

Poison Hazards In House Plants

Prompted by the many telephone calls and inquiries received at the Physician's Consultation Center regarding plants, flowers and berries, the Oregon Poison Control Registry is warning parents of small

children to be extra cautious during the holiday season. House plants widely used at Christmas, such as poinsettias, mistletoe and Jerusalem-cherry are among the most deadly when eaten.

One leaf of a poinsettia can kill a child, and both children and adults died after eating mistletoe berries. When ingested, holly berries have also

resulted in poisonings. The Jerusalem-cherry, frequently grown for its bright orange cherry-like ornamental berries, contains solanine, solanidine and the alkaloid, solanocapsine. The most common type of solanine poisoning, the nervous form, produces symptoms of narcosis and paralysis. The gastric form of poisoning produces salivation, vomiting, bloating and diarrhea.

GARDEN PLANTS CAN KILL

The home garden often contains many plants that can also kill when eaten. These include rhubarb leaves, daphne berries, yew berries, foxglove leaves, golden chain seed capsules, jessamine berries, lantana berries; and foliage and all parts of laurel, castor beans, rhododendrons and azaleas.

Plant poisoning chances are small, but they do exist. The holiday season is an appropriate time to warn parents and patients of the hazards.

NHS Matmen Edge Borah

Although Nyssa gave up the final two weight brackets via forfeiture, the Bulldogs hung on to edge Borah 25-24 in a wrestling match on Dec. 19.

The win boosted Nyssa to a 2-1-1 record for the season. Borah is 4-1 for the grappling campaign.

RESULTS

- 98 - Hartley (N) pin Buchanan, first.
- 106 - Price (B) dec. Sadamori 7-3.
- 115 - Burningham (N) dec. Price 10-2.
- 123 - Kain (N) dec. Smith 7-3.
- 130 - Parra (N) dec. McKinley 14-0.
- 136 - Cleaver (N) dec. Cunningham 19-15.
- 141 - Church (N) dec. Hiekola 4-0.
- 148 - Wright (N) pin Jackson, first.
- 157 - Jolley (B) pin Reece second.
- 168 - Wallace (B) dec. Morostica 10-3.
- 178 - Adams (B) dec. Brea-shears 7-6.
- 191 - Miller (B) won by forfeit.
- Hvy - Rogers (B) won by forfeit.

1969 SCHEDULE

- JAN. 14 - CALDWELL, HERE.
- JAN. 16 - KELLY, HERE.
- JAN. 18 - TOURNEY, LA GRANDE.
- JAN. 21 - MERIDIAN, HERE.
- JAN. 23 - BOISE, HERE.
- JAN. 28 - MERIDIAN, THERE.
- JAN. 30 - ONTARIO, HERE.
- FEB. 6 - VALE, THERE.
- FEB. 14-15 - DIST. TOURNEY, THE DALLES.
- FEB. 21-22 - STATE TOURNAMENT, CORVALLIS.

Fishing Rules Set For 1969

The Oregon State Game Commission meeting recently in Portland adopted the 1969 sport fishing regulations. Summer salmon and steelhead regulations on the Columbia river will remain the same as those set up in the 1968 regulations with the understanding that an emergency closure would be placed in effect if developments indicate such action to be necessary.

In making the motion for continuation of the 1968 regulations, George Hibbard, game commissioner from Oregon City, stated, "We want to make

NEW GROWTH RECORD SET FOR PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

Total local property tax levies in Oregon increased more this year, in dollar amounts, than any other single year in state history. Measured in percentages, the increase is the largest in modern Oregon history. These findings, based upon property tax levies in all 36 counties for fiscal year 1968-69, were published last week by Oregon Tax Research (OTR). If the figures seem disconcerting--particularly in view of the defeat of the 1-1/2 percent limitation--it is helpful to remember that OTR repeatedly stressed before the election that nearly two-thirds of this year's property tax increase is the result of voters approving levies extending beyond the Constitutional 6 percent property tax limit.

Now 33 years old, OTR is a highly-respected non-partisan organization which devotes its work to the study of state and local taxes throughout Oregon. Its manager, George J. Annala, served four terms in the State House of Representatives (19-56-61), and in the 1967 legislative session was consultant to the Senate Taxation Committee.

According to Annala's compilations, this year's total levies, before any offset from property tax relief programs now operating, total \$410,417,205. It is a dollar increase of \$54 million over 1967-68.

The average statewide percentage increase, OTR notes, is 15.2 percent, up from a 10.7 percent increase last year. The previous highest one-year increase was 11.3 percent in 1964-65, following voters' defeat of an increased personal income tax for property tax relief.

This year's greatest dollar increase is in the most populous counties. The highest percentage increase--28.3 percent, occurred in Clatsop county, with Wallowa, Lincoln and Crook counties not far behind. A decrease of 1.4 percent occurred in Jefferson county.

"Possible most disconcerting," OTR reports, is this year's increase in the average effective tax rate over 1967-68. Although increased true cash value of nearly \$1 billion absorbed "a significant amount" of this year's percentage increase in taxes, the effective tax rate for Oregon still increased nearly 9 percent. Even after property tax relief, the current average is 2.42 percent of true cash value, higher than last year's 2.36 percent rate even before relief was deducted.

Relief deductions this year total \$22,448,405, leaving a net collectible tax of \$387,927,563. This amount is roughly \$54.9 million higher than in 1967-68. Property tax relief appears in three forms in OTR's report. Senior citizens' homestead exemptions are responsible for \$2.26 million from last year.

it abundantly clear that the Game Commission still has great concern over these runs of fish. However, in light of the statements made at this public hearing, and because of lack of assurances from the other Oregon and Washington agencies regulating other fisheries of the Columbia, we are setting this season.

The Washington sport fishery and the commercial fisheries of both states have not at this point been curtailed, but this Commission intends to take emergency action to close the Oregon sport fishery if the facts so dictate. We wanted to point the direction we feel all fisheries regulations should go. We are convinced these runs need protection and will cooperate fully with the other agencies when their intentions become known."

Two weeks ago, the Commission had tentatively closed the 1969 summer salmon and steelhead season in the Columbia during certain periods of June and July. Most of the public hearing was taken by individuals and representatives of sports clubs commenting on the proposed closure.

The dates for the beginning of the trout season were adopted as earlier proposed. Inland streams and lowland lakes will open April 19 and the high lakes and coastal streams on May 24. Both seasons will extend through Oct. 31.

Only other major change enacted by the Game Commission was a restriction on angling gear on the McKenzie River. During the salmon season, only single hooks less than one-half inch between the point and shank will be legal.

The new regulations become effective January 1, 1969. A printed synopsis of the rules will be available at license agencies about the last week in December.

Inventory tax relief of \$3.1 million is down about \$2 million from last year. General property tax relief, including \$6.7 million in cigarette taxes earmarked for this purpose, is up approximately \$800,000. Annala believes the legislature has its work well cut out for it. Obviously, lawmakers are expected to come up with some answers to "the major problem facing the next session of the legislature." Nearly 300,000 Oregonians voted for the 1-1/2 percent property tax

limitation; no doubt thousands more would have if there had been an alternative method of raising the needed local revenue in the proposal.

Now the ball has been thrown back by voters to the legislature. Any new form of raising revenue to offset property taxes must be approved by the people, however. Because the legislature cannot attach the emergency clause to revenue measures, it either must refer tax reform plans to the voters or expect any measure it approves to be tested by popular referendum.

Ultimately then, again, the people and not the legislature will have the final say. Every

voting citizen should bear this in mind, and be prepared to accept constructive ideas the next legislature is hard-pressed to propose. If not, we must

be prepared to accept the continuing rise in local property taxes which makes OTR's report such uncomfortable reading.

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