

Oregon Must Avoid 'Big Five' Bid

Most Oregonians are individualists and are proud of it. We trust the new presidents at University of Oregon and Oregon State University recognize this.

There has been some sports page talk that our two big state schools must join an athletic conference or shrivel up athletically. However, this certainly hasn't happened since the so called "Big Five" schools picked up their football and stormed out of the old Pacific Coast Conference.

The Oregon schools, Washington State, and Idaho for years had drawn the short end of scheduling and other matters in the conference. University of Washington deserted the Northern Division in voting to throw the balance of power to the California schools.

Shortly after the Northern Division schools finally won an equal footing on scheduling, the conference broke up when some of the schools that had been penalized for rule violations broke up the conference, apparently out of spite.

The Oregon schools we feel, should definitely not accept an invitation to join the "Big Five." They should realign with the Big Five schools only in a re-established Pacific Coast Conference. To do otherwise is to give sanction to the phony arguments the "Big Five" schools offered for the PCC breakup.

If this is not possible, then the Oregon schools should investigate the new Great Western conference, if they feel they must join a conference. Otherwise, the schools should remain independent competitors.

The Letter-Writers

The letter writing campaigns of a group supporting a certain opponent of our Congressional Rep. Walter Norblad have already nauseated us, but one printed in another newspaper last week takes some sort of prize.

The letter decried the Christmas greetings sent out by Norblad to some constituents postage - free. We wonder how the writer felt about the hero - worship comic books sent out postage free to every box-

holder in the entire state a few years ago by Sen. Wayne Morse, or how the letter-writer feels about the heaps of junk mail sent out continually by a certain Representative of another party in another county.

The free-postage privilege for Congressmen is continually abused and should be restricted. That would be our answer to the problem rather than berating one man for sending out Christmas greetings.

Courts to Decide on Pools

Does the Gresham School District have the right to issue bonds for swimming pools?

That's the essence of the still much-misunderstood question which will be resolved either by the circuit court next month or by the Oregon State Supreme Court later this year.

There was nothing legally wrong with the swimming pool measure which voters approved last Nov. 7. But the Portland bonding firm which, in effect, is the final word on such measures, says the authority to bond for swimming pools isn't clearly established.

Hence, the courts will decide.

The Gresham School District could have removed any doubts if, in ballot preparation, it had called the swimming pools "school buildings." This would have qualified under the bonding statute.

But the board sought to make crystal clear the purpose for which the bond issue was intended; thus it said "swimming pools." This is the heart of the problem.

Work on the pools unquestionably will be delayed by as long as the matter is before the courts. Right now, the prospects for pools by next fall aren't particularly bright.

At Damascus--

Plans Unveiled for Frontier Town; Water District to Spur New Homes

By MRS. LOUISE MAYER
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DAMASCUS — The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce held its first meeting of the year last Tuesday in the Centennial House restaurant in Damascus.

Dignitaries present included Sen. Richard Groener, Orville Robinsonette and Myrtle Hildebrandt. G. W. Gorrell was elected to replace Alfred Schmitz who resigned as chairman of the district Chamber of Commerce.

Arena Planned
Vic Souder spoke on building an arena in Damascus and also on activities to keep youngsters busy.

Garland Wiley reminded the gathering of the thousands of people expected to pass through the state this year. He is planning a frontier town in Damascus this summer and hopes to attract thousands to the "Littletown with the Biggest Ideas."

Gorrell spoke on the water district and said people are planning homes as soon as water is available. Wells may be used until other methods of distribution are found.

Grandson Born
Mr. and Mrs. Karl Akeson received a cablegram from Nom Penn, Cambodia, last week announcing the birth of a grandson born Jan. 9. The date also is the 36th wedding anniversary of the grandparents.

The parents are Merle and Nancy Akeson, the oldest son of the Karl Akesons. Merle, Nancy and their four children expect to leave for home in May and

plan the trip by way of Pakistan, Thailand and Switzerland. They hope to be in the U.S. sometime in July.

Mrs. C. H. Elliott underwent major surgery at Portland Sanitarium Friday.

Mrs. Russell Stewart is home from the hospital recovering well from surgery.

Injured In Accident
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Curtin have recently moved into their new home.

Clarence O. Poter was involved in an accident recently while driving a company truck. He spent two days in an Albany hospital where he was treated for four broken ribs, lacerations, bruises and shock. He was returning home and hit a truck parked not quite off the highway. He flew out of the truck and has head bumps to prove it.

Smoky's Damascus Frontiers entertained for the Big Western club at Springers hall Jan. 7 and at Sunset Hall in Banks last Sunday.

This Sunday, they will be at the Knights of Columbus hall in Salem.

The Frontiers now consist of Smokey and Alma Humbird, Mavis Register, Urada Miller, Betty Besemer and Gari Snyder. Visitors in the home of the Andrew Hahtos last week were the Watno Nissilas, the Victor Riikulas, the Alfred Peralas and the Henry Savos, all of Portland, and the Ed Petersons, Milwaukie.

PTA Meets
The Damascus PTA will meet Friday in the auditorium at 8 p.m. Fifth graders will furnish the program.

Firwood Unit Studies Floor Care; Pillow-Smocking Begins at Class

The Firwood Extension Unit met Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Sandy Community church annex.

Colds still stalk among the members but 27 were present. Louise Crutcher gave the preliminary instructions for making smocked pillows as the eye-opener.

Work will start on the pillows during knitting class at the Sandy Women's club hall Jan. 16.

During the business meeting Edna Hall gave a report on the ACWW Women's work in the world.

Grace Reich and Leta Mae Hudson asked that those interested in coat making get in

touch with them as the class will start Jan. 23.

Hazel Lamb gave the lesson on "Care of Hard Wood Floors and Floor Coverings."

A few more cancelled stamps were turned in for the milk fund.

Mrs. John (Kathie) Eggers, a former member, who has recently returned from Korea was a visitor. Hostesses Mrs. Edward Bruno, Mrs. Clarence Brown, Mrs. Walter Volbrecht and Mrs. Cyril Slack served dessert on decorated tables.

Mrs. Tom Boothby and Mrs. Ralph Hames will present the lesson on "Developing Responsibility" Feb. 13.

At Sandy High--

Semester Tests Fail to Kill Joy: Gay, Mad Pep Rally for Game

By NORMAN FOX

That dreaded time of the year is upon us. Yes, semester tests are in full swing. One might think this would leave no time for other activities, but life seems to retain its infinite variety even in times of major disaster.

Rally Squad Peppy

The rally squad put on a unique pep rally before the Parkrose game. Senior George Howe was supposed to be interviewing passers-by on a street corner. He had just announced his mission when Fran Will entered dressed in diapers, carrying a bottle and a little pink blanket. She sported a cloth banner announcing her as "Baby New Year, 1963." She told the audience that she was headed for the big Sandy-Parkrose game.

While Fran busied herself

Letters to Editor

To the Editor:

The Clackamas County Vocational Survey Committee wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation publicly to the many organizations from the communities throughout the county that contributed to the election bond. The following letter was sent to each of the organizations who contributed to the bond.

"The Clackamas County Vocational Survey Committee wishes to express its appreciation for your contribution to the Community College bond. The bond and petitions were presented to the State Board of Education on Dec. 12, 1961 and accepted."

"The State Board of Education will conduct a county-wide hearing Jan. 16, 1962 at 8 p.m. in the Oregon City Senior High School auditorium for the basic purpose of determining the boundaries of the proposed Area Education District. Our committee has proposed the boundaries to be the boundaries of Clackamas County."

"Election will be held during the latter part of March or later, since a 60 day waiting period is required after the hearing. Following the hearing, petitions will be made available for board members who will be elected from zones at the same election held for the formation of the district. We urge you to seek out interested and qualified candidates for the board. Any person seeking membership on the board must be a registered voter in a precinct or part of a precinct within a zone 30 days prior to the election and must have continuously resided in the zone in which he is a candidate six months immediately prior to the election. All donated bond funds will be returned to the donor following the election, in case the election is successful."

"The forthcoming election is for the purpose of voting upon an Area Education District and election of seven board members. Your continued support of the Clackamas County Community College project, which is dedicated to "emphasize vocational and technical training with adequate consideration for transfer courses," is appreciated."

Sincerely yours,

Warren S. Adams, Secretary
Clackamas County Vocational Survey Committee
168 Warner-Milne Road
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making new enemies in the audience. Collette McKinnon skipped in with a back-woods flourish and sang loud and clear that she was from Arkansas. This was evident in view of the condition of her hair and attire. She accompanied her vocal entertainment with a hillbilly ukulele. From what could be gathered, she too was enroute to the game.

Next, Judy Remboldt fluttered in dressed in red, and said something about shooting an arrow into the air and not knowing where it came down. At this point a noise was heard that could be compared to a team of horses running across a wooden bridge. Martha Washington entered dressed in a floor-length gown and ball-room cowboy boots. "This illustrious individual proved to be Carolyn Matheson."

"Oh George, George dear; now you come here this very minute!" she implored.

Washingtons Game-Bound

It was learned that George and Martha had planned to attend the basketball game that evening. She was followed by a mad Martian in the person of squad captain Susan Skala who was driving a hopped-up tricycle as if her life depended on it.

Susan looked like a typical martian teen-ager and announced that she was planning an evening of basketball at the big Sandy-Parkrose game.

Croston Comes Through

All of this time, our Arky friend, Collette, had been making the rounds of the audience in search of her "Kookie" from whom she wanted to borrow a comb. At last, she came to her subject, Chuck Croston, who loaned her his pocket comb. It measured about 3 1/2 feet.

John Baker then entered with a toilet plunger attached to his head. He was followed by Judy Remboldt, the one who had lost her arrow. She snatched the plunger and boldly announced that she had found her arrow.

To add to the confusion, Martha returned, spied student body president, Carl Aschoff in the audience. "Oh, there you are, George," she exclaimed, and seated herself in his lap to celebrate his turning up.

Cave Gai Comes
Last came Evelyn Anderson dressed in cave-man styles. She carried a club over her shoulder which happened to hit poor George Howe, supposedly knocking him cold. Seeing her chance, she grabbed his foot and dragged him from the room.

Following the skit, the rally squad led cheers in their costumes. Fran had a bit of trouble with her diaper, and Carolyn kept losing her boots, but the whole assembly was considered a success by one and all.

Sandy journalism students have been invited to attend the annual news writing contest at Forest Grove. The contest is to be held on April 7. Divisions include news, features, sports, editorials, and straight news.

4-H Round-Up

The Messy Maids cooking club met for the first time recently at the home of their leader, Mrs. Donald C. Root. The following officers were elected: president, Diana Blaisdell; vice president, Elaine Lintner; secretary, Sherill Burgess; news reporter, Susan Viskov; song leader, Jean Plante; refreshment chairman, Vickie Harrell; game chairman, Diana Strong. Diane Root is the Junior Leader.

At their meetings the girls have made biscuits and nut bread. Each of the girls is going to make a recipe file for part of her project.

The Sandy 4-H Cooking club had a meeting at Gary Oldenkamp's home Jan. 8, 1962. Douglas Reckmann gave a demonstration on potato soup; Janice Baker talked about good grooming. A discussion about the Talent show was held.

The "Rick O' Shayers," Welch's 4-H gun club, have started their yearly program. This year the courses are sharpshooter and expert rifleman.

We have nine active members at the present time. They are practicing for rifle teams to enter competition with other clubs.

The county matches were held at the "Rick O' Shayers" range last year under the supervision of John Klesow and Sgt. Cuthforth of the Sandy precinct. The "Rick O' Shayers" won the match.

The group's leaders are Don Root and Gene Carpenter. Jole Smith of Rhododendron has formed a rifle club so the Rick O' Shayers are looking forward to a little up and coming competition.

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SANDY PARTY-LINE

By Elizabeth Hartman MU 7-3597

There's a saying "To get a letter, write a letter," and surely there are few things that equal the pleasure of finding among the assortment of bills, duns, ads and circulars that regularly appear in the mailbox a plump envelope addressed in the familiar scrawl of an old and loved friend. You settle down at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee and enjoy to the fullest the letter's gossip news of home town doings and mutual friends. You read and re-read it with relish and dwell fondly on the endearing merits of your good old buddy. You will write her a letter tonight and tell her all your news. Tonight comes, but you have to go to a PTA meeting so you decide to write tomorrow. Tomorrow you are also busy and put it off again. If this goes on long enough and it usually does—several weeks, or even months, slip by and you have delayed so long that now, when you write, you can't get by with a few lines but must fill pages and pages to bring your friend up to date. You have developed a great big guilt complex and you no

longer think of your friend affectionately. As the unwitting cause of your guilty feelings she becomes a nagging bore and you begin to detest her heartily. At length the time does come when you can no longer procrastinate and you write your letter to dear Josephine, (and Aunt Grace and the Tom Swarthingtons). Suddenly you are through and the world is a brighter place and you feel 15 feet tall and float about weightlessly enjoying your newly restored pride in yourself. You prepare to mail your letter—wait a bit! Josephine is just the sneakiest sort of person who, on hearing from you, will doubtless sit right down and write to YOU to let you know how glad she was to know you are still alive and you will be right back where you started—owing Josephine a letter.

Having had this happen to me time and time again, I have devised a system that, although it doesn't solve the problem completely, does delay its occurrence. You write your letter. You seal it and stamp it, but you don't mail it! You don't owe a letter because you have written it and you're in no immediate danger of owing another letter because you haven't mailed it. Your conscience is clear and you can look the world in the eye. Sooner or later, of course, you must start your composition on its journey but, in the meantime, you have enjoyed weeks or months of freedom from letter owing.

This same system of impassive resistance can be applied to other irksome tasks with almost equal success. Take ironing for instance. No sooner do you finish the weekly tons of it and hang it in the proper closets than it is back in the laundry hamper waiting for you to repeat the tedious process of cleansing and smoothing it. The best way to beat this game is not to iron at all. Just hold all the fresh washed ready-to-be-ironed clothes in a bag (well hidden from prying eyes) and don't iron a thing unless absolutely driven to it. The results of this maneuver are surprising. Children find that it is possible to wear pants and a shirt more than once without throwing them in the wash, they will hang up their ONE neat garment with care and come to realize the effort that goes into its laundering. This system also applies to darning socks and mending clothes. Put them away and forget about them completely. If forgotten long enough you can throw them away without ever straining your poor eyes or pricking your fingers over the intra-

cacies of weaving a new heel. The children will outgrow them. You will find many other ways to use this approach to living. Like buying a lot of cake and cookie mixes to show the children when they complain that "There is never anything good to eat around here." Just be sure you don't bake them or there won't be anything to eat around here.

House guests of the Henry Levisons of Sandy were Mrs. Levison's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Huntley. The Huntleys, who have recently sold their business in Arkansas, are formerly of Lincoln, Neb. Under the guidance of Mrs. Levison they spent several delightful days exploring the mountain area and are considering the possibilities of establishing their business in the area.

Canon and Mrs. Rene Bazarth held their annual Open House for members of St. Luke's Parish at the rectory on Jan. 7. Assisting Mrs. Bazarth at the beautifully appointed tea table were the following ladies from the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene in Sandy: Mrs. Florence Limberger and Mrs. Nell Bistorious of Welches and Mrs. Carl Copper, Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. David Wienecke and Mrs. Irvin Hartman, all of Sandy.

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