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## A New Formula on School Support?

Local school districts are waiting until they can read the fine print but a new formula for distribution of state school support funds may be in the offing.

Reports over the weekend indicated that the new formula has the support of educators and experts in school finance. Now, it need only run the legislative gauntlet.

Briefly, the new formula would set up a \$500 "foundation" for each school student. Each district would theoretically tax up to 10 mills, with the state providing the difference between whatever that provides and \$500.

If, for instance, a district's 10-mill levy provided only \$275, the state then would come through with \$225 more. If a district is spending less than \$500 per student or levying less than 10 mills, a lesser amount of state aid would be forthcoming.

The new formula is said to please

everyone, including the Portland district which for years has chafed at helping support suburban districts through equalization. The new formula would multiply Portland's student by 1.1, thereby giving District 1 more money.

Obviously, more money is going to have to come from the state and it will be up to the legislature to provide it. However, the state currently is in good condition financially and legislative leaders have indicated they will buy the package.

Local school districts probably would pay less in taxes, certainly not any more. This was the qualified guess of Harry Thompson, Gresham Union High superintendent, this week.

If everything does work out as outlined, it will be a blessing. The squabble over equalization has gone on for years and if once settled, can hopefully be buried and forgotten.

## LETTER BOX

SANDY POST EDITOR

The Sandy Elementary School Board of Directors and Superintendent wish to express their hearty appreciation to the volunteer fire departments who responded to our Firwood School fire last week, Sandy, Boring and Estacada volunteer fire departments answered the call in force. Mr. Gulvin from the Sandy Fire Guard Station was on the fire in its very early stages with his equipment. There were 14 pieces of fire equipment in operation at the fire, all working as one department and were most effective in controlling and preventing the spread of flames to other structures.

Praise is also due Happy Valley and Clackamas Fire Departments for their standby service in Boring and Sandy while their fire fighting equipment was at the fire. It was a superb example of perfect organization and control among the several community departments. Each and every member of these volunteer organizations have our deep appreciation for a service well performed.

Superintendent and Board of Directors  
Sandy Elementary School

June 24

Mr. Dale Plumb, Editor  
Enterprise-Courier  
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Mr. Plumb:

I read with great interest, your editorial "The Experts in Hindsight." You were concerned about county money being spent at Timberline Lodge, when it might better serve the county in the Oregon City area. The funds that you refer to are actually appropriated to the U. S. Forest Service, and are not county funds. These funds come from U. S. Government owned Oregon and California Railroad revested lands, and come from timber sale receipts deposited in the U.S. Treasury.

Half of the funds go to the counties in lieu of taxes -- to the counties having O & C lands. One-quarter of the receipts are appropriated to the U. S. Forest Service to be used in the development and improvement of the National Forests in the O & C Counties, which in turn benefit the counties through improved recreation and timber access, or for other reasons.

The Forest Service and the O & C counties agree to a development program each year. The first project using these funds constructed a chairlift at Timberline Lodge. After making extensive private investments, the permittee managing the Government-owned building could not possibly earn a profit at the Lodge, because of the tremendous maintenance and overhead expenses connected with the lodge operation. This lodge was not originally developed to the point that it became an economic hotel unit. Many essential facilities were lacking.

The extra income generated by this new lift enabled the permittee to make a small profit, and to risk more of his

own capital in other lodge and recreation improvements.

Thus, the lodge is being maintained as a principal tourist attraction for the entire state.

There are means by which counties can receive money for recreation developments. The Land and Water Conservation Act provides a fund which may be used by States and Counties for recreation land acquisition and development. These funds are administered by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The local office is in Seattle. These funds are made available after the individual states completed plans which are approved by the B.O.R.

Recreation has many tangible effects on Clackamas county. Each winter week end, the Summit-Multnomah-Ski Bowl skiing complex employs between 80 and 100 people. Timberline Lodge employs almost this number on a year long basis.

Numerous other individuals and contractors in the county rely on these operations to sustain their own businesses. The economic multiplier effect of the money brought into Clackamas county because of the ski industry alone amounts to many millions of dollars of Cross National Product annually.

Next summer the Summit, Timberline and Ski Bowl permittees plan to install 2 new chairlifts and 2 T-Bar ski lifts, in addition to day lodge facilities. These will accommodate both an increasing skier and non-skier crowd. Winter visitors spend considerable money in Clackamas county and make further investment possible by local businesses.

Last winter alone, the snow sports attracted almost one-half million people to the county. In 1967, the Mt. Hood Meadows Ski area will open in Hood River county.

Ironically, because the roads are more suited to winter travel, and because the distances are shorter, virtually all of the Clackamas and Multnomah enthusiasts will drive through Clackamas county to get to this area.

Except for the money spent by people coming to area through Hood River, only the money spent in the ski area itself will help Hood River county. The summer recreation program, while diversified and less spectacular, perhaps, attracts hundreds of thousands more recreationists.

Here in the Hoodland-Sandy area, we have noted a surprising increase in property values. The improved highway access to this area, and the rapidly growing recreation facilities, are making this part of Clackamas county attractive to those folks presently living and working in the Portland area. Many of these folks are moving to this part of the county, and commuting back to Portland.

I would be pleased to spend a day with you and show you how this part of Clackamas county is developing, and how it is benefiting all Clackamas county residents. If you can spend a day with me, please let me know and we can get together on a date.

Sincerely yours,

H. PETER WINGLE

District Ranger

July 2

Dear Sir:  
I'm wondering why my paper stopped arriving? This is the second week now. It hasn't run out, I'm sure, as the Boy I subscribed from said "It ran for a year" and I signed up the first week of school in September (for the menu's listed).

Doggone, I wanted this last issue, about the new school and the fire for a keep sake. As we keep a scrapbook on everything of interest concerning our trips, etc. for 4 boys to have later in years.

Please, look into this. Thank you.  
Signed: A Boring Rt. 1  
Subscriber

## Boring Man Selected

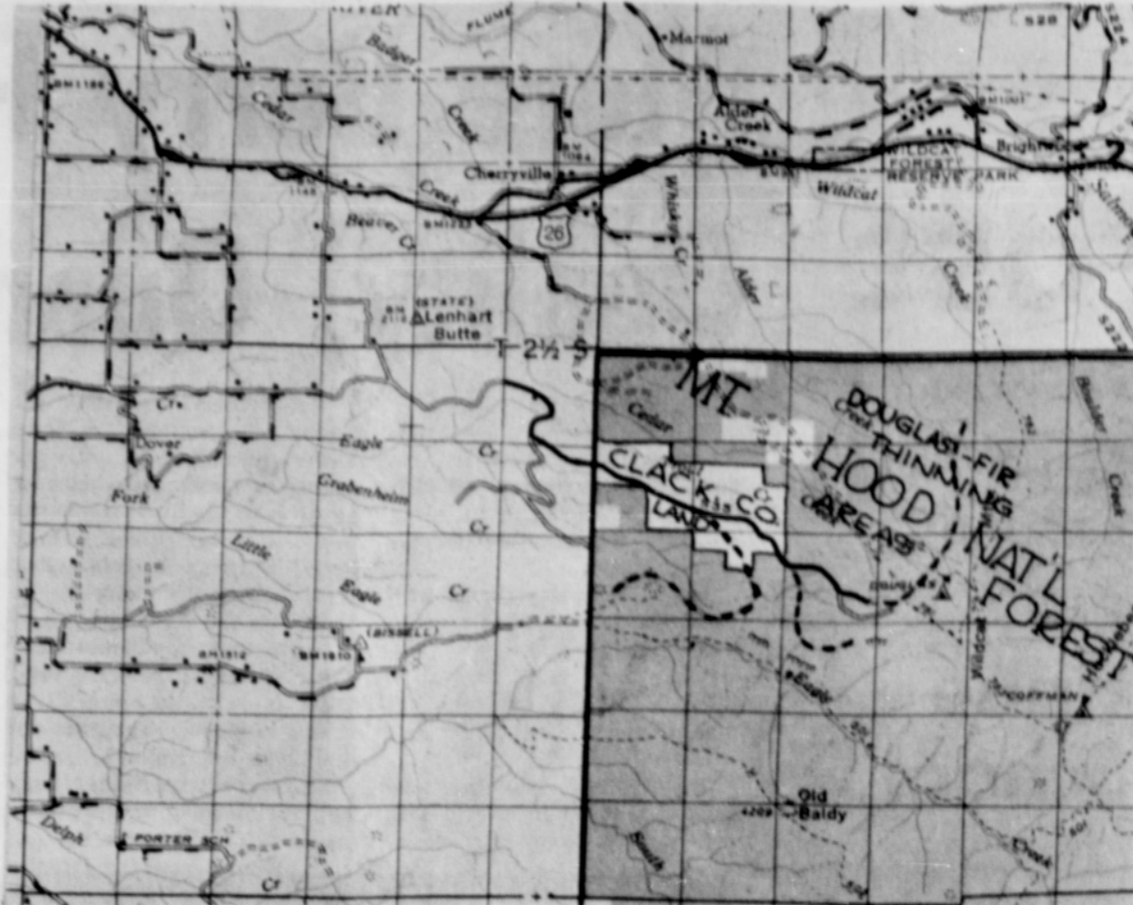
The Equitable Assurance Society of the United States has announced that Wayne W. French



of Boring, a trainee agent with the Society was selected as "Man of the Month" for his production and sales during the month of June. Mr. French was highly commended for his work in the Gresham, Sandy and Boring area in the field of life underwriting. As a result of his efforts he has qualified for the honor club with the society and will receive several nice prizes for his efforts.



TURKEY WINNER, Leah Wright, smiles as Dewey Monaghan awards her the bird she won in Turkey Shoot at Mt. Hood Lions Chuck Wagon Breakfast last weekend. (Post Photo)



THE FOREST SERVICE plans to reconstruct the road into the Wildcat Mountain area, and to improve the extensive young merchantable timber by selective thinning. The solid road denotes reconstruction, and the dashed routes will be new access roads.

## Wildcat Mountain Area Development Planned

The Forest Service plans to reconstruct the access road into the west side of Wildcat Mountain, and begin thinning the extensive areas of young Douglas-fir timber. This timber is just now becoming merchantable for logging. The thinning will remove the trees that would normally become overtopped by the more vigorous trees, and therefore die and be lost. Removal of thinnings will permit faster growth of the remaining trees, and make available more timber volume for the numerous lumber mills in the area. The road development will be paid

for by appropriated Federal Funds, and through the sale of some of the old growth timber in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

The road development and maintenance will be a cooperative venture between Clackamas County and the Forest Service. County Commissioners Stan Ely and Darrell Jones accompanied Forest Supervisor Lloyd Gillmor and Ranger Pete Wingle on a trip into the area to discuss access development, right-of-way acquisition, and road maintenance.

Residents of Clackamas

County will be benefited in several ways by this development. The road will pass through extensive county owned second growth timber holdings. In addition, the counties receive twenty-five percent of all the receipts obtained from the sale of national forest timber. The thinnings will add to the amount of timber cut by the national forest. Thinnings and much of the salvage material in the forest are not included in the forest's calculation of its perpetual sustained yield timber volume which is sold regularly each year.

As more of our second growth stands of timber become ready for thinning, we plan to increase the amount of timber available from this source.

Wildcat Mountain, and the entire range from that peak west to the head of Eagle Creek is a beautiful high elevation recreation area. The ridge tops are free of timber, and are covered with flowers and huckleberry brush. At present the area is seldom used because of the difficult trail access from the Sandy and Salmon River valleys. An improved road access will open this area to more recreation.

## CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College

By ALAN GOODELL  
Administrative Assistant

### COLLEGE STAFF GROWS

During the months of July and August many of the college planning staff will assume full time duties. The director of Admissions and Records, Myron Mickey; the director of Student Activities, Lyle Lepray; and the director of guidance and Counseling, Thomas Nielsen, will arrive this week to begin setting up registration and counseling for entering students.

### LOWER DIVISION OFFERINGS

Of 42 transfer and pre-professional curricula available in the Oregon state system of higher education, Mt. Hood Community college will offer 26 complete curricula and all but a few courses in the other 16. These complete programs include pre-professional curricula in architecture, applied science, business administration, journalism, dentistry, forestry, law, medicine, and secretarial science. Other complete curricula include arts and letters, foreign language, social sciences, and many of the general sciences: biology, chemistry, mathematics.

Because Mt. Hood Community college is beginning its operations this year, it is not anticipated that a large number of sophomores will enroll. Although there will be several sophomore courses available, most of them will be activated next year. Sophomores who plan to enroll at Mt. Hood Community college this year should check the college catalog to determine whether their desired courses are available.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Arnie Heuchert, director of Vocational - Technical Education, met four evenings last week with advisory committees for vocational-technical education programs for the college.

### STUDENT APPLICATIONS

Applications for admission to Mt. Hood Community College continue to arrive at the admissions office. Some people have questioned whether applications are still being accepted. Unless there is an overwhelming number within the next two weeks, it seems likely that applications will be accepted until Sept. 1.

Registration will begin Aug. 15, according to Myron Mickey, director of admissions and records.

### LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

The college received confirmation this week of a federal grant of \$5,000 under the College Library Resources Act of the 1965 Higher Education Act. The college will apply this money to the purchase of library materials and books.

Many individuals and businesses have graciously been donating books and magazines to the college. Mrs. Eleanor Pruitt, college librarian, said that these donations are a very gratifying indication of public and private support for the college program.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Alan Goodell, director of Transfer and Continuing Education, will attend a national conference on curriculum and instruction at UCLA July 18-20. Many nationally known community college officials will be present at the conference to lecture and serve as consultants. Some of these educators of note are Dr. Herman Sheffield, president of San Bernardino Valley college; Professor Arthur Cohen of UCLA, and Dr. John Lombardi, assistant superintendent of the Los Angeles Junior college district.

### CARS COLLIDE

Cars operated by James R. McGinnis Jr., 43, Boring, and William Kent Pruitt, 17, Gresham, were involved in an accident last Sunday afternoon at the intersection of the Burnside Ext. and Section Line Rd. No serious injuries resulted from the crash, city police reported.

North Carolina has the lowest percentage of unionized workers in all the 50 states.

## Chips and Whittles

It isn't easy to admit you've made a mistake, but in this business you either get used to it or and apologize, or depart for the sands of northern Africa and hide your head with brother or sister ostriches. Having a strong dislike of desert areas and being prone to admit the fallibility of even so carefully a researched paper as The Sandy Post, I hereby offer the following corrections to the last two issues of the Post and apologize herewith for any misunderstandings that might have been caused thereby.

In the June 23 edition the Post carried a front page picture of Mabel Baker of Eagle Creek, in full parade regalia astride her Palomino, Chico. Among other things, the picture caption credited her with the winning of a gold medal in the Portland Rose Festival Parade.

"Taint So," says Mabel, it was not a gold medal, but a gold ribbon; and that every rider in the parade received one of these. She says she has been accused of bragging as a result of this and wants to clear up any misunderstanding with her fellow riders... and she took the time to make two trips to our office to make sure we had the facts straight. Mabel, we do apologize and salute your sportsmanship. Hope we're not wrong in reporting that you won a parade class trophy in the June 25, Tillamook parade.

The second apologetic blush comes from losing our notes and consequently forgetting that it was Mrs. E. W. Cook, who lives near Nings Fireside Cafe, and not Mrs. James Cook as we reported, who was the first person to phone in the fire alarm for the Firwood School last week.

Speaking of that fire... do any of you really know how many unselfish hours of study and training our SRFPD volunteers dedicate themselves to each year in order to so respond efficiently and effectively to such an emergency? We don't. We only know the study is tedious and the training hours are long and demanding. We do know that judging from the results they must be worthwhile and join with the Sandy Chamber of Commerce and the

Superintendent and Board of Directors of the Elementary School District in saluting the selflessness and ability of the Volunteer Firemen of Sandy and neighboring areas.

The letter in another column on this page from a Boring route subscriber voices but one of at least fifty complaints the multitude of complaints received by this office Friday when expected delivery of ye oldie Sandy Post did not materialize in rural mail boxes. Our subscribers are by and large a patient and understanding group and do not rush to complain... when the paper did not arrive on Thursday as usual very few called in to let us know -- so it was not until Friday's mail had left them without the treasured newspaper that large numbers of patrons on the Boring routes began to call in.

After much checking, back and forth with the Gresham office, (where our paper is printed, addressed and sent to the U. S. Post Office), we finally were able to discover that some of Boring Route 1, and almost all of Boring Route 3 had been mislaid. Don't ask me how it happened, or who is to blame! We're glad you like us well enough to miss us and will try to and promise to do our best to prevent such accidents in the future. Anyhow--thanks, all, for letting us know.

My teen-agers, who like to study with the radio turned on and assure me that concentrating is just a "question of mind over matter" the Veterans Administration in a letter this week proclaimed that "Growing old is simply a question of mind over matter -- if you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

Just as one began to feel pretty good about not minding the letter went on to state that there are only six surviving veterans of the Indian and Spanish American Wars, and follow this with the announcement that the surviving veterans of World War I average 71 years of age, WW II veterans average 46 and Korean average 36! Gosh, does anyone except us remember Gasoline less Sundays, Over There and Liberty Bonds?

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