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GATEWAY
TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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Did the College Pay Too Much?

Mt. Hood Community College is asking for approval of a \$6.6 million bond issue at a Jan. 26 special election. And it seems to us that none of the previous College elections—all passed handily—have stirred up so much discussion.

Why? Apparently there are two reasons: (1) The \$568,750 the college paid for its new 175-acre campus site at Kane and Stark roads and (2) A feeling among some of the voters that the college is "moving too fast."

We don't agree with either argument but it's incumbent upon us to examine them.

Most of the discussion centers around the College's purchase at \$3,250 per acre of the Stark-Kane tract. Some people say this is "way too much," that the College could and should have obtained land at a much lesser price.

But let's look at the facts. College personnel examined about 100 possible locations; prices ran all the way from \$1,500 to \$12,000 per acre. A number of real estate men in the area were involved in the search. Here are a few sample comments from them:

"I think the College was very, very fortunate to get the property at that price. Acreage that cheap usually is snapped up overnight. I don't think the price is at all out of line."

"I think the College got a good buy, especially considering all the road frontages."

"That's not a bad price at all; it is a good location and with sewer and water available, the property could be worth even more. The College al-

ready has done a lot for our area and it'll do more in the future."

One realtor, and one only, didn't agree. He said,

"Prices for acreage are inflated all over East County and I think the College paid an inflated price."

The College already has gained one unexpected bonus from the property—a gravel vein worth from \$75,000 to \$100,000. This, in itself, will drop price of the property to somewhere between \$2,500 and \$3,000 per acre.

There are other plus factors: Size of the campus makes unnecessary construction of costly buildings for parking, the college will be centrally located and easily serviced, soil conditions are such that costly footings for buildings will not be necessary etc.

As we've said before, we think the College got a good buy. It's a site of which we'll all be proud some day.

The second objection—that the college is "moving too fast"—isn't supportable either. There are many reasons why the college has to move—federal and state grants, the necessity to find a permanent home, but most of all, students.

Full quarter, Mt. Hood had about 100 more students than originally predicted. Figures aren't available, of course, for winter quarter but no one expects any decline. The history of all community colleges is one of growth; the same thing inevitably is going to happen here.

We're not at all concerned that the college is "moving too fast." We think we can afford the extra \$5 per year the bond issue will cost. It figures out, you see, to slightly more than 1¢ per day. Not a bad bargain.



When Kiwanis distributed Christmas baskets Christmas Eve Frank Marcy checks Christmas basket to make sure children in family receive right toys for their ages.



Boys Scouts were on hand to help Kiwanis Club deliver baskets to needy families in area. Kiwanis Club project received support from many organizations and people in community.

Letters to the Editor

Readers are invited to make use of this column to express their opinions on issues of the day or any other matters that may be of interest. Letters should be clearly written or typed and signed with full name and address of the sender. We will withhold names upon request but the letters must be signed. Although we do not insist letters be limited to a certain length, please keep them as concise as possible. Letters should be sent to the Editor, Sandy Post, Box 68, Sandy, Oregon 97055.

To the Editor:

This is a letter to the editor in reply to her postscript attached to my letter which appeared in the Sandy Post on December 29. Now let's look at that first paragraph of the Editor's comments where she says:

"Ed's note: Cynic Shields should be aware that most of us like to indulge in a bit of nostalgia at this time of the year" this being in reference to that article Mr. Skoko wrote referring to his little red school house days in East Clackamas. Yes, I too believe Mr. Skoko is entitled to his whimsies and I enjoyed your calling it to our attention as a whimsey or a "bit of nostalgia at this time of year," as I could not see where it could be honestly be called a "report from our County Commissioner."

You have given me the title of "CYNIC" Shields, do you really believe this is what you really meant to call me? Webster defines a cynic as one who is "motivated by self interest." I guarantee you I am not, Webster.

ster also says a cynic is "a snarler, a misanthrope, a violent critic of social customs. A hater of mankind." How can you apply this definition or definitions to me whom you only know after reading one letter of mine? You have never met me that I am aware of, while your boss knows me personally and if you care to check with him I am sure he will tell you to take another reading of Webster.

I would hate to believe that you think this of me because I differ with you about the quality of the article written by our Commissioner. What other reason can there be unless possibly you are against the stand I have taken regarding the action of the Board of Commissioners in regard to zoning. Why don't you say so then instead of calling me a cynic. If you will take another reading of my letter you will note that I started off by saying: Mr. Skoko's articles were of "particular interest to those of us who are taking a critical (not cynical) a critical look at the past and present conduct of our Board of Commissioners"—end quote.

Now again referring to Webster who says that a critic is one who expresses a reasoned opinion on a matter, involving judgment of its value, truth and righteousness or an appreciation of its beauty and technique. Would you not say that this would be a more appropriate title for me than cynic? Do you still say I am entitled to your metaphor?

Winding up your remarks, cynical or critical, you refer the readers to "For further comments see editorial on this page."

An editorial, I believe, reflects the thinking of those persons in charge of a newspaper, or in other words the editor. Honestly, now do you expect us to believe that you as Editor of the Sandy Post believe that ZAMO has held secret meetings? Also you say "No effort has been made by this group to inform the press of their meetings or actions." You say you have heard "rumors of other secret meetings" and "why do they shield these meetings from the press." Those are your words not mine.

Mine are just this. A good alert press in a community is an informed press. If you had heard RUMORS why didn't you track them down? Why didn't you try to find out if they were truth or falsehoods? If in no other way you could have picked up the phone and called the Enterprise Courier in Oregon City or any of the officers of ZAMO and there is no secret as to who they are. Instead of making insinuating innuendos why could you not have gone to the trouble of ascertaining the facts and then impartially reporting them.

Of course you, as an editor, are entitled to your beliefs and I as a citizen am entitled to mine but you are not entitled to such public statements as "no effort has been made by this group (ZAMO) to inform the press (The Oregonian and the Journal as well as Oregon City Enterprise Courier seem to have been notified and were present at the meetings and I

believe they are also considered "the press.") Where were you?

And when you in print as an editor say "we do not mean to imply special interest groups might use the valid protests of worthwhile citizens to forward their private aims." What the heck do you mean then?

And you ask that ZAMO come to you and hand to you full reports on all meetings, supply you with names and addresses of all ZAMO representatives and an address for ZAMO. If you would keep yourself alert and posted you would not have to ask someone from ZAMO to do your work for you but would rather thru good reporting, researching and ability procure such information for yourself. There is nothing secret about ZAMO. No secret meetings, no secret list of members, officers or supporters. All this information has been in the press for many, many weeks. I suggest you do a little research on your own and if you cannot get the information you seek then write or call Mrs. Pete Mabin, Rt. 1, Box 42, Mulino, Clackamas County, Oregon, and she as President of ZAMO will be most happy to bring you up to date. Also you might contact Mr. John Aniker, Oregon City, who is the attorney for ZAMO, or Mr. Dewey Wheat, ZAMO Publicity Chairman and first vice president, Rt. 1, Box 513, Mulino, Clackamas County, Oregon.

In conclusion will you tell us why you placed the Question Mark after the heading to your editorial of December 29th? Z A M O?

And a Happy New Year to You?

Matt Shields
Rt. 2, Box 315
Boring

Dear Sirs:

Please change the address on my Sandy Post from 2212 Ranchita Court to 3366 Polaris Dr., Sacramento, Calif. 95827.

I really do enjoy your paper and reading about my many old friends in Sandy. My sister, Mrs. Pat Perry renews my subscription each April for my birthday. This is one paper I haven't minded paying the 5¢ postage due since I've moved for I wouldn't miss even a one week's edition.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Helen Wennberg

4-H Club News

ORIENT BEEF AND DAIRY

Orient Beef and Dairy 4-H club elected new officers at their December meeting. Larry Dutton is their new president.

Other officers are Patti Miller, vice president, Maureen Wheeler, secretary, Carol Dutton, sergeant-at-arms and Michael Dostert, reporter.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 10. Reports on how to groom a beef or dairy animal will be given by Darold Wheeler and Michael Dostert.

CLASSIFIED ADS PAY

Church Wants Old Christmas Cards

Don't throw out this year's Christmas cards!

Pastor George W. Chambers of Sandy Seventh-day Adventist church wants to send them to Korea and Indonesia, where they will be used to brighten up the lives of youngsters attending Vacation Bible Schools. "Poverty is so rampant in Korea that even something simple like a picture on a used Christmas card helps to brighten the day for a child," Chambers explained.

"We can't help thinking," the minister continued, "of the millions and millions of Christmas cards that will be purchased, sent, briefly glanced at, then burned. All these cards can be put to a good use in Korea and Indonesia."

Persons wishing to contribute their cards to the project are asked to leave them in a box at the Grotto Jewelry, or at Connell's Shoe Shop, 204 Loop Highway. Persons wanting their cards picked up should call 668-4990.

After being sorted and packed, the cards will be mailed to the two East Asian countries for use next summer. The church will pay the shipping costs.

Adventist churches throughout Oregon are participating in the project. Pastor Chambers explained that excess cards will be used to entertain children

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Airman Christine A. Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Hawkins of Rt. 3, Boring, has been selected for training at Keesler AFB, Miss., as an Air Force radar operator.

The airman, a 1966 graduate of Sandy high school, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Auto thefts in the United States nearly doubled in the 10 years from 1956 to 1965, according to the Insurance Information Institute. The number of cars stolen rose from 253,900 in 1956 to more than 486,000 in 1965.

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Marine Private Carl W. Stein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stein of Rt. 2, Boring, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Calif.

Electrician's Mate First Class George R. Munger, USN, son of Mrs. Ida J. Munger of Rt. 2, Boring, went to the assistance of a Panamanian freighter afire in the South China Sea, as a crewmember aboard the Seventh Fleet anti-submarine warfare attack aircraft carrier Bennington.

Marine Private Lester W. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Richardson of Route 2, Boring, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

Obituary

S. AMUNDSEN

Funeral services for S. Amundsen of Rt. 1, Box 960 Sandy, who died Sunday, will be held in the Bateman Funeral Chapel today (Thursday) at 10:30 a.m.

Amundsen was born Dec. 31, 1895, in Portland. As a young man he homesteaded at Cherryville and in the early 1920's, operated the planer for the Dixon and Howitt Lumber Co. He owned and operated the Cherryville Shingle Mill and produced Shamrock shingles. He was married to Catherine Thayer on Jan. 23, 1946. He was a member of the Gresham 1st Church of Christ, Scientist, for the past 20 years. He retired in 1960.

He is survived by his wife, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Calvin, Gresham, and Mrs. Lillian Stokes, Phoenix, Ariz. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

SALLY'S ALLEY

News from Eagle Creek
By SALLY SEYMOUR 279-6368

Well here we are in a new year again! HELLO! Did you ever feel like they keep going faster and faster all the time and nobody bothers to put the brake on? I guess it's a sign of age coming on when all the old clichés come to mind, such as "How time flies", etc. I guess it's all for the best though, live a little learn a little. Happy New Year everybody!

I hear the Robt. Mills had a big race up at their place! A herd of black Angus versus one little filly. The filly won by default when some of the cows cheated and cut the course by going through a fence. One cow tried the water jump but ended up in the stream, just too fat to fly I guess! All ended well as the Hills called the race by rounding up the wandering herd and corralling the guilty party. Never a dull day on the farm!

Montana has seen a lot of the Ed White family lately, and vice versa. Mrs. White and daughter Mikki went to Livingston, Montana to visit her father there, over the Thanksgiving holiday, for ten days. It gave them time to visit her two sisters also. She said it was a typical Montana winter, snowy and very cold. They enjoyed the visit very much but Oregon sure looked good to them after all that cold. Mrs. White's father was 86 years young, Christmas day. To top it off, their son Ron got an unexpected 11-day leave from the Air Force and arrived home on a Wednesday night just as his father had to leave the next morning for Polson, Montana to settle his Aunt in a new home after the death of her husband. Luckily Ed will get home in time to spend a few days with his son, before his return to the base.

George and Mabel Baker went to big New Years Eve, dance at Springer's. She said the hall was really packed and everybody was really celebrating the New Year! They went to Flora Kent's home in Vancouver, Wash, for their New Year's Day dinner. Linda had a good time over the holidays. A friend from school came down to help them celebrate Christmas, and her sister Donna, from Seattle, came down to help celebrate the new year.

I wish my husband would give me a Christmas present sometime, like Dickie Woodcock gave Shirleen this year! A pretty house on the Clackamas River, with a swimming pool yet! No wonder she has been seen walking around on Cloud Nine!

Patty Thomsen celebrated her 14th birthday, Dec. 31st. She has a brand new year for her new age. Have fun Patty!

Mrs. Blewett is out of the hospital! It was so good to talk with her again, even if we were interrupted by the antics of a nervous horse. She is staying with friends until she is strong enough to be home alone, but she is feeling better and is as happy to be back among us as we are to have her. Welcome home!

Charlotte Woodcock is home from the hospital now. She went in last Thursday to Providence for an operation and returned Monday. She said the hospital was crowded but the nursing care was so good that, if she had felt better, she would have enjoyed her stay. I'll bet it was that raise they just received!

It certainly has been fun learning English riding. It's great for the muscle tone and sense of balance. Not having either of these is my main trouble. Linda McKay is a good teacher and has lots of patience, thank heaven! We all have a lot of fun in the class, and I challenge any doubting Thomas that laughs at proper English riding, to come out and try it sometime! He who laughs last, K! I'm sure that anyone interested in English riding would get a lot out of our class. Come out to Woodcock's Arena on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m., and join us. See you there!

Don't forget Home Extension at the Grange Hall! Today!

CARROLL HOSPITALIZED

Bill Carroll of Carroll's Funeral Home is still hospitalized at Gresham General Hospital after being stricken last week. He can, however, receive visitors.

The Anglo-Saxons called January "Wolfmonth," according to World Book Encyclopedia, because during that month wolves came into the villages in search of food.