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GREAT WAY TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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Will the Escalation Ever End?

Those opposed to our intervention in Viet-Nam often are criticized for "having no alternatives to offer."

But what about those who approve of what we're doing? Just what do they have to offer? Seldom, if ever, is this question asked, let alone faced.

Those who support Pres. Johnson's Viet-Nam policy obviously want a military victory over the Viet-Cong and the North Vietnamese. What does this really mean?

It probably means a much wider war than now being fought. It means bombing of Haiphong and Hanoi, it may even mean nuclear weapons. It means interdicting the movement of Russian and Chinese arms into Viet-Nam. It probably means a land invasion of North Viet-Nam.

Our present limited war has not even come close to producing a victory. Every escalation ordered by the Johnson-McNamara strategists is

matched by the Communists. Our bombing has proved totally inadequate in halting the flow of supplies; even now our bases are being blasted by new and exotic Russian rockets.

To win in Viet-Nam, it means we're going to have to go all out. We're going to have to invade North Viet-Nam, we're going to have to blast Russian ships, we're going to have to obliterate everything that moves.

Is it worth the cost? Is it worth a Third World War? We think not.

We think the alternatives should be clearly and precisely spelled out to the American people. If their decision is for an all-out land war in Asia, so be it. But we don't think the Johnson administration is even remotely hinting at the real prospects in its bland assurances that "limited escalation" will do the job.

If ever there was a time for candor, this is it.

Restoring Athletics in Portland

We certainly can sympathize with those who are trying to save Portland's high-school athletic program.

But we think that if athletics alone are resuscitated, it'll be another monumental mistake on the part of the Portland populace.

A number of things were scuttled by the recent school budget vote and athletics are no more, nor no less important than the others.

If a big, emotional drive restores athletics, what about programs for disadvantaged children, the teaching assistant corps, curriculum advisors,

maintenance personnel etc.? All these are just as important.

We think any drive to save athletics must inevitably come under criticism if these other things are overlooked. Let's face it, athletics ring the cash register; but this doesn't make them any more worthy than other things the board has eliminated after the voters spoke.

It's going to be a difficult year for Portland schools and we think they'll only make it more difficult if athletics alone are "saved". They'd best do precisely what the voters said and cut the programs as advertised.

★ Letters to the Editor ★

To The Editor:

The patrons of Welches School District #13 will return to the polls next Tuesday, July 25, to vote again on a new school proposal they rejected last month. No changes have been submitted in the plan, no reduction in its cost, and no hearing has been scheduled. So it is obvious that proponents of the new school, by scheduling a reelection, are hoping to beat the brush for more affirmative votes.

At the hearing before the last election the following reasons were given which necessitate a new school.

"1. Our present eight room school is inadequate in size for our present enrollment." But the new school plan is for another eight room school to take its place. Welches has an average daily attendance of 213 students giving an average classroom load of less than 27 per room, a figure which would be the envy of a majority of elementary schools in Oregon.

"2. The present six acre site is substandard and would require the purchase of at least four additional acres."

But the present grounds actually use only three of the six acres. The remaining three acres are in timber and weeds and are denied for use by the students.

"3. The present building is in a sad and deteriorating condition."

Yet \$10,000 in last year's budget for repairs and maintenance was left absolutely untouched for that purpose. There has been no exterior painting contract for at least five years. The original part of the building houses the three upper grades and was built in 1929. The remaining five grades and gymnasium were built since World War II and are still encumbered with a \$25,000 bond obligation.

"4. The new highway will have its right-of-way within 20 feet of the front steps."

If so, this would only encroach to the flag-pole. But it now appears far more likely that the new highway will pass well behind the present school property.

"5. One board member stated

that the district could expect to sell the present school for \$150,000. Another expected \$250,000.

Aside from the \$100,000 discrepancy, either figure is certainly far exaggerated.

"6. Members of the school board at the hearing stated that the Welches District was in imminent jeopardy of being taken over by Sandy Union High School due to Welches untended \$600,000 capacity."

This statement is absolutely without foundation. The only such proposal was made resulting from the Reorganization Act of 1957 which provides that all districts in the state will conduct education from grades 1 through 12 inclusive. There has been no action, gesture, or discussion by the Sandy Union High Board of Directors in this regard whatsoever. It was once proposed to the High School Board that it ask all the boards of its feeder schools to consider development of a junior high school (grades 7,8,9) to be located in the Sandy vicinity in order that all students entering Sandy High would have had better and equal 7th, 8th and 9th grade education as could only be provided in a larger school.

And if one district were going to gobble up another, the gobbling district would indeed be foolish if it did not wait until the gobbled district had bonded itself for a new school which patrons of the gobbled districts would then get to pay for alone.

"7. Board members at the hearing read letters from the State Fire Marshall and the State Board of Education authorities on standardization, which pointed out changes to bring the present facility up to par." The Welches administration solicited the criticism of these agencies for the purpose of emphasizing the urgency for a new school. Such soliciting on the part of the board is not responsible, nor did it have the desired results of either getting the present building condemned or of getting it adjudged substandard to the extent of withholding state equalization funds. The agencies rightly noted discrepancies and recommended remedies.

At a hearing concerning an

issue of this magnitude, the board should be bound to clarify and explain all facets of the undertaking, both pro and con. Whether by ignorance or design this was not done, and the voters have been misguided through the above misconceptions and perhaps more.

Inasmuch as the board has taken the somewhat insulting action of requiring the voters to elect again and without any change in its proposal, but still without another hearing to explain its action, it is apparent that they have exploded all their thunder, and are hoping to garner sufficient yes votes by personal solicitation.

Very truly yours,
Milton M. Fox

To The Editor:

A hearing on the Boring Water District was held July 19, 1967 in the County Commissioner's office. The County Engineer did not have a recommendation for establishment of boundaries at this time.

It was brought out that the Boring Water District, as established, could serve the people at \$1000 per connection through financing through the Farm Home Administration. It was also brought out that additional areas could be petitioned into the Boring Water District and application made to the FHA for financing for the additional area.

Major boundary changes at this time mean reapplication for the entire district and since the FHA fiscal year ended July 15 this would mean a one year delay.

There were no objections for forming a Boring Water District from within the area. However, the commissioners saw fit to postpone the Boring Water District's hearing until Aug. 16 to wait for further developments from the county engineer.

The Kelso-Boring Water District has a hearing July 26 at 10 a.m. in the county commissioner's office. The people



P. N. SMOKE, SANDY KIWANIS PRESIDENT thanks Harold Wagner, center, of Portland, for providing a number of helicopter rides at last Sunday's Kiwanis Fly-In Breakfast. Wagner's 'copter is the only amphibious one in Oregon and drew much attention. At left is Everett J. Houser, also of Portland. (Post photo)

Fish Commission to Plant Chinooks in Local Streams

Several hundred Chinook salmon will soon be transplanted to Clackamas County streams from the Dexter holding ponds according to Oregon Fish Commission officials.

Approximately 800 of the big salmon will be hauled to the Eagle Creek National Fish Hatchery near Estacada where they will be held until the eggs mature in early fall. Several hundred other adults are to be released above Green Peter Dam on the Middle Santiam River.

When these quotas are filled, Fish Commission and U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife trucks will haul chinook to the upper Clackamas River to utilize natural spawning areas available there.

Since 1963, up to 30 per cent of the spring chinook escapement over Willamette Falls near Oregon City has been accounted for at the various Fish Commission installations in the Willamette Basin.

California produced 16,972,000 turkeys in 1966. Income to growers amounted to \$76,234,000, an increase of 11% over 1965.

A new anti-tuberculosis drug called myambutol is being produced in England. It will first be used in Japan and Italy.

Girl Drowns In Sandy River Over Weekend

The body of an 11-year old Portland girl, missing since approximately 4 p.m. Sunday, was recovered Monday about a quarter of a mile downstream from where the girl disappeared near the lower Troutdale bridge.

The girl, Pamela Ratliff, of 10122 N. Allegheny Ave., lost her footing while wading with two companions, a sister, Nadine, 8, and an aunt, Sharon Marie Rise, 20. Both companions were pulled from the water by Kenneth W. Wilson, 21, of Portland, according to sheriff reports.

A Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputy spotted Pamela's body in about three feet of water, on a sandbar, while flying low over the river in an Oregon National Guard helicopter involved in the search.

Portland General Electric Company had shut down its Bull Run Plant at Roslyn Lake up the Sandy, lowering the river's level more than a foot to aid searchers.

Fair to Show Model Gardens

Three idea-inspiring gardens will be featured in the Multnomah County Fair garden building July 27 through August 5.

Planned by Eugenia Raebel, garden and floral department superintendent, they will be in three arrangements using masses of color and subdued lighting -- an Oriental motif a sunny patio, and a moonlit corner.

In addition, two five-day shows emphasizing arrangement will be in the floral building adjoining the garden displays.

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