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A Hidden Facet of the 1 1/2 Per Cent Idea

Generally overlooked in conversation about the 1-1/2 per cent property tax limitation is a requirement as to how many people must vote.

The measure, which definitely will be on the ballot this fall, provides that 1-1/2 per cent of true cash value of property is the highest rate of increase that could be levied without a vote of the people.

But if a taxing body finds this inadequate and goes to the people, it could get 99 per cent of the votes and still go down to defeat! This is because of a requirement that to exceed the limitation, 20 per cent of the registered voters in the district would have to vote.

The idea, of course, is that many budgets and special levies these days are passed by minuscule voter turnouts. And this most assuredly is true.

But the 1-1/2 per cent people want to put the shoe on the other foot and let those opposed to levies "vote" by staying at home. No one who is against a tax levy ever need come out and vote; he can say his piece just as effectively by staying at home. No need, obviously, to help the pro fraction reach their 20 per cent.

Fantastic? Not on your life. Washington state has a similar percentage requirement (40 per cent approval of those voting) and it has been demonstrated over and over again that people vote "No" by staying home. We have been through numerous school elections up there where the "No" vote openly advertised, telling people to stay away from the polls.

Don't think it won't happen here.

Gov. McCall and Viet-Nam

Super-hawk Tom McCall laid it on the line Saturday at Gearhart, delivering a "stinging" indictment of Viet-Nam war critics, especially Sens. Mark Hatfield and Wayne Morse.

The burden of his remarks is that we must support our fighting men in Viet-Nam and "stand behind them until the war is over."

The next day, cooled down somewhat, the governor conceded that the war cannot be won in the conventional sense. We wonder, then, just how far and where he wants us to stand?

We long have disagreed with Gov. McCall on Viet-Nam. We think we are doing his son -- and my son, who has just enlisted in the Navy -- the greatest disservice possible to send them to fight in a war that cannot be won. As Sen. Hatfield pointed out recently, since the farcical peace talks began in Paris, over 3,000 American men have died senselessly in a senseless war.

The Corbett Recall Vote

We think Corbett voters made an enormous mistake when they defeated the school budget for the third time several weeks ago. We think they would only be compounding that error if they were to recall Mrs. Geneva Kellogg in the special election next Friday.

A recall is a device to be used when there has been a gross dereliction of duty. This is not the case, it seems to us, with Mrs. Kellogg.

Hers has been a different philosophy from those people who seek to

recall her, but it has been an honest difference. Some of her ideas, in fact, may be just what the district needs.

Her fellow school board members have unanimously passed a resolution commending her efforts on the board. She has been honored by teacher groups. This does not seem to us the kind of person who should be summarily booted out of office.

Corbett's problems are manifold, but they will not be solved by more acrimony, more bitterness such as a successful recall will engender.

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(Post photos)



WOODLAND SETTING AWAITS EXPLORATION BY EAGER YOUNGSTERS.



COMFORTABLE TABLES ANTICIPATE FAMILY PICNICS.

LETTER BOX

Editor
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For the past several weeks the Bonneville Power Administration has been flying helicopters over the Sandy area. Their engineers are reportedly attempting to find the best route for a high-powered transmission line.

Although this transmission line would not supply Sandy, it would feed some power back to the Sandy area.

Among the several routes available to the surveyors is one that would go right through the Sandy Bluff Rd. area.

This 500,000 volt line would cut a path 170 ft. wide right through some of the city's prime residential section.

During damp and rainy days electricity has a tendency to jump around insulators on the transmission towers. Each jump sets up a wave. The wave can be so strong the people in the vicinity literally turn off their T.V. sets because of the interference and distortion.

Occasionally in our democratic society, the government allows its organization to act as both judge and jury in controlling man's affairs. It appears this has happened in the Bonneville Power Administration's decision to force its transmission line through Sandy.

To halt this type of autocracy, the voter's first step is to sign a petition stating disapproval of the decision. If this does not alter the government's course, the next step is to ask for a hearing which would force Bonneville forces to produce facts that justify their position.

I am now asking area residents, particularly those living in the vicinity affected, to voice their disapproval of carrying the proposed transmission line through Sandy by signing the petitions now being circulated to this effect.

Sincerely,
Stanley Bowman
Rt. 1, Box 362
Sandy, Oregon

CORRECTION

A typographical error in last week's paper that substituted the word "do" for "new" changed the meaning of a sentence and goofed up almost a whole story. The error was in the first paragraph of the article about Fire Chief Lyle Seaman and read, "—but Fire Chief Lyle Seaman is not to DO his job."

The sentence should have read, "—but Fire Chief Lyle Seaman is not NEW to his job."

Woodworking Champs Tapped

The 4-H'ers in the woodworking project displayed their skill with a hammer and saw at the 1968 Multnomah County Fair.

Championship honors in the 4-H handyman project went to Mark Ceciliani. He exhibited a napkin holder made of light wood. Danny Higgins won reserve champion in the handyman project on his cleaning caddy.

In the junior woodworking division, the champion ribbon went to Gary McMurry. For his exhibit, Gary constructed a picnic table. A shoeshine kit, made by Douglas Jacques received Reserved Champion in this project area.

Rickie McMurry was the

champion winner in the intermediate division. Rickie constructed a padded bar for a party room for his exhibit.

The reserve champion ribbon was won by Michael Ceciliani. Mike constructed a lamp that was designed like an old hand pump. His lamp had a workable pump handle that turned his lamp on and off.

The senior division of the Woodworking project, Michael Kane received champion on his gun rack and bow.

Blue ribbon awards in the woodworking project went to: Jennifer Higgins, Junior; Mark Kosse, Junior; Sharon Larkins, Junior. In the handyman project Timothy Moore received a red award.

Check Burn Barrels Now

NEED A HOUSE? CHECK THE CLASSIFIEDS

BORING -- Matt Shields, who heads up Boring Rural Fire Protection District 59, reminds residents that this is a good time to check that burning barrel. He says he is sure it hasn't rusted out on the bottom because that makes it hazardous for use.

Also, squares of 1/4-inch mesh, heavy duty hardware cloth, or something with 1/4-inch weave to keep burning material from floating out of the barrel is necessary. It is a good idea not to let tall grass grow near the barrel area, because flames have a chance to get away in it.

Chief Shields recommends postponing burning on an east-windy day. It's a bad time! Permits are required for burning year-round in the open, but not at present for burning barrels.

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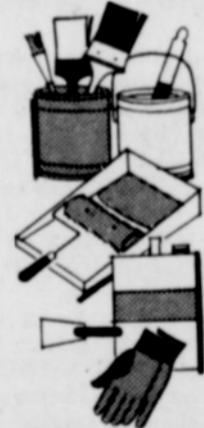
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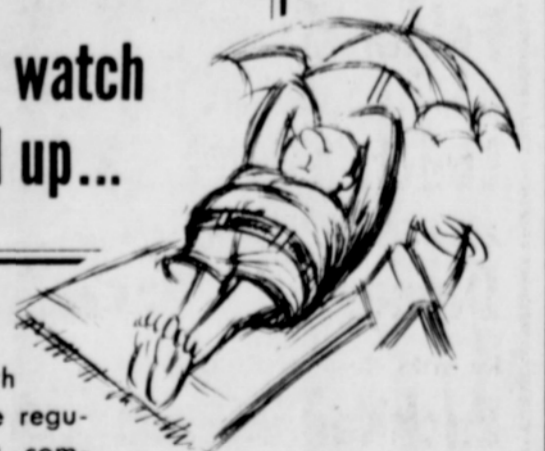
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MISS GRESHAM, Linda Harp, takes time on tour of Multnomah County Fairgrounds to engage in some "horse play" with Valentine Pat, one of the 265 thoroughbreds stabled on the grounds, and "Pat's" stablemate Nanny. Valentine Pat will be seen in action during the nine-day horse race meeting during the Fair. It began July 25 through Aug. 3. Racing will be held week nights at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoons at 1:30. There will be no racing on Sunday.