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GREAT WAY
TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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An Early Look at the Race for Governor

Last week, we had occasion to hear the two gubernatorial candidates—Robert Straub and Tom McCall—speak at graduation exercises.

Neither was a political talk, of course, and the subject matter for both was necessarily limited. But it seemed to us that McCall did a much better job of getting across to his audience. His television background obviously gives him a flying start when it comes to public speaking.

Straub doesn't have the name familiarity, at least in the Portland area, but he does have the big Democratic bulge in registration working for him.

Thus, it's interesting to note an early analysis printed in "The Christian Science Monitor" of the nation's governorship races. The survey notes

that the Republican party will have to fight "to hold its own" this fall. But Oregon is listed as one of those states where Republicans are considered to hold the advantage. California, incidentally, is listed as "doubtful", meaning neither party can be given an edge.

If the survey is right, McCall will be our next governor. But it's a long, long time from June to November, paraphrasing the song. Straub is a hard campaigner and can't easily be counted out.

The survey was concerned primarily with governorships, but did also indicate (a) growing public frustration over Viet-Nam in every state and (b) more signs of vexation over rising prices. These, if they continue, could result in sweeping Republican victories this fall.

The Case of the Reluctant Editor

A 20-year-old University of Oregon coed, managing editor of the student newspaper, is having her troubles.

She wrote an article about marijuana users on the Eugene campus and the Lane county district attorney demanded names. But in most cases, the privileged relationship between reporter and news source has been upheld by the courts.

This isn't to defend the marijuana users but the district attorney should obtain his own information without trying to violate the professional ethics of the newspaper business.

Commissioners Do Their Bit

It's quite likely that county commissioners will approve temporary use of the Multnomah County Fairgrounds here in Gresham by Mt. Hood Community College.

Thus, a word of praise for the commission is in order.

Their hoped-for decision to allow use of the Fairgrounds gets the college out of a difficult pickle. It long had been assumed that the erstwhile F.C.C. property at 148th and Halsey would be available.

However, bureaucratic jealousies, A Job Well Done

Richard Deich of Parkrose is retiring July 1 as chairman of the Mt. Hood Community College board of directors. He certainly rates a "thank-you" for a job well done.

Deich was one of the original leaders in the drive to obtain an East Side community college. His election as board chairman last year thus was no surprise.

But in the early, formative months before a college president and staff were named, he had to serve as public relations counsel, executive officer and personnel director for the new school . . . all on a voluntary basis.

The excellence of the college staff and the continuing public confidence in the school are ample indications of the way Deich and his fellow board members carried through.

Deich, who will continue to serve on the board even though stepping down as chairman, deserves this week's tip-of-the-hat.



The Sandy elementary school district budget voted on for a second time June 1, passed by a narrow 16-vote margin, 186 yes, 170 no. This was a larger turn-out of voters by far than voted in the first election, when the budget was voted down.

It is evident that the Sandy Jaycees were only "resting" for a while, because they appear to have bounced back from the dormant stage, and will resume an active part in community affairs. First on the agenda is election of officers, due Wednesday, June 15 at the Gun Club building. Also to be elected is a board of directors. The eight members who met last Thursday evening discussed various projects that could be undertaken in conjunction with other groups, such as the fire department and Lions club.

Voting membership is limited to a top age of 35, so that eliminates me from voting, but as an exhausted rooster, I can still voice an opinion. So how about running Jim Martin for president of the Jaycees? Too busy you say? There's an old saying, if you want a thing done, find a "busy" man to do it.

The Sandy area Chamber of Commerce received a thank you card from the senior class of the high school after the all-night graduation party last Thursday. Lou Langlois said class president Wayne Splawn had told him about the card that evening. Wayne left the party the next morning, went home, and came back about an hour later with said card.

So as Lou said, "We usually worry about what's happening to the younger generation. With kids like this, who needs to worry?" The Chamber members gave Lou an ovation for his handling of the whole affair. We join in passing out the applause, and Lou also gets one of my prize petunias.

If you're interested in costs, Lou and the ladies of the Jaycees gathered a total of about \$296. The whole graduation party came to a total of some \$291, so either they broke even, or went a little in the hole, but not nearly so bad as last year. Again congrats to the whole group.

Did you know that there is state curfew law governing the after hour activities of minors? There is! Youngsters under age 18 are considered minors. It is a violation of the curfew law to be out later than 10:15 p.m. week nights, unless accompanied by an adult, or going about a lawful business, such as working. So unless you have your mother or father with you after 10:15 p.m. kids, better have a good and sufficient reason for being on the prowl.

Another: "Did you know" that the city of Sandy has an ordinance governing the placing of advertising signs? I didn't know this either until the Monday evening city council meeting. Evidently very few other people are aware of this ordinance also. The city will now embark on an educational kick to inform merchants, and other people who advertise their businesses with signs, that the ordinance does exist, what it governs, and how big and where such signs can be placed.

And still more on signs: there's an elevated bulletin-board type sign at the west entrance to the city of Sandy that has been staring vacant-eyed at me since I first noticed it about four months ago. I learned this past week that the sign was given to the city by the Sandy Lions club. The city will now supply electric current to light the sign, and it then will be noticed by more passersby.

Speaking of good deeds by such groups as the Lions, how about a little more publicity from you Lions club members? Mac McDermott, (is that the correct spelling?) is president of the Lions this year. One of your members, who shall remain nameless, once invited me to shindig, but I didn't make the scene. Evidently I've been on the black-list since.

So okay fellows, let's get together again. Maybe you could fill me in on the Oral Hull Foundation, and what you're doing about it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Voting machine statistics being given by Robert Schumacher, Clackamas county clerk, are fascinating. He says that Clackamas county had one voting machine for every 240 registered voters. There were 68,787 registered voters and 230 voting machines. Simple arithmetic gives the ratio of one machine for 290 voters. By the general election, a total voter registration of 70,000 can be expected in Clackamas county. This will mean a machine for every 304 voters.

Schumacher says the national average is one machine for every 325 voters.

This primary, with a low turnout of voter, Clackamas county actually had one machine for every 165 voters, actually casting their vote. How many were repulsed by the long wait in line and did not vote, we do not know. We do know that with the one to 165 ratio that there were long lines at some of the polling places all day and that lines concentrated more heavily at varying hours of the day in many, particularly at the dinner hours.

At my own precinct, my husband waited from eight o'clock in the morning until nine a.m. to vote. I waited from 9:45 a.m. until eleven o'clock to vote. There was an hour wait almost all day at that particular precinct and many persons were unhappy and expressed their displeasure to me. Some did not vote because they would not wait.

Schumacher says that this fall the election will go 30% faster. If he's correct, and I have no reason to believe this kind of crystal ball gazing in light of his other incorrect assumptions, I will wait 59 minutes instead of an hour and a quarter.

Schumacher says that he will borrow 25 more machines for the fall election; this makes a total of 255 machines. With 70,000 prospective voters and a customarily heavier general election turnout, this will be one machine for every 274 voters. Keep in mind that with the one to 165 ratio that there was a ratio that there was as much as a two hour wait in some precincts.

Schumacher's arithmetic means disenfranchisement for many voters. Most working people, Democrat or Republican, male or female, will not wait two hours, one hour or even a half an hour to vote UNLESS THERE IS A GOOD REASON. Convenience to the county clerk and his staff is NOT a good reason.

Having served on the committee on elections in the legislature, I've worked with election laws for eight years.

Don Morton, Clackamas county planning director, County Commissioner Darrell Jones and I went on a short tour in the Firwood district late Tuesday afternoon. We were looking at the homes built and under construction by Charles Lutz. The gentlemen were here at my request, because I asked just why in hell Charley was having so much trouble getting a zone change from the planning commission.

Don showed me the reasons for delaying Charley's request. The reasons are perfectly legitimate, and correct, for they deal with state law regulating housing developments, such as those on Firwood and Music Camp roads. Charley has been informed of the regulations to be followed, and when this has been done, the zone change will be granted, pronto! So says Mr. Morton and Mr. Jones.

Beulah Hand has a long-winded letter to editors making the rounds these days, condemning use of voting machines, like the ones used in the primary election in Clackamas county. The GOP central committee chairman has started a campaign to outlaw use of the machines. So County Clerk Ray Schumacher has been under heavy fire from all sides, except those who have voted on machines before, or who used their normal intelligence to figure out how the things work.

It might be a good idea to place the machines in public places again for the next three months, so people can practice voting on them. Of course, only about 10 out of 100 voters would even glance at the machine, but that would make only 90 confused people at the polls, come next November.

Talk about confusion! My Drinking Uncle sleeps on his front steps quite often. He blames his wife, saying she misplaced the keyhole. J.C.C.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About
Mt. Hood Community College

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATED
Dr. Frank Roberts, a member of the Mt. Hood Community college board, was nominated by the Democratic party to represent the Sixth District of East Multnomah County in the November election as representative-at-large. Dr. Roberts, a professor at Portland State college, has served on the Mt. Hood board since the formation of the college.

prepare them for entrance. This program, designed specifically for those students who wish to enter the industrial technology program, includes such courses as remedial English, remedial mathematics, and other courses designed to make the transition from high school into community college as meaningful as possible.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE

Not all community colleges have such liberal entrance standards as those of the Pacific northwest. Bronx Community college in New York, for example, has begun an experiment with what is called a "vestibule year." In this program, students who do not have the necessary skills or training to assume an occupational position, or who cannot meet the entrance requirements for the Bronx college, must undergo a year's study and training to

Nowhere in the law have I seen the phrase "convenience to the county clerk" but I've seen and guarded jealously many references to "convenience to the voter".

If Schumacher persists in making voting difficult for Clackamas county people, there will have to be some safeguards written into the law to protect the voter against bad judgment of county clerks. I will be first in line at the 1967 legislature to make those changes.

Sincerely,
BEULAH HAND
State Representative,
7th District

BOARD REORGANIZATION

At the regular meeting of the college board Thursday, June 2, officers of the board for the next fiscal year were elected. Robert Dressler, Portland attorney, and Dr. George Castertine, Troutdale dentist, were elected by unanimous ballots for the positions of chairman and vice chairman, respectively. Outgoing officers are chairman, Richard Deich, and vice chairman, Dr. Frank Roberts.

CATALOG GOES TO PRESS

Harry Bradley, Dean of Students, announced this week that the college catalog for the coming year has been sent to the printer, the Gresham Outlook. It should be available for students soon.

COLLEGE BIRTHDAY CAKE

In honor of the first anniversary of the college, the college staff, chairman of the board, Richard Deich, and Mrs. Betty Schedeen, celebrated the occasion with cake and coffee during a brief "coffee break" Friday, June 3, at the college office. One year ago the college was officially established by a vote of the eligible electors residing within the East Side Area Education District. At the same time the initial seven-man board was elected.



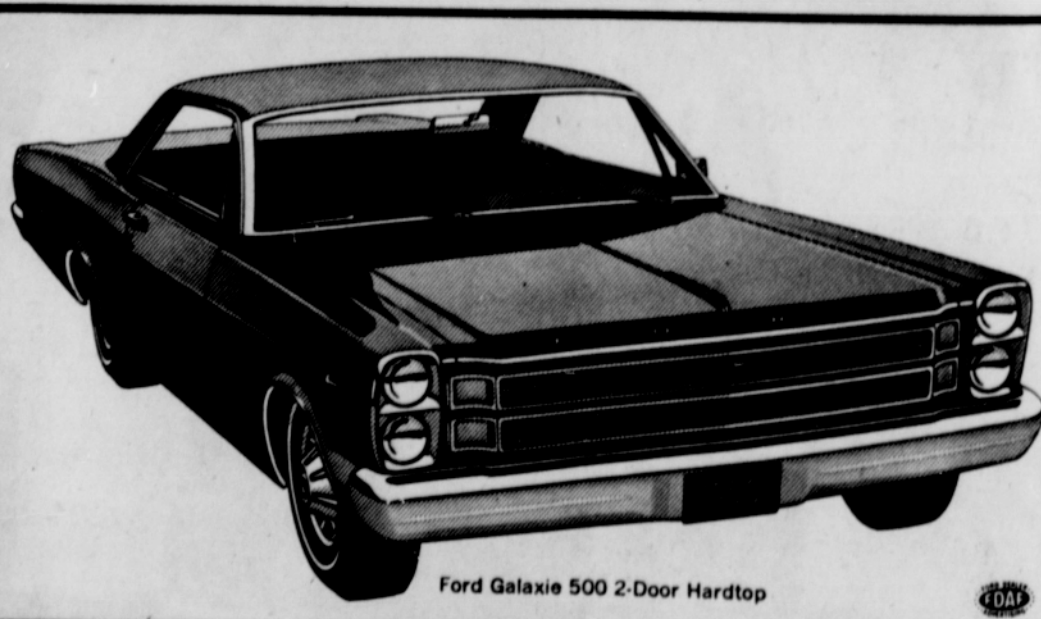
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