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TO THE MT. HOOD PLAYGROUND

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Some Good Features

Although we were unalterably opposed to the sales tax and rejoiced over its defeat, we'll certainly concede that some features in the proposal were sound.

We're referring to (a) provision of a new, adequate tax base for all school districts and (b) consolidation of all school elections into one day.

All of our local school districts (excepting only Mt. Hood Community College) have either an inadequate tax base or else no tax base at all. The sales-tax package would have given

every district, in effect, its 1968-69 budget as a base, plus 5 per cent yearly.

This would have been a sound move.

So would have the provision to consolidate school elections. As matters now stand, school elections can be run any time, the choice being left up to the individual districts. Scores of voters unquestionably forget budget elections we've done it ourselves.

Hence, even though the sales-tax package was beaten, we shouldn't lose sight of these two suggestions. They should be reviewed in the future.

McCall on School Financing

One of the dangers of being a politician is that everything you say finds its way into print.

Take Gov. Tom McCall, who in the wake of the sales-tax debacle last week, assured everyone that he never would let Oregon's schools close for lack of money.

He was quoted as saying he'd get the legislature back if necessary come fall.

This, of course, hit all the papers with a bang exceeded only by the groans from school people who know full well the state couldn't foot the

whole bill.

Next morning Gov. McCall had watered down his remarks into what he had meant all along...that he would do everything within his power to help the schools. But that didn't include picking up the tab for every school district which runs into budget trouble.

The governor was entirely well-meaning in his remarks and it's unfortunate that it first sounded like the state would play Santa Claus to the schools. Obviously, the state doesn't have that kind of money.

Letters to the Editor

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June 6, 1969

We wish to express our appreciation for the Souvenir Graduation Edition of the Sandy Post.

We regret that our son, Jim, was unable to attend commencement exercises and receive his diploma with his classmates. As you stated, "It is not easy to fulfill the

requirements demanded in order to become a graduate." Jim had achieved "this goal" before joining the Armed Services but no mention was made by Mr. Charles Croston or Mr. Milton Fox during the presentation of diplomas.

We are proud of our graduate and all his classmates.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kenneth W. Sliger
Route 3, Box 470
Sandy, 97055

To The Editor
The Sandy Post
Sandy, Oregon

May I congratulate you on your selection of a new columnist, Mr. Bob Kaye, author of "As I See It". Those of us who enjoy the friendship of Bob and his charming wife certainly are among the first of his avid readers.

In our opinion, he is a very intelligent and delightful gentleman of many talents with a wide range of interests and a well developed wit. His philosophy will always deserve a careful reading by your subscribers, I'm sure.

He may be controversial at times (and he will enjoy this), but one thing is certain, he will always be articulate.

Very truly yours,
Joan F. Taylor (Mrs. R.W.)
Wemme, Oregon

Cooks Awarded Cash Premiums

Good cooks from Multnomah County and the surrounding areas will be well rewarded for the best of their kitchen skills in baking, preserving and candy making at the 63rd annual Multnomah County Fair July 24-August 2.

A special classification has been designated for junior cooks, 18 years and under. Cookies, cake, jelly or jam, and candy will be judged in this division.

Deadline for foods entries is Monday, July 21 at the Gresham fairgrounds.

Premium books and information can be obtained by post card request to the fair at P.O. Box 71, Gresham, or phone 665-4181.

AFROTC Taps D. Bernhardt

Cadet David R. Bernhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton St. Clair, Rt. 3, Boring, has been accepted for the professional officer course of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) program at Oregon State University.

Bernhardt, who has completed the two-year general military course and passed comprehensive examinations, was selected by a special board for entry into the advanced program. He will receive extensive military classroom instruction and corps training along with his normal college academics. He will also attend four weeks of field training at an Air Force installation.

The cadet is working toward a degree in electrical engineering and will be eligible for a commission as an Air Force second lieutenant upon completion of his AFROTC requirements and graduation from college.

He is a 1967 graduate of Sandy Union High School.

Sandy Marine Home on Leave



Pvt. Michael S. Kent, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kent, Rt. 1, Sandy, recently completed Marine Corps Recruit training at San Diego, California.

Pvt. Kent is now home on leave before reporting to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he will attend Radio Operator school.



NEW STORM SEWER RUNNING north on Center St. was in process of being installed this week. Work on project is expected to be completed next week. (post photo)

Hearings

The Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission will hold public hearings on Friday, June 13, 1969, in Room 680, Multnomah County Courthouse for the purpose of discussing budgets for the 1969-70 fiscal year on Lusted Water District, Rockwood Water District, and the City of Gresham, at 2:30 p.m.

AS I SEE IT

BY BOB KAYE

I am given to understand that there is a "NEW MORALITY" that is being widely discussed among certain philosophical and intellectual Church groups and in the Universities. Books are being written and no doubt adherents gained. Let me make it clear at the outset that I am not an authority on this subject. However I have been given an idea of the basic ideology.

We all know from experience that circumstances do alter cases. And the older we get the more impossible it becomes to classify human behavior in rigid terms of black and white, right or wrong, good or evil. It often seems that the more we know (or think we know) the more confused we get about how to best separate the sheep from the goats.

So we arrive at the New Morality which says that no rigid all embracing rules of conduct can be handed down from on high, carved in stone as it were. Rather, each situation dictates or determines its own particular morality. The term "situation morality" has been coined to describe what is meant. Thus? it is agreed for example, that to kill somebody is "bad" in general, but there are, or at least could be situations where this would be justified and therefore "good". Supposedly only the killer could know for sure.

Presumably, each of the ten commandments could be examined in this light and situations hypothetically where behavior contrary to their dicta could be held to be preferable to behavior which conformed. Only the participants in a situation could be the judge of the rightness or wrongness of an action, since only by actual involvement could this situation be completely known. It follows that no one except the actor is qualified to render a moral judgement on his behavior.

Now this is all very well and it has all the appearance of sweet reasonableness, but to this Diehard, it seems to raise more problems than it solves. The rug is pulled out from under the Law which, since it loses its moral basis, becomes no more than an arbitrary set

OSU Graduates Area Students

A record 3,300 degrees was conferred Sunday, June 8, at Oregon State University's 100th commencement program.

The total included about 2500 bachelor's degrees and 800 advanced degrees. The number of seniors graduating this year is nearly 500 more than a year ago.

Local area students who received degrees were:

Sandy — John Roger Stewart, Humanities and Social Sciences; Lawrence Edward Armstrong, Science; James Dariell Benshoof, and Janice Dee Lane, Education; Rodger Wayne York, Engineering.

Diplomas carried special Centennial seals as part of the OSU 100th-year observance, ended with the commencement exercises. Sixteen distinguished alumni were given Alumni Centennial Awards as a part of the program.

Boring — Jenien Avonne Moore, Humanities and Social Sciences; Jacqueline Sue Jacobsen, Science; Stephen James Hayley, Agriculture; George William Burgh, Business and Technology; Eugene Okino, Engineering.

Estacada — Richard William Denny and Larry Burdette Fiske, Science; Leonard Wayne Eaton, Business and Technology.

If there is any one thing at which the mind of man excels it is in his infinite capacity to rationalize good reasons for otherwise irrational behavior. Ninety-nine percent of human motivation originates somewhere around the belly button. The mind then spends its time and such talent as it has, figuring out reasons why what I want to do is really the best thing to do. The kind of thinking expressed by the new morality is, in my opinion, the philosophical basis for our so-called permissive society.

It can be made to justify the boy in his drug taking, the girl in her promiscuity, the activist in his violence, the criminal in his crime, the racist in his hate. No wonder that some of our youngsters are confused, our society sick. We had better get with it. If we don't, we'll soon have no more sense of direction than a headless chicken. Society and the individual has to have rules of conduct to which inner allegiance can be pledged and which override the whims and desires of the moment.

If the old morality isn't good enough any more we had better invent a new one that will continue to provide stability, order, cooperation, and guidelines for conduct. Since we don't believe in hellfire any more maybe we should invent something to take its place. If we don't do something to get us back on the track, our good ship of state is going to wind up as a heap of scrap lumber piled on the rock of things as they really are.

David Portis Aboard FDR

Shipfitter Fireman David B. Portis, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Portis of Route 3 Boring, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt at Norfolk, Va.

The ship is leaving the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for the first time in over a year. The FDR has been undergoing an extensive overhaul operation.

It is scheduled to return to its homeport of Mayport, Fla. in early July and then leave to participate in readiness exercises in the Caribbean.

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