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TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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Boy Scouts Deserve Our Salute

You'll see boys wearing Scout uniforms to school or church or to a special dinner this week. Chances are good the boy is one of your own. This is one of the boy's ways of reminding us of the 55th birthday of the Scouting movement on Feb. 8.

Scouting has been around the Gresham area a good while. But the amazing growth of population here has brought a new challenge in providing enough units for all the boys who want to join.

Right now the Scouts' Thunderbird District, centered on Gresham and running to Lynch and Reynolds on the west and north and Welches, Cascade Locks and Estacada on the east, counts 2,500 boys as members of Scout units.

New units spring into being as more sponsors are found. In the past several months, for example, a Cub pack was started at Gresham's Trinity Lutheran Church and new Boy Scout troops at Fire District 9 and the Gresham Methodist Church.

Boys range from the 8-year-olds just pinning on their Cub badge to the Boy Scouts of 11-15 to the older Explorer Scouts who follow interests in anything from aviation to soil conservation.

Thunderbird's 2,500 boys are part of more than 5 million across the nation. And Scouting has a bigger alumni than all of our armed services put together—some 400 million boys and men have been enriched by its training.

In a day when adults fear their youth are caught up in a Beatle culture, it's good to know that Scouting has kept its goals intact since its founding in 1910. And that boys still want to absorb its lessons in self-reliance, courage and high ideals.

Scouts keep busy learning outdoor skills—first aid, signaling, cooking and camping—while acquiring many traits of good citizenship. They go on hikes and overnight camping trips. Scouting is at its best in the outdoors. Typical of Scout community service is the recent collection of discards for Goodwill Industries.

Serving as volunteer leaders are scores of mothers and fathers. Churches, PTAs, service clubs and other groups play a vital role as sponsors. All rate a salute.

Helping build boys into men is the aim of the Scouting movement.

We wish them a "Happy Birthday" this week along with congratulations on doing a fine job.

Hardly the Republicans' Fault

We've generally agreed with Rep. Howard Willits in his opposition to our involvement in Viet-Nam. But when the man tries to blame it on the Republican party, we get off.

If properly quoted, Rep. Willits told an audience Saturday that ex-Vice Pres. Nixon and the Republicans "were responsible for manipulating the Democratic majority in both Congressional houses and of influencing the Democrat president to the present wartime posture."

After the legislation rammed through by the last Congress, it's difficult to see how the Republicans were even there, let alone "manipulated" anything.

And as far as President Johnson is concerned, it's highly doubtful if anyone influences him, certainly not the minuscule Republican opposition.

The Viet-Nam war is almost certainly going to become an albatross around the administration's neck. It will cost them dearly in the elections this fall and if still unresolved by 1968, the presidency.

Willits and every knowledgeable Democrat knows this. But an effort to blame Viet-Nam on the Republican party just isn't going to work. After all, "escalation" was hardly even in the dictionary until LBJ, McNamara and Co. came along.

Next Time, Say 'Oregon Crab'

Over on the Oregon coast, hundreds of fishermen have been beached by an Alaskan invasion—an invasion of Alaska crabs once known as spider crabs, now called "king" as a sales-promotion gimmick.

The most unhappy part of this story is that off our coast—and off the Washington coast, too, a peak crop of Dungeness crab awaits harvesting.

And this Dungeness crab is superior in every respect to the spider from Alaska—they taste better, aren't nearly as stringy, and for most folks in this area, are available fresh from the ocean.

But the large size of the spiders

make them easier to harvest and to handle, and their invasion of the market has forced prices of our local crabs so low most fishermen can't afford to go out after them.

Yet, the price per pound of either Oregon or Alaska crab, at the local market, is not much different. And, it must be said again the Oregon crabs are far superior in every way when it comes to you, the consumer.

So, next time, at your local market, check and see if you're getting the best crab meat—Oregon Dungeness. Buying them assures a better food product and work for hundreds of Oregonians.

off the record

by J.C.C.



Greetings, friends! It's great to be back at the helm of a weekly newspaper, and some of my friends in St. Helens are glad to see that I am now in Sandy, and out of their hair. (With friends like that, a man doesn't need enemies!)

I approach this job filled with enthusiasm, hope, expectation, and optimism. My introduction via a story and picture last week left me a little bewildered. My mother called to say that my picture proved to her that I am getting bald, have put on too much weight, and the worry lines are a source of worry to her. To dispel her fears, I am re-printing another picture. It will show that she has nothing to worry about, except that I'm getting bald, am overweight, and the worry lines are there.

Whenever I hear the word "optimist," I'm reminded of the story about the late General George Custer. Picture if you will, the blonde general and his little troop of 250 cavalymen, surrounded by 4,000 screaming, whooping, blood-thirsty Indians. General Custer surveys the scene, measures the odds, then turns to his men and exclaims, "Boys, don't take any prisoners!" Optimism?

Speaking of Indians, I see by a postcard that The War Council of the Mt. Hood Pow-Wowsers will meet Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Mt. Hood Golf club for the yearly organization meeting. Since that date is my birthday, I think I'll don my war-bonnet, smear on the paint and make the scene. I come from a long line of Indian Chiefs, mostly of the cowardly kind. My ancestors never went into battle with tomahawks or any other type of lethal weapon. In fact they duelled with peace-pipes, I now use a cigar, and even my best friends won't come near me! See you at the War Council!

Neal Jackson, PGE man for the area, took me by the hand and led me to the Sandy Kiwanis club meeting Thursday evening. Neal is an old St. Helens boy, so I felt right at home. Members of the Kiwanis club gave me a rousing welcome, but refused to give me time for a commercial. Nevertheless, I assured them that club activities would get special attention from now on via the news columns of the Sandy Post. One of the things that I noted most at the Kiwanis meeting was the outstanding ability of club members when it's time to sing. In fact Howard Berger did such a great job as leader that evening, most of the members became hoarse after three numbers.

The new Sandy grade school swimming pool came in for considerable discussion, and the director of the aquatic program of David Douglas high school was there to discuss his school's swim program, and what use the community can make of the facilities. While I had never thought much on the subject, a swimming pool can be used by nearly everyone in a community, the year around. I'm still overwhelmed by the magnitude of the project, and congratulate the people here for having such foresight.

When I think of water and swimming, I'm reminded of the cowardly skin-diver; he was called a "Chicken of the Sea!"

Kathleen O'Brien, the lass who writes "Making the Sandy Scene" had a tale of woe to discuss the other day. Subject of her grief was the number of letters she and her boss receive each week from sometimes irate motorists who have been given a ticket, courtesy of the Oregon State Police. Most of the traffic citations are issued on the mountain, and the highway approaches to it. Talking with Officer Jack Willett, OSP, I was assured that there is no "crack-down" as such, under way. Most of the trouble stems from the fact many motorists leave their driver sense and courtesy at home when they visit Hoodland.

Those who travel regularly over mountain roads know when to put on tire chains; know where to park to do so; observe traffic regulations, like parking off the highway, if they wish to sight-see, and etc., etc., etc. Weekend visitors to the area who are issued cita-

tions, really earn them, according to Officer Willett. I believe him!

Spaghetti-benders will have a slurpin' good time, come Saturday, Feb. 26, when the annual AFS dinner takes place. Rev. Ed Neuenfeldt is the man-in-charge of bending the raw spaghetti, (or is it macaroni that's bent?), and the dinner will be served in the Sandy high school cafeteria. Prices per family and such are \$4.50, adults \$1.25, and students 75¢. Serving commences at 6:30 p.m., buffet style, and the grand march then ensues.

It's great to be back in Clackamas county, where politicians provide so much copy for columns like this one. My pet politician from the area is Beulah Hand, now a state representative, but who will try to unseat State Senator John Inskeep. Beulah and her counterpart, Juanita Orr have represented this county in Salem for quite some time, but I've never quite figured out how come they were elected. Neither woman has done much, though Beulah talks a lot, especially about Gov. Hatfield. Mrs. Orr is sensible enough to remain quiet, probably because she doesn't really know what to say, or how to say it. But both women are Democrats, and in this day and age that fact automatically qualifies anyone for office.

You probably gather from the above that I'm not really an ardent fan of either lady. The best gift for the two would be retirement from public office via the new automatic voting machines next election.

Clackamas county has taken a leading role in popularizing voting machines, and that is great! Now back in Iowa in 1948, I got acquainted with one of these machines. That's the year Harry Truman lost the election to Mr. Dewey, according to the Chicago Tribune of that date. I remember the day distinctly because that's the first and last time I voted a straight Democratic ticket! (And me, a registered Republican!)

Tenure as a Sandy Post editor is not the usual thing, if I read the comments correctly. Wednesday morning I met Fred Punzel, Sandy police chief. I mention this because police chiefs and editors here seem to come and go quite frequently. Fred and I both agreed however, that we are not going down without a fight to remain in Sandy; so fate, sit up and take notice!

The Sandy Post has quite a number of columnists, and I've been a fan of the "Snooper" since way back when. The "Snooper" is such a forthright and outspoken slayer of sacred cows, and public utilities, I'm constantly amazed. You can be sure when I visit Hood-Land, I'll travel light, fast, and incognito.

Chamber of Commerce members have approved the proposed speed limits suggested by the state highway department. What these will do to the populace, I'm not sure, but citizens, remember, a state highway passes through our midst, so when crossing the street, stop, look and run if the coast is clear. After all, you must admit, you are merely pedestrians, and the auto is king. The highway department could give motorists a better break though, if the one-way system through town had better signs telling of the one-way streets. I almost nalled a lady driver head-on my first day here. She was driving east on the west-bound one-way grid.

Bob Grockett, Sandy jeweler and Chamber of Commerce president expressed his desire to have the first annual "Senior Citizen Award" dinner a rousing success, and that many of Lyle Seaman's friends will want to attend to help honor the honoree. Lyle will get a plaque in recognition of the occasion, and also the keys to the city. He'll also get a nice hand for his 25 years' service to the community, as he did on another occasion. See you at the dinner Monday night, Feb. 14, at the Masonic hall. And remember, "Smile, you may be on candid camera."



Since I am new in Sandy, I'll want to acquaint my readers with members of my family, one at a time. My favorite is My Drinking Uncle. He's the one who says he drinks to steady himself. Sometimes he

gets so steady he can't move. I tell him this story, and he reads it all the time. Now he says he's read so much about the bad effects of alcohol, he's going to give up reading.

...J.C.C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mrs. Jack Sanders, President League of Women Voters of East Multnomah County 12419 N. E. Knott Street Portland, Oregon 97230

Dear Mrs. Sanders:

I wish to thank the League of Women Voters for their continued interest in the development of Mt. Hood Community College.

Your letter of January 28, 1966, addressed to the College Board of Directors, expressing a concern and need for clarification of the role vocational and technical education will have in the college was timely and a public service. The Board has asked that I respond to your letter. I am pleased to do so.

Vocational-technical education at Mt. Hood Community College will be a major division of the college. The curriculum offerings in vocational-technical subjects will be extensive. This division will probably be the largest division of the college. Programs will be geared to the needs of business and industry of the area, as well as to providing students with marketable skills that will enable them to earn a decent living and contribute to the support of the society in which they live.

Mt. Hood College, like all community colleges, will ask many citizen advisory committees to assist in the program development of the total college. Citizen advisory committees in the field of vocational-technical education are essential, not only to identify actual needs but to assist in course content preparation. In most

instances, our instructors will have to come from industry on a part-time basis. Often it is a state requirement that citizen advisory groups be used in this field.

The Board of Directors of Mt. Hood Community College has been dedicated in its objective to provide a strong program of vocational education for the area. These objectives have not changed or varied. Also, these objectives are on record with the State Department of Education, which is a requirement for college development. In the hiring of a college president, a Board condition was made that the college president must have had administrative experience with vocational programs and demonstrated leadership in this field. I believe you will find that one of the reasons I accepted the Mt. Hood position was based on my desire to give continued leadership in this vital educational program. All staff members who will be employed at the college, in any field, will be expected to have an appreciation and understanding of the institutional goals for vocational-technical education. Although many new colleges make no effort to provide vocational programs in their first year of operation because of the difficulties inherent in such offerings, Mt. Hood College will make every effort to include several vocational programs this fall. To do so will require the assistance of many people, but we feel this help will be available. Mt. Hood Community College is dedicated to the goal of providing a strong program in vocational-technical education. We

consider it a mandate of the people and accept the responsibility for carrying out this commission. I hope and trust this information will assist you in your interest in the development of your community college. I am sure you know that I would be pleased, along with other members of our embryonic college planning staff, to meet at any time with your organization or any other community groups to provide information or respond to questions about the college. Your interest is desired.

Thank you again for your letter and thoughtfulness in enabling the college to reaffirm its objectives for vocational-technical education in its comprehensive program.

Sincerely,
Earl L. Klipstein, President Mt. Hood Community College

Short Course on Income Tax Is Slated at PSC

A short course in the preparation of individual income tax returns will be taught in South Park Hall at Portland State College on Wednesday nights, Feb. 2-March 9.

The course, offered by the Portland Center of the Division of Continuing Education, will cover state and federal tax forms for both joint and separate filings. Instructor will be Hjalmar Rathe, assistant professor of business administration at Portland State College. Rathe is a certified public accountant.

Full details regarding fees and registration are available at the Portland Center, 1633 S. W. Park Avenue, telephone 226-6501, Extension 1133.

There are over 7,000 characters in the alphabet of written Japanese.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor: I would like to congratulate The Snooper for the courage to publicly air a few of the problems that have faced subscribers to the Hood-Land Telephone Co.

It may be that Charlie Augustine conscientiously worked at repairing outages caused by the recent New Year's snows. But he did not assume responsibilities inherent in the operation of a public utility. Failure to restore service in up to three weeks is ridiculous. If he did not have enough manpower, other utilities will loan crews to handle emergencies.

While many problems will likely be overcome with the new installation, the obligation to presently supply adequate service still exist. Let us hope The Snooper has in some measure awakened the Hoodland Telephone Co. to its responsibility and obligation as a licensed public utility.

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