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GREAT WAY
TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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Leave Mt. Hood Community College Alone

Portland is making 11th hour attempts to form a Metropolitan Community College district.

It would be built around the existing Portland Community College and would embrace those parts of the Metropolitan area not already served by Mt. Hood and Clackamas Community Colleges.

We hope these efforts meet with every success. Portland should have had such a district years ago . . . out from under control of School District 1. Had there been such a district, it is unlikely that Mt. Hood and Clackamas would have been formed. But now that the two suburban

schools are alive and prospering, there is no logic to their inclusion in the Portland district as suggested this week by a Portland paper.

Mt. Hood, for instance, has been outstandingly successful. Its curriculum, tailored to our area, has drawn bigger-than-expected enrollments every quarter. It is no exaggeration to say that Mt. Hood could become the finest thing that ever has happened to the Gresham area.

Some years in the future—10 or 12, perhaps—a metropolitan district might be feasible. But right now, the enthusiasm and pride engendered by Mt. Hood should not be buried within a big-city district.

How Come, Sen. Hatfield?

Even amongst Republicans, it's difficult to find much explanation for Sen. Mark Hatfield's lackluster attendance record thus far.

Figures recently released indicate that the Senator was on hand for something like 68 per cent of roll call votes, for one of the poorest records extant.

Some of the absences can be explained by paired votes etc., but we've yet to hear any word from the Senator's office or from his supporters about the figures.

We count ourselves among Hatfield's stronger supporters. But we'd certainly like to hear some word of explanation about his lousy attendance.

OBITUARIES

BASIL SURBAN

Basil Surban, 85, Rt. 1, Box 144, Sandy, died on Dec. 30, 1967. Born June 18, 1882 in Rumania, he came to the United States and made his home in Sandy. He was a member of the Greek Orthodox church.

Surviving is a brother in Rumania.

Services were Friday, Jan. 5 in Carroll Funeral Home, Gresham, with private interment in the Forest Lawn cemetery.

JOSEPH F. JOHNSON
Joseph F. Johnson, 64, died at his home in Palermo, Cal., Jan. 6 of a heart attack.

He was born Jan. 25, 1903 at Victor, Idaho. He resided in Sandy for several years before moving to California.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Colista T., Palermo; two sons, Robert F., of Sandy and Howard R., of Seattle; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Nolan of Portland and ten grandchildren. He also has several brothers and sisters in Idaho.

Funeral services will be held

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2 p.m. at Bateman Funeral Chapel in Gresham. Private interment at Cliffside cemetery.

SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

Sandy has always welcomed their exchange students, whether from Germany, Turkey, Norway or other countries and this year we are especially fortunate in having a charming girl, Eve Mackenzie from the islands down yonder, New Zealand. Eve is making her American home with the Howard Bergr's in their home on the Bluff Road. Eve feels quite at home there as the scenery reminds her of New Zealand.

At the January meeting of the Woman's Club, Eve showed slides of her island home and gave a talk on the life in that remote land.

The scenery of the islands is very beautiful and the climate is much like Oregon's. The two islands (north and south) are only about a thousand miles long and none of it is more than eighty miles from the sea. There are mountain chains, and mountain peaks, the highest, Mt. Cook, is 12,000 feet. A highway, built with difficulty, due to rough terrain has made it possible for winter sports.

The original natives of New Zealand are Maoris and there are still some of these handsome people but many have intermarried with the present population. The pure breeds have largely given up their former way of living and do not as a rule practice their native crafts unless for commercial purposes.

New Zealand is part of the Commonwealth of England with the English monetary system. They have their own government with their houses of parliament and two political parties, much like our Republicans and Democrats.

Their educational system is similar to ours in length of terms, but there are boys' and girls' schools. The students dress in uniforms. Five years is spent in High School and of course their long vacation comes in what we know as winter but it is their summer.

An army is maintained, small of course, and there are around 800 soldiers in Vietnam.

The tables for the dessert luncheon which preceded the program were beautifully decorated and the food was delicious. The hostesses were Mesdames Barker, McDonald and Gunderson.

The February meeting will have Miss Mahon of the Christie School for the speaker.

GEORGE FLOURA

George Floura, 83, Brightwood, died Jan. 3. Ten years ago he moved to the Brightwood area. He was a member of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons: Mrs. Edwin Petersen; Mrs. Keith Stovall; Mrs. Roy Rathke; and Wayne all of Portland; Gerald of Oak Grove; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two brothers and one sister: Fred of Minnesota; Joe of Rainier, and Mrs. Alice Regalia of Wisconsin.

Services were Saturday Jan. 6 in the Carroll Funeral Home with private cremation at Lincoln Memorial Park, Portland.

City Council --

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authorized to attend a three-day sewer school in Corvallis next month.

Bill Peterson, civil engineer from Boatwright engineering firm, showed council members drawings of the proposed water line expansion.

A public hearing was scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, February 5, on a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance that would permit the controlled use of temporary trailers on building sites. Trailers are to be used for construction purposes and not for dwelling.

A year's option was taken at a cost of \$100 on the 0.926 acre Brewster property adjacent to the proposed new city hall site on Main St. The option was made subject to approval by the others and is for purchase of the property at \$18,000.

Discussion of widening of Tupper Rd. was postponed until a meeting could be arranged with the County Commissioners.

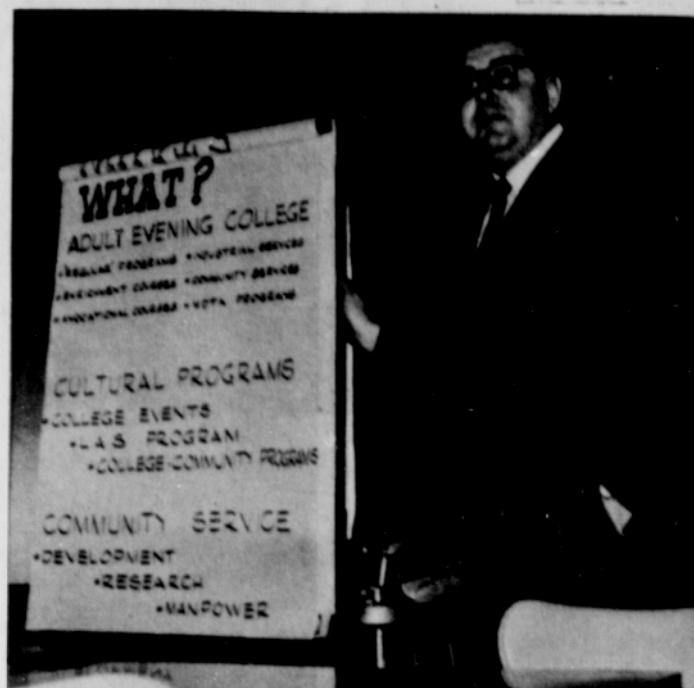
Upon agreement of the councilmen, Mayor Edes reappointed chairmen as previously held as follows:

Health and Police, Mervil Kirby; Fire and Water, George Rohweder; Public Property, Warren Decker; Streets and Public Housing, Ed Perrin; Sewer, Jim Martin; Ways and Means, Garlan McCulloch.

Before the council adjourned at midnight, the preliminary budget meeting was slated for a special session on Monday, Feb. 19.

A patent has been granted for a process to turn sugar cane stalks into a useful mulch and soil-conditioner after the sugar has been pressed from them.

One Year Ago



MHCC PRESIDENT, Dr. Earl Klapstein, at the Sandy Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 10, told members about the variety of courses offered by the new college. (Post photo)



FROM
The RIVER'S
EDGE
BY GEORGE MAC ALEVY

In the crisp frosty mornings of January, the birds are about early looking for food to provide warmth. A half frozen Flicker, puffed up to the size of a small chicken huddles in the window sill. Black headed Juncos and their smooth gray mates are clustered in little knots around the bird feeder.

A few assorted Sparrows come to take some grain, and on the ground beneath a varied Thrush or a spotted Towhee glean the spilled grain from the grass. The Quail won't come near the feeder but you can hear them calling in the brush at the edge of the clearing.

Down by the river, the tiny winter Wren hops in and around the cut banks, never far off the ground in its perpetual hunt for spiders. On the river itself at the brink of the rapids a gray bird sits on a water buffeted rock seemingly in nervous agitation as it bobs up and down. Over the roar of the river its song comes to you in snatches. This is the Water Ouzel or Dipper; who, while you watch, deliberately walks off the sloping rock into and beneath the water. This the bird may do several times, often emerging or diving into the seething water under the foaming crest of the rapids.

Seagulls and Crows are in the air; the Crows congregating at the edge of a field on the canyon rim; the Gulls, solitary, patrolling the river edge for food. A rustling in an alder thicket betrays the presence of a small group of Chickadees. These are the Black Capped species with their white cheeks and immaculate black cap and bib. Tiny insect life and small seeds both attract this bird. They work over even the smallest branches and put on quite an acrobatic performance, often hanging on upside down or swaying violently on the slender twigs. These could have been Chestnut-backed Chickadees or Mountain Chickadees as well. All these species winter here.

Over towards the pond a cloud of tiny mites descends on the

vine maples. A close inspection reveals them to be a flock of that tiniest of birds, Golden crowned Kinglets -- a small greenish bird with three stripes on the head, the center stripe is glowing gold. These midgits work over the twigs and branches with feverish activity, never still, wings twitching even when momentarily perched. These birds glean the branches for insect eggs and larva, and are found in conifers as much as in the brushy thickets. On another occasion this flock might be Ruby crowned Kinglets, whose males flourish a bright red stripe through the crown of the head.

At the pond's edge a Dusky Fox Sparrow works over a fallen goldenrod hunting for seeds, oblivious to a pair of noisy Mallard Ducks resting in the center of the pond. The call of the Flicker is heard from the dark hemlocks on the hill above, and the busy bird world of winter is in full activity.

College Hits 1,087 Students

Although final figures are not yet compiled, Mt. Hood Community College has enrolled the equivalent of 1,087 full-time students for winter quarter.

Not all students attend full-time, thus the actual head count is considerably more.

The figure represents a slight decline from fall quarter's 1,384. However, a winter-quarter drop is perfectly normal. Figures have not been compiled for courses being taught at David Douglas, so the 1,087 figure will rise considerably.

Persons over 65 account for more than one-fourth of the fatalities from home burns.

"Death Valley" was named by the first white men to enter the area, emigrants seeking a short cut to California's gold fields in 1849.

Nell's Notes

By NELL HOWE
Hood-Land Reporter

Lots of the boys home leave from the service, Don Sealf, husband of my niece, Gayle, home from Viet Nam, in time for Christmas. They will be leaving the middle of January for Germany. They will be stationed there a year. They are all excited about the trip and we are busy figuring out all the things we would like to have from there. Fun! Greg Hill home on leave from Viet Nam, and has returned, or will shortly. Rich Hill on leave from California. Mike Monaghan, who is stationed in Seattle at the present on an ice-breaker, home for Christmas, Bill Ernst was on a seven day leave from California. Probably many more, but those are the ones I got the word on.

Don't forget the Chamber of Commerce Prize Night, Friday, Jan. 12, at Barlow Trail. Dinner will be served, starting at 6:30 and Game time will be at 8 p.m.

Our deepest sympathy to Joyce Bistorious and her sisters and brothers, for the loss of their stepmother, in Georgia. It is always extra hard to lose someone when they are so far away.

Barry and Ruth Pennington off to San Francisco on a visit. One of these days I am going to make that trip also. Would love to visit there again.

The Post received a nice thank you letter from Leo Phillips, Eddie's brother. Leo wished to thank the people of Rhododendron and the Mountain for their many kindnesses to Eddie over the years and during his last illness. Leo said the weather in Montana was 25 below at night but warming to 22 below during the day - Brf! Leo hopes to visit Portland and the mountain this summer, if his plans all break right. I am sure everyone on the mountain will be most happy to meet him.

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