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Geography, Socio-Economics Are Real; Political Boundaries Are Imaginary

The Sandy Post favors the community college concept. Today's guest editorial explains the views of the committee that has promoted the Clackamas county community college.

However, the Post believes that the Clackamas county boundaries are not realistic for the Area Education District which is proposed to create the college.

Economic, social, and cultural ties bind northeastern Clackamas county to eastern Multnomah county. Our ties with the Oregon City end of the county are political only. Geography is the deciding factor. Our roads and communications tie together Sandy, the Mountain, Boring, and Eagle Creek to eastern Multnomah county, and to Portland to a lesser extent.

We believe that any advantages of a community college in Clackamas county

would be available on a tuition basis for local students.

For the same reasons we believe that the Clackamas county areas that are now in effect a part of the Gresham Union high school district should remain so, as they have always been. We believe most residents of the area prefer the status quo, rather than an arbitrary shift to Clackamas county. The area will probably get its own high school eventually no matter which decision is reached, so that is not a factor.

Clackamas county school authorities have fought a solution to the problem, apparently because they fear they will lose a fair appraisal of the situation.

Let's consider the geographical and social realities of the matters, and not the arbitrary political boundary lines.

Government Should Help, Not Hamper Economic System

Government meddling in our economic system — usually under pressure from small organized groups, continues to cost us all dollars and effort.

Graphic examples of this are in a front page article on lumber in today's Sandy Post.

Attention is called to American lumber mills that are losing out to Canadian competition, and suggests remedies. Some remedies would require more government meddling (raising the tariff which is foolish but which is also another subject, or subsidies, etc.) or less government meddling (removing shipping restrictions).

American mills are required to use U.S. ships to transport their lumber. Government meddling has prevented free com-

petition of U.S. ships against others of the world. Our highly paid seamen and restrictive union regulations cause U.S. shipping to cost more than foreign competition. Canadian mills use lower-cost shipping, and have a big advantage from the start.

Our government was foolish enough to bow to a pressure group, and to require by law some of our products to use U.S. high-cost ships. The logical step is to throw out these rules, but more than likely the government will decide to raise the tariff or give lumber mills subsidies, in accord with the pattern of the past.

The government should assist free movement in our economic system rather than hampering it.

Aylsworth's Appointment Rings the Bell

Appointment of Larry Aylsworth to the board of Multnomah County commissioners is welcome news here in the Eastmont area.

Not only is Aylsworth a competent, well-respected businessman but his appointment gives Eastmont the strong representation it so long has needed.

Commissioner Jack Bain lives in Multnomah county, south of Portland, while Mr.

James Gleason, the other commissioner, resides in Portland. Appointment of Aylsworth to the board thus gives all areas of the county a strong voice.

Aylsworth, of course, is a native Greshamite and has lived in Gresham and Sandy all his life. He has an intimate understanding of the needs of our area.

We think the commissioners made an excellent choice.

SANDY PARTY-LINE

By Elizabeth Hartman MU 7-3597

It won't be long, from what I read before we meet a common need and join the Market European. This merchandising colossus should supply more goods for less, increase our trade and happiness. We will sell what we make best and buy in turn, without protest, from Holland, Sweden, England, France, the goods their arts and skills enhance.

But ere we in this mart can ever compete we'll have to depart from our measures of feet, and inches, and yards, and quarts and ounces, 'cause that's the way the new ball bounces.

We'll buy and we'll sell and measure and weigh in the system devised by M. Delambre, buy bread by the Gram and milk by the Liter, travel by Kilos and run by the Metre. At first 'twill confuse and be hard to adjust to this new order of things—but do it we must. You think you'll have trouble when you go out to buy a package of rice or a bottle of ketchup, and fail in translating the cost of contents to nickels and dimes and dollars and cents?

Well, don't get excited and don't blow your top. Do you really know now what you get when you shop? Let's face it, my friends, with our feet on the ground, how long has it been since we've been off of the pound? Do you know now how much jam's in the jar, or the cost per ounce of plain vinegar?

The dealers who package these goods for consumption know most of us lack the skill or the gumption to add and divide their figures and fractions. We buy what they sell and show no reactions when their prices go up and their contents diminish. They have already spelt Avoirdupois' finish.

We've been the victims of a fiendish plot, been led to think we get a lot. When we buy the "Giant" size, we think we save and feel we're wise. DISCOVERED! AND NEW! must mark each label before we'd have it on the table, or STRONGER! SAFER! Milder! PINK! before we'd use it in the sink. We seldom have the time or skill to compute the cost per ounce or gill. And the packager with glee has made it tough for nuts like me, who market with slide rule in hand and read each label and neckband, to find the figures that somewhere state the accurate, exact net weight. No simple sums or pounds I find and this is what runs through my mind—

"Should I buy this can (whose label obeys government regulations by stating its weight, but only in print so fine that I must use my handy pocket magnifying glass to read it) which weighs 5 ounces and costs 39 cents, or will I save by buying the 9 1/2 ounce can priced at 2 for \$1.27? Is this 14 ounce, old style bottle of detergent at 59 cents a better buy than the same but "Improved" new style plastic container which by straining my fast fading eyes I discover holds 21 1/2 ounces and sells at 94 cents? Maybe this one marked "7 cents off regular price" is best, but what was the regular price. Common sense would say it is 7 cents more than that stated, but for as long as I can remember it has sold for "7 cents off." Here's my old peanut butter. Shall I buy it in the homely throw-away jar or fall for the one whose bright blue letters read "FREE! Freezer Jar! I don't know." Close examination, however, and concentration work with my slide rule, reveals that I would pay 15 cents more for the same amount of peanut butter in order to get the "FREE" jar. All this might be good training for qualifying a substitute for one of the electric computers at Cape Canaveral, but I consider it an unnecessary burden to inflict on poor housewives.

I come home from shopping a mental dither and convinced that most grocers are in league with the manufacturers of these oddly assorted containers. Items are no longer priced in even cents, but come in such divisibly difficult figures that in conjunction with fractional-ounce containers' price-per-pound figuring would stump an Einstein. Groceries items are now marked for sale at 19 cents, 23 cents, 37 cents, 41 cents etc. What has happened to the good, honest 5, 10, 15, 25 and 50 cent prices of yesterday?

But—cheer up mothers, and cheer up wives, we'll have our laughs when the merchant strives to figure out those Metric sizes. Laugh at him while he reverts, watch him change to Gram from Ounce, watch him struggle with amounts. Laugh while he shifts from liter to quart and tries to keep from running short. Yes, we'll have our laughs, but don't enthuse—his calculations won't long amuse. He'll find a means

whereby to fool any gal with an old slide rule. He'll find out how to make us pay more for Less with strange new weight.

If you are tired of twiddling your thumbs waiting for the snow to melt here are a couple of puzzlers to thaw out your wits:

1. What do the following words have in common? Loot, Repel, Straw, Yard?

2. How many four letter words can you make from WINTER? (no proper names, foreign words, contractions allowed. No letter may be used more than once in a word.) Par—15 words in 10 minutes. Answers next week.

Our blustery, bumptious friend Squire McGuire tromped into his kitchen last week. Except for his red nose, he looked like a twin to the rotund snow man the boys had rolled into being in the yard. As he dripped puddles on my just washed kitchen floor he told me about his great grand uncle on his mother's side who got so tired of his wife's monotonous cooking that he decided to leave home for good even though it was in the middle of winter and the snow was 10 feet deep. He effected his escape by inventing the dog sled and when last seen was heading south over the drifts cracking his whip over the dogs and yelling in disgust, "Mush! Schmush!" When my husband left the room at this, Squire confided to me that he himself, would have been the world's greatest skier except for one thing. "What was that?" I asked, giving him his head. "I never learned how to ski," he answered. "MUSH!" I cried, pointing to the door.

Sunday dinner guests at the Edward Herz home were Mrs. Grete Kamper and Marguerite, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tuttle, their cousins William Klar and Felix Zeidhack, who showed his slides of his recent two-month Asiatic tour, including cities of India, Hong Kong, China, Malaya, Cambodia, Thailand, Japan, including Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagasaki, and Bangkok, Manila, Hawaii and many others. He gave interesting narration of his trip.

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Clackamas County College Boosters Speak on Boundary

The following guest editorial is by Perry A. Newport, West Linn, representing the Clackamas County Survey Committee that has proposed an Area Education District to coincide with boundaries of Clackamas county. A petition has been submitted to the state board of education, which will shortly rule on whether the proposed boundaries will be the ones accepted before the measure goes before a vote of the people.

The proposed Clackamas county community college would add to the fund of knowledge and with the other community colleges now in the process of formation throughout Oregon, would increase the total number of students who can be educated. The technical - vocational aspect of the curriculum would train students for better paying jobs, with an increase in benefits to the individual and community.

Seventy per cent of college freshmen and sophomores in the State of California are in their 71 two-year colleges. More can be accomplished in graduate research and development, when the bulk of the lower division collegiate enrollment is handled by two year colleges. Better counseling and guidance can be achieved in schools where the element of personal interest is apparent.

State Would Assume Some Costs
Under a law passed by the 1959 legislature and amended in 1961, the State would pay 75 per cent of the construction cost of an approved building, and 66 2/3 percent of the cost of operating.

This per cent is based on the assumption that the cost of operation will not exceed \$650 per full time student, with the State furnishing approximately \$430 of this amount.

Site Must Be Furnished
The local area must supply the site and buy equipment for the building. The local area might at the discretion of the elected board, raise additional funds by student fees to make up the difference between the cost per student and the income per student.

The board could also raise a part or all of this difference by taxation. No taxes to support the community college could be raised without a favorable vote of the people approving the budget.

All districts in the County would be represented on the seven member board of directors. To best accomplish this the County would be divided into zones, with representatives elected from each zone.

Assessed valuation of taxable property of Clackamas county is \$164,738,150. To obtain \$164,738.15 for the use of the community college, it would be necessary to raise taxes only one mill. Property with a true cash value of \$10,000 would yield an increase in taxes of only \$2.50 per year.

County Boundary Best For Taxes

With the entire Clackamas county as the area involved, the tax burden would not fall heavily on any one district. Important too is that because of the past year of planning, the community college for Clackamas county is at least two years ahead of any other Area Educational District, in the Willamette valley that may be planned for the near future.

In addition, the Clackamas county school superintendent's office is interested in planning curricular needs for an integrated system including grades one through twelve, and would be interested in coordinating this with the first two years of college.

This favorable position exists because of the work done by the Survey Committee, making it possible if the measure passes for the Legislature to budget funds for this area in the 1963-65 biennium. A community college for Clackamas county could be obtained more economically and quickly if all the county is included in the district.

School Plan Decision Due

An arbitration committee decision on proposed formation of a new school district in northern Clackamas county probably will be given next Tuesday in Salem.

After several delayed meetings, the three-man arbitration group met Wednesday forenoon in Gladstone and decided to call their official session for next Tuesday morning.

Multnomah and Clackamas county officials each will have an hour to present their case, followed by a half-hour rebuttal for each side. Following these presentations, the committee probably will make its decision.

Plan Expanded
Present indications are that the Clackamas county plan is considerably broader than first anticipated.

It is understood that two plans will be presented: (1) a new district encompassing everything

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What adds to the confusion in this space age is that prophecy gets to be history before it becomes current news.

— Herbert Bayard Swope, Jr.

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Up and Down the Mountain—

By JOE KIEFER
Hood-Land 427

I was surprised the other morning, when I stopped at the Trail Cafe in Sandy for a cup of java to meet my old friend Guy Wilcox, who is back in the saddle as the trail boss again. Just like as the trail boss again. Just like as the trail boss again. Just like as the trail boss again.

Tommy Thompson now working at the Lloyd Center for Fred Meyer as a night watchman. I miss our yackety-yack about the old days when we both played pro baseball back East.

Two of the finest people I know from down around Keisler way are Jack and Margaret Dailey who own and operate the Dailey Egg Farm, where they have a 12-acre spread.

Jack has over 500 chickens and acres of berries to care for. Margaret has a beautiful flower garden. Drop in and say hello to them sometime.

Smith Pops Clay Birds
Old Bob Smith of Sandy still popping away at the clay birds. There are two bad mountain boys by the names of Dead-Eye Abernethy and Never Miss Kenzie who, the way I hear, can out shoot him.

When I mailed my column to the Post, in the dark early hours at the Sandy Post Office, there inside hard at work was our post master, Johnnie Metts. Maybe he had been playing a little four handed game of good old five card draw and was afraid to go home and be put in the dog house.

It's great to again see the lights on at the Firwood Veneer Co., knowing that men there are earning their livelihood.

Dog Likes Joe's Leg
The other evening I had to deliver a few items which Mrs. Irene Petrie ordered for the Welches school cafeteria. A warning to all peddlers — like Fuller brush men — Irene has a tiger dressed like a shepherd dog. I nearly lost a leg.

At the Mountain Air Park area in a beautiful setting of tall Douglas firs, nestles a house trailer and there reside the Carpenter family Gene and Anna and their two kiddies, Jimmie and Morla. Gene works seven days a week as our paper carrier, five days as a driver for the Welches school and is also a deputy sheriff. Holy cow! When

Letters to Editor

To The Editor:

I agree with the neighbors up Welches way about "Nell's Notes." We people in Hood-Land know Nell and the people she writes about. The Post has more than one reporter and they write news for just about all the neighborhoods in and around Sandy. I don't know people they write about but why should I. Their neighbors and friends know them.

The way I see it, a newspaper is for anyone who wants to buy it. Thank goodness it's not printed for just one party. So Hood-Land people, why not help Nell out and tell her some news if you have any. I'm sure she would thank you for it.

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does this guy sleep?

Anna has done a terrific job planting all varieties of flowers around their home.

Carol Mower and Jo Ann Grambo are now out in the working world in the big city of Portland.

They did all right at college on their C's but a wee bit shy on their B's and A's.

Steelhead Beckon
In the other evening to see Ron and Norma Gauthier at Normas Yee-Oldie Bean Pot.

Ron being an ardent fisherman coming from away back east is a pulling at the bit to get a sock at our steelheads and native trout.

That gosh darn Gracie, who writes Snow Chatter — is just noseey for news — or maybe has a ghost writer. Boy can she scoop me. Like she says, have pen will write. Don't ever let it run out of ink because we would all miss your chatter.

Gal Gets Trophy
Pretty little red head, Melissa Anderson of Rhododendron recently added another trophy to her collection of cups and ribbons.

At Spout Springs ski area, over in the Blue Mountains — she placed third in the downhill slalom. What a threat this 13-year-old will be for future Olympics.

Nick Gudge, tow operator at Summit — has a beaut of a shiner, or black eye. He said he fell while skiing. Come now, Nick, fess up — wasn't the other guy a great big free loader.

All my friends at Government Camp, like Everett Darr and Bruce Kirkland did a lot of praying for snow. They did such a good job of it that all the flatlanders are saying, please "Mon Dieu" shut it off for now.

Remember — the most important people in the world to you ride in your car, so please do drive carefully — during this stormy period.

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