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New Tack in School Voting

A petition campaign to change laws governing school elections is under way and certainly bears watching.

It would seek to change the law in three ways:

(a) Require that 25 per cent of registered voters must vote to validate a school election.

(b) Require that a bond or levy election can be submitted only once during a year.

(c) Require that levies in excess of 6 per cent can be put up only twice a year.

The first proposal stems from the fact that some school elections are passed by a piddling minority of voters. The second and third result from repeated tries at defeated issues.

Frankly, we wouldn't mind seeing something like a 25 per cent requirement passed. It would bring out a lot more people.

But on the other hand, many people could actually "vote" by staying at home and watching television. This happens in Washington State which has a 40 per cent requirement.

The opposition to any school issue never needs to show up at the polls.

Just stay at home, they say, and we can beat it that way. We'll agree that 25 per cent isn't such an onerous requirement, however, and may be entirely feasible here.

We also would agree that a bond or levy election should come up just once. If the people say "No", that ought to be it unless, of course, some substantial change is made in the proposal. Then, we think, it could deserve another chance.

But we don't agree that a levy in excess of 6 per cent deserves only two tries. In Lincoln county just this spring, four tries were necessary. Had the voting been chopped off after two elections, there may not have been any school in Lincoln county this fall.

For operational purposes, we think the voters should keep going until something is presented which they will approve. It just doesn't make sense to say "No" after two times and leave everything in limbo.

These proposed changes won't be voted upon until May, 1968, if then, so adequate time remains to study possible effects. But offhand, we'd say they have much merit.

How Objective Are Newspapers?

We were at a meeting the other night where a man said flatly that we weren't getting the true story from Viet-Nam because reporters there were slanting stories to please their publishers.

In the first place, it just isn't so. In the second place, most stories from Viet-Nam come via the wire services (AP and UPI) and these men don't work for individual newspapers. And in the third place, no self-respecting reporter would work very long for a publisher who caused him to slant stories.

Sure, perhaps some stories are slanted at times... like pushing for a bond issue or seeking to clean up a town eyesore or trying for a new bridge etc.—but these are civic ventures which need newspaper support.

But the objectivity of the average

reporter is something which has been drilled into him since Year One. It would be entirely alien to his professional training to write a story just to prove a particular point.

Admittedly, there are unscrupulous reporters just like there are lawyers who are disbarred, doctors and dentists who lose their licenses, ministers who are unfrocked etc. But these are decidedly in the minority.

As to Viet-Nam, we very well may not be getting the true story. But remember, that heavy-handed Armed Forces censorship limits just what a reporter actually can get. Even the most persistent newsman may be hamstrung.

We're not talking about editorial pages where editors and columnists quite properly give their opinions. But as far as the average front-page news story being slanted to please someone, it just isn't so.

Duncan in a series of TV debates. Coming from Washington state, we're used to more flamboyant campaigns. An explosive campaign isn't necessarily a good campaign but in the Hatfield-Duncan race, the candidates are so far apart and stand for such vastly different things that the electorate must be informed.

Polls indicate that something like 15 per cent of the voters are still undecided and that the race rests with these people. We certainly hope either Hatfield or Duncan or both do something to stir up the flames.

This race is so important to Oregon, even to the nation, that an indifferent, ho-hum campaign is just inconceivable. Yet that's what we've had so far.

debt limitation.

Ditto 1965 on both counts.

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This is a thrifty Scot?

Next to his commitment to further escalation in Viet-Nam, what we most fear about Duncan is his abiding conviction that Big Government, i.e., Big Spending, can solve everything.

This is a thrifty Scot? If so, deal us out.

Supporters of Rep. Robert Duncan are striving mightily to pass him off as a frugal Scotsman, a man who will guard our dollars zealously if elected to the Senate.

Just what does the record say?

In 1963 as a freshman Congressman, Rep. Duncan voted for every major spending program of the Democratic administration, without exception. He also voted twice to increase the national debt and once against reducing the debt limitation.

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Pathfinders Conduct Sandy Church Service

The Pathfinders, juniors age ten to fifteen, of the Sandy Seventh-Day Adventist Church, with their leaders, Merlin Carman, Ron Davis and Bill Wolfson, were in the choir loft and on the platform of the church to conduct the worship service last Saturday. After the invocation by Pastor George W. Chambers and the opening song by the Pathfinders, the group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible.

Scriptures were read by a boy and a girl and Ron Davis led in prayer. Linda and Joan Clover sang, "Pilot Me, O Gracious Savior" and Roger Warren gave a talk on "What the Pathfinder Club means to me." Jean Bakke spoke on "What the Pathfinder Club has taught me" and Leslie Carman gave a clarinet solo, "Spirit of the Living God."

Merlin Carman told the "Why of a Pathfinder Club" and after the closing song "Saviour Like a Shepherd," Bill Wolfson gave the Benediction.



Tom Lawson McCall, Republican gubernatorial candidate, talks with a constituent during last Sunday's open house at Mt. Hood Community College. McCall was featured speaker at the dedication. (Post Photo)

Sandy Airman's Letters Describe Viet Nam Duty

Richard Clubb, a SUHS graduate, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Clubb, of Route 2 Box 1277, Sandy is with the 13th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron stationed at the Tan Son Nhut Air Base outside of Saigon.

This is what is happening and taking place at the Tan Son Nhut Air Base as reported by Time magazine in its July 29th edition:

Day and night, the 200-odd planes of the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing -- the largest wing in the Air Force -- criss-cross the skies of Viet Nam, snaking up infiltration trails, dodging mountains, flying through thunderstorms, alone, unarmed, looking for the Viet Cong. To search out targets for the bombers to hit, the Recon planes are crammed with cameras, infra-red detectors, special radar and secret electronic devices that can jam enemy radar. With special heat-sensor equipment, they can pinpoint tiny cooking fires that betray the presence of the Viet Cong. With powerful 4,500,000-candle-power flash cartridges, Recon planes can turn night into day to photograph enemy convoys sneaking down the Ho Chi Minh trail. Thanks to the Recon men, Viet Nam has become the most photographed war in history.

The 13th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron ("Recon-Tech") at Tan Son Nhut processes and interprets 250,000 feet of film every month. If pictures reveal a "hot target", a strike can be ordered 20 minutes after the photo plane lands at Tan Son Nhut airfield -- and can be carried out almost instantaneously by U.S. bombers circling high over Viet Nam awaiting assignment by radio.

To penetrate the Viet Cong cover, platoons of photo interpreters labor around the clock behind the electrically locked steel door of a special laboratory at Tan Son Nhut comparing photos of the same minute areas, looking for the subtle changes that spell V.C. Trained for a year at a special Air Force school in Denver, the photo interpreters can tell whether a dark patch in the foliage is the cover for a V.C. truck... or the product of a jungle spring.

A one-eighth inch telephone wire strung across a jungle clearing can betray the location of an enemy field-communications system; a jungle trail that suddenly peters out can pinpoint the entrance to a labyrinth of V.C. tunnels.

Here is a Sandy Airman's journal of life at Tan Son Nhut since his arrival there last January, as taken from his letters home:

around 5 a.m., a bicycle was placed against a BOQ (Bachelor's Officers Quarters) building. Blew a hole 3 1/2 feet in diameter, killed one American. I was asleep and didn't hear a thing. Besides Saigon is about

washing and makes my bed and shines my shoes for 700 plasters (1.18 plasters per \$1.00 American money). We get paid in script. They call it "funny money". It is American money, but only good on this base or other overseas bases, and we have to change that into plasters if we go downtown.

It is fairly hot over here during the day and night, but it cools down in the morning a little. I don't know how hot it is in degrees, but it is very humid. It is very dirty over here and the mosquitoes eat you alive at night, so we are issued a net to go over our beds. They say this is the cool part of the season, so it will get worse before cooler.

I do not regret coming over here, at least I get to see what it is like somewhere else. A lot of guys are really going on how they don't like it over here, that just makes it worse for them. I don't seem to mind it that much, as yet! To me it is almost like any other base, just as safe as walking across the street in the States.

8 miles. The V.C. do not bother the base because they are afraid of what is here -- Americans.

The Vietnamese New Year started the 21st. I went downtown that night and also the night of the 20th. They were popping off firecrackers everywhere and big ones. This goes on for 3 days. It was very interesting to see. It wasn't as colorful as you see on TV of the oriental celebration, but everyone has fun. The Vietnamese soldiers live about 6 blocks from us. At midnight on the 20th, they started shooting off all the weapons they had in the air. It was real colorful. The tracers are a bright red. It kind of scared us at first, then we realized it was the Vietnamese having fun.

The Vietnamese people come on base and can go almost anywhere. They are usually searched at the gate. They are very friendly towards the servicemen. I have a Vietnamese maid that does my

things about the same still. I hear a lot of mortar fire at night and that is about it.

Today I went down to the airport to take a captain to catch a plane. He was delayed a day so I had to return and pick him up. As I was looking for him, I saw Vice President Humphrey with a crowd of people, so I joined in. He shook my hand, asked my name, where I was from, then introduced me to the Premier of the Republic of Viet Nam - General Ky (Key). How about that?

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AND PRETTY ENOUGH FOR GENE'S MARKET

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Chips and Whittles

Some Sandy residents are becoming increasingly annoyed with the high-handed way the people putting in the new water mains are dropping off the pipes in their front yards. Without notice and seemingly little or no regard for the rights or convenience of the home owner, the pipes have been scattered at haphazard intervals along the way interfering with lawn mowing and even blocking drives.

One unhappy citizen reported falling over a pile of six or seven pipes when going out to his mailbox in the early morning darkness to get his newspaper. He said there are enough pipes in his front yard to supply half the block... and that he's had "four of the @#!-@#! things" one side of his yard for over a month and now the other side is loaded! "Why should my yard be used as a storage dump for the city water works?" he asks. Now, that's a good question! The work being done on the water system is certainly necessary and the contractor may be busy, but a little consideration shown to Mr. and Mrs. Homeowner along the way would go far to make the (possibly) unavoidable nuisance less irritating.

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A phone call from the Snooper, herself this week informed us that she is still in the hospital because her doctor (wise man!) feels she can rest better there than at home, but he has given her permission to use her typewriter -

College Passes 650 Enrollment

Enrollment at Mt. Hood Community College passed 650 this week with a peak of 800 expected.

Classes opened Monday on the new, temporary campus at the Multnomah county fairgrounds. A majority of students enrolled in college transfer courses, according to early reports.

Registration will remain open until next Wednesday, Sept. 28. Adult evening classes start next Monday.

Also being added is an evening college transfer course in beginning accounting. The daytime course quickly filled but the demand was such that it was decided to add an evening course. Information can be obtained at the college.

Teak trees are ready to be cut when they have become 100 years old. One of the world's hardest woods, the trees reach 150 feet in height.

TRY A CLASSIFIED AD

so perhaps we'll be having a column from her soon.

For all you Snooper fans - perhaps a card or letter to Marge Carothers, Providence Hospital, Portland, will help to brighten dull days and speed her convalescence.

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A new phone has been installed in the pay station outside the office door. The new instrument has been in operation for an entire week and has not yet broken down - or been broken into. Perhaps its color, a pinkish beige, exerts a calming influence on telephone customers.

E.H.

HE STOOD HIS GROUND

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CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College

BY JEREMIAH O'BRIEN
DIRECTOR, COLLEGE COMMUNITY RELATIONS

THANKS
We want to express our sincere thanks to all of the people who attended the college's opening ceremonies Sunday. With nearly 700 people at the festivities we didn't have a chance to talk with each one.

CLASSES START
College transfer and vocational-technical classes begun Monday at Mt. Hood Community

College. Myron Mickey, director of admissions, said that approximately 650 students are enrolled. He pointed out that students may still register through Wednesday, Sept. 28. Adult enrichment courses which are offered in the evening start Monday, Sept. 26.

ART EXHIBITS
The college currently is hosting two art exhibits. In the student center there are 25 works of recent additions to the Haseltine Collection. These have been provided at no cost by the Friends of the Museum of Art at the University of Oregon. In the library, 24 works by Ina Pruitt are being shown. Several of the oils on canvas have been previously exhibited at the Capitol Building in Salem.

JANUARY:

You probably hear a lot about the goings on around Saigon, but I do not hear or see much at all. In fact the only indication of hostile activity is the jets and helicopters taking off and that's about it. The only thing I ever hear is the mortar fire at night every night. I think it is 10-20 miles away, I really couldn't say. There is a river the other side of Saigon, the south-southeast portion, and it is across that river that there is a lot of V.C. action and on the Ben Hoa highway. Today