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REP. BOB SMITH ANSWERS ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL ON ADRIAN-SUCCOR CREEK

Oregon House Speaker Robert F. Smith Monday denounced as "ill-advised, ill-informed and irresponsible" the protests filed by the Portland-based Oregon Environmental Council against two proposed highway projects in Malheur County.

The Council, an alliance of several conservation and preservationist groups, protested the replacement of the Adrian Bridge and reconstruction of the Succor Creek County road.

The OEC, in written protests filed with the State Highway Commission, said that insufficient study had been given to the possible environmental impact of the projects.

The Council also strongly questioned the need for the projects.

Smith, in a letter to the Council, said "the questions you raise and the comments you make are clear indications that the Council has not given adequate study to the environmental impact statements filed by the Oregon State Highway Commission."

Smith said "the Council's knowledge of the social, political, economic and environmental needs of our area and its people are non-existent at worst and shallow at best."

Smith charged that the Council had "obviously not taken the opportunity to view first-hand the minimal environmental impact these projects would have."

Smith, who represents Malheur and Harney Counties, said "those who have studied these projects for the past decade, as have I, will reach the correct conclusion that public enjoyment of the magnificent environment of these areas will be enhanced, rather than destroyed, by the completion of these projects."

Smith presented the Council with a detailed outline of the merits of both projects.

About the Adrian Bridge, Smith said "what this project proposes--and what the Council has apparently chosen to ignore in its ill-conceived protest--is the replacement of an antiquated structure which is unsafe at any speed, with a new structure a very short distance from the present bridge."

END OF CAMPAIGN CHAIRMEN NAMED

Gary Smith, electronic engineer for the Amalgamated Sugar Company factory in Nyssa, has been named dinner chairman for the up-coming celebration marking the end of the 1971-72 sugar beet processing season.

According to Ray Larson, district manager, the slicing operation is expected to end on or about February 4 this year.

Among the first to be appointed to the dinner committee by the new chairman was Paul Kunkel, chief chemist at the Nyssa factory, who will serve as co-chairman.

Smith said other committee appointments, date, time and place of the dinner will be released at a later date.

Treasure Valley Chambers of Commerce Officers



The Treasure Valley Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors met Monday evening at Brownie's Cafe in Nyssa, and elected the three officers pictured above to serve the organization for the 1972 year. Ladies Night and installation of officers will be

February 28 in Boise. From left are Roger McGinnis, Boise, re-elected secretary-treasurer; Duke Alvord, Boise, president; and Mel Rich, Ontario, vice-president.

"We will simply be trading a new bridge for an old bridge in exactly the same location. "Aesthetics, safety and serviceability all will be improved," Smith said.

Smith said the present Adrian Bridge "has given the state a dubious distinction by being recently named as one of the 50 most dangerous bridges in the United States."

After detailing the arguments in favor of the bridge replacement, Smith said "with these facts in mind, your ill-informed opposition indicates an obviously irresponsible approach to any logical analysis of all of the factors which must be taken into consideration on a project of this kind."

Smith said the Council's position in opposition to the Succor Creek Road "provides the basis for the conclusion that the Council approached this question on the same low level in which it responded to the Adrian Bridge project."

He said "most certainly, the large area of Oregon dependent upon this route cannot forever be denied the right of decent transportation facilities."

Smith said "before making sweeping and summary judgments about the need for this road, I suggest you pay the people of this area the courtesy of seeking their views on the unquestioned need."

Smith said the Succor Creek Road project would unite the southern and northern parts of Malheur County for the first time.

"This division of the County has segregated our people politically, economically and socially, in addition to diverting Oregon traffic into Idaho and points east," Smith said.

Smith said a trip to the county seat at Vale for southern Malheur County residents presently involves "circuitous travel into Idaho over the hazardous Marsing grade."

He said truckers in the area would realize substantial savings, as would passenger cars, and that road passage fees presently going to Idaho would be paid to the State of Oregon.

Smith said greater public enjoyment of the magnificent vistas of the area would be enhanced through improved access to the area. "No longer will people need to be endowed with the constitutions of pack mules in order to enjoy this breath-taking splendor."

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Jan. 12	40	33	
Jan. 13	34	28	
Jan. 14	34	17	
Jan. 15	32	16	
Jan. 16	32	15	
Jan. 17	34	22	
Jan. 18	43	30	.04
Jan. 19	33	33	.02

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
1/17/72 540,480 Acre Feet
1/17/71 606,190 Acre Feet



A464-9 -- View is northwesterly, showing I-80N bypass of LaGrande, upper left. In center is the Wallowa Lake Highway Interchange. (Oregon State Highway Division photo)

Old Fort Boise Placing Mary Kay School Veterans Loans Theme Tonight Under IED Funding Fails At Record High

Ted Long, part-time Treasure Valley Community College instructor in archeology and anthropology, will deliver the seventh "Man and the Land" lectures in the Weese Building tonight.

Long will bring to his presentation, "Old Fort Boise and Historical Archeology," a wealth of field experience garnered from excavation in Idaho, Mexico, and Pennsylvania. Long did his Bachelor and Master degree work at the University of the Americas and is working on a PhD at the University of Pittsburgh.

In addition, his talk will preview archeological activities scheduled for Fort Boise this summer. He is one of the directors for this project.

The lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m. in room W-10. There is no admission and all interested people are welcome.

The resolutions for placing the Mary Kay School local funding (\$9,450) and administration of the School under the direction of the Intermediate Education District Board were counted as eight affirmative and seven negative, according to IED Superintendent Leroy Paulsen. The law requires a 2/3 affirmative (ten districts) and 51% of the school population from the districts within an IED boundary before any services for student instruction may be authorized.

The local school districts which are presently sending students, or are anticipating some eligible students from their districts now, have the opportunity to contract with the IED. Under this arrangement, the individual participating

school districts must raise the money through their own local school budgets and "pool" it for the \$9,450 necessary for Intermediate Education District sponsorship for matching Oregon and Idaho funds.

The proposed budget for the 1972-73 school year is \$39,000 and the Idaho schools have agreed to pay their share (based on enrollment) of 50% which leaves \$19,500 for the Oregon patrons. Oregon Mental Health Department has been committed to pay any cost to Oregon above the Malheur County average per pupil cost for students attending the public schools. Based on an enrollment figure of 15 from Malheur County, this commits the Mental Health Department to pay the difference above the \$9,450, Paulsen said.

Districts that approved the resolution are Adrian, Annex, Brogan, Juntura, McDermitt, Nyssa, Ontario and Vale Elementary.

Those districts who voted against the resolution are Arock, Harper, Jordan Valley Elementary, Jordan Valley Union High, Rockville, Vale Union High and Willowcreek.

Wool - Mohair Filings Due

Producers who file applications and 1971 marketing reports on wool and unshorn lambs and mohair by January 31 at the Malheur County ASCS Office will receive payments early in April under the National Wool Act. So reports Blaine Girvin, Chairman of the Malheur County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Applications should cover only wool and unshorn lambs and mohair sold during the marketing year which ended December 31. Marketings after that date will be eligible for payments to be made in 1973.

"The county ASCS office will provide information on the items that should be included with producers' applications, and will give assistance as needed", Girvin said. Wool and mohair producers are eligible to receive payments regardless of the quantity sold in 1971.

The payment rate for 1971 marketings will be announced early in April following announcement of the national average price received and is expected to be well above last year's rate which was 102.8 percent.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs had a record year in Oregon veterans' farm and home loans in 1971, with 7,971 loans being granted in the amount of \$139,158,850, H.C. Saalfeld, director, reported today.

This was 128 loans and nearly \$20 million above the previous record year of 1969, when 7,843 veterans borrowed \$119,320,350. It was 27 percent more in loans and 33 percent higher in dollar volume than 1970, the year of loan fund shortages, when 6,283 loans went out for \$104,625,750.

In Malheur County last year, loans were granted to 74 veterans in the amount of \$1,713,400, compared with 71 loans in 1970 for \$1,545,900.

Since the loan program started in 1945, loans have gone to 869 veterans in this county in the amount of \$10,537,800. Statewide, 87,362 loans have been granted for \$990,460,024.

The average loan was higher in 1971, going to \$17,458 from the 1970 average of \$16,652. Last year's dollar volume represented more than \$550,000 in loans every working day, and over \$11.6 million per month.

Veterans have repaid nearly \$492 million in principal and over \$174 million in interest, with monthly repayments averaging over \$8 million. Of the 87,362 loans, 50,509 were outstanding December 31 in the amount of \$656,216,723.

Voters Approve Cigarette Tax

Oregon voters approved an increase in the cigarette tax Tuesday, with about 51% voting statewide in favor of the measure. The tax will increase from the present 4¢ to 9¢ per pack.

In Malheur County the unofficial results were 2,104 Yes votes, 1,352 No votes, with a total of 3,456 voters going to the polls.

Business Meeting Called for Friday

Bob Wilson, committee chairman, has called a meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Businessmen's Promotion Committee for Friday, 10 a.m. at Brownie's Cafe.

POTATO OFFICIAL TELLS GROWERS OF RESEARCH AT ANNUAL MEETING

Doyle Burns, executive director of the National Potato Council, explained the national potato research and promotion plan which growers are to vote on in a referendum February 1-10. He spoke to the Malheur County potato growers Monday.

He was one of the speakers during the annual meeting of the association held at the Boulevard Grange Hall.

Joel Mitchell, Nyssa, president of the association, was chairman for the day's program which was attended by 175 growers and interested individuals.

Burns told the group that the potato research and promotion plan provides a way for potato growers throughout the United States to work together on a program to improve their markets for potatoes and to advertise and promote potatoes.

He said this is the first time in the potato industry that potato growers have had the opportunity to put all their resources together and work toward a common goal.

Four directors were elected to serve two year terms on the board of the Malheur County Potato Growers Association. They were Wesley Roberts, Ore-

gon Slope District; Joel Mitchell, Nyssa-Adrian District; James Nakano, Ontario District; and Fred Deffer, Adrian, director-at-large.

1972 Livestock Tax Values Set

The Oregon livestock tax assessors meeting with representatives of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in Baker, recently, reached an agreement and approved the 1972 livestock tax appraisal figures. OCA President Charley Otley appointed Robert Steward, Keating, Chairman of the OCA Livestock Tax Appraisal Committee. The make-up of this committee consisted of more than twenty Oregon cattlemen, representing every segment of the Oregon beef cattle industry.

Following are the approved assessor's true cash values on Oregon livestock for 1972 (for comparison 1971 figures are in the right hand column):

	1972	1971
Calves, under 6 months . . .	\$ 51.00	\$ 45.00
Steer Calves, 6 mo. to 1 yr. . .	125.00	115.00
Heifer calves 6 mo. to 1 yr. . .	100.00	90.00
Steers, 1 yr. and over . . .	165.00	150.00
Heifers, 1 yr. to 2 years . . .	141.00	130.00
Cows, 2 yrs and over . . .	169.00	155.00
Bulls, 1 year and over . . .	317.00	290.00

The 1972 livestock tax values are approximately 10% higher than the previous year.

Aliens Must Register Before January 31

William L. Pattillo, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, today urged all aliens in the State of Oregon who have not yet filled out alien address report forms, to do so before January 31st, at the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service Office or local Post Office.

The Immigration Official pointed out that the law requires all non-citizens, except persons in diplomatic status and foreign representatives to certain international organizations, such as the United Nations, to report their addresses to the Government each January.

Mr. Pattillo added: "The parent or legal guardian of an alien child under 14 years of age must fill out the address report form for such a child in order to comply with the law."

He declared: "We have tried to make it as convenient as possible for non-citizens to meet the address report require-

ments; and, in view of serious penalties for willful violation, all persons subject to the address report law are urged to fulfill this obligation before the end of January."

Mr. Pattillo advised: "It is easy for an alien to meet this requirement. He just goes to the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service Office or Post Office, fills out the address report form, and returns it to the clerk. Any non-citizen who is ill may send a friend or relative to obtain the card for him, and return it to the clerk after it has been completed by the alien. For those unable to personally return the cards, they may be mailed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service."

The Immigration Official said 12,000 aliens in the State of Oregon have already filled out address reports. He estimated that 26,000 such reports will be submitted before January 31.

Nyssa High Musician Writes Magazine Article

Craig Northrup, band director at Nyssa High School, submitted an article by Scott Engstrom, to the Oregon Music Educator magazine. The article was printed in the December-January edition of the publication, entitled "One View of Music Education". The article is as follows:

The study of music is beneficial and relevant to today's fast-moving, scientifically oriented society. It has been said that music can be appreciated without knowing anything about how and why it was written. Millions of people casually listen to the radio as their favorite tunes are played repetitively by overly loquacious broadcasters. However, these people seldom notice more about the songs they listen to than the catchy tunes and the provocative lyrics.

Much of the music's impact is lost by such people. If a person knew enough about music to recognize key changes, crescendos, and other basics of music, he could feel more of the music's emotion. Such a person could listen to music with understanding and appreciation. Music classes teach more than performance. They teach one to listen to music intelligently and that enables one to receive a greater emotional experience from music than an uninformed person would. This principle holds true for all kinds of music, from rock to classical.

Undoubtedly we are living in a world where business and science are the dominant factors in society. One question whether a student should waste his valuable time on courses such as Music. In these confusing times and frustrating days, we find some men searching for peace and quiet in the mountains, or out in the desert. This is where music becomes relevant. A man can find tranquility and solitude in his own living room by playing a soft waltz written by Strauss, or he can stir his emotions with a thundering symphony by Beethoven. One can even "turn on" with some of the latest rock music. All these emotions can be best felt if one understands the music that produces them. This is why a course in music is both beneficial and relevant to every person who feels emotions or values aesthetic experience.

Scott Engstrom, Senior Nyssa High School.