

Sutherlin Faces Crucial Vote

The Sutherlin School Board is facing the most crucial vote in the school district's history Wednesday.

If its budget is rejected for a third time by the voters, the results will be far-reaching, probably to the detriment of the district and its children.

The board has its back to the wall. Never before has the Sutherlin district been faced with a third vote on its budget. And this year it appears the third will be the last — whether it is approved or not.

If it is not approved, chaos is likely to result. The \$409,167 on which the vote is due will amount to more than half the total expenditures of the district.

No district can absorb such a cutback without suffering grievously.

This is the way the picture looks now. Total expenditures for all operations are estimated at \$759,883. This includes bond interest, general fund, school milk fund and construction fund. In addition the budget has \$35,000 for a pay-as-you-go building fund.

On the other side of the column, total estimated receipts and available cash balances total \$346,276. Of the \$488,607 remaining to balance the budget (including uncollectible taxes), only \$69,440 can be raised by taxes without the voters' approval.

Some of this difference will be offset by the county Rural School District's equalization fund and the state Basic School Support Fund. But the Sutherlin School Board feels the additional amount from local taxes being asked will bring school operation just barely up to present standards.

The members feel, with considerable justification, that if the district is forced to operate without the requested local

school taxes, state standards will be jeopardized. These standards are based on the condition of the school plant, but also on the kind of school program offered. It is in this school program that big cuts would have to be made.

Another problem facing the board is that it is very likely it will have no further chance to offer a budget this year to voters. The county assessor's deadline for receiving school budgets so he can make up tax statements is July 15. This would not leave time to marshal another budget request.

The apparent alternative is to make drastic cuts and let the chips fall where they may. If standardization is lost, the state basic school support funds will also be jeopardized and possibly withheld next year.

The board is so uneasy about the possibilities of having to make these cuts, it has not yet even explored where the cuts would be made. Perhaps school transportation or the school library operation would be included, but in any case, cutting would be wholesale.

The board believes it has cut as much now from the budget as it can without damaging the standards of education it has set up.

Although it is of little comfort to the board, the protest to the budget appears to be part of a national phenomenon this year. Budgets around the country have crashed like tenpins, apparently as a protest to high taxes.

Taxes are too high, but the protest should be directed toward waste which is the heaviest drain from the tax fund. The answer isn't to hit at what the Sutherlin School Board believes firmly is a fat-free budget in a low valuation district.

Another Good Job Done By Moose

The Roseburg Moose Lodge and its fireworks captain Dr. George Lenci did another dandy job Thursday night of filling the air with rockets, roman candles and many other noisy and beautiful 4th of July wonders.

Thousands of people turned out to see the show.

Many of them got a bonus with some top-notch amateur entertainment arranged by Wayne Wagner.

The Moose members deserve high

commendation for their yearly program. It's a lot safer than the home fireworks shows which are staged sometimes despite being illegal.

They also deserve support for the projects they carry on during the year to raise money for the show. They aren't raising it to save nations, rehabilitate youngsters or care for the aged. They just put on the traditional, good show which makes the 4th of July.

WASHINGTON WINDOW

Romney Rivals Kennedy For "Political Instinct"

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press International  
Gov. George Romney may not be much of a politician, as charged, but his instinct for the warm and gracious political gesture is about as good as John F. Kennedy's. That is very good, indeed.

Romney demonstrated his political instinct last weekend in fashionable Grosse Pointe, Mich. There he stepped off the sidelines in a surprise appearance at the head of an NAACP anti-segregation parade. It appears that Romney just took over. No previous arrangements. The governor simply stepped to the head of the parade and led off.

No one who knows Romney well would ascribe that maneuver wholly to politics. Romney is a man of severe integrity. He is likely under any circumstances to be moved more by moral than other considerations.

Nonetheless, Romney needs to make some character with American Negroes. For example: Just published is "Black Man in the White House" by E. Frederic Morrow (Coward-McCann, \$5.95). Morrow was White House administrative officer for special

projects, 1955-61, during the Eisenhower administration. There is a passage that will interest Romney.

Morrow is something less than objective in his discussion of the Negro and his problems, political and otherwise. But he knows his subject. His credentials are excellent. Morrow wrote that the Eisenhower invited him and his wife to hear the Mormon Choir from Salt Lake City in a White House concert.

"It was a deeply moving experience," Morrow noted in his diary, "and, despite my feelings about Mormons, I have to admit that they have one of the finest musical groups I have ever heard. Salt Lake City is a difficult city for Negro residents. It has deep-seated, relentless discrimination and, since the city is run, controlled and practically owned by Mormons, it is only natural that I have developed strong feelings about them."

Morrow's book will be widely read by Negroes in the North and East. The Salt Lake City passage will do no good to Romney's politics. It could be offset, however, by maneuvers such as leading NAACP parades. Further, the governor is solidly on record on civil rights.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Monday, July 8, the 189th day of 1963 with 176 to follow.

The moon is approaching the last quarter.

The morning stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Mars.

On this day in history:

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read publicly for the first time in Philadelphia.

In 1822, the English poet Percy Bysshe Shelley drowned in the Gulf of Spezia, Italy, when his boat capsized.

In 1896, William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska made his famous "Cross of Gold" speech in Chicago.

In 1951, the city of Paris celebrated the 2,000th anniversary of its founding.

A thought for the day—English statesman, Benjamin Disraeli, said: "Nature has given us two ears but only one mouth."

Reader Opinions

Marine Recruiter Notes Cooperation Of Residents

To The Editor:

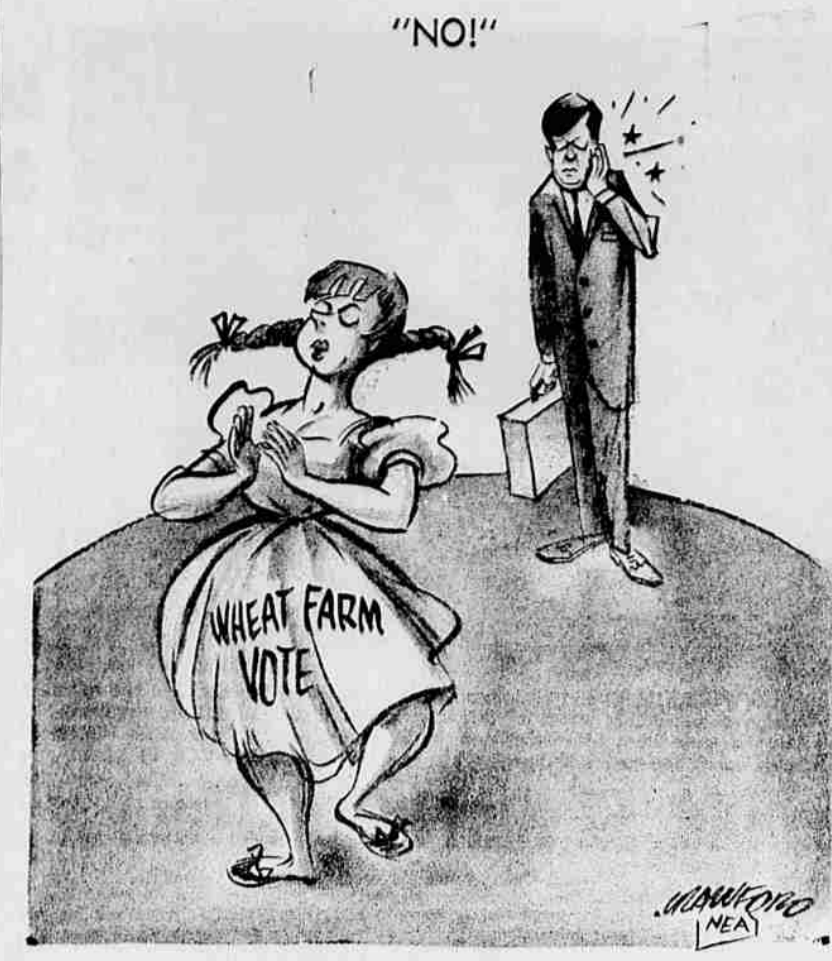
In preparation to completing a three and one-half year tour of recruiting duty for the United States Marine Corps in Roseburg, I would like to express my appreciation to the people of Roseburg and Douglas County for the cooperation I have received during this time.

As a recruiter, I have had many opportunities to work with the people of Douglas County, both the young people and adults. I have been well pleased with all my associations. In addition, I am proud of the caliber of young men and women I've enlisted from Douglas County, and I'm now looking forward to serving with them.

My family and I have enjoyed living in Douglas County, and I know we will miss the association of the many friends we have made while in this area.

I am sure the recruiting sergeants of the future will enjoy the same friendliness and cooperation given those of us who have served in this community in the past.

Sgt. George H. Freidenberger  
Marine Corps Recruiting Station  
County Courthouse,  
Roseburg, Ore.



Villains Are Hard To Find Nowadays

By ROBERT C. RUARK

We have an acute shortage of villains to type-cast these days, due to a sensitivity of race, color, creed and profession, and, if you are occasionally in the book or picture trade, it is very difficult to come up with somebody to knock.

If you unhook an Arrowsmith, you got the American Medical Assn. on your back. Call a gangster an Italian, manage! You have to play Fagin and Shylock cute, or no dice at the box office, and, as I've mentioned before, the Danes will soon be objecting strenuously to Hamlet, the Scots are giving us a hard time on Macbeth — hurts the whisky trade — and any minute now there will be a bulletin from Ghana or some place objecting to making a Moor out of Othello.

The professions are getting pretty feisty, all over. Used to be you could hire Roscoe Karns or Jack Oakie, turn his hat up in front, hand him a prop booze bottle and presto! You had a newspaperman. But the newsboys are getting dignified, literary agents, horseplayers and bookmakers have considered mass action against being abused in print or on the screen, because they, too, are human beings like you and me, and are oversensitive to criticism. There are no Nazis; even the Russians file a beef if nudged in their kind and basic dignity.

Two things are safe as whipping-twenty these days: the Red Chinese and press agents. Or, shall we say, press-agency as portion to

the public relations business. You can hammer them into a bloody pulp, and there is nobody to say "hey, hey."

I notice that in a film, called "The Days of Wine and Roses," they were dealing with pure alcoholism, in its most destructive aspects, and who do they hang the lush on? Mr. Jack Lemmon is described as a public relations man which is a license to make a drunken bum out of him. If they'd made him a lawyer the Bar Assn. would have hit the producer over the head with a handful of torts.

Fun Reported  
It's a funny thing, but I have had more actual value out of press agents — and a good public relations man will nearly always describe himself as a "press agent" — than I have out of an entire congress of statesmen, politicians, policemen, preachers, lawyers, doctors, actors, producers, publishers, and other nootlemen of our time.

Without the press agent we couldn't really function well, in most businesses, and the average responsible vendor of slightly slanted information (in his behalf, what else?) is dead honest when you grind him to a halt and holler, "Level!"

I have known them large and small, and their creations have been fantastic. Steve Hannagan more or less made Miami Beach. Ivy Lee — well, he was the first. I would trust Joe Copps with my life, and I once won a South American revolution with a fellow named Bernie Rein who lost the contract in the process. One guy, Curt Weinberg of a little hotel called the Blue Angel, has had more to do with the making of big stars than all the producers I know — merely by calling attention to them at the right time.

The late Rex Smith sold fantas-

tic goodwill for American Airlines, and performed solid legwork for the lively arts on the side. His successor, Will Flayer, would not be my idea of a loose-limbed fellow, any more than Gordon Gilmore or Admiral Miller or Norman Reader of some of the kindred airlines. Dick Maney of the theater writes better copy than most of the playwrights he publicizes.

I would have starved for copy in my earliest days in New York without the aid of the likes of Dick Condon and Max Youngstein. Dick now is a novelist with a private cult of his own, and Max has been so big in the picture business for so long that I now knock before entering. Roger Brown is synonymous with Scotch tape, and if I want to know anything about Florida I call either Roger or Jack Drury, a bright young up-and-comer.

Profession Abused  
My whole point is that the entire profession has been abused, largely because of some of the bums who called themselves press agents when they couldn't think of another name for nit, sponger, or procurer. By and large, the good ones are terribly useful in our times, will work themselves to the bone for you on a story in which they have no interest, and deserve some sort of a pat from a member of a grateful trade. If this conceals my press card I'm sorry, but it's time somebody said a good word for the wails.

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State Employees Receive Awards

SALEM (UPI)—Awards totaling \$265 have been made to state employees by the Employee Suggestion Awards Board.

The ideas are expected to save the state approximately \$1,781 the first year the suggestions are in use. Two certificates of commendation also were issued.

Cited were:  
Sherman Murray, John Day, wildlife conservation aide, \$70.  
Frank A. Terry, hatcheryman at the Butte Falls fish hatchery, \$25, and a commendation certificate.

Dorothy L. Franklin, Salem, Dammasch State Hospital, \$25.  
Lillian L. Cutsforth, Canby, Dammasch State Hospital, \$15.  
Louise M. Bates, Salem, State Industrial Accident Commission, \$45.

Irene M. Schaefer, Salem, Public Utilities Commission, \$30.  
Dorothy Verne, Salem, Department of Agriculture, \$25.  
Dale F. Kettle, Salem, Highway Department, \$10.

Jonathan L. Widmer, Salem, Highway Department, \$10.  
Judith Ann Wick, Klamath Falls, Department of Employment, \$10.  
William C. Gray, Forest Grove, State Forestry Department, certificate of commendation.

Mineral Output Reported Down  
PORTLAND (UPI)—Oregon's mineral production declined \$600,000 in 1962 from the previous year, the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior said today.

The Bureau's Division of Mineral Resources at Albany said Oregon's total mineral output in 1962 was valued at \$32.4 million, compared to some \$33 million in 1961.

Principal commodities were stone, sand and gravel, cement and nickel ore.

The value of the state's stone production decreased slightly due to a lower average value per ton of crushed stone and fill material produced for Army Engineers' projects.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1923  
A record-breaking attendance at the golf tournament at the country club today proved to Eddy Numm, professional golf instructor, that the members of the local club are in earnest in the effort to put Roseburg on the golfing map. Numm hopes to arrange a big tournament

25 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1938  
An electrical storm in the Cascade section of the Umpqua National Forest last night scattered fires throughout the entire area. Fourteen fires already have been reported and controlled, while "sleepers" are expected to develop for the next few days. About 300 CCC men have been sent to guard stations throughout the forest to be available for emergencies.

10 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1953  
"The water we have here is purer than that you get out of your tap." That was the answer given by Olaf Hansen when he was questioned about rumors concerning the Roseburg Municipal Pool. Rumors about the color of the water, the tendency to sting the eyes, and about a "slimy substance" floating on it were explained by Hansen to be the chlorine content and an algae growth which is harmless.

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**The Editor's Corner**  
By Charles V. Stanton

Ban On Commercial Fishing Brings "Destruction" Cries

The commercial fishing industry, the Daily Astorian asserted recently in its editorial column should start a state-wide campaign of education to save the industry from "destruction." It points to the decision by the Izaak Walton League executive committee to place before voters of Oregon an initiative measure to close the Columbia River to commercial fishing.

The Astoria newspaper raises the time-worn "wolf" cry that the industry will be "destroyed" by any such closure and urges that a campaign to "inform" voters should be started at once.

The editorial is based upon a recent statement by the Portland Oregonian which spoke in opposition to managing the resource by "ballot legislation."

I can agree with the Oregonian's concept of a live-and-let-live program of resource management. There is all too much demand for exclusive control on both sides, I fear.

Until, however, a more definite program is spelled out, "ballot legislation" is the only answer.

The Roseburg Rod and Gun Club at the last session of the state legislature presented a bill which included a formula that would compromise demands of all concerned. But the bill got exactly nowhere. It was opposed by both commercial and sports fishery groups. Yet, I believe, it could be used to secure immediate settlement of the fishery controversy. At the same time, it could be made the basis for eventual unity of fishery management under one commission, with a combined research program rather than the present expensive duplication.

Not For Industry  
It is my opinion that the commercial interests, when they cry of pending destruction if further protection is given the resource, are not pleading for the industry itself. I must admit I am confused as to why there should be any wailing about injury to the industry. It seems to me that the cry pertains to the elimination of gillnetters, not the industry. Just why the commercial industry should be so desperately insistent upon the protection of gillnetters, as opposed to outside trawlers, I, frankly, can't understand.

The Oregonian's position was that outside trawlers take immature chinook and silver salmon, "where their economic value is the lowest," rather than permitting "a more controllable harvest in the river, where the salmon are mature and of greatest economic value."

Factor Overlooked  
The factor such an argument overlooks is that the United States is a member of an international treaty pertaining to fishing. If we fail to harvest our fish in an accepted manner, the treaty provides that other nations party to the treaty may step in and take the fish not used by our own offshore industry. Thus, there isn't much possibility of curtailing fishing in the area outside the three-mile limit, if we fail to fish in accordance with methods outlined in the treaty.

Unquestionably the harvesting of only mature fish would be the more feasible. But, so long as the international treaty applies, we're not apt to arrive at any major change in offshore methods. It also is true that the commercial industry, when given the opportunity of quota harvest through use of gillnets, so manipulated those quotas that the number of fish left for migration was critically reduced.

The measure proposed by the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club outlined a method for handling this very situation. It was provided that any surplus of fish in the Columbia could be declared and the number and method of commercial removal specified. Eventually, with the recovery of other coastal streams, it would have been possible to have extended this policy.

Compromise Involved  
But, as previously stated, the bill proposed by the Roseburg club was a compromise. As such, it had few friends on either side.

The plan offered by this measure, however, could be used as the basis for a study which could end our continual bickering and could lead to a unified fishery management, under one commission, with a policy applicable to future years.

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