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Paluck's Vote Wrong

Councilman Mike Paluck was wrong we feel when he voted in favor of the apartment-trailer complex. He should have abstained from the voting as he did Monday night.

We are not against a council member developing his property while on the council but feel he should not vote on the issue, especially when his vote means the majority being in his favor.

We believe that in such cases the

councilman should remain an important part of the discussion but should not be the one who seconds the motion in his favor and then casts the deciding vote.

It also is important that the councilman tells his fellow council members that he has a definite interest in an issue when he does.

The city council members must remember they were elected to serve the people not their special interests.

Codes, Manager Need Funding

The city council was told Monday night to consider budgeting about \$4,000 for updating their city codes. This money would be used to hire the help of the League of Oregon Cities.

We feel the city should plan on spending that money and get the codes of the city up to date, but we also feel that the city council should plan on budgeting about an additional \$12,000 next year to hire a city manager.

We feel it is important to hire a city manager next year, especially with the thought in mind that he will be responsible in doing a major part of the work for the city on updating and making new codes where they are needed.

We have talked with several city managers in the state and they have stated that the city of Sandy could get a good city manager for the \$12,000.

We feel this price is not too high to pay to help insure the future of Sandy.

The People Are Concerned

If I were a professional politician, I would have been intensely interested—and concerned—by Monday night's Common Cause meeting.

People from absolutely every walk of life were at the meeting, all sharing a genuine concern about the direction our country is going.

In front of us was an elderly couple, reading the "Wall Street Journal" while they waited. To one side was a young man, probably a college student, with long shaggy locks and old clothes. To our rear was a group of high-school students.

Common Cause obviously has tapped a wellspring, not so much of discontent but more of persistent anxiety.

Common Cause is perhaps best described as a people's lobby. Its

director, John Gardner, sees no danger in "another lobby" since it will represent no special interest, instead the people as a whole.

In its brief period of existence, it has enlisted a surprising number of members (something over 220,000) and has won some victories. It currently is taking dead aim on campaign spending.

Obviously, it remains to be seen if Common Cause will speak for all the people or if, perhaps, it will become bogged down in organizational details or top-heavy with administrative talent.

But at the very least, Common Cause is off to a very promising start. The 2,000-plus persons on hand Monday night was proof positive it is reaching someone.

One Way To Reduce Taxes

Every state is having its problems with tax revenues but none, except perhaps Nevada, has gone so far in legitimizing gambling as has staid old Massachusetts.

This year, for instance, a state lottery law has been passed over a gubernatorial veto, dog and horse-racing dates have been lengthened, a game of chance called "beano" has been legalized, and the state's take from horse racing has been reduced to give more to the promoters.

Still coming is a bill which will legalize both horse and dog racing on Sundays.

Next year, gambling interests are seeking approval for off-track betting, legalized gambling casinos and jai alai. Laws may be amended to

make it no longer a crime to be "present where gaming instruments are found."

The lottery bill is aimed mainly at aiding hard-pressed towns and cities. The law provides that 40 per cent of the take go to local government, 15 per cent of the balance to administration and 45 per cent to prizes.

It's an approach to tax problems which is gaining in popularity in a number of states. The easy money thus made available to towns and cities is undeniably attractive.

But to almost completely let down the bars on gambling, as has Massachusetts, may cause more problems in the long run than it will solve.

Fire district's size incorrect in story

In last week's Post we added too many zeros to the size of the Sandy Fire District.

The correct figures are: the district is now over 70 sq. miles in size with the addition of about 7 sq. miles in the Aims area this past year.

We had the district being over 700 sq. miles, which was incorrect in last week's story.

To the Editor:

The proponents of incorporating Rhododendron along with a portion of the Summer Home Area, Faubion and Mt. Hood Woodlands, have opened a controversy that threatens to invalidate the work of several groups who have dedicated themselves to solving the problems which are the result of Hood-Land's growing pains. Some of those involved include the present Hood-Land Planning Group, the Hood-Land Chamber of Commerce Planning Group Elections Committee, the Clackamas County Planning Director and a firm of professional planners, CH2M, who have been employed to make an overall land use study of the entire Hood-Land corridor.

Through the combined efforts of these people the sum of \$24,000 in Federal and County funds has been raised to finance the study. This money is taxpayers money so in effect all of us are involved in paying for the study.

Results to date have been a public review of the preliminary proposal for Government Camp. While there are bugs to be worked out, the preliminary plan appears to be conservative taking into consideration the rights of private property owners, business interests and the preservation of the ecology.

The stated purpose of the group pushing incorporation is to take control of Land Use Planning, Zoning and related functions out of the hands of the Clackamas County Planning Department and the County Commissioners and place it in the hands of a local city council whom they believe will be eminently more qualified.

Since the formation of the Hood-Land Planning Group a number of requests have been turned down or tabled on the basis that approving them, no matter how well justified, would set precedents that would tend to pre-judge the outcome of the study. In certain cases this policy resulted in individual hardships. Regardless questions involving individual rights the policy was carried out on the basis of common good. It would appear that for the common good of the entire Hood-Land corridor, the Rhododendron Improvement Committee should delay taking matters into their own hands until the CH2M study has been completed. Anything less would be pre-judging the outcome of the study and literally throwing away effort and money.

There is a serious question if a city government in the Rhododendron, Summer Home, Faubion and Woodlands Area could operate successfully. First, the right to elect members to the City Council would lie with handful of resident voters who through their City Council would have the power to regulate and tax a large number of people who are absentee owners, or who use their property for recreational purposes. This is certainly a case of the tail wagging the dog and later it is inevitable that we will have a very unhappy dog.

Another question is could such a city Council hope to do any business at all. Within the boundaries of the proposed incorporation there are many differences of opinion which are becoming increasingly bitter. The cost of running the city government has been glossed over. Revenues from state liquor, gasoline and cigarette tax are not available unless the city can furnish four of seven basic services. The suggestion that the city government could be financed through traffic citations is not only impractical, but disgusting. The basic purpose of a police function should be the protection of lives and property, prevention of crime and the apprehension of those breaking the law, not creating revenue by handing out tickets.

Purpose of the proposed incorporating is control of planning and related functions, but who in the community is qualified to make a plan check, issue a building permit and inspect plumbing, wiring and construction? These are just a few of the hundred questions that could be and will be asked when the petition is reviewed by the County Commissioners.

The question of boundaries is one that will be disputed. In the interest of proper development, incorporation should include the entire Hood-Land corridor. There we would have sufficient

tax base to support local government and we would have the talent to operate it. The formation of splinter cities will lead to nothing but conflict and confusion.

The argument that other areas could join Rhododendron has been offered. However, the chances of success of "Hood-Land Town" are dim and it is certain that no one is going to join a mess.

In view of these and many other reasons, it is recommended as follows:

1. Any effort at incorporation be delayed until the completion of the Hood-Land Planning Group Election and the CH2M Study.

2. That the Hood-Land Planning Group serve as the base from which to move toward local government.

Yours very truly,
William C. Spencer
Rhododendron

To the Editor:

To Mr. Gene R. Gannon, wherever you are. The group who are working on the proposed incorporation of Rhododendron and two surrounding areas chose the name Hoodland Town because, while it is geographically factual it is not particularly appealing, thereby creating the desire within each village to retain its identity by the continued use of the present names, Faubion, the Mt. Hood Woodlands and Rhododendron.

We heartily agree with Mr. Gannon that Rhododendron is a beautiful mountain town with a beautiful name. That is what this is all about - lets keep it that way.

I don't know how the residents of Wemme feel about their name but, me, I like it. It is my understanding it was named after a gentleman named Wemme who must have served his community well to be so honored.

M. Kasper
Publicity Chairman
Rhododendron Improvement Committee

To the Editor:

The kids and I were reviewing a little Ancient History at breakfast. We got to discussing how the Roman Language (Latin) had remained pure (dead) while it corrupted most other languages; talked about the origin of the Romans and their culture and how it still effected civilization today, as all scientific findings are given a latin name!

Having had four years of Latin in high school, I deplored the dropping of Latin from high school languages, as I have always found it helped me to

find derivation and meaning of English words. (Judge Medina felt the same way!)

This led us to discussing Athena and Athenians; Carthage, Carthaginians; Troy, Trojans; Rome, Romans, and the internecine strife between cities; of how Alexander, the great conquered Persia and the Jews, and how the Maccabees made an alliance with the Romans to help overthrow the Greeks, and become, instead, Roman subjects!

"Ha," I thought, "there really is nothing new under the Sun. They are using the same tactics to incorporate towns, only this time by political gambit!"

Portland and Multnomah County give us Tri-Met, and Portland talks of annexing Gresham and Sandy. Now Hoodland Town (what a name, someone must have had British delusions of grandeur) would annex Rhododendron, Zig Zag etc.

Sandy, Zig Zag, Rhododendron, yes, even Wemme, which sounds Indian, all have historical value and meaning in the light of our pioneer forebears! Why is America so anxious to do away with it's past?

A wise man once said that prophets are merely men of sense; they evaluate the past, apply it to the present, and can thus predict the future!

The prophet Joel prophesied prophecy when he said, "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy!" Do away with the past-no prophets!

Zoning perhaps we need; orderly growth, we must have, but with a Hoodland Town (why not Towne, it's more classy) may I prophesy that our mountain someday will be like the barren brush hills of California?

Dassein in his "Destruction of California", says the Indians began the destruction, as 40 per cent of all the American Indians were concentrated in California; that California once had a pampas grass upon which the Indians overgrazed their stock and that the grass completely disappeared never to come back. Only the Sequoia and the Bristle cone Pine are mute evidence of what California once had and was.

Consolidation - incorporation? Just another name for financial exploitation and, eventually destruction.

I'll give you a bet the moon was once a green, growing, living planet like ours once was, so why don't we get back to the basics; trust in God, and in parents teaching their children true values - not in the buck, which we see can be manipulated; not in diamonds "as a tradition of engagement and marriage", but in God and His Worlds - and His Heaven! A little more phonics, penmanship, and spelling instead

of Greek wrestling, sports and the body beautiful might help. How about The mind, beautiful? It's bound to effect our surroundings! God is called "The Beautiful Vision".

Sincerely,
Mrs. P.J. Bernard
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Sandy, Ore.

Damage done, money taken

The Triple X drive-in restaurant in Sandy had \$1,200 worth of damage done to vending machines and \$150 in cash taken early Saturday morning.

The police report stated that the burglary occurred between 1:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

In other police news in Sandy, Dennis Ersland, 21, was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation. He was fined \$53 and 10 days in jail.

A 14-year-old juvenile boy was taken into custody on Sunday night for violation of curfew. Curfew in Sandy is 10 p.m. on school nights and 12 midnight on non-school nights for those under 18-years of age.

The Sandy police took into protective custody a 15-year-old juvenile girl and lodged her in the juvenile center for the county on Sept. 30.

WEATHER

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Sept. 30	58	43	.05
Oct. 1	60	46	tr.
Oct. 2	62	45	.00
Oct. 3	69	44	.00
Oct. 4	70	48	.00
Oct. 5	79	51	.00
Oct. 6	81	54	.00

Mt. Hood annexation hearings

Hearings on possible annexations to Mt. Hood Community College are planned for Hood River and The Dalles.

That in Hood River is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. in the Hood River Junior High auditorium. The Dalles hearing is set for Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. in The Dalles High School auditorium.

Persons in both areas have petitioned for annexation to the MHCC district. All of Hood River county, except that already included in MHCC, is included in the annexation proposal. All of Wasco county is involved except the Warm Springs Indian Reservation which is already in the Central Oregon Area Education District (Bend).

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\$468,855 to build with \$34,445 spent for equipment.

The additions at Firwood will cost \$188,608 to build and \$19,758 to equip. This includes six classrooms, a library, teachers room and a utility room.

Included in the remodeling of

the kitchen is \$50,849 for construction and \$6,700 for equipment. This is located in the basement of the district's older building on Pleasant St.

Other work which will be included in this proposed bond will be \$12,316 for a library center remodeled and \$16,090 for locker room completion.