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Attend Candidate Forum

We urge all persons interested in the future of the Hoodland area to attend the candidate forum on Saturday at Welches Grade School. It is important that the people of the mountain area know the candidates

who will serve on the Hoodland Planning Group following the Dec. 13 election.

This is the only public meeting scheduled before the election for voters to get to meet the candidates.

Keep Control at Home

We can't argue too strongly against the concept that schools, and for that matter, other areas of local government, are the responsibility of the state (or federal government) rather than local citizens.

There may be many things wrong with local control. But we feel there are far fewer things wrong with local control than with control in Salem, Seattle or Washington.

In the first instance, it's a heck of a lot easier to correct errors and omissions locally than trying to undo something at a higher level of government.

Congress may at this point be finally getting around to a slowdown in the erosion of local control. The action results not from facts, sadly, but from emotion—the controversial school bussing which now seems to be favored by no one, white, brown, black or blue.

We can't help but be concerned with the enthusiasm our state school officials have grabbed on to a California court ruling which is being interpreted to mean a state-level tax system in Oregon for operating schools.

As we've said before, we object to the concept that Salem can do a better job than we can in running our

schools.

And not only this, Dale Parnell, the state superintendent has said that taxes will be raised immediately in about 25 per cent of the districts in the state, if a state wide system of property taxation is adopted.

We'd be one of those areas that would reflect the higher tax cost.

One remark by Parnell we find provocative:

He said recently that if school funding was assured in some manner, then school administrators could operate without spending so much time seeking voter approval of their activities at the annual budget election.

Certainly we favor a plan under which school operations would be assured each fall. But we cringe at the thought that school officials, or local officials, or any officials for that matter, should be placed in the position where their efforts are not subject to review and control by local citizens.

Oregon has had the lowest rise in taxes of any state in the nation in recent years.

It would seem to us there is a direct connection between this and the strong control citizens have in this state over taxation. And we'd like to see it stay that way.

Pole Pollution

A lot of people, architects in particular, would like to get all power lines underground. They like to complain about "pole pollution."

Admittedly, it's no joke. The average city, big or small, is a melange of power lines. If we were to look out the window while writing this editorial, the first thing we'd see is a big pole, a transformer and lines spewing out in every direction.

The answer is disarmingly simple, put the lines underground; bury them.

It's simple, you bet, until someone starts totting up the cost. Estimates vary, but the tab runs between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per lot. If you're fortunate enough to live in a new development,

however, the cost is substantially less.

Should the power companies do the job, they would pass the extra expense on to the customers and we'd all end up with higher light bills.

Even if most service were put underground, there still would be the problem of heavy transmission lines. These cannot safely be put underground, given our present state of technology, and such experimental cables as do exist are tremendously expensive.

In short, however much power poles may offend us aesthetically, the cost of doing anything about them is still prohibitive. No one yet has come up with an easy solution.

Juvenile problems

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department and welfare because the student is already involved with the agency before he gets to the high school.

The local district does make use of the county attendance agency and keeps records on students which can be used by outside agencies involved with a student or his family.

Referral Sheet

Proett said teachers keep the administration and three counselors (one fulltime and two are part-time) informed on problems students might be having both in the classroom and outside of it.

"We have a referral sheet teachers can use to indicate a student's problems," he said, "and these are kept on record to aid in helping students."

On these referral sheets are spaces for comments from the counselors, teachers, parents

and students.

School officials have several punishments available for their use in dealing with students including holding a student out of class, suspending or expelling a student.

A suspension is used, according to Proett, when it is necessary to have the student absent from school until contact with his parents is made. This is often used when a student is caught fighting or breaking a school rule. The district at present has about five students a day suspended.

Expelling a student is used only as a final resort, according to Proett. The student when he is expelled is out of school for one semester before he can return.

"Handling students at the high school level is different than at the grade school level because a student has more programs open to him to get his

education," said Proett.

More Programs

Some of the other programs available are Job Corp, GED programs, community colleges, armed services, residential manpower and private schools.

Currently the district is involved in getting more parent committees involved in school activities, according to Proett. This he feels will help in working with problems faced by students.

"One of the major problems facing Sandy High today is the development of more elective and challenging subjects for our students," said Proett.

His feeling is that without these the students get bored and restless in school and could turn to creating problems to satisfy their motivation.

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Maybe...With All My Horses And All My Men, We Can...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sandy

To The Editor:

As one of many who attended the Sandy Elementary school board meeting last Tues., Nov. 9th, I am ashamed! Ashamed of the threats and blackmail put forth by many. Ashamed of the gutter language used by some to put across their point. Ashamed that people will make such a large issue about a policy that never offended. Ashamed that more people would turn out for this meeting than those who come to see and hear what our school really needs—more classrooms, a better library—a building that will properly house our students. Ashamed of this area for being so picky and small in their thinking. It is a disgrace!

As for the "old" dress code, what was so wrong with it? Is fashion so important that it takes precedence over the building needs? Is the wearing of pants by girls to school going to help them become well educated, good citizen's of the future? Or, is it someone's whim to keep her "little" girl chic?

Many of the "for pants" group stated that weather, short skirts or mini's, and little boys were very good reasons for wearing pants to school. When parents accept the responsibility of guiding their children through their growing years, only then, can a school ease the dress code. It is high time many of the "parents" of this community grow up themselves.

What was so objectionable about the "old" dress code? The girls could wear pants under their skirts or dresses on cold days. They were asked to remove them during school hours. What is so terrible about this? The boys have been asked to keep their shirt tails tucked in, their hair combed and a reasonable length—what is so awful about that? From what I can determine, fashion was the sole reason for all the hullabaloo.

To compound the issue, some threatened not to support the school if they could not have their way! These are adults? Are these the parents who are guiding our communities youth? What has happened to tolerance, one for the other? What has happened to common sense? Does anyone have a sense of values left? To quote my grandparents (and that is really some time ago) "just what is this world coming to?" Is this the way a democracy goes about instituting changes? By threats?

I am ashamed the dress code issue is even an "issue". My hat is off to Mr. Dan TenEyck for his stand. He has the integrity to stand and be counted among the tall, not the small!

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To the Editor:

The news media controls America, is it for the good of this nation or otherwise?

In September I tried to submit to the Editor a documented exposure on the communist involvement in the Head Start program as given in a day to day record kept by Mrs. Evelyn Barnes, a teacher's assistant in the Head Start system of our educational project, as she took special training for the program in the University of Kansas.

My news item was refused on the excuse of length. One excerpt from it "What are we going to do if we don't get what we want?" "Tear the place apart", was the correct reply for the class.

Secondly, this week I inadvertently turned on my radio to a talk show. You perhaps have heard it for several years. As you know, this week an amendment has been before Congress to get the privilege of voluntary prayer back in our schools. One lady called in to say, "Our coin in daily use bears, In God we Trust." Our nation was founded on Christianity.

Our time is recognized as before Christ B C or after Christ A.D. Chaplains are allowed in the service. Tombstones are standing in cemeteries bearing Bible scripture. Holidays pertaining to Christ are celebrated. This caller was unmercifully slayed both in tone and question by the moderator as he continued "Would you want a prayer by a non Christian written for your child to recite?" A foolish question as the simple utterance of, "Thank you God for this beautiful world, for food and care", would suffice. Another caller shocked me

into amazement as he ridiculed the "biddies" in tennis shoes who call in favoring this prayer amendment (Is this respect for elders?) I'm not 60 yet and never wear tennis shoes, but I felt included in his list. He continued blurring out these: This amendment is a money scheme as to get these kids going to church to put their prayer in the collection basket. Billy Graham is the biggest phony we have. Khrushchev was worth twice a Billy. Christianity is only a fear. The moderator kept saying, Yes, Yes, please call again.

Which of these two callers would you say is sending the Hour Glass of America to the bottom in the greatest speed? Be it by newspaper or by radio, I see young minds being influenced by our news media, oh that it would be for building up instead of tearing down; and the truth instead of just what the public likes to hear. Will this be accepted by the news media?

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Appeal hearing in Boring area

There will be an appeal hearing for a trailer to be used as a residence in the Boring area before the Clackamas County Commissioners on Nov. 24.

The appeal hearing is being asked for by Floyd Workman. The trailer is to be used for a residence for a daughter and

her family on property located on the west side of Epperson Rd., at its intersection with Orient Drive, in the Boring area.

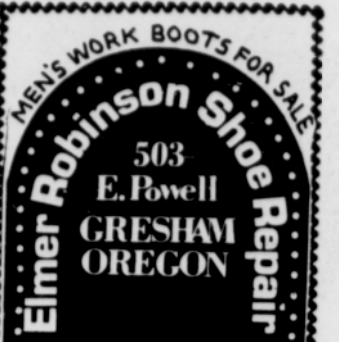
The hearing is set for 10 a.m. at the courthouse in Oregon City.

Sandy drive

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returns to Gresham by way of Bluff Road to complete the loop. Other schedules leave Sandy for Gresham and Portland at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

This gives residents of the area an economical, comfortable means of reaching their jobs," King explained.

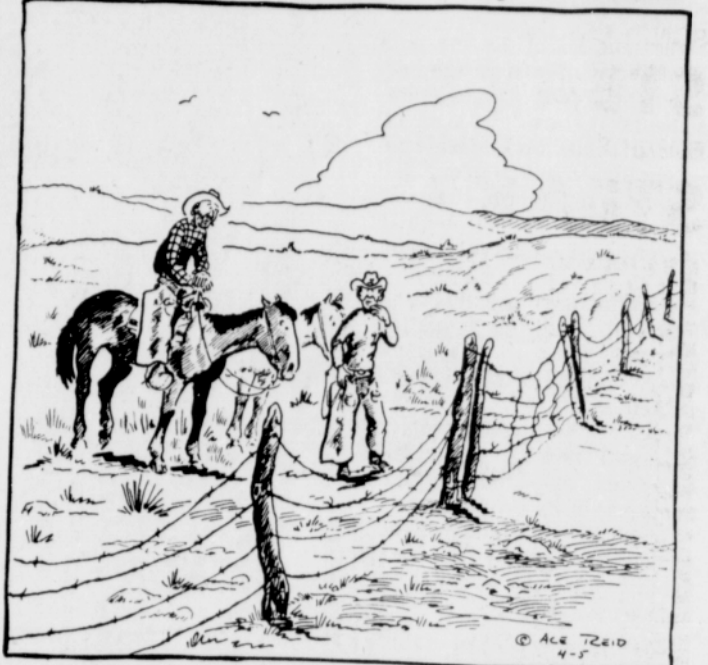
Books of Tri-Met tickets in 10's and 20's are available at the Gresham Chamber of Commerce office, 223 N. Roberts. Sandy to Portland fare is 70 cents.



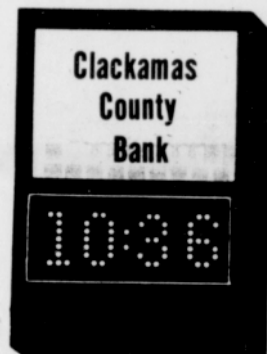
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