

'progress'.

Dave Harem of Eugene thought that Part I was the best thing he had read in the fifteen years he has had the same feeling and recommended that copies be sent to Chambers of Commerce, politicians, and newspaper editors.

Very much in the minority of written comment was Mr. John Wasserman of Portland. He felt that I was indeed an old mossback and went on to say, "the thinking expressed . . . has kept Oregon in the economic dark ages. We've got to realize that we live in an industrial society, and start planning to develop and enjoy the vast benefits of such a society. Oregon

100. She was also concerned about what could be done about the problem of our whole nation's population from growing out of control.

I talked to a recent migrant from California who was also afraid to be quoted by name. He preferred not to see an indefinite increase in Oregon's population. "If Portland got to be like Los Angeles" he said, "I'd just have to move on". He thought that his moving on probably was inevitable, since unlimited growth couldn't be stopped.

"Wall to wall people?" exclaimed an older Portlander, "I hope not. But it is a free country. And new industry means more

I did not sound two warnings. Thorough planning to see that balanced growth does account for the living needs of Oregonians will cost money. It will require more time than we would like. The complexities of social and economic forces which shape our state cannot be mastered overnight or in a couple of years. And once these forces are understood better, it will take much public debate before sensible growth policies are adopted and can begin to take effect.

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Is It Really Progress?

# Wall To Wall People

By Pat Gordon

(Editor's note: Mr. Gordon, since 1960, has worked as an urban planner in Oregon, Washington, and California. He is also a free-lance writer.

The following article is the first part of a two part series. The first part contains Mr. Gordon's observations and opinions about growth problems: "wall-to-wall" people, as he calls it. The second part will contain reactions of Sportsman readers, reports on interviews about the subject with fishermen on the opening weekend of fishing season, and some ideas on what Oregonians can do about "wall-to-wall people", if they want to.)

"It sounds like you are planning on having wall-to-wall people here" I said to the Eugene Water and Electric Board official.

"Of course," he replied, "we must plan ahead to meet our future customers' needs. As the Lane County planner, you well know that people are filling up the land everywhere. Sure, we expect someday to see the Willamette Valley filled with people from the western wall of the Cascades to the eastern wall of the Coast Range. And our system will be there to serve them."

The incident just told happened in Eugene in 1967, in a meeting of planners where we regularly discussed a variety of subjects. That day we got around to discussing the electric power distribution system in the county. The shock of that day made me

"the smaller towns don't have problems anywhere as serious as our larger cities."

Then I began to wonder if that were really true. And if it was true, shouldn't we try to keep big cities from getting bigger? Who wants to pay more taxes to solve bigger problems? Maybe we should try to encourage the creation of a few more new, smaller towns, instead of letting our big cities spread out more. Maybe we should find a way to keep our smaller cities from growing into big cities with those costly big city problems.

Next I began to wonder if Gordon's Second Law had something to do with our present tax-payers' revolt. It just could be that the tax-payers were taking this, their only effective way, to tell their government officials that they did not want wall-to-wall people. Or at least that they did not want to pay for the services these new people needed.

Gordon's Third Law says: THE THICKER THE PEOPLE, THE THINNER THEIR PEOPLE-NESS. I have never read of people in a smaller town standing by and watching idly while a man stabbed a woman. But I did read of 38 big city people doing this. Somehow I think that people-ness, or human feeling, gets crushed when people get too thick. Or maybe it is because big city gun laws remove the means for people to do something.

Then there are the biologists who question whether humans continue to work as humans when

Fourth Law: THE THICKER THE PEOPLE, THE FURTHER THEY GET FROM NATURE. I am told that people on the east coast sometimes must drive two or three hours to see a bit of nature. I have read predictions which say that there will be one continuous city from Roseburg to Vancouver, British Columbia.

Right now, government agencies in Portland are trying to run a freeway down Johnson Creek, which is near my home. My boys go to the creek to play and my older boy cried when I told him of the freeway plan. Someone must have noticed that little strip of green and decided that it had to go. Maybe if the Portland area did not keep growing "our" little strip of green would stay. Right now I catch 'possums by hand, for fun. Those 'possums come from Johnson Creek. I wonder if they will go when the freeway comes.

I think that there is a connection between Gordon's Third and Fourth Laws. I think that people who are reasonably close to nature keep their people-ness better; are more human.

We already have some of the problems which get a lot worse with wall-to-wall people. Last year our family was turned away from our state parks while on vacation. That made me mad. I read about the Seaside to Portland traffic jam on the Sunset Highway one Sunday evening last fall. It reminded me of the traffic jams we always got into down in California when we tried to go

for Clackamas County, I was amazed at how much vacant land near Portland belonged to Californians. I recently heard that the eastern half of Sauvies Island belongs to some Californians who want to see it developed. That situation prompted me to write the following poem.

## GOLDEN OREGON

Said one Californian to another one,  
There's gold up there in Oregon.

Gold said the second, where?  
In hills and valleys, everywhere!

The land's dirt cheap, a friend told me,  
Like it once was here, like it used to be.

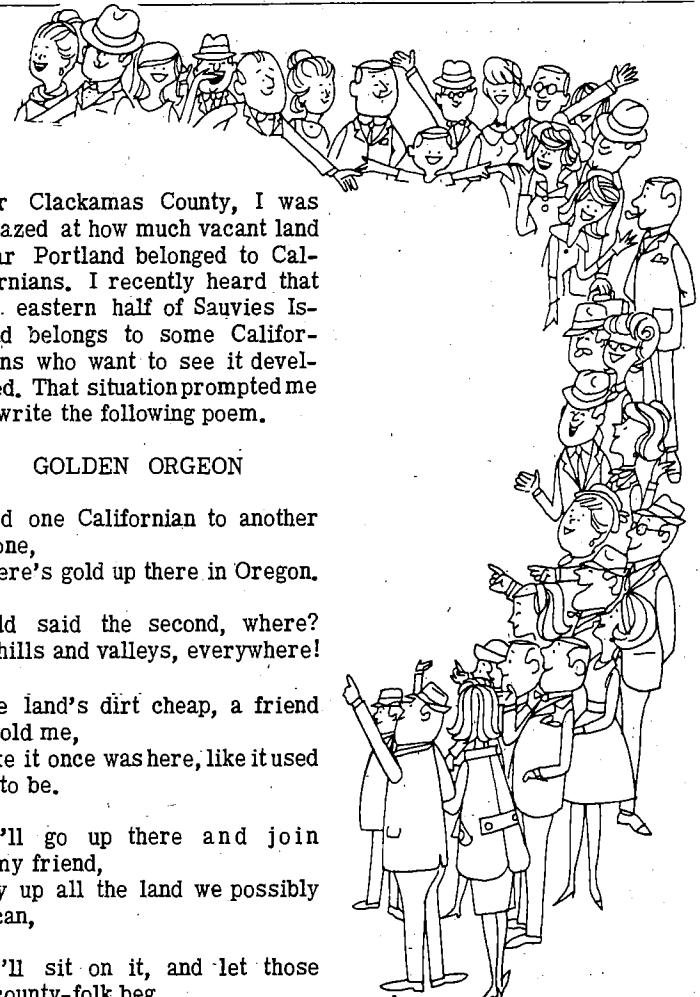
We'll go up there and join my friend,  
Buy up all the land we possibly can,

We'll sit on it, and let those county-folk beg,  
It's just another goose and the golden egg.

It'll take a couple of years or so,  
But we'll make a bundle, and to the bank we'll go,

And in the end, we're sure to see,  
Another California, glory be!

These are some of the reasons why a thirty-one year old planner is beginning to sound like a cantankerous moss-back. I think it is possible to have some reasonable growth and to have an economy in which most people who want to



which come with wall-to-wall people.

But we will have to do some things differently.

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...decide to somehow help Oregonians see what was coming - and help them decide if they really want wall-to-wall people here.

Why should I, a thirty-one year old planner, be talking like some old-fashioned moss-back? Why couldn't I know, like everyone else, that this is progress? The governor has just returned from southern California in an effort to get more growth. The Chambers of Commerce are all working for more growth. Our tax money helps State agencies to work to get more industry and people to come here. So why should a planner, of all people, question the desirability of growth - even if it means wall-to-wall people?

There seem to be certain natural principles or laws which go hand-in-hand with increasing numbers of people. I have categorized these laws into a series of Gordon's Laws. Consider Gordon's First Law: THE THICKER THE PEOPLE, THE THICKER THEIR LAW BOOKS. I have noticed that small towns have either no zoning, for example, or zoning laws that are really easy to understand. But the bigger the town, the thicker their zoning ordinance. Lots of times I just about have to be a lawyer to figure them out. I suspect that the same principle applies all our other laws too. Laws come because they restrict freedom. So I began to ask myself if it might not be a good idea to keep people from getting so thick that we are strangled by our thick law books. Or try Gordon's Second Law: THE THICKER THE PEOPLE, THE MORE IT COSTS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES. I got this idea from working in government. From a meeting I attended prior to the convening of the present legislature. A group of legislators was meeting with local government officials to find out what new laws they needed for the coming session. I overheard the following conversation:

continue to work as humans when too many get jammed together in one place. There are planners too, who for some of the reasons biologists and others talk about, believe that cities shouldn't be allowed to hold more than 40,000 to 50,000 people. Planners have a fancy word for the wall-to-wall people like we see on the east coast. It is megalopolis. Sounds awful doesn't it?

You might agree with Gordon's

California when we tried to go from our home to the coast on a Sunday afternoon drive.

There is always the old saw about taking your own rock fishing or your own tree to stand behind, while deer hunting. Wall-to-wall people probably won't improve the situation much.

I have noticed that some people who already live in the wall-to-wall people situation are helping us go that way. When I worked

in which most people who want to work can find work without the seasonal fluctuations we have seen in the past. I think it is possible to avoid many of the unpleasant and inhuman things

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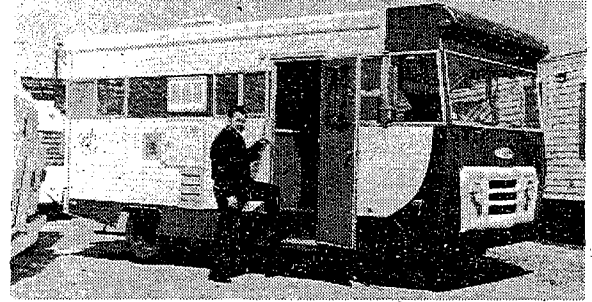
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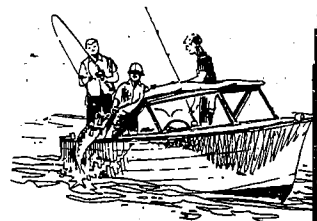
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