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Get Out and Vote

We are glad to see the Sandy city budget pass in the election held Monday but were disappointed in the turnout of only 172 voters. This means that approximately 470 eligible voters stayed home.

We hope that these voters will not

Taking Off the Tinsel

They took the fancy wrapping off the city-county consolidation bill Tuesday in Salem and what was left surprised no one.

The bill is nothing but a naked grab for land by the City of Portland.

The House committee on Urban Affairs took action limiting the bill strictly to Multnomah county. Gone now is any pretense that the bill applies to all the state, gone is the pretext that it is aimed at solving urban problems.

All that is left is a massive annexation move by the City of Portland with one glaring aberration... those to be annexed won't have any say.

The House committee has adopted the so-called "task force" bill which denies residents of unincorporated

The Calley Verdict

We've talked to a lot of people about the trial and subsequent conviction of Lt. William Calley and the opinions boil down to (a) he unquestionably is guilty but (b) he's just being made a scapegoat.

Most people feel the evidence was conclusive and that Calley was guilty of murder. However, most everyone thinks the guilt goes far beyond Lt. Calley and we as a nation cannot expiate our actions in Viet-Nam by his conviction.

Going further, the Calley case just might become another Dreyfus affair which, for a decade, kept France in an uproar.

At the very least, the Calley verdict shows the utter idiocy of our continuing involvement in Viet-Nam. The

stay away from the current budget hearings going on at the local school districts and also that they do not stay away from the polls on May 3 when the school budgets are up for vote.

Voting is a right we have in this country so we should want to take advantage of this right!

areas the right of free choice. Portland's vote, yes or no, will decide.

It long has been a foregone conclusion that the bill would clear the house but Tuesday's action made it doubly certain. Limiting it strictly to Multnomah county eliminates any down-state opposition.

It may be another ball game in the Senate, however. We're sure, for instance, that the political pressures which were evident in the house won't be so pervasive on the Senate side. Nor is the Senate likely to gloss over the voting inequities as did the House committee.

Meanwhile, write your legislator—any legislator—to let him know how you feel.

doves, who feel we never should have been there in the first place, are now more convinced than ever. The hawks, who feel we should try to win, now are just as convinced we can't. We draft our sons, teach them to kill, send them to Viet-Nam, and then when they do kill, subject them to prosecution for doing what we told them to do. It's an idiotic war, made more idiotic by the Calley affair.

Finally, lurking in the background are the Nurnburg trials following World War II in which German leaders were held accountable for acts of their men. Just how far up does the blame lie? If Lt. Calley is guilty, where does the guilt stop?

Most people feel certainly not with the lieutenant.

school Federal funds help library

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year, to \$129,105,960 this year. This is the main reason that Sandy Union High School's estimated State Basic School Support Fund has fallen from the estimate of \$247,948 of last year to only \$173,534 this year. Since the budget was published the legislature has increased this state basic school support fund to \$199,614 or an increase from the published figure of \$26,080.

b. The total budget requirement is up \$24,966.68 from last year or an increase of 3.5 percent which is of course less than the 6 percent increase the legislature has been urging all public taxing bodies to attempt to stay within.

c. Mainly due to less available cash on hand and the lower State Basic School Support Fund, the published comparison of taxes to be levied for the ensuing year on this proposed budget is an increase of \$137,380. This amount will be reduced by the increase in State Basic School Fund of \$26,080 explained earlier in this article.

We are also encumbering into the 1971-72 budget \$40,600 from the 1970-71 budget that which was accumulated by conservative spending and non-hiring of projected personnel for additional classes and resource centers this year. This \$40,600 will cut down on the available cash on hand that will not be available for future budgets.

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county "while the whole urbanizing area involves not just that county but also Washington and Clackamas in Oregon and Clark in Washington."

He feels that any plan to help solve the problems of the urban area will have to include these areas as well.

Also he pointed out that the new government if formed could annex areas such as Sandy and Milwaukie since they are in the urban area. In order to stop this move McWilliams said he could see Clackamas County itself consolidating to stop a move to take areas away from it which would cost them in their county tax base.

McWilliams stated that if a new government is wanted by the people to solve the problems ahead then it should be one involving the total urban area so all the problems could be solved together.

He encouraged people from the Sandy area to go to Salem and attend the hearings on this question. He said one is planned for Tuesday afternoon.

A motion was passed at the Chamber meeting for speakers both for and against the planned consolidation legislation to be guests at future Chamber meetings.

Word was recently received that Sandy Elementary School will receive \$1860 of federal money for this fiscal year.

This program of the federal government known as Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) Title II, which has been in effect since February, 1965, and administered by the State Department of Education, provides money for instructional materials—books, film strips, records, tapes, transparencies, study prints—which must be classified, catalogued, and made available to all pupils and teachers in the school.

Each year an application must be submitted telling how the school will spend the money which will later be allotted to them. The application must follow specific guidelines published by the State Department, one of which is that the school must never decrease the money which is budgeted and spent for this same type of materials. It is designed to supplement and improve rather than to replace what a school is already doing to provide better library services and materials.

This restriction was brought forcibly to mind the year that the Portland School District decreased their budget for instructional materials. That made all the money that would have been given to those schools available for the other schools in the state. Sandy Elementary got far more that year than any other year.

In the six years that this ESEA Act has been in effect, including this year's allotment, Sandy has received \$9,303.

Earlier this year Lyle Wirntanen, library specialist with the State Department of Education, made a visit to the Sandy school to look at the facilities, meet the administrators, librarian, and some of the teachers, and make suggestions as to how the library program might be improved.

This program and materials are for the whole elementary district in Sandy.

According to state standards the library is not large enough for the number of students it services but the materials are adequate.

Next week the Post will have an article on the federal program called Title I.

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LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

to the Editor:

Public hearings at our public schools have been very poorly attended in the previous years and as a result voters are going to the polls with only a partial understanding of the total school budget they are voting on.

Public hearings are a review of proposed budgets to operate our local public schools and are held as they are required by State laws. Their primary intent is to inform all eligible voters in the district of each individual item within the total budget and an opportunity to openly discuss each item with the budget officer and budget committee.

The Sandy Dads Club suggests that as many voters as possible make it a habit to take a couple hours each year to attend local school public hearings and find out what our tax dollars are doing for the education of our students and to what extent tax dollars are doing for the education of our students and to what extent tax dollars are supplemented by Federal, State, and County funds.

Federal and State fixed cost requirements, District employees, comparative cost per student with similar sized districts, special programs, progressive education programs, present and long range construction planning, and past, present, and future enrollment are a few of the

many items considered when preparing a school budget and would be discussed at a Public Hearing if an interest is indicated.

The Sandy Dads Club urges as many voters as possible to attend and actively participate in the discussion of the budget at the Sandy High public hearing on April 12, Sandy Elementary public hearing on April 13, or the Elementary School public hearing in your district. These hearings not only give the voters a better understanding of the budget but will also assist School Board members and Budget Committees in the preparation of future budgets.

Ken Haselwander
Sandy Dads Club

To the Editor:

I just read in the April 3 Oregonian that Senator Morris K. Udall from Arizona does not want so much football, baseball and basketball broadcast. He wants them to shorten the season.

What does he want? Everything run on a short season like our Congress.

I think if the Senator spent more time in Washington doing what the taxpayer is paying him for he would not have so much time to worry about sports. He talks about the big money in sports. So what about Senators. They get big money for nothing but run around the

country making speeches. Did the Senator ever play football? Hell no, he has water in his veins instead of good red blood.

Maybe I am wrong which I don't think I am and I think most of the people think the same. And that is they are more honest people in jail than most of our lawmakers.

I may get a lot of hell over this letter, so what, I can take it. I have been getting hell for 78 years so a little more will not hurt me.

Harry C. Hamilton
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To the Editor:

My son, the physicist, (Irene Bombeck will forgive me), says that Scientists are beginning to wonder if Mercury poisoning is not affecting the mentality of all Americans, being, in part, responsible for the rioting in the U.S. I'm sure Grace Feck had a little in her beer, when she played the honky-tonk piano before the Legislature in Salem in order to show how much fun a piano in a pub could be, in order to pass HB333. It doesn't sound like very mature behavior in a legislator we trust with our health, environment and money! No wonder young people are beginning to spook! That was surely life and death legislation!

Now about "No-fault" divorce. If no one is at fault, who gets custody of the child;

and what an opportunity for the State to control the lives of many children, shaping their thoughts and actions in state-owned nurseries! It sure does away with individual conscience, doesn't it?

Now next, "No-fault" insurance. That sure takes the "conscience" out of my action when I biffo into my neighbor's new fast-back over-head cam engine, when I'm still driving my 10 yr. old Chevie, doesn't it? All I have to do is follow him to the grocery store lot.

"No-fault" divorce, "No-fault" insurance, "No-fault" copying the next kid's test answers,—what are they trying to do, remove the devil? I get the impression he's sitting gleefully on the legislator's desks! "No-fault" war, too, huh?

By the way, did you know there's a free number you may call in Salem to inquire on various bills and lodge your protests? It's 771-2601. Use it. Thumb your nose at "old nick"!

Sincerely,
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Rabies clinic

A Rabies clinic is set for the Sandy area on May 15 at the Sandy Fire Station on Main St. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for dogs and cats.