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Something To Do

We hope that everyone in the Sandy-Hoodland area gets a chance this weekend to enjoy one of the local events taking place.

Civic clubs in the Sandy area have spent much time and money on this year's July 4 Celebration and it looks to be the best ever.

Meanwhile on the mountain the Lions Club is set to hold their annual Chuck Wagon breakfast which is

Say It Isn't So, Edith

Rumors have been rife lately that Rep. Edith Green will seek a Senate seat next year, passing up a certain 10th term in the House.

Frankly, we hope she doesn't. We think Mrs. Green would be much wiser to remain in the House.

In the first place, she is one of the most influential of all House members. Her voice carries tremendous weight, especially in matters educational.

As a freshman Senator, she could not possibly have the same stature. It obviously would take her a long time to gain much seniority in a group which often is called the world's "most exclusive club."

Secondly, Mrs. Green, now 61, would be nearly 70 before completing even one term in the Senate. Her age undeniably would be a factor should she then seek a second term.

The Franking Privilege in Reverse

Congressmen say they sincerely like to receive letters from the homefolks, that a letter from a constituent often carries far more weight than persuasions of a lobbyist. How about, then, giving the home folks an incentive, like the franking privilege in reverse?

The franking privilege, of course, is the right given Congressmen to send mail to their constituents, postage free. Under it, every Congressman sends out huge amounts of mail each year. It's

always "tasteful".

The Hoodland Women's Club will hold a rummage sale and auction this weekend at the community building at Zig Zag.

All these groups have put in a lot of effort and we hope their events prove successful.

This is one weekend when residents in the area cannot complain about nothing to do.

Finally, it's perfectly obvious that the pressures impelling her to seek a Senate seat are largely political. She is the one Democrat who probably could beat any given Republican here in Oregon next year.

This obviously is good politics for the Democrats but certainly not all that good for the State of Oregon.

We could come up with a freshman Senator, who despite her very great abilities, still would be a freshman. We also would come up with a freshman Congressman who would be at the very bottom in experience and seniority.

Mrs. Green has served effectively, honorably and long in the House of Representatives. We would much prefer to see her stay there where her voice commands as much respect as almost any Senator we could name.

perfectly acceptable for officials to thus keep their constituents informed.

But how about the other shoe? Give the home folks the same right, let them send mail to their Congressmen postage-free.

It just might provide the incentive for ever more meaningful communication between the home folks and their representatives in Washington, D.C.

The cost wouldn't be great and the benefits might be considerable.

LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

Editor's note: We at the Sandy Post do not usually run letters more than 300 words long. But because we feel the Sandy high school budget issue is of concern to everyone we are dropping this restriction. We encourage everyone to write the Post expressing their view on this issue. This is one area where all the information and communication possible is needed.

To the Editor:
From what I have read in this newspaper there has been no one who has written in any opposition to the high school budget.

As a 1971 graduate of Sandy High, I am going to tell it like it is, and will be if you don't demand a change, and I don't mean a change for more money.

If you are sincerely interested in a good education for your high school students ask yourself is the school board members doing the job that they were elected for. In my opinion the quality of education depends on the quality of the teacher and the board members are the ones who hire the teachers.

In the May 20th Post, the article on the budget stated "By state regulation we must replace textbooks every 6 years." Now to show you how much use is given to some books, this is what was done in one of my classes. We used a textbook for two or three assignments, that was the total usage of that book for the rest of the year.

In another instance my class was assigned a textbook. The teacher stated that we wouldn't be using the book. "So just put it in your locker until the end of the year. Then check them back in." When asked why the books had to be issued to us, we were informed that it was a state regulation.

Now I would like all the taxpayers to see the fine usage of school books that they are paying for with their hard earned dollars. During clean up periods in one of my classes I saw many mislaid or lost books (math, Health, science, and personal books) kicked around or thrown in trash cans by the teacher. Isn't this a fine example for students, when this teacher could have just as easily taken these books up to the lost and found department? Is this the type of thing you are willing to see when the board members were planning to spend \$20,000 of your money for new books?

Now, concerning the teachers. It is my opinion that not very many are putting forth a good effort: One of my last classes of the day we would often just sit around and talk.

A teacher in another class of mine, who I am sure has been teaching at least 30 years reads aloud continually to all the classes. This disturbed many students. It may be fine and dandy for a third grade class, but unbearably boring to a class of seniors. This same teacher has a habit of reading poems and choosing only favorite ones. I believe the whole purpose of education is exposing students to all type of subject matter, not just that of some ones personal favorites.

Still another teacher would often have some type of beverage on the desk during class. Another teacher would

tell jokes or stories to a group of students and by doing this neglected others who needed guidance for projects.

I question John Mills who was quoted to say "The budget is a good one. I don't see where you can cut the budget and give the children a good education" unquote. Also Patricia Ewell, who stated that "a no vote is a vote against children's futures." I must say neither of them know the circumstances.

Lincoln, one of the greatest presidents this country has ever had, certainly never would have reached presidency had he waited for an increase in the school budget.

I wonder if you the voter has thought about the salary that these teachers receive. \$18,000 is proposed for the addition of two more teachers. Do you realize this is \$9,000 per teacher for a 9 month period of time, with all school holidays?

Recently, a Portland teacher purchased forty worthless acres with a house, bordering our land for \$27,500. This was after a teachers strike. He told my father that it was for recreational purposes. He and his family could come out every now and then, and just fool around.

I know that many people that have farms end up having to sell part or all of their land to pay taxes for too many incompetent people who threaten to close the schools early if they don't get the amount of money they want.

Is this the system of governing people in a free country?

Why if a proposed budget is turned down must the citizens have more costly elections? If the board and those interested in high budgets do all of their ground work before the election, it would be reasonable to assume one election would be adequate.

To all high school students: Since you are the future taxpayers, be very interested in the way the school administration and teachers perform their duties. Because their actions determine the quality of education in relation to the budget.

Laura Kirkwood

To the Editor:
After seeing my letter of June 21, 1971 in print, I wish to clarify that no specific accusation was meant or stated in paragraph three. This was a general type of complaint and although I did not mention any specific names, I wish to make very clear that I was not referring to any individual. You may print this or not as you please, but I would like it on record.

Beatrice E. Lamb
11020 N.E. San Rafael
Portland, Oregon 97220

To the Editor:
Recently, I received an unsolicited petition through the mail. The envelope had no return address on it and there was no address on the petition to indicate who sent it out. This petition had to do with a request to the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners for the formation of a County Service District to provide sewage in the Hoodland area.

The installation of new sewers will be a costly undertaking and will ultimately revert to the taxpayer in the form of increased taxes or an assessment.

Everybody presently living on the mountain has sewage facilities. Those people who are not presently living on the mountain would be the only ones who would benefit by the formation of the sewage facility.

We people living on the mountain are still feeling the effects of the outrageous tax increases on our property. Are we going to further increase our burden by self-imposing additional taxes or assessments?

I would suggest that those people who have received a petition like I have, write the Board of County Commissioners as I plan to do and request that no action be taken on this matter.

Robert L. Zipprich
Star Route
Salmon Trail River Road
Wemme, Oregon 97067

To the Editor:
At this time we feel it is appropriate to thank each of our neighbors in Clackamas County for their wonderful support of the American Cancer Society Crusade. We would especially like to publicly thank each and every one who had a part in the crusade and express our deep appreciation for their efforts. A special thanks to all the various youth groups and organizations in the county who helped. These crusaders willingly gave of their time to help raise funds and educate their neighbors about cancer. Our county was sixth in the state to "better our best", and each of you should feel proud to have helped achieve this.

If anyone would be interested in giving their time to the service program, please call the Oregon City office, 656-3184. Remember too, there is a memorial program if you would care to contribute to this fund in the name of a loved one or friend. Also, you are most welcome to stop in the Oregon City office for any free educational material.

If a crusader did not contact you personally, please feel free to send a contribution to 722 Main Street, Oregon City. Remember, that contribution however large or small helps to continue the year-round program of research, education and service and these programs are for all of us.

Sincerely,
Roger Howard, Crusade
Chairman
Clackamas County Unit
American Cancer Society
722 Main St.
Oregon City

Sandy hosts guide dog

SELL YOUR HOUSE WITH A CLASSIFIED AD

An outdoor reunion of Guide Dog alumni and 4-H puppy raisers was held in Sandy June 19.

Those attending included Guide Dog state chairman David M. McNutt of Portland and members of his committee. Staff representatives of Guide Dogs and the organization's president, Mrs. P.M. Hamilton, also attended.

Since Guide Dogs was incorporated 29 years ago, more than 2,100 blind women and men have enrolled for training. Of this number, 113 have been Oregon residents. Judge George Howeler, Sandy, is one of the local guide dog users.

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Revenue may exceed \$14 million on cars

All but an estimated 198,000 of Oregon's motor vehicles will be subject to an additional tax at the time of registration if every Oregon county decides to impose the levy authorized by the 1971 Legislature.

The revenue would exceed \$14 million if the full levy of \$10 is imposed, according to Chester W. Ott, administrator of the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division.

Ott said Monday that the agency has estimated that 1,415,818 vehicles would be subject to the extra fee, based on 1970 registrations.

The only units exempted by the measure are campers,

travel trailers, mobile homes, for rent and light trailers, government-owned vehicles and pro-rated vehicles.

Passenger cars, buses, trucks, farm vehicles, fixed load units, heavy trailers, motorcycles and motor homes are subject to the extra tax collected by the Division at the time the vehicle is registered or the license renewed.

Multnomah County would have 379,376 vehicles subject to the fee increase. Lane, 143,812; Marion, 100,406; Clackamas, 100,334; and Washington, 96,253.

Wheeler County, with only 1,448 vehicles subject to the

additional tax if the county should impose it, would profit the least from the measure.



HOW ARE PEOPLE supposed to use new drive-in mailboxes at the Post Office if other vehicles park there? They were

instated so people could deposit their mail without leaving their cars, not for people to park beside.

(Post photo)

Chamber hears

Pete Carlson pinch-hit Tuesday at the Chamber of the Commerce meeting when the scheduled speaker from Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) failed to show up.

The CRAG official was to speak on future of the area as predicted through surveys. When he could not keep his appointment Carlson gave an extemporaneous speech on his recent trip to Sweden.

Carlson went on a Chevrolet-paid trip to Stockholm and Copenhagen. He stayed in some hotels but said he got more of the feeling of the country when he stayed with a couple of families.

"They were helpful in steering us away from the usual tourist traps," he laughed.

His talk included highlights of his trips, Swedish attitudes toward Americans and notes on the people and their way of life.

Tapes taken

Terry Grooms, Rt. 1, Boring, reported a cartridge stereo player, eight tapes and a carrier were taken from his car the evening of June 18 or the morning of June 19. Total loss was estimated to be \$165.