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The Public's 'Right to Know'

Just what is the public's "right to know"? How far does it extend? What limitations properly should be placed upon this right?

Almost since newspapers first were invented, there has been a continuing dialogue between lawyers and reporters on the right-to-know issue.

Lawyers, invoking the right of their client to a full and fair trial, would severely limit or even ban altogether, any pre-trial publicity. Newspapersmen, on the other hand, contend that within obvious limits, the public has a right to know what is going on.

How do you reconcile these viewpoints?

It isn't easy. Bar associations and newspaper groups in almost every state have cooperated on voluntary codes of ethics. But the instances of trial by newspaper—the case of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard a decade ago in Ohio for one—are so numerous as to cause recurring problems.

Actually, "right to know" is a vague term. How much does it include? Does the public have a right to know everything and anything that happens? How about something which would do far more harm than good, and merely satisfy curiosity of

readers?

It would seem to us that newspapers—and radio and TV—certainly should have the right to publish identity of the accused; how, when and where an arrest was made; the charge and identity of the complainant; plus information on a grand jury indictment, if any.

But they should not publish lurid accounts of the crime, details as to the accused's past criminal record, unless germane, or off-the-cuff statements by police officials. This comes close to the voluntary code adopted by newspapers in Toledo, Ohio.

But it falls far short of the desires of some attorneys who would adopt the British system . . . nothing at all except a bare notation of the arrest . . . before the trial.

The public does, indeed, have a right to know and the press is the only way to preserve that right. Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark put it very well recently in rejecting suggestions that courts use their contempt power to haul newspapermen into line:

"We do not have to jeopardize the freedom of the press. The press has made sure our democracy works as it should."

A New Look at Foreign Policy

This writer spent several days in Canada last week and found the Canadian view of our Viet-Nam involvement most interesting.

Canada, long one of our staunchest allies, has grave doubts about what we're doing in Asia. Most provoking, we thought, was the opinion of one editorialist that Viet-Nam is driving the U.S. into a "new introspection."

He carefully distinguished this from isolationism which, he's sure, the U.S. has forever abandoned. But he sees the growing unpopularity of the Viet-Nam adventure forcing us into a new, and more realistic, evaluation

of our commitments.

America, the writer said, has only so much money, so much manpower, so much productive capacity. Even a nation as great as ours cannot police the world, starting in Southeast Asia.

So what he forecasts is a reappraisal as to just how far we should go, how much we should do, where we should call a halt on bankrolling the world. This he calls "introspection," not isolation.

The U.S. will keep its worldwide obligations but not on the "We're-the-big-brother-to-everyone" policies currently espoused by the Johnson administration.

The Bridge to Nowhere

A writer in the Washington, D.C. Post recently took a whack at the new Astoria-Megler bridge as the "bridge to nowhere."

The writer presumably considers the coast "nowhere." He describes the bridge as a 24-million dollar "boondoggle" and says it is being used by an average of 821 cars per day.

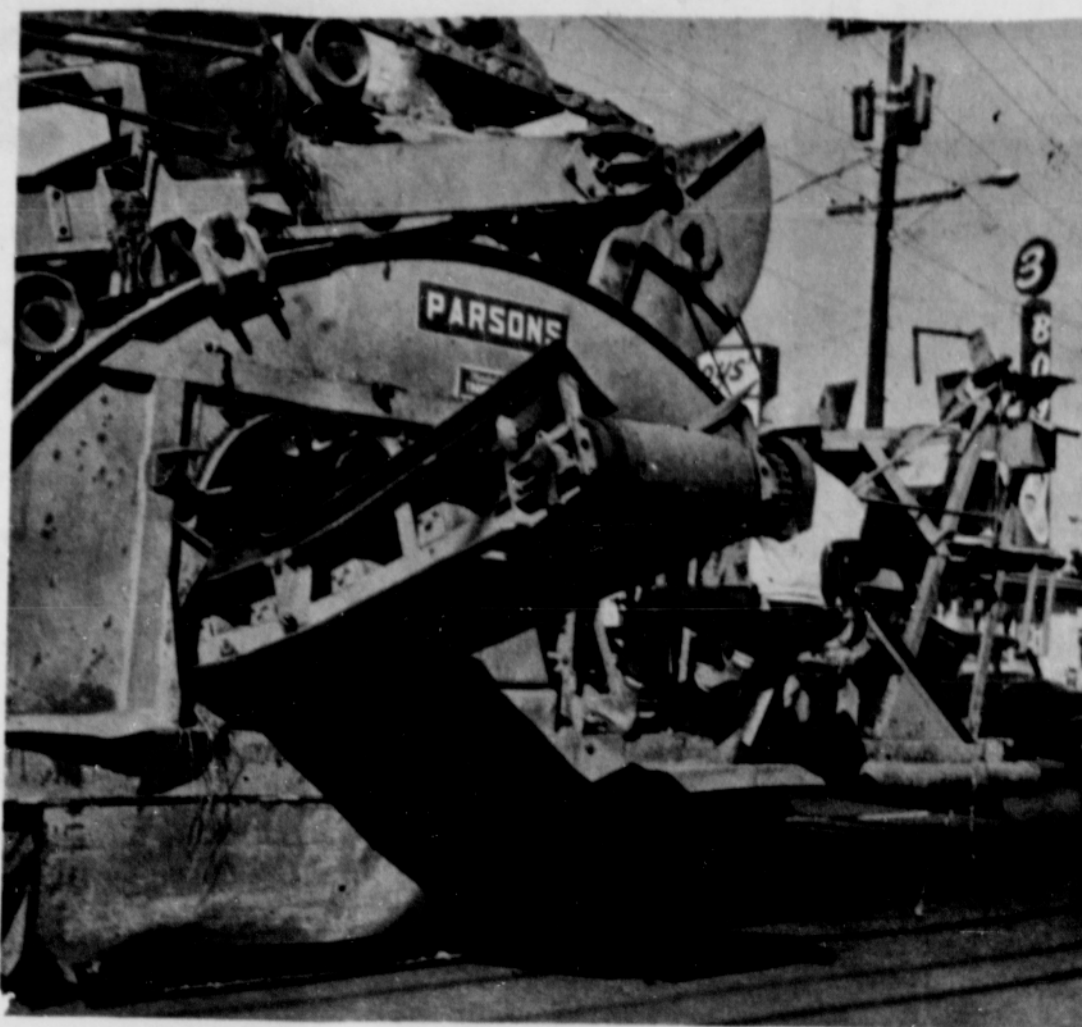
It is, of course, ridiculous to give any usage figures because the bridge was officially opened only recently. Who really knows?

But the experience of other bridges—the Interstate bridge, the Tacoma Narrows bridge, the two Lake Wash-

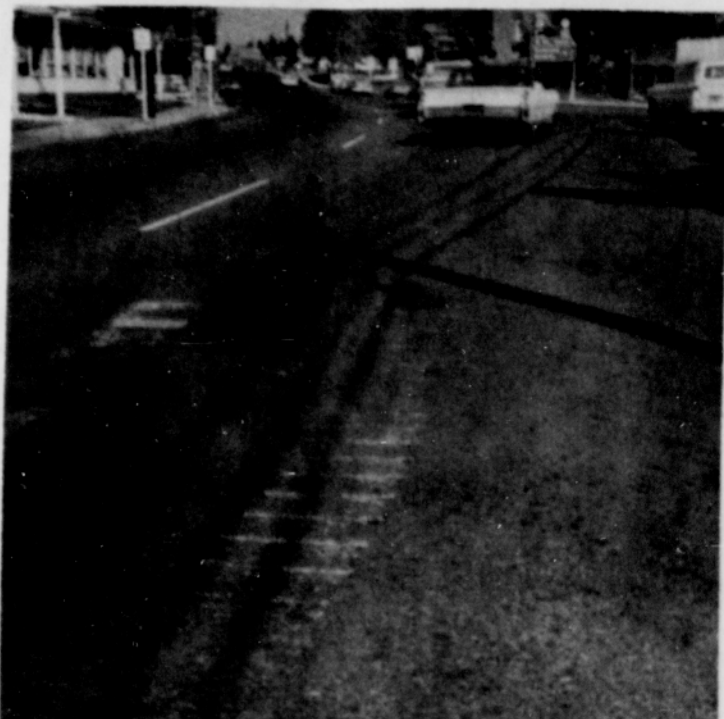
ington bridges in Seattle—is ample reason to believe that the new one here will be a success.

Unquestionably, it should open up a new era for both the northern Oregon and southern Washington coasts. It cannot help but do wonders for tourist trade, completing, as it does, the last link in the Coast highway from Canada to Mexico.

The Washington Post article certainly is premature, to say the least. We know of one man in Seattle who is saving it and intends, when the bonds are paid off, to ship it back to the East Coast newsman to eat, piece by piece.



Merchants on Sandy's Main St., were angered last week when this ditch digging rig came galumphing down Main St. Its heavy pads chewing into the road left permanent tracks of its witless progress. (Post photo)



Close up of some of the year-long re-building and surging left in Main St. paving of the road and feet ment. Merchants say they suffered enough during the grimy, such traffic. (Post photo)

Local Minister On Convention Program

A member of the Sandy Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will appear on the program of the forthcoming circuit convention of the organization to be held in Bend, Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, it was revealed this week by John Nymeyer, Witness circuit minister. The assignment was recently confirmed by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Brooklyn, New York, Witness world headquarters.

According to Nymeyer, Ray A. King, Sandy associate minister, is scheduled to deliver a thirty-minute talk on the final part of Sunday's program. King's subject for discussion will be, "Jesus, the Object of Hostility, Upholds Jehovah's Godship," and will replace the one-hour discussion held regularly in local congregations. The circuit minister pointed out that the program will be an enlargement of regular congregational activity, and will serve as models in addition to presenting new information.

Nymeyer stated, in conclusion, that Jehovah's Witnesses rely on the semiannual circuit convention to serve as ministerial refresher courses. Opening Friday, Sept. 30, the meeting is expected to draw upwards of 900 persons attending from 17 congregations which make up Oregon Circuit No. 6.

Fall Meeting Planned By Historical Society

Cookies and coffee at 7:30 will precede Erwin Lange's talk on botanists and naturalists of early Oregon at the first fall meeting of the Clackamas County Historical Society at Mertie Stevens Guest House, 607 Washington St., Oregon City, Monday, Sept. 12. This meeting will mark the fourteenth anniversary of the Society. Dr. Lange, mayor of West Linn and professor of science at Portland State College, is a past president of the association. The public is cordially invited.

There will be a workshop at the Guest House the evening of September 19 starting at 7 o'clock. Members are invited to participate in this first of monthly get-togethers to work at preparing material for filing and cataloging, and related tasks.

Regulations Listed For Young Hunters

Youngsters who haven't yet passed a course in the safe handling of firearms and who do not have a valid hunting safety certificate had better make arrangements in a hurry if they intend to hunt this fall. Time is getting short, with several hunting seasons already under way.

This is a mandatory requirement of all juveniles through the age of 17 years to hunt with firearms on lands other than their own premises.

Hunter safety instructors all over the state are organizing classes to teach youngsters the fundamentals of safe gun handling. Sponsor groups may be local sportsmen's clubs, civic organizations, benevolent lodges, schools, and many others.

We urge parents and youngsters alike to contact their local hunting and fishing license agent. A listing of local hunter safety instructors has been provided each agent. It is the responsibility of parents or youngsters to contact the instructors for information on hunter safety classes.

It might also be well to point out that in Oregon youngsters under 12 years of age are not allowed to hunt big game animals. They can hunt small game as long as they are under the supervision of an adult. Juveniles 12 years and over are required to have the regular adult hunting license and appropriate big game tag to hunt big game.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College
By Jeremiah O'Brien
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for Mt. Hood Community College and Portland public school district I. A reciprocal agreement has been reached permitting students who reside in either district to attend Mt. Hood Community College or Portland Community College for specialized programs at no extra cost. The agreement is in effect for classes starting this Fall quarter.

OPEN HOUSE

Mt. Hood Community College cordially extends an invitation to all persons in the area to attend the college's official opening ceremonies on the temporary campus at the Multnomah County fairgrounds Sunday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m.

BURNSIDE OFFICE

The question as to whether or not we will use the building where the current offices are at 225 E. Burnside, Gresham, has been answered. The building will be used for a Manpower Development and Training Act program. Also, the office for the supervisor of the Licensed Practical Nurse program will be located here.

Chips and Whittles

Our gal Marge, Hoodland's spirited Snoop, has given notice that today's column will be her last. This will come as a jolting blow to her many fans on and off the mountain, but you just can't argue with the fact that she has been ill and was ordered by her doctor to take it easy . . . and writing a weekly column such as hers is anything but easy.

It is to be hoped that, after not too long a time, Marge, when fully rested, might be persuaded to pick up her pen again and resume her prying and probing into Hoodland problems. She has promised, however, to give us oral reports on noteworthy happenings on the hill but it won't be the same as reading the flavorful weekly broths cooked and served by Marge herself.

Roller skates and the traditional bicycle for in-plant transportation needs are being replaced by electric bikes for messengers. The new machines are capable of speeds up to 25 miles an hour.

In the meantime, someone up there should be willing to take up Snoop's torch and continue to keep both highlanders and lowlanders alike informed on the fascinations and frustrations of high altitude living. How about it Eileen?—Someone?—Anyone?

There is a pay telephone station outside of our office. I don't suppose it makes any money for the telephone company as it is regularly put out of order by vandals attempting to pry open the coin box and/or irate patrons who maul the instrument in wrath after long distance quarrels with loved ones.

After the latest assault on the defenseless instrument it has been in a non-operating condition for several days emitting plaintive clicking sounds as it waited for the repairman to mend its fractured insides. When the poor thing is working we are constantly being requested to make change for anything from one to twenty dollars— "in dimes and nickels, please" . . . we are, of course, always glad to oblige . . . but doesn't anyone ever have the correct change?

When the phone is NOT working, a stream of would-be users keeps popping in to inform us of the fact. It would appear that, as long as the booth remains in its present location, we are doomed to these time consuming interruptions whether the phone is working or not.

The repairman has now come and gone. Said he would have to order a complete new phone as the present one had finally given up the ghost. He also said that "Bar none, Sandy is absolutely the worst town he had ever seen for this sort of vandalism." After observing the number of times this one has been robbed, damaged and molested we are inclined to agree with him.

Mrs. Lena Bickford sent us two more pictures of early Sandy. Hope to be able to use them next week. NOTE to Mrs. B.: we'd like to know in what year the picture of the patriotically decorated autos was taken.

E.H.

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CANTALOUPE (Real Dillards - Jumbo)	4 for \$1
WATERMELONS (Hermiston Sweet)	3 1/4¢ lb.
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Hood River Beauties GRAVENSTEIN APPLES	15¢ lb.
BARTLETT PEARS (Hood River Quality)	box \$1.49
PEACHES	
Hood River Hale & Elbertas	\$2.49
Hood River Red Haven	\$1.98

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"Little-Saver"



Yes Sir—Your savings account is wanted and welcomed at this bank, even if you have to depend on "Dad" to make your deposits . . . and as soon as you can tell a "penny" from a "dime" . . . you are invited to come along with "Dad" for a personal visit . . . because it's never too early to start learning the proper care and appreciation of money and the value of thrift.

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It was a tight squeeze for this portable trailer classroom to pass through the gate at the county fairgrounds in Gresham. Classrooms were delivered in half-sections and then assembled at the fairgrounds into 24 by 57 feet classrooms for Mt. Hood Community College which starts sessions Sept. 19. Trailers were made in Vancouver, Wash.

Why shouldn't your phone be pretty too?



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