

Ban on Use of School Funds for Publicity May Be Wise

The Multnomah County School Boards association plans to contest an attorney general's opinion which held last year that public funds could not be used to disseminate information on bond issues, tax levy requests, etc.

We are not at all sure that we agree with the school boards on this one.

In any school election, there is no unanimity of opinion. Not everyone agrees that every bond issue or tax levy should be passed. Use of tax monies to push a particular viewpoint, as inevitably would happen, seems most dangerous to us.

Washington state operates under similar restrictions. The common practice there is for citizen's committees to raise the funds at their own expense to do whatever publicizing is necessary.

The restriction in Washington arose partly because of the controversial nature of school levies and partly because in some districts, ornate printed pieces—obviously costly—were being paid for by tax

funds. There are few, if any, school districts in Oregon which are not covered adequately by the public media, by PTAs or similar groups. If any citizen is not adequately informed, it usually is because he has made no effort to be informed.

Letting down the bars for prejudiced presentations—and there is no such thing as 100 per cent objectivity—is a dangerous precedent. We would hesitate to see the law changed.

On the other hand, we agree with the directors on another restriction they would have removed. This is the regulation which prohibits school funds to be used for out-of-state trips. For instance, a member of an Oregon school board cannot be reimbursed for his expenses to look at a new school plant in Vancouver.

No one is advocating any lush junkets at the expense of taxpayers. But legitimate visits to other states are a proper expense and should be so considered.

Missile Mess a National Disgrace

If you were receiving \$40 more per week in your pay envelope than Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, you obviously would be a key person, high in government councils.

And yet that's what ironworkers at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California receive . . . thanks to union featherbedding.

The missile mess belatedly uncovered by the McClellan committee is nothing less than a national disgrace. The "anti-strike" pledge announced over the weekend by the government is a weak palliative, indeed.

The McClellan committee found that plumbers and pipefitters drew \$420 to \$733

per week, elevator operators \$360, ditch-diggers \$287. These skilled ditch-diggers, incidentally, received more than the weekly pay—plus allowances—of Cmdr. Alan Shepard or any of his fellow astronauts.

The insatiable greed of these unionists was described by Sen. McClellan as "damnable." The hearings of his committee were recessed several weeks ago to see what sort of a solution Sec. of Labor Goldberg could arrange.

Pres. Kennedy has hailed the agreement as "signaling full speed ahead on the missile programs." Finally?

Nikita Khrushchev must be chuckling.

Traffic Volume on U.S. 26 Continues to Grow

The State Highway Commission Friday took steps to prepare for sale an \$8,000,000 bond issue authorized by the last legislature.

The funds will be used to finance work on State Highway 42 (the Coos Bay - Roseburg highway) and U.S. 197, just south of The Dalles.

At the same time, the highway department released figures indicating April traffic on Oregon highways jumped 6.7 per

cent over last April. This was ascribed to "heavier traffic on U.S. 26, U.S. 30 west of Pendleton, U.S. 97 and U.S. 99, which offset losses on U.S. 395 and U.S. 101."

In other words, U.S. 26 (the Loop highway) continues to carry more traffic and receive less attention.

Perhaps next time, it will receive some of the legislative largess which this time permits \$8,000,000 to be spent on State 42 and at The Dalles.

Vacation Is Here: Caution Is Needed

School days over for another few months, hordes of youngsters will descend on every street and by-way the next few weeks.

It's a time for extra caution, not only on the part of youngsters, but also on the part of every motorist. Most of the fatal car-bike accidents are the fault of the youngster who has violated some rule of

safe cycling.

But this is small consolation to the driver unfortunate enough to be involved in a fatality. Parents should double-check with their bike-riding youngsters and in the weeks ahead motorists should exercise that extra bit of caution which takes only a second longer.

Nuclear Power Might Pose a Threat

The Pacific Northwest has grown in the post-war years largely because of one factor . . . the availability of low-cost hydroelectric power.

And now there are indications that before too many years have passed, we may lose that advantage to nuclear power.

Canadians are a bit more blunt in describing the possibilities. This is what Dr. John Davis, director of research and planning for British Columbia Electric, said recently:

"Were nuclear power to become comparatively cheap by 1970, the demands for our Western resources would be reduced from there on in.

"Fewer electro-metallurgical and electro-chemical plants would be built. Fewer hydro-electric and conventional fuel-fired stations would be built to serve these new local and export demands.

"Fewer Westerners would be employed in the construction and operation of these

projects. And fewer related benefits, such as greater flood control, navigation, irrigation and recreational values would accrue to those of us who would still be living out in God's country."

Whether nuclear energy will be available soon and at what cost is still a matter of conjecture. But there are straws in the wind. A nuclear reactor under construction at the Hanford project right now is being converted at a cost of \$95,000,000 to produce electric power.

And if the production of nuclear power becomes competitive with hydroelectric power, we may expect reactors to be built closer to the nation's major centers of population.

Certainly, no one is arguing that the Bonneville system will be obsolete next year or even in the next decade. But nuclear power may effect some tremendous changes before many years have passed.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I recently wrote the Clackamas County Assessor's Office complaining of the high tax imposed on my property.

I received the following in reply. "All levies are set and approved by the people within the boundaries of the taxing districts."

Maybe the Assessor and the County Commissioners can get together with the Governor, and over-ride the people's choice as they did with day light savings time.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd F. Brown
Rt. 1, Box 157
Sandy, Oregon

To the Editor:

When we moved to Oregon 12 years ago, people were in the habit of dropping unwanted dogs at the Locker Plant. Sunday drivers from Portland did the same. Sometimes we had as many as six running the neighborhood.

On reporting to Oregon City, the dog-catcher would come out in not more than three days, at latest, and take them away. There were no packs running wild to endanger small children's lives then!

A few years later the policy changed. When called, the dog-catcher told us: "You will have to catch them yourselves and take them in to the Humane Society."

It's a cold day in July when responsible people, who have no equipment, will want to catch strange dogs, and take them in their clean cars to Portland!

Right then the title of "dog-catcher" should have been changed to "collector of dog revenues," or his office, more preferably, taken off the rolls by petition of the taxpayer, who pays his salary!

When your article reported the killing of sheep by dog pack, you said, "This has been reported to officials in Oregon City."

A lot of good that will do! Last summer Mrs. Loren Sims and myself called Oregon City and reported a dog pack running in our neighborhood.

Several incidents had alarmed us. They had attacked our dog, only to be scared off. My son, coming home at night at about 9:30, found them skulking on our road, big, mangy mutts! On Sunday, before church, we found a sick one lying on the edge of our yard, who bared his teeth, when we opened the door, then got up on three legs and made for the woods, falling over frequently.

It's easy to editorialize on having your dog have rabies shots and promote business for laboratorie and vets, but who innoculates the wild packs? And the 20 or so cats in the neighborhood?

The dog-catcher came out promptly, offered to bring us a dog trap, so, again, WE could catch them and take them into Portland in our cars! We never saw the trap!

He said he could not officially authorize us to shoot them, but to go ahead, but we don't have a gun! He didn't offer to loan us one, either, and we never heard from him again.

About two weeks ago the neighbor children, across the

road, found two litters in the woods behind their house. How many other litters are there, in all the woods, to become prospective predators, one wonders. The old Marmot post office, near the abandoned orchard, is full of dog droppings.

I charge that when tame dogs are dropped off in residential and farm areas, it is the duty of the dog-catcher to come and get them—before they become wild and potentially dangerous to life and livestock, otherwise why have a dog-catcher?

It's true that, initially, the blame lies with those irresponsible citizens who will not care for, nor dispose of their dogs properly, so that innocent folks suffer; but when delinquent people commit crimes, the policeman does not come out and instruct untrained citizens to catch them, does he?

It's easy to see that there is not much difference between irresponsible citizens and irresponsible officials, who, between them, have created a destructive monster.

Sincerely,

Mrs. P. J. Bernard
Sandy, Ore.

Camp Fire Girls Invite Attendance at Camp

Any girl in the 3rd grade next fall or above, is eligible to attend Camp Onahlee, the Camp Fire Girls camp near Molalla, announces Mrs. Robert P. Heestand, president of the group's Clackamas county council.

Girls needn't be Camp Fire Girls to attend this resident summer camp. More information is available from the Oregon City Camp Fire office, 7 Beaver Building, phone OL 6-2887.

Non-Surgical Method Cures Hemorrhoids Painlessly

A relatively painless, non-surgical method of treating hemorrhoids (piles) is working therapeutic miracles for thousands who suffer from rectal and colon disorders.

A recently developed electronic treatment is proving more effective than surgery, with none of the after effects of surgery.

The relatively new technique requires no hospital-

Notes by the Wayside

By J. J. INSKEEP

Clackamas County Extension Agent

I recently attended a Portland meeting of the alumni of one of the larger mid-west universities. During the evening, the university alumni representative complained bitterly of the number of otherwise well qualified underclassmen who fail their English courses. This means, of course, they are being dropped from school. He placed the blame squarely on poor preparation at the grade school and high school levels in that state. "These students", he said, "experience great difficulty with reading, writing and spelling—reading in particular."

This appears to be a universal complaint. According to Clackamas County Assistant School Superintendent Warren Adams, this situation is fully recognized by the Clackamas County School Superintendent's Office. "Directly after the war," Adams said, "we experienced two difficulties. (1) Scarcity of fully qualified teachers. (2) The resultant use of questionable methods in the teaching of reading. These situations are improving as more and more emphasis is placed upon the importance of reading. Another important aspect in education is the need for understanding on the part of parents and teachers alike of the varying rates of maturity in children, especially in the early years of school."

One of our greatest problems now centers around lack of family support. Use of colloquialisms, local terms not universally recognized, confuse the student. The schoolteacher finds it difficult to correct poor English used at home. Many

parents fail to encourage improvement in the use of English. Perhaps they do not realize its importance. Failure to learn to read well is an acute problem. Good reading habits form the foundation of all educational programs."

Let us face it. We have not all achieved a high degree of education. But this should not prevent us, as parents, from wanting a better education for our children. We can accomplish a lot by encouraging homework, by helping with, and by setting a good example.

Why bring this up? Many well traveled and informed persons honestly believe that our eventual survival as a nation rests largely upon higher educational levels for all of our children. They should attend college if possible. If not, they should attain the maximum in accordance with individual ability from grade and high school ed-

FARM CALENDAR
June 3, Clackamas County Stockmen's Association Spring Lamb Show, County Fairgrounds, Canby.
June 4-7, Oregon Wheat Growers League, Junior Livestock Show, Seufert Building, The Dalles.

education experience. Attaining a high degree of education is vastly important to the individual today. There are many openings at the top of the ladder; few at the bottom. A recent survey made by Iowa State University disclosed lower standards on the part of rural schools as compared to urban schools. The result in that state: a large portion of rural high school graduates are fitted only for farm labor and common labor. The professor who conducted the survey concluded, "If there are two occupational categories not needed in the United States today, they are common labor and farm labor."

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Take washing machines and dryers and all that jazz. These women read ads about saving work and time so they got appliances all over the place. I figure they haven't got enough to do anyway. Nuts to advertising.

If you want to get right down to it, take all this advertising my competition runs. These characters run ads with prices so low I got to run my own ads and practically give the stuff away. It's the only way I can get people in to buy my stuff. Advertising is a heck of a way to run a business.

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