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Mosser Cites Need For Long-Range Plans

Optimism and self-assurance buoy the comments of John Mosser when he discusses his new position as chairman of the State Sanitary Authority, that agency charged with the awesome task of preventing, controlling and reducing Oregon air and water pollution.

One reason for his confidence is the new set of administrative and legal tools given the authority by the 1967 legislature. Another is, simply, that there is great hope for maintaining Oregon's livability standards because our air and water quality problems have not reached the discouraging proportions faced by many other states.

Mosser's appointment early this month by Gov. Tom McCall — to succeed himself — generally is regarded as excellent. As a Portland lawyer, former state representative and most recently this state's Director of Finance and Administration, Mosser has earned a reputation as a quiet dynamo, a man who gets things done. He typically is referred to as "brilliant," "courageous," one who "can spot a hole in an argument a block away."

Right now, he sees Oregon's pollution problems as stemming from laxity and short-sightedness. Just as on the national level, we simply have ignored the problem until it is no longer possible to look the other way.

He also sees public and government reaction to such an awakening as rather typical.

"We see the technological possibility of having something and, like an impulse shopper, we decide to buy it tomorrow," says Mosser. "I think we should compare solutions more to buying a house than buying a shirt; this involves decisions, sacrifice and budgeting, over a period of time. The federal interstate highway system shows what can be done with a planning of this kind."

According to Mosser, the Oregon State Sanitary Authority needs both a firm policy to deal with existing problems and a more fixed, long-range policy to prevent undesirable situations. He notes he was charged by the governor to "hold, clean up and roll back pollution without decimating jobs."

Such an assignment presents far from a black-and-white picture, Mosser says. Realistically, in taking the long-term approach to pollution control we are going to live with some continuation of current problems. The question, basically, revolves around just how much of a price Oregonians are willing to pay.

"We can't eliminate industry, and nobody wants to. We can't eliminate automobiles, and nobody wants to," Mosser says in areas such as Portland, motor vehicles create about 50 percent of air pollution.

Speaking of automobile exhaust, he says he thinks correction approaches have been too narrow and will broaden. We could cut fuel consumption to levels more typical of foreign cars, he believes, but more likely we

will see changes in vehicle energy sources or in the internal combustion engine.

Because of many diverse causes, air pollution will take longer to clean up than Oregon waters, the new Sanitary Authority chairman believes. In water, he thinks we should define exactly what we want to use it for — fish life? drinking? swimming? — then determine where we are and set definite target dates for attaining goals.

Again stressing the need for long-range policy, Mosser says he is wrestling with a critical philosophical question concerning Oregon's economic development. Can we, he asks now get by with requiring only so much of a new industry, for example, and then in five years develop a new, tougher code and go back and impose it on that original industry?

"I think it's better to get tough right now," he answers, "and to anticipate and develop long-range requirements ahead of their needed application."

The Sanitary Authority, hampered in recent years by tight funds and staff, has dealt primarily with brushfire situations. Under the reorganization and increased budget approved by the 1967 legislature, Mosser anticipates more attention can be devoted to bigger, long-range issues.

The authority now has more staff people, and more staff freedom in recruiting. Mosser believes Oregon is in a good position to bid for technical personnel in an increasingly competitive market, particularly because Oregon's pollution problems are more encouraging towards success than overwhelming.

Money is not the only answer, he is quick to point upon availability of qualified people, availability of federal matching funds and other such factors. But the new Sanitary Authority budget, "though tight, is vastly improved and offers a real chance to progress."

Mosser notes that the authority also is soliciting voluntary professional help, among engineers, accountants, industry leaders, in the cleanup battle. The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry also has offered its help in conducting surveys, and Mosser feels many critical needs can be met without budget strain.

With its new chairman, structure, budget and a battery of new anti-pollution laws to back it up, the Sanitary Authority should satisfy many public demands for cleaner air and water. Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall last week announced that Oregon is one of only three states to comply with new federal water quality standards. John Mosser, for one, is determined to keep Oregon in the lead.

GATES

By Janet Lewis

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Zimmerman have purchased the Bill Stewart place.

Rudy Maxa of Melbourne, Fla., left Monday after a month's stay with the Zimmermans. Mr. Maxa is an uncle of Mrs. Zimmerman. While he was here trips were made to the coast to visit friends.

Berniece Potter of Mehama visited with Mrs. Lang Stafford Monday evening.

The Vacation Bible school program will be held Friday evening at the Gates Church of Christ. All the classes will participate and displays of work done will be shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barnhardt and family attended a combination company picnic Saturday, July 15 at Fishermen's Bend. It was held for the employees of both Green Veneer Idanha and North Santiam Plywood of Mill City.

Last week the Barnhardt family took a short vacation through Eastern Oregon and down to Winnemucca, Nev. While in Eastern Oregon they spent some time going through the fire Opal mine.

Willard Gabriel is recuperating at home after his accident last week. His sister, Mrs. Barbara Searcy of Portland visited last Sunday. Lisa Gabriel returned with her for a visit in Portland.

Bill Stewart is now working for Barnhardt & Platt and he and the family are living in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Spoelstra of Portland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson Sunday.

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ber of Mill City and Karen Oliver of Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. Niel Sweeney of Portland and Vera Jean Sweeney of San Diego, visited Sunday with Mrs. Nellie Allen. They were former neighbors when all lived in Portland.

The homecoming fellowship dinner and a reception for Mrs. Lang Stafford will be held this Sunday at the Gates Church of Christ. All friends are invited to attend the services, join the potluck dinner and honor Mrs. Stafford for her 50 years of work with the church and Sunday school.

OBITUARIES

ERICK D. HOLLEY
Erick David Holley, 3-month-old son of Mrs. Tommy Holley of Lyons, died of pneumonia Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Williams, 341 S. W. Ivy.

Mrs. Holley was visiting the Williamses. She has been staying with relatives in Lyons, the Jimmy D. Montgomery family. The baby's father lives in Oklahoma.

Services are pending at Tracewell mortuary, Sweet Home.

Three out of four traffic deaths occur within 25 miles of home, says the Traffic Safety Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles. Even if you're just going to the corner drugstore—buckle up. Your chances of living through a crash are five times greater.

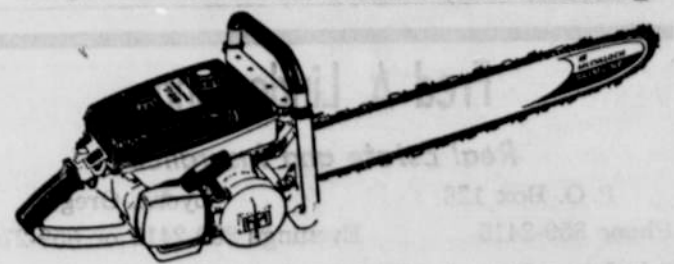
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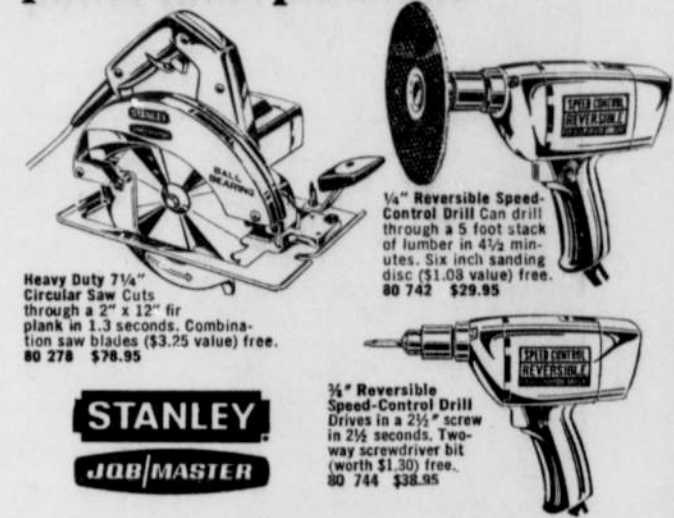
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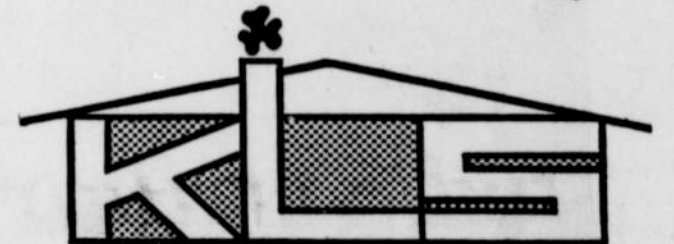
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