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Election Funds Needed

The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce elections committee we feel should be congratulated for its work. Whether you agree with the recommendations they made or not, a person still must credit the committee with doing a lot of mind searching before presenting the final recommendations.

These recommendations were accepted Saturday for the election procedure of the Hoodland Planning Group (HPG.)

We felt the three key recommendations which came out of the meeting were the idea of having the widest possible vote for members, need for voter information on the candidates and the continuing of the Forest Service as an advisory group to the HPG.

One complaint which we heard about the first HPG was that it did not represent all the people and that not everyone had a chance to vote for them. By taking the plan to mail out ballots and to search out people that

are eligible to vote through the tax rolls and the poll books this objection will be met.

The need for voter information concerning candidates is needed to let people know for whom they are voting. Especially those voters who do not live full time on the mountain.

The third point of keeping the Forest Service as Advisors is very important because it is the majority land owner in the area. Which gives them a controlling hand in future development in the area on their lands plus they have a large amount of resource people the HPG can lean on for help at times.

The future of the HPG is bright with the funding of the comprehensive plan for the Hoodland area. The only weak point is the need for funds to carry out the recommended election.

The voice of the people of Hoodland in the planning for their area depends a great deal on the Chamber of Commerce elections committee coming up with a plan to fund the elections.

He Left His Calling Card

Oregon got a taste of Cesar Chavez and Co. earlier this summer. We could get a much bigger dose next year.

Possible objective: Oregon's strawberry crop.

Chavez and Co. instituted a boycott of the big strawberry cooperatives in California earlier this year. Chavez insisted that only berries picked by union members could move to market.

Unless berries bore the UFWOC label, a market boycott was threatened. The union was a bit late organizing the boycott and it was not entirely effective.

But given the success of Chavez and Co. in controlling table grapes and lettuce, there seems little doubt

that strawberries (an especially perishable crop) could succumb to the same tactics.

The UFWOC tactic isn't one of organizing farm workers, it's one of market seizure. With no market, the growers either capitulate or go out of business.

There have been hints lately that Chavez isn't aiming as much at union organization as he is at land reform. In other words, redistribution of farm land, especially in the Southwest.

His efforts thus far have largely been confined to California but having tested the water here in Oregon, there's no reason to believe he won't be back.

No Carpet-Baggers Here

Mt. Hood Community College is not, Portland papers to the contrary, embarking on an all-out proselytizing effort in Hood River and Wasco counties.

Elections will be held in those counties late this year on proposed annexation to Mt. Hood district.

But it should be pointed out that Mt. Hood is involved in annexation proposals only at the specific behest of the State Dept. of Education.

The Mid-Columbia area, to give a little history, is one of only three in the state without community-college education. People in the area several times have tried to get a college going and went so far in 1967, as to vote on a proposed college district.

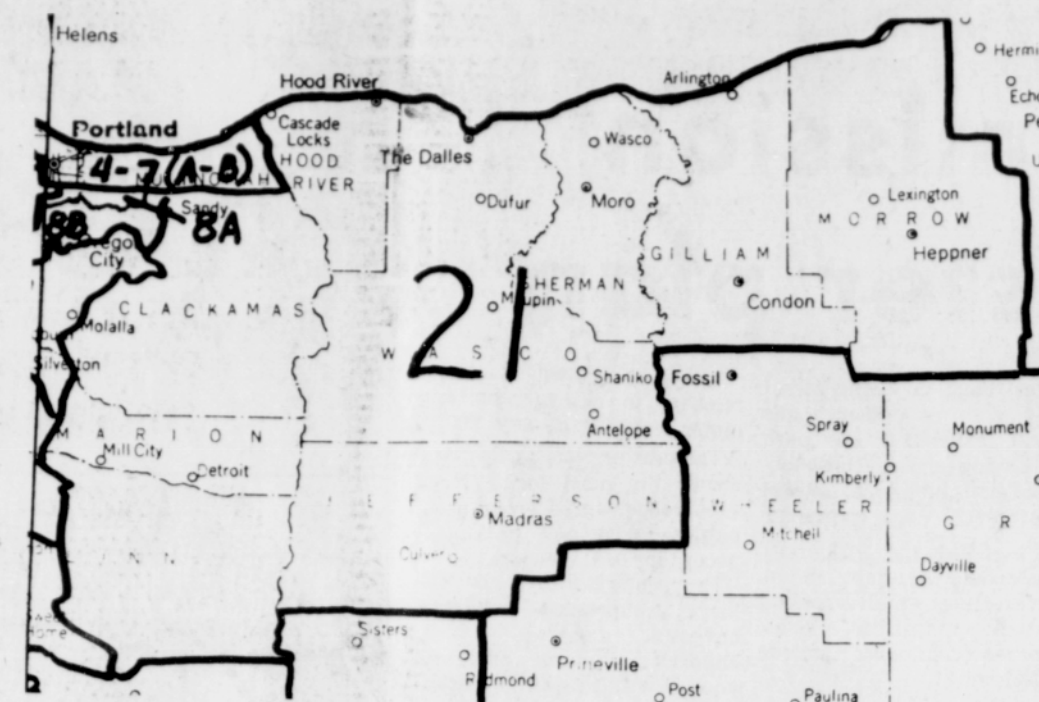
All efforts failed and thus, several years ago, a study of the whole situation was ordered by State Supt. of Public Instruction Dale Parnell. Four alternatives were considered: (a) annexation to Mt. Hood (b) annexation to Blue Mountain Community College (Pendleton) (c) formation of a mid-Columbia district and (d) no college at all.

Last meets Aug. 6, 7

Friday and Saturday will mark the final two all comers track meets at Mt. Hood Community College this summer, and director Jim Puckett says they will have a new twist.

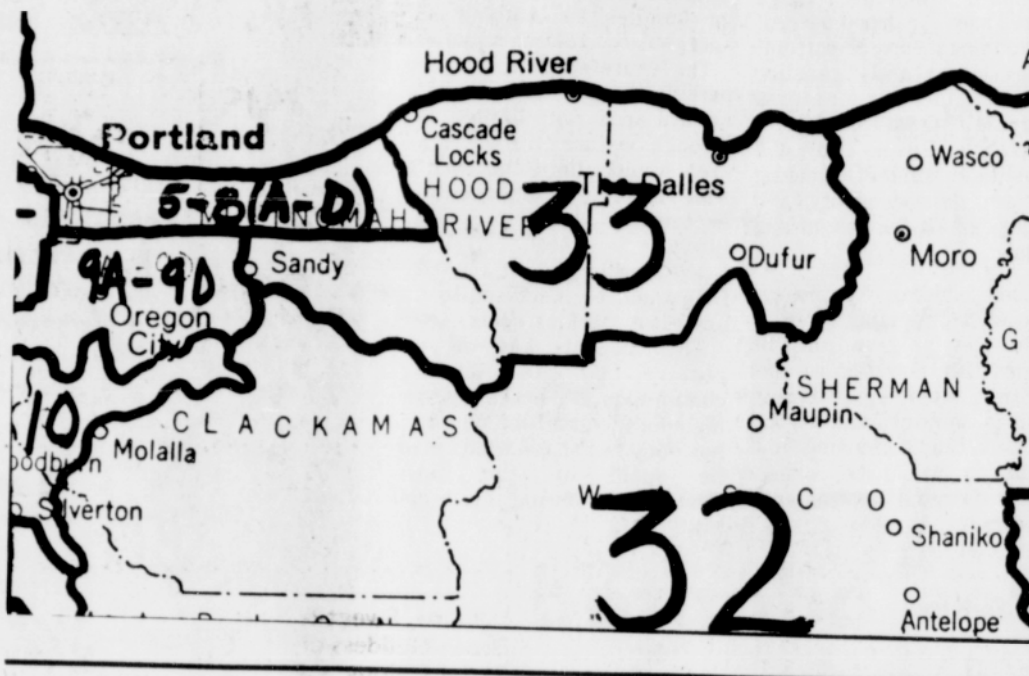
The Saint cinder mentor said several persons confined to wheel chairs will be taking part in the open class competition Friday night, and that he and his staff are encouraging people of all ages in the local area to participate.

"We welcome anyone who would like to participate, including housewives, youngsters, (in the Saturday morning competition) and just plain people from the area."



THESE MAPS show the new districts to which the Sandy area will belong if the plan by Sec. of State Clay Myers is approved. The Senate District 21 and the

Representative District 33 would be the districts. The Senate district is in the above map and the representative district in the map below. See story page 1.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Our recent legislature enacted a law permitting the largest city in Multnomah county to consolidate with the rest of Multnomah county. The stated objective was to eliminate duplication of all governmental services which should result in lower operating costs.

The idea of a merger was largely that of the city of Portland, judging by the lobby for this bill at the legislature. The bill conveniently places all the cost of the consolidation upon the county—some \$175,000, plus the cost of the election. Although the rural people of Multnomah county's unincorporated area can vote for or against the consolidation their "yes" or "no" vote totals will be added to the votes cast by the city of Portland which has several times as many voters, which effectively nullifies a "no" vote from the unincorporated area because a majority vote determines the outcome.

Under city-county consolidation as passed by the legislature the privilege for the people in the unincorporated area to vote is a sham and mockery of our democratic processes. Even though they vote 100 per cent negatively they can still be merged with Portland against their will.

The "Fair-play" City-county Consolidation Referendum Petition now being circulated will permit rural people to vote for or against consolidation in a democratic manner to determine if the rural area will become consolidated with Portland or remain as they are at the present time.

Recently county commissioners of Multnomah county have been negotiating with the city of Portland regarding the merger of each of their park systems under one departmental head as a start for saving money. Strangely enough, without consulting the county commissioners, the city of Portland has replaced their retiring park superintendent with an out-of-state man and since the county already has a park superintendent who was qualified to manage the merged park system, thus eliminating one high salary, we find the situation will exist where under city-county consolidation two superintendents of parks' salaries will be paid in full instead of one because the legislation provides protection to all present employees against loss or downgrading of their position or employment.

The park superintendent duplication is only the beginning of a multitude of duplicity

as the Portland city council will load all their various departments with high-salaried superintendents and staffs of their own choice before the city-county consolidation comes to a vote. If we are realistic in political matters we can expect to find most of the present city of Portland commissioners heading the new and larger and more expensive city-county government. There will be no cash savings and it will take the present local control away from the unincorporated areas and raise taxes in Multnomah county.

If you are interested in having a democracy where a vote cast by the people does not become an exercise in futility, I urge you to sign the "Fair Play" City-county Consolidation Referendum Petition which will allow the unincorporated area to determine whether or not they wish to merge.

Petitions will be available at the Clackamas County Fair at Canby, August 10-14.
Cyril Chambers, President
Clackamas County Farm Bureau

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To the Editor:
I am not at all surprised that Commissioner Telford answered my letter of a couple of weeks ago regarding the proposed special election relative to the park budget which we hope will pass on August 17th.

He goes to a great deal of work to explain what he fallaciously calls facts, one through six, upon which I offer just the following small comments.

Fact 1-Telford says he has never been in favor of reducing the Park Department budget and that he did not sign the Clackamas County Budget. The truth is he has been on Superintendent Wilmoth's back for years trying to get him to remove the voluntary contribution boxes from the parks and the fact that he did not sign the budget was not because of the parks, but because of some personal vendetta he has with the other two commissioners.

Fact 2 - The Park Department budget was reduced from a proposed \$191,000 to \$86,000. This is in fact over \$100,000 reduction.

Fact 3 - Is substantially correct only we are dealing with a difference of \$10,000 and I would think that either Telford or myself could be off that much.

Fact 4 is correct. The road Department budget was reduced by \$103,000.

Fact 5 is also correct, but it has always been true that license fees could be used for highways, policing of roads and acquisition, development and care of parks. What is so special about this year's money that he wants to take it now, or for any other year for that matter.

Fact 6 - He doesn't find \$16,000 in the Park Department budget as a line item, but it is in the budget in the \$86,000 that the County left with the Park Department and all expenses for the election will be charged against that meager amount. That takes care of what he calls facts.

What really galls me is that he says next year the Park Department would have \$167,000 and this much more, or more, thereafter so why the special election to increase the budget outside the 6 per cent limitation.

Anyone who knows Mr. Telford's background and what he has verbally said against the Park Department could hardly believe he is going to commit next year's funds to this particular department.

Finally, I still maintain that the Park Department needs this money for the development, acquisition and operation of the finest park department in the State of Oregon and that we shouldn't let one dissident dictate his will on the majority of people who understand their values.

I appreciate that he says he will stand up and be counted regarding this election but when he does I am certain he will come up with the same six facts that I think are so much hot air.

Eileen Anderson
Clackamas County Park Advisory Board Member

Doctoral degrees awarded in the U.S. rose from 9,829 in the 1959-60 school year to 26,189 in 1968-69, an increase of 166.5 per cent.

Treasury agents found and destroyed more than 5,200 stills in fiscal 1970, mostly in Alabama, Georgia and five other southern states.

Only 167 of the Coast Guard's several thousand lighthouses are manned. The others operate by automation.

Damascus administrator

Vernon L. Lang is the new superintendent-principal of Damascus-Union School District.

Lang, who began work Aug. 2, came from Knox Butte School District 19, Albany, where he was superintendent-principal.

He was a teaching principal

at Bethel Elementary School, Salem.

Lang received his B.S. degree from Oregon College of Education, and his master's degree from Oregon State University. He also earned a superintendent-principal's certificate from University of Oregon.

Lang, his wife Mavourn and their children, Connie, 12, Tami, 10, and Greg, 8, will be moving to the Damascus area soon.

Tire thieves

Tire thieves robbed a local garage Aug. 1, stealing two tires and an auto battery valued at \$150.

Sheriff's report said the culprits stole the goods from an auto belonging to Ed Imhoff, 16870 SE Foster, while the car was in his garage.

Auto robbed

Tennis racquets, personal papers and cash valued at \$115 were reported stolen July 29 from a local woman, while she played golf at the Glendoveer course.

Sheriff's reports said Grace Mary Hamilton, of 1120 NE 153rd, discovered the theft of the items from her auto when she finished her golf game and returned to her car.

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