

325 North 25th Avenue
Yakima, Wash.
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Dear Mr. Relander,

I ran across something today which might be of interest to the paper.

According to my informant, a local landscape man, the out-of-town dealer who has contracted to landscape our new by-pass area is pulling a fast one. He's substituting cheaper trees than his contract with the State of Washington calls for.

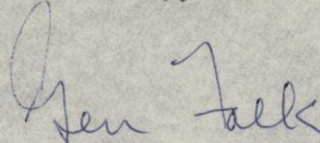
The contract specifies Moraine Locusts, a new and very desirable tree which is fast growing, tough and long lived. It's a patented tree and is expensive.

Instead of Moraine Locusts, the area is being planted with the cheap, common locust which is a dirty tree with thorns, long pods, rank growth, brittle limbs and a greedy root system which will harm nearby shrubs. What's worse, pollen from the common locust is poison to the many hay-fever sufferers in the valley.

Chances are, the state inspector won't detect this fraud. When they're young, the Moraine locust and common locust look exactly alike; only an expert can tell them apart. But after seven years -- what a difference! And then it will be too late.

If this is something the paper wants to look into, phone me (GL. 2-2992) and I'll give you the name of the man who tipped me off.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Ernest Falk

P.S: This is not a "letter to the editor". Keep me out of it, personally. I merely felt I could do a service to our community by letting someone know who was in a position to do something about it.