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A New Look at the Fairgrounds

Directors of Mt. Hood Community College are taking another look at the Multnomah County Fairgrounds as a possible college site.

The new look stems from the distinct possibility that the former F.C.C. property at 148th and Glisan is not going to be available. Originally, Mt. Hood and Concordia College were to have shared the property, but this now appears unlikely.

Hence, what about the Fairgrounds?

There are a couple of big drawbacks, (a) the property—50 acres—isn't big enough and (b) it belongs to the county which has put on a hefty price tag.

However, both these might be solved. Other nearby property may be available which could solve the space problem. And as far as the price is concerned, perhaps county commissioners could be convinced to

cut the \$10,000-per acre tab now being quoted.

The Outlook earlier felt that the Fairgrounds shouldn't be considered under any conditions for a college site. However, with loss of the F.C.C. property, another look obviously becomes necessary.

Unless some location can be obtained quickly, the College will have very real space problems this fall; problems which could hamper the College's first-year program badly. Thus, the Fairgrounds certainly merit another look.

Selfishly, if the College could be located on the Fairgrounds—plus some additional adjoining property—it would do wonders for downtown Gresham.

But even lacking that, the Fairgrounds may be absolutely necessary as a temporary location this fall. We hope county commissioners are willing to reconsider.

Is a Sales Tax Now Nearer?

Easy passage of a cigarette tax last week has let open the flood gates for those supporting a sales tax.

Since the voters so readily accepted the cigarette tax (62 per cent), sales tax adherents reason that the voters would do the same if it were coupled with property-tax relief.

Part of the cigarette tax does, in fact, go for property-tax relief, although not a major portion.

However, we think one major point is overlooked by those who see easy sailing for a sales tax. A cigarette tax is a selective tax, hitting only one segment of the population, albeit a large segment.

We know of many, many non-smokers (us included), who voted for the cigarette tax. However, everyone would pay a sales tax, especially if

it is applied to food. And if it isn't applied to food, not much revenue will be produced.

As we've said before, we lived with a sales tax for many years in Washington state, and by any yardstick, find Oregon's property tax vastly preferable.

Moreover, a sales tax is a regressive tax, hitting those hardest with the least ability to pay. A wage earner barely making ends meet pays just as much tax on a loaf of bread as does a retired banker.

We'll hear a lot about the sales tax between now and the next legislative session. A plea to lower property taxes could make it politically inviting.

But if a sales tax is adopted, we think the people of Oregon will regret it for generations to come.

The Minear-Blake Race

More than a week after the primary election, people still are talking about the Minear-Blake race for state superintendent of public instruction.

Dr. Minear, the incumbent, won in a contest much tighter than expected. Blake, however, took 27 counties; Minear only 9. Had it not been for a heavy concentration of Minear votes in Multnomah county, Blake might well have won.

We supported Minear, are glad he won. But at the same time, we have to admit that Blake's 217,000 votes are a strong argument that some changes are needed.

We tried to analyze the local election returns to see where each man scored highest. But there just wasn't any pattern.

Minear carried our area, but in no landslide. Blake picked up precincts in Glenfair, Lynch, Pleasant Valley, Gresham, Pleasant Home etc. Minear, on the other hand, carried precincts

right next door. No particular geographic, socio-economic nor political pattern appeared, although we think (emphasize the think) that Blake did better amongst Republicans than Democrats.

Those folks whom we know voted for Blake did so because they were dissatisfied with some things in the present educational system. Minear's supporters came largely from teacher groups and from those who have a close connection with education in one way or another. Most felt that education in Oregon is faring quite well.

Locally, at least, we know Blake lost votes because of his lack of a strong educational/administrative background.

We don't know what Blake's future plans are. But we would hope that somehow those 217,000 votes could be articulated into improvements in our school systems.



The 1966 senior class at Sandy Union high school will be up all night June 2, but even that's all right. Under the leadership of Lou Langlois, business and professional people of this area are tossing a party for the young men and women. Included in the activities are dancing, bowling, games such as badminton, table tennis, and pool.

Parents need not worry about the people at this party, because if you're too busy or tired, or uninterested, some other parents will be there to chaperone things. We printed a list of the regulations concerning the party last week, so will not bore you with repetition of same. I think this kind of activity beats a trip to the beach for a sand blast.

Do you know that the hardest people to convince they are of retirement age are children at bedtime?

Hardly of retirement age are the Clackamas county voting machines, used for the first time in the primary election of May 24. In the after-math, more than one group has declared all-out war on this automated method of balloting and tabulating the results. On this page is a letter from one of the individuals giving his reasons for this.

At one o'clock on the afternoon of May 24, I checked in at one voting precinct in Sandy. There were the working members of the election staff there, four. There was but one person voting on the machine.

Later that evening, after six o'clock, lines began to form at the polling places. Some people, very much like myself, refused to stand in line for any length of time, and therefore didn't vote.

Last winter when the machines were placed on display in stores and public places throughout the county, I took my curiosity to a machine and played around with it for a while, getting the feel of things. Evidently, not very many other people did this. They waited until election day to satisfy their curiosity over the machines, while their neighbors stood in line and fumed.

Get rid of the machines? Heck no, get rid of some of the voters.

Excavators at the swim pool project at Sandy elementary school have dug into a wealth of information about the area, when they hit an old fill last week. In the process, the 'Cat' doing the digging almost dropped out of sight. The diggers turned up a 1942 Oregon automobile license plate, a bottle, circa 1926, and other archeological goodies. But you didn't know the municipal dump was once almost in the center of what is now Sandy proper.

That monstrous black tank at the swim pool sight will hold 10,000 gallons of liquid. It's probably the fuel tank for the heated swim pool.

One of my informants has given me a very nice tip: Marshall Glos, Ford dealer in Sandy, will present a cash scholarship award and a trophy to the scholar-athlete of the graduating class Thursday evening, June 2. I learned further, that the trophy is really a beauty. I hereby offer a bouquet of my finest petunias to Marsh Glos!

It was my good fortune to be working Monday afternoon, May 30, and in taking a traffic count by auto, I ran into Police Chief Fred Punzel and Officer Roger Nicodemus. (I really didn't "run into them," I just happened upon them.) They were keeping the police car in plan view of everyone, so I stopped for a chat. Fred asked why I was out in that stream of traffic when I needn't be. I said I like to live dangerously.

John Mills and company got caught in a gigantic traffic jam between Government Camp and Zig Zag Monday. A major traffic accident had taken place at Zig Zag, and the line of traffic was stopped for about 14 miles. John said the family took a one-hour count on campers, cars with boats attached, or anyone else who looked like a fisherman. They counted 1100 such vehicles in the sixty minute period.

I hope someone in the highway commission office got stuck in that line-up.



Tom McCall, Secretary of State, will be the commencement speaker at Reynolds high school graduation on Friday night, McCall recently won the Republican nomination and will be a candidate for governor this fall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
Formation of a citizens organization to encourage better election procedures in Clackamas county was announced today by M. K. Bates, Milwaukie businessman and newly elected director for the Clackamas Community College.

"I am appalled at the cost of these voting machines. We are told we have 230 machines; their total cost is \$345,000. Even this staggering amount of money doesn't provide enough machines, nor the kind we want. There are others that don't cost half as much and have proven very satisfactory," Bates says.

His organization will be non-partisan and open to all voters of the county. Bates is a democrat.

"It is unfortunate that Clackamas county doesn't have better management at the polls and better tabulation of votes," he believes.

Bates cited an insurance of one voter going to a polling place at 7:10 and voting at 9:20. "That's a two hour and ten minute wait," he pointed out.

He also cited a machine that had not been checked properly and was not tabulating the vote on a measure.

"We are compiling statements from voters calling us and we intend to ask the County Commission for a formal hearing, and at that time we will present our information on the May 24 election."

F. Davison
Lake Oswego

To the Editor:
Audrey and I are deeply grateful to, and want to thank, the people of Oregon who expressed their confidence in me on May 24.

There is only one real reason to seek the governorship of Oregon and that is to improve the vantage point from which to come to grips with the issues. And you may rest assured that my concern with the issues transcends partisanship or personal whim.

Now that each party has chosen its nominees, I'm anxious to get into the substance of the fall campaign, bringing to all corners of the state my program of progress for people.

Respectfully,
/s/ Tom McCall

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About
Mt. Hood Community College

BY ALAN R. GOODELL
Administrative Assistant

Many community colleges throughout the nation are watching the Columbus experiment with great interest.

During the next 10 years, billions of dollars will be spent on building, equipment, and land for community colleges in the nation. Only a few months ago, just five community colleges conducted bond elections totaling \$185 million for new campuses. This figure does not include funds from state and federal sources -- only local funds. There were more than 50 new community colleges established in 1965. There will be at least that many more during 1966. There is no doubt that the community college boom is one of the largest of any industry in the nation.

Because of the 300-year-old tradition of fine university education offered by Yale, Harvard, and other so-called Ivy League colleges, one would not expect to find community colleges thriving in the New England states. Yet these states are developing one of the fastest growing complexes of community colleges in the nation. The large universities and colleges are very enthusiastic about and cooperative with the newer, smaller community colleges in the area. In and around the Boston area such community colleges as Massachusetts Bay Community college are thriving and providing community college education for thousands of students who otherwise might not be able to attend college.

Following the discussion of the 1966 strawberry market, there was considerable discussion of the picking price for the 1966 season.

The final outcome of the evening's meeting was the passing of an amended motion to recommend a picking price of 60 cents per flat, plus a 10 cent per flat bonus. Even though this has been recommended as a picking price, many growers will be paying a straight 60 cents per flat rate; others will be paying a straight 70 cents or 75 cents per flat rate, according to Jim Love, Clackamas county Extension agent. So, while 60 plus 10 is the suggested picking price per flat, the picking price will actually range from 50 cents per flat to 80 cents per flat.

EXPERIMENTATION

Because the community college is a relatively new kind of institution, it is able to change and adapt to change. One illustration of this adaptability is Columbus Community college in Georgia. Columbus Community college is developing a program for independent study. Rather than attend all regular classes in the traditional manner, students spend part of their on-campus time in supervised individual study.

Because there is a greater variety of student interest and abilities in community colleges than in universities, the students are allowed to progress at their own rate, rather than at one rate established by an instructor's course outline. In this way, student interest and morale are higher and there is a greater drive to succeed.

SPRING CLEANING TIP

If anyone decides, during Spring cleaning time, to discard old magazines and books, Mt. Hood Community college would like to be informed. As the college library is just being started, many old publications will not be available from publishers. A college library can always use back issues of magazines and old books -- both fiction and nonfiction. If anyone has these materials to donate to the college, please call 665-1131. Someone from the staff will be glad to pick them up.

Growers Set Picking Price

A group of Willamette Strawberry growers met May 20 at the Yamhill county fairgrounds to suggest a picking price for the 1966 strawberry season.

Roland Groder, Extension fruit and vegetable marketing specialist from Oregon State University, was present to discuss the strawberry market situation in the U.S. and Mexico. He mentioned an anticipated 5% increase in U.S. production over last year's production and an estimated importation of 65 to 68 million pounds of Mexican strawberries, compared to an importation of 52 million pounds in 1965.

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Mt. Hood Board Requests Use of Local Fairgrounds

A meeting of the Multnomah county commissioners and the Mt. Hood Community College board of directors and members of the administrative staff to discuss the possibilities of the college using the fairgrounds facilities in Gresham for an interim college operation has been scheduled for Thursday, June 2, at 2 p.m.

The special meeting was called by the commissioners at the request of Richard F. Deich, chairman of the Mt. Hood College board.

Short Locals

Camp Arra Wanna near Wenme was the setting for a "planning retreat" conducted by First Baptist church, Gresham May 21 and 22. Purpose of the retreat was to plan the church calendar for the coming year. Besides the usual dates designated for special events next year at similar retreat is planned April 21 and 22.

Deich said the board feels use of the fairgrounds would in no way interfere with the normal operations of the fair and the facility presents one of the best possible locations for an interim college operation.

The college board chairman also said the board believes use of the fairgrounds would result in a substantial savings of tax dollars and would provide an excellent educational facility.

The request for the hearing was made by Deich to Mel Gordon, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and advised him that an early meeting of the two bodies was urgent in so far as the college was concerned, and that the board would like to have an early decision on the possible use of the fairgrounds.

Gordon said Tuesday the commissioners had not been supplied with the college board's plans and would have to reserve any comments until after hearing the complete proposal.

Chinook Run Gets Close Look by State

Phil Schneider, state game director, today advised Oregon sport fishermen that a close watch is being maintained on the Columbia River summer chinook run with the view of closing the river to sport fishing if the run continues low.

Schneider reported that biologists expect another poor return of summer chinook in the Columbia system this year. He said the status of the run is being reviewed by the game commission and the Washington Department of Fisheries.

Last summer a similar emergency closure was ordered when the summer chinook run proved to be one of the lowest on record. The closure did not affect steelhead fishermen.

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