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GREAT WAY
TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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Candidates We Endorse . . .

For several years it has been the policy of the Post to confine its endorsement of candidates for legislative and county offices to the issue just prior to election day. Here, then, are our recommendations:

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, POSITION 1

ROGER MARTIN -- Young, knowledgeable, Martin is a champion of Oregon sportsmen. Re-elect this forceful legislator, but let's remind him that there is a lot of county outside the Oregon City-Lake Oswego area.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, POSITION 2

ALLEN PYNN -- Pynn gets our vote over Juanita Orr but only since incumbent Dale Harlan is not running. Neither candidate has bothered to show personally on the local scene - although Pynn did attend a Republican party rally on Mt. Hood.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, POSITION 3

LEO THORNTON - Without question, we go with Leo. Thornton has been outstanding in his first term and will be able to accomplish even more in a second term.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, POSITION 4

DICK GROENER -- The incumbent is the logical choice and should be returned. With stronger opposition there might be some question. Groener is another, however, who should be reminded that the people in the hinterlands should be looked in on once in awhile.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

JAMES W. "JIM" O'LEARY -- Now is the time, and here is the chance for all good men and women, too, who feel that some changes should be made on the Oregon City scene. Experienced and energetic, O'Leary, a practicing criminal lawyer, is exceptionally well qualified to improve effective

administration in all phases of the District Attorney's office. To top it all, he was officially endorsed for the job by a 40-16 vote of his contemporaries in the Clackamas County Bar Association -- and they should know.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

ROBERT H. "BOB" WAMPLER -- Here, too, it's time for a change. Bob has the background and demonstrated ability to combine economy with efficiency while leaving out exotics in operation of the Sheriff's Dept. Wampler is also aware that there is more to the county than that immediately around Oregon City. Nuff said.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, POSITION 1

ROBERT SCHUMACHER -- Schumacher won the nomination over incumbent Stan Ely. Despite the fact that he has run into some problems, he has persisted in his efforts to update the county clerk's office. Schumacher has always made himself available and helpful to all from every corner of this widespread county. He'll do a good job.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, POSITION 3

STAN SKOKO -- Retain Stan as your county commissioner. His dedication, and often unappreciated, fight for comprehensive county planning has paved the way for continuing orderly development and future tax-stabilizing economic growth of the entire county. Many of these benefits you can appreciate now and your children will enjoy them even more in the future. Skoko is very alert to the needs of the entire county and has proven it by specific attention to problems peculiar to the Sandy Mountain area. Stan's the MAN. We give him our unqualified endorsement.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY ASSESSOR

DONALD HATTAN - Hattan is unopposed.



FIRST PRIZE at Zig Zag Inn Halloween Costume Party went to Vivian and Gene Collier who were costumed as TV characters Herman and Lily Munster. In the shoe repair business, Collier made use of his trade to make a special pair of elevator shoes to give his Munster monster height.

Column Comments

by Jack Parsons--Clackamas County Extension Agent

When the foreign labor used to hand harvest crops was prevented entering into the U.S., and the minimum wage standards and other rulings which affected the use of local labor were initiated, there began a crash program to develop harvesting machines. The thought was put forth that the crop which couldn't be harvested mechanically would cease to be grown and would disappear from our markets. This prediction still looks sound but probably will not happen as quickly as originally prophesied. Crops grown for processing are under severe pressure to be mechanically harvested due to labor shortage and unreliability of labor available. But, instead of a revolution to mechanize harvests, it now appears that the initial panic is over and a more positive step-by-step progression towards development of new machines is occurring.

In some crops, such as head lettuce in California, a machine stands idly by while hand harvest and packing is going on without even a hesitation step in the operation. Lettuce crews in the California and Salinas area are paid 40¢ a crate to cut and pack and remove from the field head lettuce. The workers

harvest lettuce in crews and the total output is multiplied by 40¢ and this sum divided among the workers. Thus, incentive is built into the system resulting in higher efficiency. This results in an average wage to the farm worker of about \$3.50 per hour.

Of course, the methods of handling lettuce now will change in the future. There is some indication that we will be doing more field harvest of lettuce with machines, hauling it into packing sheds in bulk trailers and packing indoors rather than field pack. But the feeling of urgency has now disappeared and the problem will be approached in a cooler fashion. For example, after study they found that only about 10 per cent of the harvest cost is actually devoted to selecting and cutting the head of lettuce. Thus, the cost of developing a lettuce harvesting machine may not be justifiable as long as hand labor is available. This type of study should be developed for many crops rather than just having the attitude that we must rush out and mechanize harvesting. However, lettuce is a specific crop and has a high dollar return which allows more flexibility in its harvesting operations. Other crops like broccoli, cauliflower, and pickling cucumbers for processing do

not enjoy this advantage and there is an urgency to develop some type of machine or mechanical aid to allow these crops to be harvested more economically.

The complaint frequently voiced by growers concerning farm labor are unreliability of labor and inability of labor to produce a day's work. Labor crews may vary from two workers one day to 15 the next day. How can anyone conduct a business with such an unreliable source of labor? Thus, growers are anxious to adopt harvesting machines as soon as they become available.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College

FINANCE CONFERENCE --

Approximately 70 persons attended an evening conference Oct. 22 on the Mt. Hood Community College campus, on "Financing of State and Local Government."

Speakers for the four-hour conference, sponsored by MHCC as a community service, included Senator Ross Morgan, member of the Oregon Senate Ways and Means committee, and William Thompson, Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission. Charles Mack and Richard Munn of the State of Oregon Tax Commission, and Douglas Heider of Associated Oregon Industries, participated in a panel discussion on "Alternate Courses of Action."

Earl L. Klapstein, college president, welcomed the group during a dinner which was served during the evening conference.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATE SPEAKS--

Robert Packwood, Republican candidate for United States Senator, spoke to approximately 200 persons in the Student Center on the Mt. Hood Community College campus Oct. 23.

Following his speech and a question and answer session, Packwood spoke with students, toured the South campus and visited a geography class.

Packwood's appearance at MHCC was one of a bi-partisan series of addresses by political candidates. Senator Wayne Morse spoke to Mt. Hood College students earlier this year.

MT. HOOD SKI TEAM
The Mt. Hood Community College Alpine Ski Team have begun its pre-season training

for the 1968-69 season.

The Alpine team consists of six members. The team travels to Mt. Hood every Wednesday and Friday for afternoon practice, Saturdays practice on the slopes is an entire day.

All Community Art Show

Mt. Hood College is again holding an All-Community Art show. Anyone in the area who paints, sculps, makes rugs, soap figures, in short anything creative is invited to exhibit his works at this show. Exhibits must be priced, (even if not for sale, for insurance purposes) finished, with the title, and the name, address and telephone number of the artist. All work must be brought to the College Center between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 1, Monday evening there will be an informal reception from 8 to 10 p.m. in the College Center.



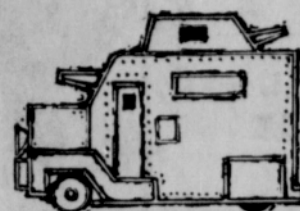
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SALEM SCENE

by ERRETT CUTTER

CLEARING SOME SMOKE ON TAX LIMIT MEASURE

One of the most important--and apparently least understood, despite wide publicity--questions to be decided by Oregon voters next week is Ballot Measure 7, the initiative proposal to limit property taxes to 1 1/2 per cent of market value. Some confusion no doubt stems from contradictory and incomplete statements made by proponents of what might seem, on the surface, to be an attractive proposition: lower property taxes. Other misunderstandings probably can be blamed on the subject itself, taxes, and the "legal" language of the proposal, which many persons find complicated or dull.

Let us try to reduce provisions and implications of Ballot Measure No. 7 to their simplest terms.

It is Constitutional amendment proposal which would place a limitation of 1 1/2 per cent of true cash value (market value) on the total of local levies. Exemption is provided for levies to pay existing bonded indebtedness.

The measure would repeal the present Constitutional limit of 6 per cent increases in local government tax levies annually. It would give the legislature, instead of local taxing bodies, the job of allocating revenues levied within the limitation to the hundreds of local taxing districts throughout Oregon. Another provision would allow one annual election to exceed the limit--unrealistically requiring a favorable vote of at least 20 per cent of registered voters--on traditional November election Tuesdays.

Proponents of the measure, notably Oregon United Taxpayers, Inc., state that homeowners' property taxes will be cut

under the amendment. This is true, temporarily, in some base. They point out that of the estimated \$50 million growth in property taxes this year, the 6 per cent factor is responsible for less than one-third--that more than \$35 million of the local tax increase was approved by voters themselves in elections to exceed the limitation.

The 1 1/2 per cent limit would not be tied to last year's total taxes, but to market value. Because market value is increasing at a rate faster than 6 per cent annually, property taxes reasonably could be expected to climb at a faster rate than at present--automatically and without any vote of the people.

In the meantime, local government units in Oregon (schools, police, firemen, libraries, streets, parks, etc.) would lose an estimated \$150 million in revenue during the first year under the proposed limitation. The measure contains no provision for making up this severe loss, a cutback of about one-third of the money collected at the local level for local spending under local control.

Presumably the legislature would be expected to find supply sources. The full impact of the new limit, however, would not be felt until the next fiscal year--after legislative adoptions. Other counties, now levying at a rate less than 1 1/2 per cent, could well find local taxes going up.

Eventually, all property taxes in the state could rise at an even faster rate than recently experienced. Tax experts note that the present 6 per cent limit is in essence a restriction on the total amount of money in dollars that a district can levy over its previous year's tax

Journalism.

Assuming the legislature were to attempt to make up the loss of some \$150 million, it could do so through recommending to the people a 4 or 5 per cent sale tax, an 80 per cent increase in income taxes or some combination. It is entirely possible that neither would pass--until the severe effect of the local revenue loss is felt and damage has been done to schools and other public services.

An explanation of Ballot Measure No. 7 appears in the Voters' Pamphlet, mailed to every registered voter in the last few weeks. It states that enactment of the measure may have some or all of the following results:

- "Limit the ability of many local governments and force the consolidation of others."
- "Force the adoption of new taxes or an increase of existing taxes."
- "Force increases in assessed values of property."
- "Force the elimination of many property tax exemptions such as those for farmers, churches, lodges, property under construction and others."

Many readers will recognize that according to these points, any relief gained under Ballot Measure No. 7 is likely to be made up by new taxes to be paid by the same property owners. Again, this is likely to come some time after the ravaging effects of the \$150 million loss are felt.

Readers of their Voters' Pamphlets also may note that the five points quoted above were not prepared by opponents of the measure. Indeed, one of the signatures on the page is that of the measure's chief backer, A. F. Gildemeister, president of Oregon United Taxpayers, Inc.

Letters to the Editor

24 Oct. 1968
Tokyo, Japan

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Sandy, Oregon

Newsletter from the Orient. Just thought the Sandy and the Hoodland people might be interested in experiences Jack Fahie and I have on our trip in the Orient and South Seas. I left Portland via NW Orient Airlines 19 Oct. Through Seattle and north, over Alaska at 5 p.m. Beautiful with snow and vast desolation. Mountains, lakes and rivers--no vegetation. Flying at 31,000 to 39,000 feet over vast cloud areas with occasional glimpses of ocean, 11 hours to Tokyo.

Through customs--and was met by Jack at the airport. Tokyo is very crowded and accommodations are scarce. Can only get rooms for 2 or 3 nights. Have now spent 3 days getting visas for China, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand.

Tokyo is approximately 30 times the size of Portland (11 million people) so much time is wasted in taxicabs, between stops. Room costs are high, but meals and taxi rates are

very reasonable.

We have also visited the Imperial Palace grounds, Ueno Park, Museum of Science and Industry, and the Ginza strip by day and by night. Also up the Tokyo Tower at night. Claimed to be the tallest steel tower in the world. It's been raining for 2 days. Tomorrow we leave for Sapporo. Will report later.

Regards to all,

Claude Gudge

The Editor
Sandy Post
Sandy, Oregon

It was my good fortune to win third place in the Sandy Post subscription contest. I would like to express my appreciation for the help of the many persons who made my success possible. Third place prize was a bicycle, which I am enjoying greatly.

Thank you, the Post Staff, and thank you, the many subscribers and friends who helped me.

Douglas Blaisdell



"Give me your help so that we might build together what none of us can build alone."

BOB PACKWOOD

Bob Packwood needs your help. Talk it over with your family, friends and neighbors. Let's work together to give Bob the opportunity to be a strong new voice for Oregon in the U. S. Senate.

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