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The Way to Win an Election

One reason for the remarkable success of Mt. Hood Community College at the polls can perhaps be told in the story of the Welches precinct.

Last spring when the 1968-69 budget was up for vote, only one precinct in the entire college area voted unfavorably. That was Welches.

Only a relative handful of votes were involved, far fewer than 100.

But College forces are concerned about a loss in even one precinct, so shortly after the election, they arranged a meeting at Welches.

Poll books were available, of course, so everyone who had voted in the election was invited to the meeting, so was anyone else who might be

interested. The College's big guns were there and so were other people who had an interest in and knowledge of the college. They set out to explain everything they could about the College and its operation.

How well did they succeed?

In the bond election a fortnight ago, voters in Welches voted 91.4 per cent in favor of the levy, second highest percentage of approval in the entire district. Obviously, the meeting paid off.

This kind of work, this kind of organization is one of the reasons Mt. Hood has been so very successful.



THREE GOOD REASONS Sunday's 4-H breakfast at the Boring grade school was so enjoyable was the smiling service given to patrons by this trio of 4-H club members. They are, left to right, Cindy Schultz, Karen Zulauf and Cindy Curtis. (Post photo)

LETTER FROM CLAUDE . . .

Editor's Note: Hoodland residents Claude Gudge and Jack Fahie are on an extended tour of the Orient and South Seas. Claude is keeping friends up-to-date on their progress and experiences through letters to the Sandy Post.

Wellington, N.Z.
Jan. 21

Post Editor,

Not much of great interest here regarding our tourism. We are just marking time. The Smiths and the Vausehs have introduced us to a great many people, and we have graciously been invited to be guests at various clubs and social events. Have met the Mayor of Petone - Mr. Gee, who is Chinese, and the Mayor of Tawa, MR' E. M. Kemp, M.B.E. (Member of the order of the British Empire.)

We have been driven around the Wellington area to view the beautiful parks and tremendous views of the harbour. The inter-island ferry "Wahine" which was wrecked on a reef in the harbor last April is still visible resting on her side near mid-channel. There were about 700 people aboard, plus cars, a train, cargo, etc. The ship grounded, and was blown - with anchors dragging - approximately a mile and then turned on her side. 61 people were drowned and most of the rest drifted in lifejackets nearly 2 miles to shore. Anyway, the ship is still there and still being salvaged, about 1/4 mile off shore.

Wednesday, Jan. 22 - Mail today brought us two Sandy Posts - Dec. 5 and 12, so we're still pre-Christmas as far as Hoodland is concerned. Hot, sunny day today.

Also a nice letter from Harry and Gladys Perkins. Thanks, Gladys, we loved your poem.

signed/Flavia Skinner
8005 N. Peninsular Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97217

Methodists Tell Show Date

"Suddenly It's Spring" has been chosen for the theme of the Gresham United Methodist WSCS fashion show.

The show, 17th annual for the Women's Society of Christian Service, will be headed by Mrs. Richard Flanagan who has set the date as March 11. Tickets will be available at the fellowship hall at Gresham United Methodist church, 8th and Norman the evening of the show.

Other chairman for the pre-easter style show are Mrs. Jack Wilson, co-chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Wildman, tickets; Mrs. Harriett Krause, publicity; Mrs. Leo Larsen, refreshments; Mrs. F.H. Elliott, decorating; and Mrs. Robert Whistler, Models. Mrs. Don Fancher is arranging for door prizes.

Fashions will come from Gresham merchants who support the annual show. Models will be drawn from the congregation.

Commentating will be Portland disc jockey Dick Novack. Mrs. Frank Rinker is in charge of the commentary.

TO THE EDITOR

Feb. 6, 1969

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Your news story stating that Senator George Eivers is the first Clackamas county legislator to serve on the Ways and Means committee since Howard Belton in 1957, is in error.

Democrat Beulah Hand, Milwaukie, served as a member of the powerful Ways and Means committee in the 1963 session. Not only was she the second woman in the history of the state to serve on this committee, but she also was chairman of one of the five Ways and Means subcommittees. She was a major advocate of economy in government and did an outstanding job for the state of Oregon. Mrs. Hand's session on Ways and Means was the last session that Democrats controlled the House and Senate.

The 1963-65 budgets on which she worked had the lowest percentage increase in spending in twenty years - 3%. Budgets under Republican control increased 35% in 1965-67, 14.4% in 1967-69 and in the 1969-71 budget Governor Tom McCall is advocating a 26% increase in spending.

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We have been residents of Sandy for the past 17 years and many times during this period we have been bothered with the acts of despicable people who drop off cats and kittens right here on the highways.

A cat has just recently been dropped off here in this bitterly cold weather. How can people be so heartless? We are in business in Sandy and don't want cats or dogs and could not have them if we did.

There should be a law against people doing such inhuman acts and thereby causing other people much trouble, and causing them to have to feed these animals even though they cannot take them in.

Do these people not know that there is a cat and dog pound in Gresham? There is no excuse for such acts.

Mrs. Glenna Connell
Sandy, Oregon

SALEM SCENE

by ERRETT CUTLER

'THIRD HOUSE' POLICES ITSELF

How can legislators, whose private careers run from medicine to ranching and from teaching to retailing, possibly be familiar with arguments on the thousands of varied issues upon which they must vote?

Part of the answer is extensive homework; another part is found in the practice of lobbying. There probably is no better way to air all facts and arguments on a controversial issue than to hear opposing lobbyists plead their cases.

Lobbying, a practice which got its name from the marble lobbies in which legislators frequently were briefed, often is maligned by persons who misunderstand the legislative process.

It is, in fact, the essence of the right of petition guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. And its most important results show up in the informed votes of lawmakers, who regularly use technical background supplied by lobbyists of many ideological persuasions.

Individual legislators or committees frequently call upon specialists for facts, statistics or opinions favoring or opposing specific bills. Senators and representatives here often refer to the lobby as the "Third House" of the legislature.

Backgrounds of lobbyists may vary as widely as those of legislators. Many, but certainly not all, are attorneys. Some are hired by one or more clients to represent them only during the legislative session; some others are professionals who work year-round for associations or organizations representing interests of many segments of society.

Groups represented here by the more than 200 professional lobbyists registered with legislative counsel include teachers, seed growers, cities, counties, labor, management, banks, media, government agencies, doctors, charitable organizations, utilities and dozens more.

Often overlooked is the importance of the individual lobbyist. He is that all-too-rare citizen who takes advantage of Oregon's open committee meetings to come and state his case.

His significance was exemplified last week when an overflow crowd attended a legislative hearing on a bill to reduce the minimum voting age of 18. Much of the testimony was presented by high school students.

Perhaps surprisingly, most legislators regard sincere letters from their constituents as a major aid in their

decision-making responsibilities. This too, in essence, is a form of lobbying.

The stereotype of the stealthy lobbyist "tricking" legislators or "buying votes" seems to persist in many minds. Those responsible first to their electorate are quick to refute such notions.

Lobby activity, in fact, is closely regulated by law and rules of both houses. In addition, Oregon's lobby polices itself within a strict code of ethics, and an untruthful persuader would destroy his effectiveness in the eyes of legislators and fellow lobbyists alike.

One government official has noted "they would divulge facts injurious to their own cause before they would run the risk of issuing falsehoods."

Helping to keep the Oregon legislative process "clean" is the main concern of the Capitol Club, a voluntary organization to which many lobbyists belong. Current president is Estes (Pete) Snedecor, Jr., Portland General Electric Co.

The Capitol Club instills in its members a higher degree of pride in their profession than in most other states, a study has shown. It also brings lobbyists together within this sense of "Third House" common participation, and believers in opposing causes are respectful and often friendly.

Most important, though, are the self-policing aspects of the fraternity. One bad apple could tend to taint the entire lobby practice, of course, and members of any organization would not relish such betrayal.

Even stranger, however, Capitol Clubbers recognize that effectiveness depends directly upon honesty, reliability and reputation. And as advisors to our elected representatives, they know that they, too, have a very real responsibility to Oregon citizens.

CRADLE ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holt of Portland are the pleased parents of a baby daughter born Feb. 7 at Emanuel Hospital.

The baby, Lauri Ann, weighed 8 lbs. 12 1/2 oz. The Holts also have a 3 1/2 year old son, Pat.

Mrs. Ed Holt is the former Sandy Weedin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Weedin of Portland. Ed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holt of Boring.

Short Local

Andy Connell, owner of the Sandy Shoe Shop, is recovering from minor surgery in the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Portland. He is expected to return home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Saunders of Sandy have taken over operation of the shoe repair shop.

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