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GREAT WAY
TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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Minimum Wage Proposals

It now appears likely that children engaged in picking berries and beans will be exempted from pending federal minimum wage laws.

They certainly should be.

The bill, as presently constituted, would establish a \$1.15 minimum wage for all agricultural workers beginning July 1, 1966, and \$1.25 beginning July 1, 1968.

This would, of course, almost completely eliminate youngsters from the bean and berry fields. Our own youngsters, for instance, have picked berries and the experience was wonderful for them; but they weren't worth a flat \$1.25 an hour.

Unless the hoped-for agricultural exemption is approved, thousands of local youngsters can forget about summer work.

On the other hand, Big Labor is pressing for a \$1.75 hourly minimum

in other areas at once. They won't buy the administration's suggested \$1.40 and \$1.60, two-step approach.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council says business can absorb the increase without raising prices or abolishing jobs. It is quite apparent that George Meany, AFL-CIO president who made the statement, hasn't met many pay-rolls.

Here at The Outlook we're only a small business but Meany's proposal would result in the net loss of about 13 jobs per week. These are part-time people, high school students and housewives necessary by the very nature of our work for stuffing papers, flying the press, making deliveries etc. We think it would be most difficult to pay these people \$1.75 per hour.

But since Big Labor says we can do it "without raising prices or abolishing jobs", who are we to argue?

Reasons for the High Bankruptcy Rate

Oregon has received much unfavorable publicity for its high rate of bankruptcies . . . actually the highest in the nation.

Unwholesome as this record is, it isn't quite as bad as it looks. Judge Estes Snedecor, referee in bankruptcy for the U.S. District Court, explained to a newspaper audience recently in Eugene.

Judge Snedecor said that Oregon's business bankruptcies are about the same as other states; it is the so-called consumer bankruptcies which make Oregon look so bad.

Oregon law permits garnishment of salaries and this, Judge Snedecor feels, is the root of the trouble. He

would like to see a ban on garnishment of salaries and personal property. Thus, Judge Snedecor said, the alarming rate of consumer bankruptcies would be checked.

It strikes us, however, that exempting wages and personal property would lead to even more credit abuses. Merchants have little enough protection now against some people who take advantage of the bankruptcy laws to, literally, bilk their creditors.

A remedy such as Judge Snedecor suggests might result in credit being extended only to the very elite. Some sort of happy medium obviously is needed.

The Price of Candor

Tom Lawson McCall is a very forthright gent. His very forthrightness may have cost him some votes here last week; again it may have gained him some.

McCall spoke to a joint meeting of the Gresham Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. As an eager candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, most of what he said was amiable chitchat, designed to please everyone.

But he got down to a couple of specifics. Without any urging whatsoever, he came out solidly for U.S. involvement in Viet-Nam.

And in response to a specific ques-

tion, he said that if he were governor and a right-to-work measure came across his desk, he would veto it.

Both positions, so bluntly stated, will cost him votes. The Outlook, for instance, will find it extremely difficult to support anyone who admires what Pres. Johnson and Sec. McNamara are doing in Viet-Nam.

But on the other hand, McCall's very forthrightness must be admired. Many politicians become so adept at double-talk that one never knows where they stand.

You can't say that about Tom Lawson McCall.



I ventured into the Mt. Hood Lions Den last Wednesday evening, but found reinforcements had arrived to guide me. The program had me booked for a chat on traffic, roads, and County Commissioner Darrell Jones was to provide the facts.

Taken in tow by Roy Carothers, we had an enjoyable social hour before the dinner, met a great many Lions, and after dinner the fun began. One George Smith provided some ukelele and song-type entertainment that included an Oregon City ditty, or could I call it a "bitty." Then Commissioner Jones gave his talk, and then I was called upon.

Sandy came in for some sharp criticism from a couple members of the club, who termed our fair city a "speed trap." Being a citizen of such short term, I could hardly do anything but listen. The following day I did some checking with the municipal court judge. I found that rather than being a speed trap, Sandy police have been quite lenient in dealing with mountain enthusiasts from the big city, and areas residents as well. In fact, you get the benefit of about 5-8 mph faster than the speed signs indicate.

There's a big mouth radio man from KGW who got a ticket in Sandy because he was in a hurry to get up to the ski area. This disc jerkey speeding about 13 mph over the 40-mile speed limit. Consequently, he has made a point of telling the KGW listeners about his cruel treatment at the hands of the high-binders in Sandy. We can forgive him though. It's a well known fact, most disc jockeys talk in their sleep. This one egases his mouth before getting his brain in gear.

The state highway department is responsible for posting the speed limits and the signs in Sandy will be made uniform when that department gets around to it. There will also probably be some cracking down on those who park trucks overnight on the highway in Sandy. While this may be a practice of long standing, it can be an extremely dangerous one for the unwary motorist. In addition, I believe its a state regulation that parked trucks be surrounded by warning flares when they must be parked on the highway. At least there was such a regulation some years ago. An auto comes to a sudden halt when an immovable object is in its line of flight.

After last week's comments on the Clackamas county draft board and its office employees, I have received several phone calls, and made a few. County draft board chairman Charles Potter of Milwaukie was most cooperative when I finally was able to contact him. He had been out of town for some time. Later the state director of the Selective Service System phoned to iron out the questions I had asked.

All students are now being classified 1-A for the draft. This does not mean that they will be called up immediately. High school students are not being drafted, unless, of course, their 19-20 years of age, and are failing their grades.

A zealous Marine Corps Recruiting has mailed letters of invitation to some Sandy high school students, inviting them to join his fraternal group. Just how he got the names of students who have been reclassified to 1-A is a mystery. Only after a man has been called for his pre-induction physical and mental tests, and passes, does his name go up on the board at the induction center. He is then fair game for the recruiting officers. Sgt. S. W. Ayres, in charge of Marine recruiting in the Portland office, assured me that he will make a thorough investigation into this letter bit, and said no more high school students will get such invitations until after they are actually called for their preinduction physicals. His advice to all youngsters is this: "Stay in school."

Because the U.S. has taken Communist takeover, worldwide, our armed forces are constantly increasing in number. I would like to see a universal military training system take the place of the present "selective service". My oldest son enlisted in the regular army at age 17. He is now home, his military obli-

gation to his country completed. There are two more sons at home who will no doubt follow his example when the time comes. Under "selective" service some men never fulfill their military obligation. Hence we see 35-year-old "students" leading "peach marches", staging sit-ins, sit-downs, lay-downs, and other "anti" protests. I'm positive you'll find no bearded bums in any of the services. Universal military training seems to me the most democratic method of keeping the armed services up to required strength. If every man upon graduating from high school went directly into military training, and say a two-year stretch of active duty, the "lost age" 18-21 could be a most productive one.

Marshall Glos and I took a small tour through Hood-Land last Thursday. We were looking for pictures that will promote the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce brochure due for publication soon. We had lunch at Bowman's Golf Club, took some shots of the course, then photographed a Mt. Hood campsite.

March 1, the Chamber of Commerce meeting proved very interesting, as the assistant director of fish culture with the department of fisheries, Reed White presented some interesting facts about his department and about the Sandy fish hatchery in particular. With Mr. White was Carl Copper, foreman at the hatchery. An interesting bit of "early" history was provided by John Mills, who arranged the program. Mr. White at one time worked at the Sandy hatchery, when he was "stout, red-headed and healthy."

I came away from the meeting with one thing in mind: I'm going to develop a fishing lure that will attract silver salmon in fresh water. Take it from the experts, silver salmon are very reluctant to take any present lure in fresh water. So move over, Mr. Rockefeller, make room for a man with a million-dollar idea!

March is in, like the "Roaring Lion", though the blanket of snow Monday night and early Tuesday morning came as gently as a lamb. So, in like a lion, out like a lamb, goeth the old proverb. May it prove correct.

March is also the month of the politicians, so we hearken back to Caesar, who warned "beware the Ides of March." Wary perhaps of this warning, and also what happened to Caesar, County Commissioner Darrell Jones has not as yet filed for reelection to the office he now occupies. I think he should, because Mr. Jones has been a good county commissioner, and deserves another term in that office.

J. H. Van Winkle, former Oregon City newspaper man, and an active citizen, has filed for the office now held by Mr. Jones. Mr. Van Winkle has switched his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat, a practice upon which I cast a wary eye and scowl. It smacks too much of opportunism, since party registration in the county is heavily Democrat. Others have switched registration to the party in power, too, and with success; Wayne Morse is one example.

Bob Williams, owner of the Thriftway Market in Sandy was not in town to see the results of his advertising campaign last Saturday afternoon. Perhaps Bob realized what would happen and wanted a place to park his car; there were no empty parking spots around here about 2:30 p.m. Saturday. His market was filled by a crowd of people that some have estimated at 2000. Not all were inside the building, you understand; there simply was no more standing room. The parking lot was jammed with vehicles and people, waiting for the naming of the winner of a 1956 station wagon, filled with groceries. The lady who won the car, Mrs. Jane Lahr, was too reluctant to pose for a picture for the Post, but we got a shot of her at long range. Bob will be back in town soon, now that the crowd has gone.

After playing it coy for some months, Robert B. Duncan, congressman from the fourth congressional district, announced March 2 that he is indeed a



CARL N. REYNOLDS, a partner in Multitorpor-Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, looks over the site of a new chair-lift due for construction in lower bowl this summer.

candidate for the U.S. senate from the state of Oregon. Duncan is serving his first term in the house. We at the Post last week received an 8x10" glossy photo of the congressman, and this was a dead-giveaway that he would vie with Governor Mark O. Hatfield for the office being vacated by Mrs. Maurine Neuberger Solomon.

Congressman Duncan takes the opposite view with Senator Wayne Morse over the fighting in Viet Nam. He also differs with Governor Hatfield who is not at all in accord with present administration policies there. This fact may bring about a strange alliance: Democrat Wayne Morse supporting Republican Mark Hatfield for the U.S. Senate against Democrat Robert Duncan. Politics makes strange bed-fellows.

My Drinking Uncle was told he should wear bifocals, but my aunt claims he sees double most of the time anyway, so he spends his money on double-shots. . . J.C.C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Miss O'Brien does not agree with J. C. C. in that the trouble in the Government Camp area stems from drivers leaving their good sense behind them. Perhaps Miss O'Brien would enjoy a day on the Mountain with a guided tour of the parking lots at Timberline, Government Camp, Multitorpor and the Bowl.

In the fourteen years I have been in the Gov't Camp area, I have yet to see the lots unplowed if it were possible. The widening 1/8th mile east of Timberline has been plowed for years. In Gov't Camp no one reads the signs directing them where to park and will tell us that they have never seen them. They are placed every hundred feet on both sides of the road.

Chain signs are completely ignored till the car will go no further. Then anything on their side of the road is their's till the chains are on.

Private driveways are never respected. Everyone wants to be parked the closest to the area in which they plan to ski.

We admit parking is a problem. We do not have adequate parking facilities and since most of the area is private

there is little chance at this time to improve it. A little thought and courtesy to your fellow drivers would help.

Moving cars from one side of the road to the other, aids the Highway Department in keeping the roadside parking available to more people.

Miss O'Brien should be aware of other problems also.

Good drivers pulling children behind their cars on skis, sleds and toboggans on a public highway. People skiing and tobogganing down Timberline road, again in traffic.

The many persons who have attempted the Timberline road when the chain signs were down, without chains, simply because they have postraction, postack, saw dust tires, etc. These are the ones who cause the trouble.

In most of the accidents, I have been called on, one of the cars has been without chains. I have a four wheeled rig that is chained to make the lodge. A trip which often takes forty five minutes due to cars stuck or cross-wise in the road. This condition can happen even when the road is sanded.

So cast the blame where it belongs. A little common sense is all it takes.

Loren W. Purdy
Brightwood Towing

The world's population will almost double within the next 35 years, say the experts.

Firwood Extension

The Firwood Extension Unit will meet Tuesday, March 8, at the Sandy Woman's Club. Theme of the meeting will be "Ireland". Bring your own sack lunch, hostesses will servedesert and coffee.

A BRIGHT FUTURE...



His folks are planning for his future . . . his education, protection, enjoyment of life. They know the importance of saving, of learning to save at an early age. That's why they started his interest-bearing savings account at our bank. This young man has a tidy sum already.

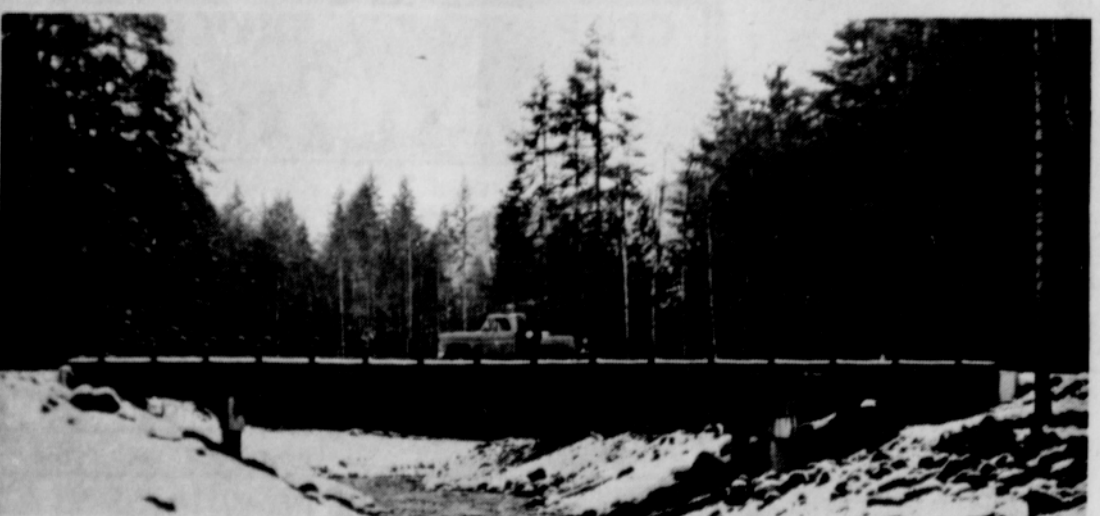
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DARRELL JONES, Clackamas county commissioner, discussed conditions of roads in the Hood-Land area Wednesday, Feb. 23 at a meeting of the Mt. Hood Lions club. Roads, highways, parking, fire protection and further development of ski facilities and recreation came under discussion at the meeting.
(Sandy Post Photo)



THE NEW Vine Maple Bridge across the Zig Zag River has been completed. Summer home owners can now enter the Vine Maple area from Rhododendron, instead of via Still Creek.
(Forest Service Photo)