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A Little Light on the Draft

Hearings on Selective Service currently under way in Washington, D.C., hopefully may shed a little light on a confused situation.

The unpopular war in Viet-Nam has resulted in an attack on Selective Service by everyone from Congressmen on down to parents of those youngsters who have been drafted.

For a variety of reasons—relatively high physical and mental standards, dependency deferments, educational deferments, occupational deferments etc.—only a relatively small percentage of young men are being tapped by the draft.

There are many suggestions—a universal draft at, say age 19; elimination of educational deferments; establishment of a lottery plan etc. None of these would do anything more than add more inequities, more problems.

We can think of nothing more destructively wasteful, for instance, than to turn all the nation's 19-year-olds over to the government. Obviously, only a small percentage of them

would serve in the military. What in the world would the government do with the remainder?

College deferments also are being roundly attacked. Why, the critics ask, should money be the determinant of who gets shot at in Viet-Nam? The inference, of course, is that only the rich go to college.

Ignoring the obvious fallacies in such an argument, one need only ponder figures presented by Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director:

Some 56 per cent of all college males eventually serve in the armed forces, only 43 per cent of non-college men. Critics of educational deferments just can't seem to distinguish between exemption and deferment. College doesn't mean exemption from the draft, merely deferment.

We suspect there will be mounting pressure for changes in the draft as long as the senseless war continues in Viet-Nam. We only hope whatever changes are made, make sense.

Progress Isn't Everything

Here in America, we rationalize all sorts of behavior with the explanation, "But that's progress!"

Lincoln county had a fine example of "progress" last week when a 110-year-old cypress tree was chopped down to make way for a new coin-operated car wash.

The tree marked the spot where Lt. Phil Sheridan built a blockhouse in 1856 during Indian troubles. For many years the tree had been known as the "Sheridan tree" and a sign commemorating its historical significance placed on the trunk.

However, all this came down at the altar of "progress." In fact, the tree was down even before the Lin-

coln County Historical Society got wind of its impending demise.

These things happen all too often nowadays. Interesting old homes, buildings, trees, landmarks, etc. go down before the bulldozer as the mark of "progress." We seem to have scant regard for the historical or even the aesthetic value of things around us.

Thus, we applaud the efforts of Portland architect Lewis Crutcher and others who fight, often almost alone, to save some of our historic heritage, to eliminate some of the commercial blight (signboards, power poles etc.) which we see everywhere.

Some other things often are as important as "progress."

The Stadium Plot Thickens

The split over just what the Portland Metropolitan area should do—if anything—about a multi-purpose athletic stadium expanded this week.

One group, headed by Mayor Bud Kyle of Tigard, seeks a tri-county stadium somewhere south of Portland near the Baldock freeway.

County Commissioner Mel Gordon would like to build a stadium in the North Portland area, specifically in conjunction with a refurbished Pacific International building.

And the other two county commissioners, Dave Eccles and Mike Gleason, would like to purchase Multnomah Stadium as a stop-gap measure, then seek enabling legislation for a tri-county approach. They feel there are grave doubts about its legality otherwise.

It seems to us that the Eccles-Gleason approach is the sound one. We doubt if the voters are going to approve any stadium idea very soon and unless Multnomah can be acquired, Portland will have no place for baseball, pro and college football etc.

If, after use of Multnomah as an interim facility for a time, a tri-county stadium is approved, nothing will have been lost. Multnomah still could be sold at a profit.

We don't think the time is quite ripe for an all-out stadium drive. But at the same time, Portland simply cannot afford to have no stadium at all.

Thus the short-term acquisition of Multnomah stadium makes sense. We hope the city and/or county can do so.

The Surplus Disappears

Nature may have taken a decisive hand in the argument over "surplus" water from the Pacific Northwest.

The Southwest, of course, eyes our water resources most covetously and some sort of diversion from the Columbia and/or Snake rivers seems likely, political realities being what they are.

However, this spring the Pacific Northwest is experiencing its worst water shortage in 30 years. Cattle in the highlands of Eastern Oregon and Washington have been forced into high-mountain pastures. The ranges have dried up.

Non-irrigated crops may be facing

a severe loss; some areas may see a hay crop less than half of normal. Inland Empire wheatlands are having their most severe water problems since the 1930s.

All this, of course, could well blunt the drive of water-conscious Southwesterners. It could be mighty difficult to divert water from an area which has drought conditions of its own.

Actually, however, the water problems here probably will be of brief duration. Next year likely will be back to normal. But even so, the current shortage gives considerable ammunition to those fending off water-hungry Californians.

Chinks in the Poverty Program

You hear a lot of grumbling about the administration's poverty program and we had reason last week to see why, right here on the local level.

Reynolds high school was given a \$7,000 federal grant for a summer work program for 15 students.

However, government approval of the program was delayed so long that by the time it arrived, all potential participants already had jobs. They couldn't wait around all summer.

And in addition, the unrealistic requirements the government imposes

would have ruled out any applicants anyhow. To qualify for Youth Project employment, a youngster must come from a home where the income level is not above \$3,000 per year.

The actual figure varies with the number of children in the family, but the \$3,000 figure was about right in the Reynolds project. None of the potential workers could qualify.

Thus, it's difficult to see how the program could do much for us locally. And, unfortunately, that has been exactly the same story from a lot of other places.



The "three M's," Moon Mullen, Merrill Bartruff and Merle Hill are joined by Gene Collier in front of sign erected to draw attention to the Mt. Hood Lions annual holiday weekend Chuck Wagon breakfast at the Lions Hall pavilion at Wemme.



Gene Collier, Merrill Bartruff and Jack Janca, President of the Mt. Hood Lions, are trying out the new "green" behind the Lions Hall at Wemme. A Hole-In-One contest will be a new feature of the Chuck Wagon Breakfast this year. The annual Turkey Shoot will also be included at the July 2 and 3 affair. The Food and Fun start at 7 a.m.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College

By ALAN GOODELL Administrative Assistant

FUNDS APPROVED

A college application for funds to improve instruction in commercial and business education has been approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The college is slated to receive \$13,952 for the purchase of typewriters, calculators, and other business machines. Courses to be offered this year include typing, shorthand, office machines, office practices, and an introduction to business.

CLASSROOMS ORDERED

At a special meeting of the college board Thursday, June 23, bids were awarded to Holiday Mobile Building Sales of Portland for four mobile classrooms. The college will set up these classrooms on the Multnomah County Fairgrounds for this year. These trailers will be used for general purpose classrooms, with one unit to be a specially designed business education room for typing, shorthand, and office machines.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students attending Mt. Hood Community College are required to meet the same physical education requirements as those attending a senior institution: five credits in physical education activities and two credits in health education. A variety of courses will be offered -- bowling, skiing, swimming, skating etc. A student who is physically unable to participate in physical education activities must present, at the time of registration, a signed statement by a physician attesting to his inability.

RADIO REMINDER

Each Sunday evening at 7:30, Mt. Hood Community College presents Community College Radio Forum on Station KRDR, Gresham. Many citizens, officials, and college personnel are interviewed on this program so that the public will be informed about what is happening at the college.

COLLEGE GETS EQUIPMENT

At a meeting of the college board on June 16, 1966, bids were awarded for furniture and equipment for the college classrooms. Typewriters, tablet-arm chairs, and other pieces of equipment were secured through several bidding suppliers.

Portable classroom buildings are being ordered this week. As soon as the classrooms arrive and as soon as the Multnomah County Fair has ended, the college will begin setting up classrooms and equipment for opening the Fall Quarter in September.

Estacada Gets Extended-Area Phone Service

Is the time ripe for another try by Sandy-area residents for extended-area (toll free) telephone service with Portland and Gresham?

Pacific Northwest Bell disclosed this week that it soon would spend \$174,000 as its part in bringing extended-area service to Estacada.

The Estacada area will get toll-free service to Portland and Milwaukie, effective Aug. 15, 1967. An order by the State Public Service Commission several months ago set that effective date.

Sandy residents balloted several years ago on toll-free service but the results were not conclusive in the opinion of the Public Service Commission.

Sandy and Gresham areas, of course, are served by General Telephone (nee West Coast Telephone). Estacada is served by an independent company, Estacada Telephone.

Dennis Day to Headline Stage Show

Dennis Day's great tenor voice will sound over the fairgrounds in Gresham next month when Jack Benny's favorite singer headlines free stage shows at the Multnomah County Fair July 28 through Aug. 6.

With opening of the 60th annual fair less than a month away, preparations for all fair activities, including the twice daily free stage show, are nearing completion.

Day's singing and comedy will top a bill that will include one of the nation's outstanding trained dog acts, the Arwoods; the Lyons family of pint-sized junior acrobats, and a combo of grandmothers -- "The Frivolous Five" -- that is one of the funniest musical surprises of all time.

The average man's judgment is so poor, he runs a risk every time he uses it. -- E. W. Howe.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation you and your staff have extended to the Social Security Administration.

The impact of the 1965 Medicare legislation has greatly increased our publicity requirements. Your cooperation in assisting us to bring to the attention of the public information about changes in the Social Security laws has benefited many people by helping make them aware of their rights and obligations under the new program.

Thank you for your assistance. Without your help our task of enrolling the aged would have been more difficult.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Paul F. Johnson
June 28, 1966

Sandy Rural Fire District
Sandy, Oregon

Gentlemen:

The members of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce wish to take this means of expressing our gratitude and admiration of the skill and cooperation shown by our volunteer fire department and the members of the Boring, Estacada, and Gresham Dist. #10 fire departments in fighting and containing the fire of June 27th at our new (under construction) grade school.

Our deepest thanks and appreciation for a job well done!

Sincerely,

SANDY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ned E. Dyal, Secretary

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination to the Oregon House of Representatives, I would like to thank all those people who helped me in my recent campaign. I would especially like to thank the late Hal White, past Chairman of the Democratic Party in Clackamas County, for the advice which he tendered me. I would also like to express my appreciation to State Senator Thomas Monaghan, for it was he, more than anyone else, who sparked an interest in public service in me, while we talked over coffee in the Commons last summer at the University of Portland.

Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to express my deep gratitude to those who voted for me. Although I came in second in a field of four, I feel that I gained a minor victory, which will be very useful in coming years.

Yours sincerely,

Frank W. Amato

IT'S YOUR LAW

A popular misconception of law has it that everyone who is injured on another's property is entitled to recover all damages he may suffer from the owner of that property.

Property owners themselves often believe this erroneous principle, and it is not uncommon for a home owner, discussing an injury at his home, to remark, reluctantly, "Well, I guess I'm liable--the accident happened on my property."

This is NOT the law. The concept of "fault" is still essential to a recovery for damages in all but a few specialized fields of law and mere ownership of private property does not produce the necessary "fault" for recovery.

In most cases of accidents on his residence property, a home owner will not be liable for the resulting injuries. This is because most visitors at his home and on his residence property will be social guests.

Towards his guests a home owner owes the duty only of refraining from willful and wanton misconduct, and of warning them of any hidden traps. He is under no obligation to use any active care for their safety, and, if they are injured, he has no obligation to make good their damages.

This rule is derived from the nature of the relationship between host and his guests--the host receiving no benefit from the visit except the pleasure of his guests' company; it would be unjust to place upon him the burden of protecting his guests from all injury.

As it was put by one judge, the visitor in a home takes his host as he is and for the purpose of liability becomes a member of the host's family.

A different rule applies to persons who come on one's property for the purpose of a business in which the owner is engaged. Towards these persons the owner owes the duty of "reasonable care" for their safety.

Thus one who operates a store is liable to his customers for injuries they sustain as a result of his negligence. He must do what a reasonable man would do under the same circumstances to provide for the care and safety of these so

BIG IMPROVEMENT

Tried the new Sandy-Gresham road yet?

We have, the very first afternoon, in fact, and it's a tremendous improvement.

We figure it saves about 10 minutes on the Sandy run from Gresham although Dale Bergh, who should know, says sometimes it'll be as much as 15 minutes. To say nothing of the safety factor.

We drove to Sandy often and never could get over the feeling of uneasiness. It was one of the most hazardous stretches of road in the state.

The first vehicle, incidentally, to drive -- officially -- over the new stretch was a delivery truck from Mt. Hood Cleaners in Sandy.

Closed Monday

Members of the Post staff will enjoy the Fourth of July holiday on Monday along with the rest of the city, state and nation and the Sandy Post office will be closed on that day.

There has been no change in deadlines for the Sandy Post the week of July 4, but early copy on Thursday and Friday of this week would be appreciated.

Fair Parking People Sought

A call has been issued by Ross Cohen, who is in charge of parking cars at the county fair in Gresham, for workers from the local area who are over 18 years of age and are interested in working during the fair, July 28 through Aug. 6.

Cohen said it has been his policy for several years to use local people for this work and he is continuing this policy again this year. Those interested should call Cohen at 223-2135, or Mike Fisher at 665-4877.

Fireworks Display Set for Golf Club

The annual Fourth of July display of fireworks at Bowman's Mt. Hood Golf Club will be sponsored as usual by the Hood-Land Chamber of Commerce. Although the display is held off till dusk, it is advisable to come early as this event annually draws crowds to Welches Road area.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO RECEIVE "EXTRA" MONEY ON JUNE 30, BECAUSE THEY SAVED REGULARLY



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