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Local restaurateur Pat O'Connell didn't set out solely to take on "the Big Three" hamburger restaurants. The leader, McDonald's, has over 7 million stores and is currently opening 500 more each week! Pat has only one hamburger store, at 13th & High in Eugene, and his aim is quality — not quantity. Since adding indoor seating to their present location last winter, **Great Oregon Burger** has enjoyed continual monthly increases in sales. And there isn't a day that goes by when somebody doesn't comment, "...boy, that was good. ... the best burger ... I've heard you have the best" With that kind of unsolicited endorsement, it's easy to understand why Arlene and Pat's four other employees feel so good about their work. They make everybody happy.

Pat didn't go to "hamburger college," in fact he had no restaurant background at all. Raised in Oakridge and Klamath Falls, he joined the Marines in the early 60's, settled in San Diego (working for soda pop giant Coca Cola), but longed to move back to Oregon. So in 1975 he returned to Eugene and joined the booming real estate business. Five years

later he purchased the kitchen trailer that was to become the home of **The Great Oregon Burger Company**.

He opened for business on the site where it stood, next to the Sunny Station near LCC. Nine months later brother/partner Michael discovered and helped acquire their present location. Pat has added on twice since then, just recently to restore the outside seating that was sacrificed for the indoor seating. No matter where you like to eat them, **Great Oregon Burgers** are great — made from 100% beef with all the trimmings and served with individually prepared orders of french fries or onion rings. Each order is individually prepared and quickly served. You can avoid any wait by phoning your order in; 344-5221. They're open 7 days a week, 10 am till midnight.

Although Pat is looking to open more **Great Oregon Burger** locations in the future, he assures me that: "Quality will always remain the focus — we'll never become a hamburger factory."

Voters to decide sheriff's levy

Controversial levy gets third chance

By Michele Matassa
Of the Emerald

Imagine being home alone at night and hearing a prowler tamper with the lock on your front door. You begin to dial the phone to call for a patrol officer, but then you set the receiver down in a panic.

There are no patrol officers. For more than 2½ months Lane County rural residents have been potential victims of this situation.

On June 28 county voters repeated a May vote refusing to levy taxes for the county sheriff's office. They rejected a \$2.9 million law enforcement levy, eliminating all sheriff's patrols.

As a result, Sheriff Dave Burks laid off 53 people, and all residents outside the Eugene city limits were left vulnerable.

Tuesday, voters will get a third chance to reinstate the patrols, only this time the levy is a pared down version: \$806,571. The sheriff's office will receive \$697,000; the rest of the money will support election costs and offset uncollected taxes.

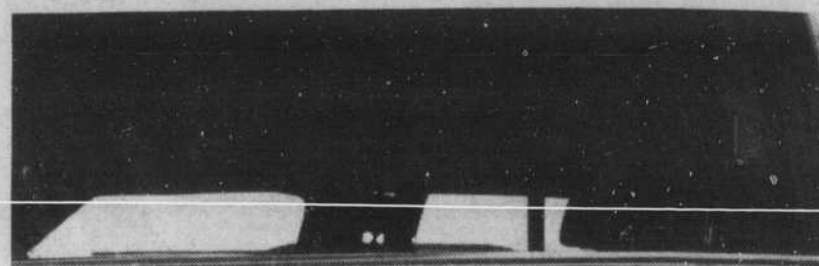
If the levy passes, Burks will hire 24 officers, including four resident deputies at Blue River, Oakridge, Cottage Grove and Florence. Also, the office will be able to staff three communications personnel and maintain nine patrol cars.

This will enable the sheriff's office to respond to calls for crimes in progress and life-threatening situations, Burks says.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners, by a 3-2 vote, decide Aug. 17 to schedule Tuesday's levy after Burks began threatening a lawsuit (see page 3) because it had not adequately funded the public safety department.

And Burks made good on the threat.

"I know the county is anticipating up to \$800,000 in



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Since June 28, some rural communities surrounding Eugene have been without sheriff's patrol officers, but if Tuesday's levy passes, 24 patrol officers will be reinstated to protect those communities.

timber revenues, and I know that they've already divvied out a way to spend that. And very little of any of it has been designated to the public safety department.

"They continue to put me out to the public and they won't support the issue; therefore, I don't think I have any other choice but to litigate the legal issue, which is 'Do they have to fund me and how much?'" Burks says.

Although Burks feels a significant number of people "want the sheriffs back on the road," he isn't optimistic about the outcome of Tuesday's vote.

Although Burks says the levy has a better chance than previous levies because it is smaller, he doesn't think it will pass without total support from the county commissioners.

"I'm not going out and ordering everybody back to work, not until the 21st," Burks says.

For most people, Burks says, the absence of a sheriff's patrol isn't real.

"For the most part, they'd probably not notice a bit of difference. But for those people who are victims of those kinds of incidents, then it becomes very real," he says.

"I had a person call me the other day, for instance, and say he hadn't seen any crime go up, he hadn't had his place burglarized. That's fine; he wasn't willing to pay any more taxes. But on the other hand, had his daughter been raped or his stereo been stolen while he was gone, he would be highly upset."

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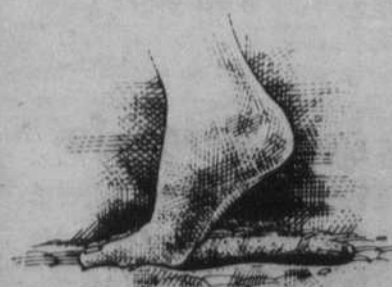
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