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A Dissident Viewpoint

A special City Club committee has just completed an exhaustive study on community colleges in Oregon and its report will be presented Friday.

One of the recommendations—that all of the Portland area be included in a single college district—has obvious implications for Mt. Hood Community College.

A majority of the committee felt that one big district in the Portland metropolitan area would halt "unnecessary and uneconomic competition and duplication among colleges."

In other words, Portland Community College, Mt. Hood, Clackamas and (if it ever materializes), Washington county, all should be part of one big district.

The committee majority felt that only thus could community college programs in the metropolitan area be effectively coordinated.

This writer was a member of the committee and submitted a minority report on this one recommendation.

Basically, we argued that there is no evidence to conclude that a large district would offer either a better educational program, or one at less cost.

The trend, in fact, is against monolithic districts in many other areas—Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles—to name just three.

Mt. Hood is not a small, isolated district. It is roughly the size of

Rhode Island and has adequate resources to support a good program.

The problem of course duplication loomed large in the majority's decision. But we argued that except for a handful of highly sophisticated programs, colleges should and must offer duplicating courses. All the Portland area schools will have enough volume to support all except a few of the most exotic-type courses.

We also mentioned the not-inconsequential matter of local pride and interest in the college. We spoke only of Mt. Hood when we concluded that "It is unlikely that the present level of community support and acceptance could be maintained with a metropolitan-area approach."

Actually, we'd guess that the proposed metropolitan district will stumble at the outset because of Portland's reluctance to be included. The committee recommends that control of Portland Community College be transferred from the Portland School Board to a metropolitan community college district.

Thus far, there has been no indication that Portland would agree . . . in fact, everything points in precisely the opposite direction.

Other than this one minority dissent, we think the committee did an excellent job and we commend the report to anyone interested in community colleges.

A Risky Issue

A syndicated columnist wrote in a Portland paper this week that the Republicans might be courting disaster if they pin all their 1968 presidential hopes on Viet-Nam.

We couldn't agree more.

The Republicans do have a mighty issue in Viet-Nam; all by itself, it probably will be enough to unseat the Johnson administration.

However, Viet-Nam is a morass to which no one seems to have a clear answer. If the Republicans dismember the Great Society on the promise of getting us out of Viet-Nam, then aren't able to deliver, the results could be disastrous to the GOP. A Democratic administration several leagues left of Johnson and Co. would be the inevitable result; the Republicans might be finished for good.

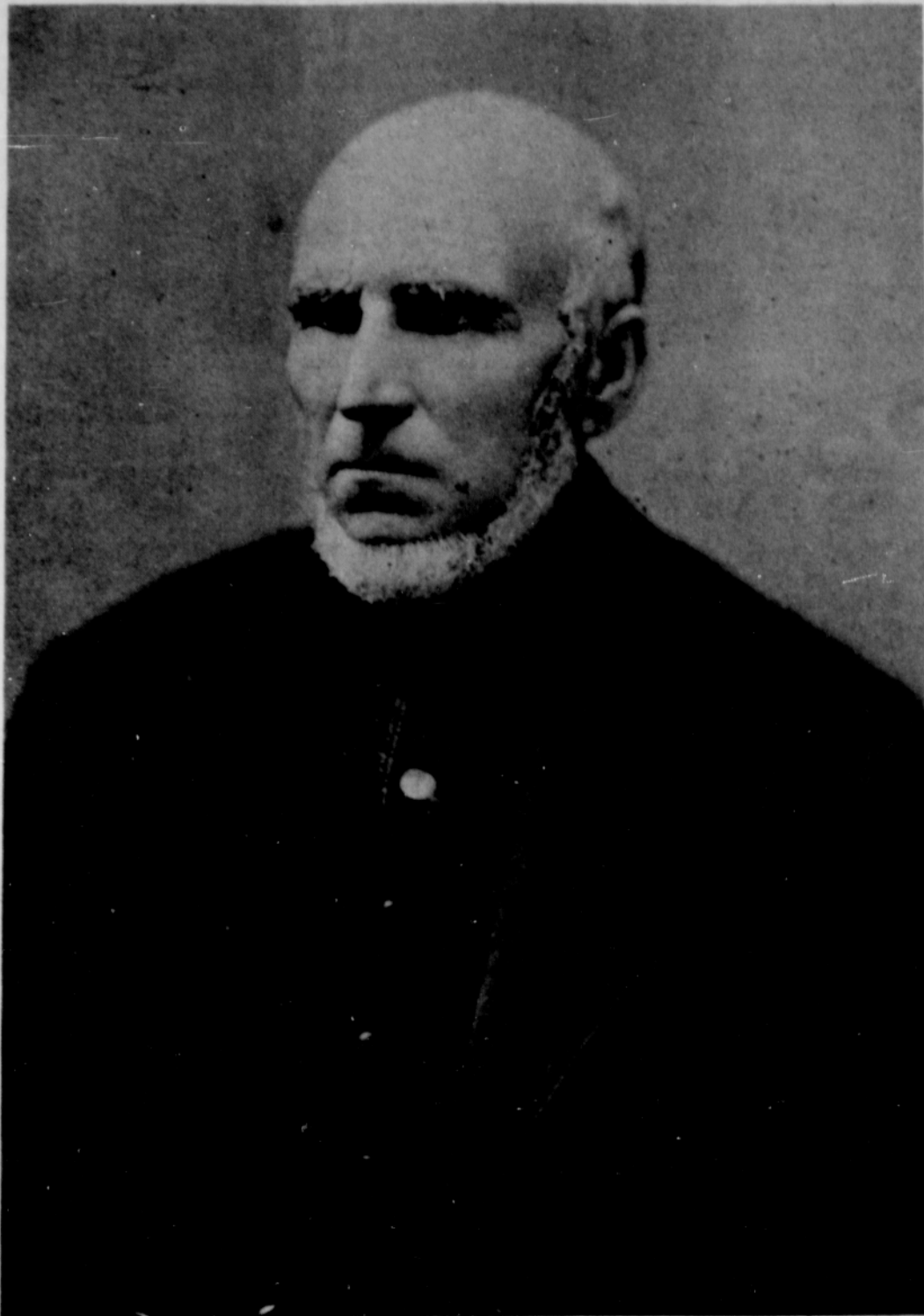
Thus, the GOP must be extremely careful as to how it handles Viet-

Nam. It cannot build an expectation of peace and then fail to deliver.

Actually, the Great Society is vulnerable on many more issues than just Viet-Nam . . . its profligate spending, its lack of candor, its aura of wheeling and dealing etc. Clearly, the administration has lost favor.

But to assume that election of a Republican administration will automatically clear the air is downright dangerous. That's why the more knowledgeable Republican leaders already are soft-pedaling Viet-Nam, muting somewhat their criticism of the administration.

Viet-Nam is fast becoming an international tragedy. While it may be very tempting and very easy to flagellate the Great Society over Viet-Nam, it really wouldn't solve anything. We hope the Republicans realize this.



EARLY PIONEER, FRANCIS REVENUE, founded town of Sandy in 1853. We are indebted to Revenue's great granddaughter, Mrs. Leland F. O'Dell, the former Kathleen Revenue, who sent us this picture which was taken about 1880. Mrs. O'Dell also sent us an article written by her grandmother, Alice Revenue, describing life in Sandy in the latter of the 19th century. The article will appear next week.



Salem Scene

by Everett E. Cutter

SALES TAX FACES MANY MORE HURDLES

If the Oregon House of Representatives gets its way, citizens will in less than three months get to vote on a state sales tax for the first time in 20 years.

That body Thursday voted 33-27 to refer a three per cent retail sales tax bill to the people at a special June 20 election. The bill is at the core of a six-point tax reform package approved by the House in March's final hours.

In the Republican-controlled House, Democrats generally prefer Gov. Tom McCall's plan to offset local property taxes through income tax increases. There still is doubt whether the Senate will concur with the House vote; if it does, it may well move the voting date ahead to 1968.

Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence), chief proponent of the approved sales tax measure, made it clear in his floor presentation that it is intended to provide massive property tax relief.

"It is an answer to the 1 1/2 per cent limitation people," he said. He noted that after administrative costs and discounts to retailers for their collection costs, his bill will raise \$119.5 million annually for the state.

"By strange coincidence, this is approximately the same amount of revenue which would have been lost if the 1 1/2 per cent limitation had passed," Rep. Rogers said.

Five other elements of the tax reform package built around a state sales tax were approved in a full day of House debate: 1. An approximate 15 per cent increase in corporation taxes, planned to raise \$6 million a year.

2. New formula for providing state aid to local schools, effecting property tax cuts by using sales tax revenue to raise basic school support from 29 per cent to almost 75 per cent in 1968-69. School districts, in turn, would be limited in amounts of local taxes they could levy, to ensure permanent relief via state aid.

3. Revised state personal income tax form, in effect eliminating the federal tax deduction -- but rate changes would keep the total state tax yield the same.

4. Setting of June 20 as the special election date and appropriating \$300,000 for election expenses.

5. Appropriation of \$3 mil-

lion to administer the sales tax.

Although House passage would seem to wrap up the package nicely, several more hurdles will have to be overcome before Oregon joins the other 42 sales tax states. Senate amendments are a certainty, for example, and any sales tax proposal which may pass that body will then have to go to a conference committee.

Then there is the question of gaining voter approval. Time and time again this legislature has stressed the theme that the state has enough revenue to operate at existing and even accelerated levels, that any "new" taxes will be aimed purely at satisfying public demands for local tax relief.

"This bill does not propose a vote on a sales tax," Rep. Rogers told his House colleagues last week. "It provides for a vote on a Constitutional amendment, on limitations to make responsible voters solve their own tax reform problems."

Sales tax proponents argue that it would take a 68 per cent increase in personal income taxes to achieve equal property tax reductions, of about 37 per cent. They point out that 95 per cent of all Americans now are subject to sales taxes. Modeling their bill after the 34-year-old California sales tax, they exempt food consumed off-premises and prescription drugs, thereby removing some objection to regressive features.

In effect, House action would put the whole tax reform issue before the voters. It would ask Oregonians just how badly they really want property tax relief, and make them responsible for alternate fund-raising methods.

FIRWOOD Extension Unit

By Grace Lamb

"Furniture Arrangement" will be the subject of the lesson at the Sandy Woman's Club Hall at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11. Bring your own table service for the potluck luncheon.

Members are also asked to bring a 12 x 15 inch piece of cardboard, some straight pins and scissors. Sounds interesting? It is, don't miss this one. Knitting is also being taught at the Woman's Club each Tuesday except extension day. Anyone may come for help or a pleasant day of knitting. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The many Citizens' Advisory Committees at Mt. Hood Community College are meeting in final sessions over the next few weeks. On May 11, the Advisory Council, made up of representatives of the committees, will present their recommendations to the college Board of Education for its consideration.

The Advisory Committees are an important asset to college development.

COOPERATION

Coordination and cooperation is vital among the three community colleges in the metropolitan areas. The presidents of these institutions met again, March 16. Monday several members of each college gathered to discuss mutual concerns. On April 20, the presidents are scheduled to meet again. The meeting for the group, which is called the Metropolitan Community College Coordinating Committee, will be held on the Mt. Hood Community College campus.

ART EXHIBIT

The MHCC Student Center has opened a new art exhibit according to Lyle Lapray, college activities director. The 12 works, all oils on canvas, are by Arthur Miller, art department chairman at Lower Columbia College in Washington. The exhibit includes two prize winning works.

WIVES

The MHCC Women's Club, composed of faculty wives and women instructors, held a meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. Jacquie Nielsen, according to Mrs. Marie Bapst, club president. The recently formed group is designed to function as a service club, Mrs. Bapst said.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Community College honor students do extremely well when they transfer as juniors to a four-year institution, according to a study recently completed by Professor Raymond Shultz of Florida State University.

Shultz found in sampling 2758 such students that 94 per cent graduated with baccalaureate degrees. Nearly 66 per cent of the group had received scholastic honors at their four year college.

More than 40 per cent of the men in the study earned graduate or advanced professional degrees.

This speaks quite well for the quality of the freshman and sophomore college courses offered at most community colleges.

Chile has 2,600 miles of coastline.

Letters to Editor

March 30

Sandy Post,
Please renew our subscrip-

tion.
We still enjoy the paper as much as when we lived in Brightwood.

John Sparley
P. O. Box 645
Del Mar, California

To the Editor:

Kindergarten On The Mountain.

Kindergarten is the proper way to prepare our children for school.

The newly built community Hall at Zig Zag is for the general use of the community. According to Mrs. Eileen Anderson, chairman of this community park project, the facility can be made available for kindergarten conducted by a qualified teacher for pre-school children, provided that a minimum of 15 children will be registered by April 15, 1967. The registration fee would be \$5.00 per child and \$15.00 per child per month on a 3-day a week basis, during the kindergarten session, which will coincide with the regular school year at Welches grade school.

For further information and registration forms, please contact Mrs. Joyce Bowman, telephone 622-4422, "immediately."

Don't let this opportunity pass us by because of lack of action on the part of our community.

In addition, many things are needed—equipment, supplies and donations to cover the cost of scholarship students together with personal services and supplies, from those in the community, (piano player, record player, pencils, crayons, paper, lumber and various building supplies).

Those interested contact me at 622-4422.

Joyce Bowman
Wemme, Oregon

William Henry Harrison, who served only 31 days, had the largest family of any U. S. president -- six sons and four daughters.

Forest Group Names Officers

The Clackamas-Marion Forest Protective Association held its Annual Membership meeting Thursday, March 23, at the Molalla headquarters.

There were 42 men present representing private landowners, industry, Oregon State Forestry Dept., U. S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Keep Oregon Green Assn., Oregon Forest Protection Assn., Rural Fire Districts, Clackamas County Court, Marion County Court, and Linn County Fire Patrol Assn.

District Warden Chan Bunke reviewed the past season's fire protection activities. There were 35 fires on forest land within the district involving 57 acres. Seven were caused by lightning; 1 by logging; 3 by campers; 5 by smokers; 11 by debris burning; 1 was incendiary; and 7 misc. During 1966, the District issued 2,073 burning permits, 449 logging permits, 225 permits for Christmas trees, cones, and etc. There were approximately 92,000 Christmas trees harvested within the District.

1966 was a very dry season and Warden Bunke thanked everyone for the excellent cooperation in preventing more fires.

The Membership discussed the 1968 Fiscal Year Budget and it was approved by the Board of Directors. Officers and Directors elec-

ted for the ensuing year were President W. Lee Robinson, Longview Fire Co.; Vice President Donald Landon, Crown Zellerbach Corp.; W. Parks Walker, Publishers Paper Co.; George Bunke; Robert P. Conklin; A. L. Ware, Freres Lumber Co.; R. Stoebig, Boise Cascade Corp.; Harold Lillid, Pope & Talbot, Inc.; and Tom Orr, Jr., Weyerhaeuser Co.

Marriage Licenses

Donald L. Schaffer, Rt. 2, Box 214, Boring, and Louise D. Parmelee, Sandy.

R. Warren Semmes, Sandy, and Shirley A. Eakin, Portland.

Six File For MHCC Board

Six candidates filed for positions on the Mt. Hood Community College board of directors as Friday's deadline passed.

The candidates are:

Mt. Hood--Charles J. Becker of Gresham, George A. Casterline of Gresham, Leonard H. Clark of David Douglas, Wayne W. French of Orient, Marvin J. Hollingsworth of David Douglas, and Lawrence Palzinski of Parkrose. Dr. Casterline and Hollingsworth are seeking reelection.



BORING--Ron Verdoorn was soloist, singing "I Believe" at services Sunday in Boring Community Methodist church. Rev. J. C. Anderson spoke on "Lessons from Emmaus."

April 16 a potluck dinner will follow regular services, and district superintendent Rev. H. James Jenkins will conduct the annual meeting of the church, as well as deliver the sermon. An official board meeting is also slated that day.

The 4-H fund-raising spaghetti dinner Saturday at Boring elementary school was a whopping success. Mrs. Gay Zimmerman was chairman of the kitchen, and various couples alternated at the ticket table including the Norval Naases and John Gantenbeins. We saw Mr. and Mrs. Ken Moon conducting the cake-walk -- and that, too, was a sellout. Eighth grade students assisted by serving and clearing tables.

Twelve members of Boring Rebekah lodge visited their sister lodge in Sandy last week when the latter group entertained state president, Mrs. Mae Kafer. Those who went included Noble Grand Helen Gottman, Vice Grand Noma Waugh, Edna French, Margaret Anderson, Sally Hossner, Mary Clark, Erma Rich, Margaret Kotzman, Ione Joy, Vera Johnson, Ethel Paynter and Olivene Cowan.

Kiwanis to Sponsor Teen Dances

Sandy Kiwanis voted last week to assume sponsorship to the local teen-age dance program. The dance program, originated and supervised by Police Chief Fred Punzel and a committee of interested citizens has already been enthusiastically endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce.

The next dance is scheduled for Friday, April 14 and will be held in the grade school gym, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Music will be by the Phantoms.

The mining industry in Nevada produces \$80 million in raw materials annually.

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