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Spooner Elected Temporary Head Of MHCC Faculty

David Spooner, director of drama and instructor of speech, last week was elected president of the Mt. Hood Community College Temporary Faculty Ass'n., college officials said.

Hal Malcomb, instructor of music, was elected vice president and Robert Scott, instructor of business, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Each of the college's 58 full-time professional personnel (a member of association which has been formed to help direct drafting of a MHCC constitution. Also, the group will act in determining college objectives and basic rules.

Column Comments

In past weeks I have talked optimistically about the development of horticulture industry in Clackamas County. With the introduction of the new food processing plants, Mainline Foods, and the recently announced plans of Libby, McNeil Co. to build a plant north of Salem, the opportunity is ensured for Clackamas County growers to increase acreages of vegetables for processing.

One of the prime requirements for this additional growth to occur will be availability of irrigation water. Future acreages of crops for processing will be in proportion to the number of new acres brought under irrigation. Growers wishing to expand their acreage of processing crops must first find additional water. Thus, one could say that the limiting factor for future growth of processing crops in the county will be availability of water.

Currently Clackamas County has around 20,000 acres under irrigation with an additional 160,000 acres of good soil which could be irrigated. A tremendous opportunity exists for expansion of irrigated acreage. During the past year and a half I have spent quite a bit of time, along with Hollis Ottaway, Marion County agent, working on water development in the Molalla-Pudding Rivers basin. We have been impressed with the possibilities in the area for developing more water to irrigate additional acres.

Production on unirrigated land is limited to a few crops. The introduction of water to the land will give growers a wider diversity of crops and increase production and dollar returns per acre.

The prime ingredient necessary before water development can occur is people's interest. Without strong interest toward water development in local areas, nothing can be accomplished. Most of the water development in Clackamas County to this point has been on an individual basis. These fortunate growers located along or close to streams with ample water have been able to expand their irrigated acreage easily. Other growers wishing to expand have had to build storage dams or drill wells on their farms. This type of development is costly for the individual and seldom adequate or completely dependable. Neighboring growers with mutual interest who need to develop more irrigation water should meet and consider what they can do together. The vast amount of land suitable for irrigation, the hundreds of unused dam sites in Clackamas County, add up to an unlimited opportunity for expansion of irrigated acreage in the county. But this will never happen unless local people become convinced of the desirability of irrigation and the opportunities it will afford them. I don't believe there is an area in Clackamas County where growers, if they determined the need for irrigation and sufficient local interest can be developed, that water could not be brought to their farms for the purpose of irrigation. The feeling exists in many areas that it is just a matter of time until the Bureau of Reclamation or Corps of Engineers will construct large dams and bring water to them. Water resource development doesn't occur in this manner. First, the agencies must be convinced that sufficient local interest exists and that support can be generated to secure funds necessary to develop storage reservoirs. In other words, water resource development is made to happen by local people and is not something that time alone will bring.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Sandy has had a Public Library since 1935, but after some 30 years in the same small quarters, the need is for an adequate modern building to serve the growing population of this area.

The library was started and sponsored by the Sandy Women's Club, it was first housed in a small building in the center of town, then moved to a room in the basement of the Club building where it has been since 1936. These quarters have been provided free by the Sandy Women's Club. The library has been supported financially by the City of Sandy and the Clackamas County Library Association.

The library is now filled to the bursting point with shelves and books and there is no more room to expand. Partitions have been moved several times during the past years to make the room larger but there is now no more space available. In the meantime, patronage has increased and there is hardly room for the borrowers at times. A library, as well as books to circulate, should have a reading and study room. Our library has only one table and four chairs for adults, and one small table and two small chairs for children, and hardly room for those between the shelves. On a busy Saturday when 40 or 50 people come in to get books, there is clearly need for more space.

Every year at least 150 books are added through purchase with library funds and one or two hundred books given by patrons, so that at present there is no more space on the shelves unless one uses some low shelves that are almost impossible to see or reach.

A problem is that the basement draws moisture so that in winter heat has to be left on day and night to keep the books dry. Because of excess water running under the building after the new highway was built, a sump pump has to be kept going, as there is constant danger of flooding.

A more prominent location for the library would help patronage, as many people do not know about the room in the club basement. Another disadvantage has been that the entrance is down a flight of stairs, difficult for older people and children. A library should be easily accessible to all.

A new library, with facilities equal to those of other communities would increase circulation from 50 to 100 %. One of the first things new people coming into town ask for is the library, since it offers recreation and education free to all.

If we can have a new library built with 45% Federal funds, up to \$500,000 worth of books will be furnished by the Federal Government. These added to the 4000 volumes we already have, would bring us up to the standards which we should have in our community.

Library Board
Sandy Public Library
Editor
Sandy Post
Sandy, Oregon

I would like to inform you that "Jogging" made famous in Oregon has spread to Utah. Cliff O'Harrow, Social Studies teacher in the Sandy School System, is now attending Utah State University on an Experienced Teacher Fellowship in Social Studies as one of twenty-five participants. He has also proceeded to get the whole group "jogging" and this includes most of the wives. Some run mornings and others in the evenings, but they run. Cliff, his wife Helen, and daughter Nancy are the "jogging" members of the O'Harrow family.

As I coach with my teaching this has captured my interest and I think it is great.

Sincerely,
Dean Lundblad,
a participant in the
Social Studies Fellowship
Program

To the Editor:
"Twice said that ZAMO's demand for a vote on the use of their land is unrealistic at this time. It was also said to be unrealistic last year before river corridor private acres were permanently taken out of the control of disenfranchised, tax-paying owners."

But this is realistic. Government is constantly taking over highways and other public projects, using more land that is now privately owned. Even if these properties are paid for at a price suitable to CRAG, these properties would be taken off tax rolls, putting a higher tax on remaining private acres

and homes in Clackamas county.

This together with skyrocketing planning costs (requested hike \$67,704 even this election year) would cause the very poor to lose their property to the county from confiscatory property tax. Soon other owners, unable to make up the loss, would lose their property to the county also, until the snow-ball could become an avalanche. Is this what is really wanted? Is this why our officials are so afraid to allow the vote that could stop this trend?

We were told that Clackamas river corridor was zoned to stop pollution. Here's the truth. Clackamas river is not polluted. We've heard that fast-flowing waters purify themselves but it was reassuring to hear from a State Sanitary Authority official in charge of river purity that Clackamas river is tested periodically and that the river is clean. This official's statement was made before an overflow crowd, prior to permanent corridor land control, on Dec. 5, 1967 at a Clackamas court house planning meeting. This statement was made in answer to the question as to whether a large septic tank-equipped trailer court at Carver, on the banks of the Clackamas, was polluting city drinking water. Clackamas river had been recently tested at critical low river time, below Carver and pronounced clean.

So when we're asked to believe that over 200,000 corridor acres had to be taken out of owners' control for river purity, the credibility gap becomes wider than the Grand Canyon. Is this a giant hoax used only to take away our basic civil right to own and control land? Many think so. And State legislation made this outrage possible.

Therefore we need to send loyal and knowledgeable representatives to our State Legislature. Such a person is Mildred Sundleaf, Republican candidate to our State House of Representatives. She is concerned over individual property rights and believes that unlimited taxation destroys man's liberty. While many candidates look on citizens as the masses and differ only on how to control them, Mrs. Sundleaf respects them as sovereign citizens. She is aware that our State Sanitary Authority has the duty and the authority to see to the

purity of our rivers.

In short, Mildred Sundleaf, has the integrity, political experience and knowledge to help us at this time when we've never had it so bad.

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To the editor:

A recent copy of your paper carried a letter from Doris M. Gately commending the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners for refusing to allow a vote on river corridor zoning.

Why not settle the matter once and for all by calling for a county-wide election on the zoning issue? The Board of Commissioners should give all the county voters a chance to decide on these important issues instead of coming forth with watered-down half-way measures like this river corridor zoning which accomplishes almost nothing.

We all know that each building permit requires health department approval whether or not the area is zoned, and State laws provide penalties for pollution. Zoning, for the most part, merely dictates lot size and type of use.

An election should give the county the backing it needs to do something meaningful like establishing flood area zoning which would protect lives and property as well as the stream, or to protect the scenic values through a new code. If the commissioners haven't the stomach for calling a democratic election, for Heaven's sake let's elect some who have, and put an end to this eternal feuding between urban and rural residents.

County officials tell us we're regulated, but the rapid scattering of trailer houses helterskelter through the county makes one wonder. Mobile home salesmen tell me that they are selling mobile homes for location throughout the county with no trouble at all. Are we or are we not zoned? A county-wide election would either give voter approval to move ahead and do the job properly or not at all.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. John D. Rutledge

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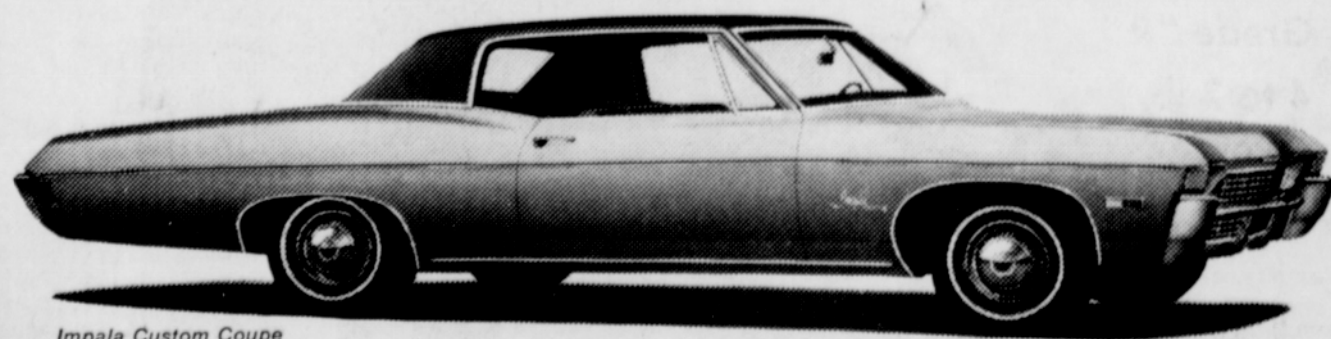
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GARDEN CLUB PROJECT is beautification of the Fir Hill cemetery on west end of Sandy. The fifteen members of new Sandy Area Garden Club have been working on several other projects, one, at East Main St., is clearing and planting of a vacant lot donated by Marshall Glos for the purpose. (Post photo)