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TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

This is a time of short memories, self-righteousness and discrimination. In the last year, since zoning has come to the spotlight, I've heard more people called "trash" than ever before; actually, people trying to live within their means, people trying to get a star. The statement is made that mobile homes downgrade an area and, in the words of zoning, they do not conform. This, again, sounds like an individual's statement.

A person could, in the past, obtain a piece of property on low down payment, purchase a mobile home on contract, and he had his start with the privacy of his own home. By restrictive and discriminatory zoning a person is losing his right to the security of his own home and losing his right to have pride in his efforts to build his home within his means. If we are to live under zoning, let us the people in the areas affected have the right to vote on such restrictive measures. I once mentioned to one of our Clackamas County commissioners that there would be one simple solution to this problem. Whereupon he became quite interested and wanted my opinion. The idea was as follows: let everyone zone and restrict their own properties. He said this would not work, that people as a whole would not restrict themselves. I think some might, but I'm not too sure. Education and rehabilitation programs would in the course of time be much more successful than any sort of forceful zoning. However, the real answer to upgrading the areas that are affected is income (and this has been proven as a fact).

Short memories come into light in conversations as far as the right of the individual property owner is concerned. So many of us forget how we got our start and how we had to scratch from the beginning. Maybe we had a dad that helped us financially or put us in business, maybe we inherited money and then just maybe we got the breaks, education and being in the right spot when the opportunity came along.

So I say let's not kick these people while they are trying to establish their homes. They are Americans, just like the rest of us, as their sons in Vietnam prove. They love their children just as much as we do and pain to them is just as acute, so let us be vigilant in discovering the needs of these people and others; discrimination in zoning is not the answer.

In some districts, we've had zoning jammed down our throats whether we wanted it or not, with the feeble excuse of protection against junk yards springing up next door, etc. The item of junk yards is controlled by state law, which we have had for a good many years and many of the other items brought up also have been protected by pre-existing laws, wiring, sanitation, etc. State nuisance laws for odor and so on down the line.

Residents of Clackamas County, on July 6, 1967, vote, and when you do think and think hard as to whether you want the right to think for yourself or whether you want stronger legislation and more power to be given to the big brother type of controls.

Bill Elliott

To the Editor

Two of your county commissioners recently received a letter via certified mail that appears to your writer to be an ultimatum that can plunge Clackamas County into utter chaos and ruin.

One copy of the letter, origin in Molalla, Oregon, dated June 2, 1967, was addressed to your writer with the following salutation: Clackamas County Budget Committee and Clackamas

County Commissioners, with the following context: "ZAMO executive board meeting in regular session wish to make these facts known to your group:

We, the residents of Rural Clackamas County do not desire, request or feel, we need the services of the Clackamas County Planning Zoning Commission.

We, further, wish to inform you that we intend to take such legal action to relieve our areas of the oppression of the zoning, building and plumbing codes imposed on us, in the very near future, using existing Oregon laws.

We, then ask the total expenditures budgeted for Clackamas County Planning Zoning Commission be cut from \$120,936.50 down to \$4104.00 for the coming fiscal year."

The letter is signed:

Mrs. Roberta Maben, President
Mrs. Edna Oster, Secretary
ZAMO, Inc.

The intent and purpose of the letter is obvious. The leaders of and members of the ZAMO organization can be readily identified with the recall movement instituted against your writer because of the firm stand he has taken on the issue of the importance of planning and the orderly growth and development of our wonderful county.

It must be remembered that one commissioner CANNOT act without concurrence of at least one other commissioner. However, your writer has been made the target of attack by both the ZAMO-ITES and members of the ICCG.

This office has been informed that it is the intent of the ZAMO organization and the ICCG to obtain control over the office of the Board of Commissioners of Clackamas County. If this should occur, and I pray, these two organizations, in my opinion, WILL, in essence, destroy Clackamas County.

First will come the elimination of all local zoning districts of the county, which the Board of Commissioners can do in accordance with present Oregon law. The second act, and the ACT OF DESTRUCTION of Clackamas County, would be the elimination of all matters pertaining to the planning commission affairs and operation.

The office of the Board of Commissioners has been further informed that the POWER CONTROL GROUP would proceed to eliminate all non-constitutional offices and operations within the county.

Elimination of planning and zoning regulations could throw our beautiful residential areas into a state of chaos. Junk yards and many other obnoxious enterprises could be allowed anywhere and borrowing capacity for construction of either residential or industrial needs would shrink to a minimum.

Purity of our waters would be sacrificed with elimination of zoning because immediate acts of misuse of our rivers and streams would result. Removal of plumbing and building codes in the area of the Clackamas River water shed could allow the Clackamas River to become polluted from sewage and chemical wastes. This must NOT occur. Over 70,000 people residing in Milwaukie, Oak Lodge, Clackamas, Oregon City, West Linn, Gladstone, and soon Lake Oswego, use the Clackamas as a supply source for their drinking water.

The Clackamas County Health and Mental Health Departments MUST NOT be tampered with for the mere pretense of economy. Other non-mandatory departments, such as the library, parks, etc. are departments of great asset to our county.

It is my plea and request to my readers to vote NO on July 6th and stop the power grab

attempt and at the same time stop the abuse of the recall law. A NO vote on July 6th will help insure continued orderly development and growth of the finest county in the nation.

Respectfully submitted,
STAN SKOKO
Clackamas County Commissioner

To the Editor:

This is to refute much misinformation that has been published in regards Z.A.M.O. policy.

We still wish to stand pat on our statement that any time laws or legislation are passed that affect our homes, our lands, or our way of life that we the people in the area affected should have a vote on this by way of our traditional ballot box. This is guaranteed us by Article I, Section 1, of the Oregon State Constitution. If people in an area wish planning or zoning it most certainly is not our wish to have it the area desire these things, removed, for if the people in they have our blessing. We believe in orderly planning but feel zoning as the end result of planning should be put to a vote of the people in the area concerned. Also may I state that zamo never has sponsored Mr. Harold Sederstrom as a candidate for county commissioner.

We of Z.A.M.O. did not institute the recall against Commissioner Skoko, but since it was implemented, we felt we must support the recall because:

On March 17 at the Washington State Planning Association meeting when asked how he could conscientiously refuse to recognize the wishes of as many people as had been presented to him via petition or mass media, his answer to this was "if 999 people out of 1,000 requested rescindment of Order 13596, I would stand pat."

He further stated that in his estimation the people who had organized this Washington meeting were subversive; this included people from our Oregon colleges, Washington State colleges, and members of the press. In the meeting he got up and went into a lengthy harangue on the psychological pollution of our streams. When asked by one of the professors what he meant by "psychological pollution" he became confused and sat down. Another member of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners seated in front of me turned and made this statement, "Dewey, this is one of the times I wish I could crawl under my chair."

Skoko further made the statements before a crowd of between 1,200 and 1,500 people at a mass meeting at Colton, "I am sick of rabble-rousing, flag wavers, and he also made the statement, "if you people don't want me, you won't have to recall me, I'll resign."

I have also had occasion to witness this man's behavior before committees at the Oregon State Legislature and in various other public meetings, and I have yet to feel proud of him as a member of our County Commission. In the October 28, 1964, Section B, issue of the Enterprise-Courier, Mr. Skoko urged curtailment of some of the county agencies, particularly the Planning Commission, which reportedly took unto themselves too much power.

This will serve as an official Z.A.M.O. statement of policy and supersedes all others.

Dewey E. Wheat
First Vice President
Z.A.M.O., Inc.

To the Editor:

So many untruths have been said that I would like to answer some of the charges. ZAMO was organized because a group of people were unhappy over the zoning ordinances in the rural area. We felt that the county commis-

summer session -

The first summer session to be offered by Mt. Hood Community College begins next Wednesday, July 5th. This year most of the classes will be held at Gresham high school because of the construction in progress at the college's permanent site.

Students may register for classes Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday, July 3, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Registration is being held at the college's student information center at 225 E. Burnside Extension in Gresham.

THANKS -

The college's first academic year has concluded. Starting in fall, courses will be held on the south section of the permanent site at Kane and Cochran road.

Use of the Multnomah County Fairgrounds for temporary fa-

cilities this past year proved quite successful. The success was partially due to the tremendous cooperation and assistance that the college received from all of the Fairgrounds personnel.

Also, a special citation for such help is owed to Duane Hennessey, fair manager. Our sincere thanks for your assistance.

LIBRARIES HELPED -

Eleanor Pruitt, MHCC librarian, said that many libraries supplemented the developing college library. She especially noted the assistance received from the Gresham branch of the Multnomah County Library. Under the direction of Sonny Fromm, they provided a shelf list for the MHCC staff.

Other assistance came from the Rockwood branch and the Portland State College Library and the University of Oregon Library in Eugene helped also.

well, etc., and they don't require a blueprint that only an architect can draw. (Here is something funny -- if I can stop crying long enough to tell it--you are required to get a plumbing permit if you want to install a self-defrosting refrigerator.) Several plumbers have stated that they wouldn't work in the county with all the ridiculous plumbing restrictions--they are sticking to the cities.

In closing, I'd like to repeat Commissioner Skoko's comments when he was running for office in 1964. In the Enterprise-Courier he urged "curtailment of some of the county agencies, particularly the planning commission, which reportedly took unto themselves too much power." The irony of it all is that two of ZAMO's directors voted for the man because of this statement.

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OSU Names Top Local Students

Local area students are included on the spring term scholastic honor roll announced by Oregon State University.

To be eligible for the honor roll, students must have had a B plus or better grade average for the term.

A breakdown of the honor roll showed 148 on the straight-A list and 831 on the B plus or better list.

Honor roll students include: Kathleen M. Depro, Sandy, junior in Humanities and Social Sciences; Clarence Bergevin, Eagle Creek, Graduate School; Lynda K. Belcher, Boring, sophomore, Education; Marilyn L. Hill, Boring, junior, Education; Robert K. Fujimoto, Boring, senior, Engineering; Philip Miller, Estacada, sophomore, Science (Straight A's) and Connie Randall, Estacada, freshman, Pharmacy.

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Do You want a Junk-Yard next door?

Do You want a Slaughter-House across the street?

Do You want Filth in your drinking water?

OF COURSE NOT! YOU BET YOU DON'T! NO! NO! NO!

But that's what you're going to get if "The Zamo-ites" in Clackamas County have their way.

This little band of selfish people wants to recall from office the man who has spent 10 years safeguarding this county's beauty for you and your children... Commissioner Stan Skoko.

GO TO THE POLLS ON THURSDAY, JULY 6TH. TELL THEM "NO"

"NO RECALL!" DON'T LET "THE ZAMO-ITES" GET AWAY WITH IT...

On July 6th, say "NO RECALL" in a loud, clear voice to the faction which wants to turn Clackamas County into a dreary, dirty, crowded, unplanned mess... cluttered buildings, run-down neighborhoods, polluted air, and filthy water.

For 10 years, Commissioner Stan Skoko has worked to keep our county green, clean, and well-planned...

Lewis Coch	Irwin Adams	Walter Blaisdell
Eve Kloster	Mel Larson	Lee Stidd, Jr.
Earl Zak	John Coursey	Dr. Floyd Woolcott
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Donald E. Huffman		Dr. Paul Dutton
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Mary Foglia		Capt. U.S.N. (Ret.)
Elizabeth Brad		Anne Chambers
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Vote "NO" --- AGAINST ruining our County. Vote "NO RECALL" on Thursday, July 6

(Paid for by The Committee For "NO RECALL", Fred L. Booth, Chairman, 2225 Guilford Drive, Milwaukie, Oregon)



Independence Day

The Fourth of July is a day to be proud, and a day to be grateful for all we, as Americans, possess. Freedom is our heritage. To enjoy it is our great privilege, to uphold it is our solemn responsibility.

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