

The chamber board reported "great pride" in the work of the administration and the school board, as well as the "high quality" of the teachers in the system. These factors, it maintains, have placed the Medford schools at the top of the list among all the schools in the nation.

The board further congratulates the superintendent's staff, the school board and the teachers for this "outstanding" record of accomplishment in the "most important job in the world—the education of Medford's children."

Talent Principal To Attend Meeting

Talent - George R. Nelson, Talent Junior High school principal, has accepted an invitation to represent the Phoenix school district at the regional orientation conference in mathematics Nov. 3 and 4 in Portland.

Some 100 superintendents, principals, and curriculum leaders from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming are expected at the conference.

One of eight sponsored in the nation by the National Science foundation, the meeting will provide information and orientation needed to aid leadership in up-dating and improving the mathematics program in the individual school systems.



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