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The Cigarette Tax Election

We confess to having mixed sentiments about next Tuesday's vote on the cigarette tax.

In the first place we are convinced that the state needs the money. And since we're a non-smoker, what better way to get it!

But then a second thought bothers us. What about the precedent being established?

This time, legislators have chosen to soak that portion of the public which smokes cigarettes. What about next time? It might be candy bars or cashew nuts; almost anything would be fair game.

However one might rationalize, the

cigarette tax is a selective sales tax.

Arguments of both proponents and opponents leave something to be desired. The alleged regressive features of the tax, for instance, bother us not one bit. No one has to smoke and those who do, do so as a matter of free choice. They'd probably be much better off if they didn't.

Finally, it should be noted that even if the tax is approved by the voters, our total cigarette tax (9 cents) will be less than Washington (16 cents); Montana and New Mexico (12 cents) and California, Nevada and Arizona (10 cents).

Some Advice on a Career

Occasionally, we're asked to speak at high-school career days. Students, of course, are interested in what career they should follow and usually ask some pretty fair questions.

We advise those with the academic qualifications to go on to college, to "get a good education."

A couple of experiences lately make us wonder, at least as far as the monetary rewards are concerned.

A carpenter now gets \$300 a week; a painter who came to our house

recently gets \$10 an hour which, for a 40-hour week, figures out to \$400 per week.

You won't get those kind of salaries with a college degree.

It used to be that a college degree was the passport to financial success and security; now it's a union card. People who work with their hands are much more honored by our society, at least monetarily, than those who work with their minds.

Drug meeting set here

It is hoped that a large crowd will turnout for the next Drug Information discussion set for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The programs are being sponsored by the Sandy-Hoodland Jaycees and the Sandy Grade School PTA and they are being held in the Sandy Grade old gym.

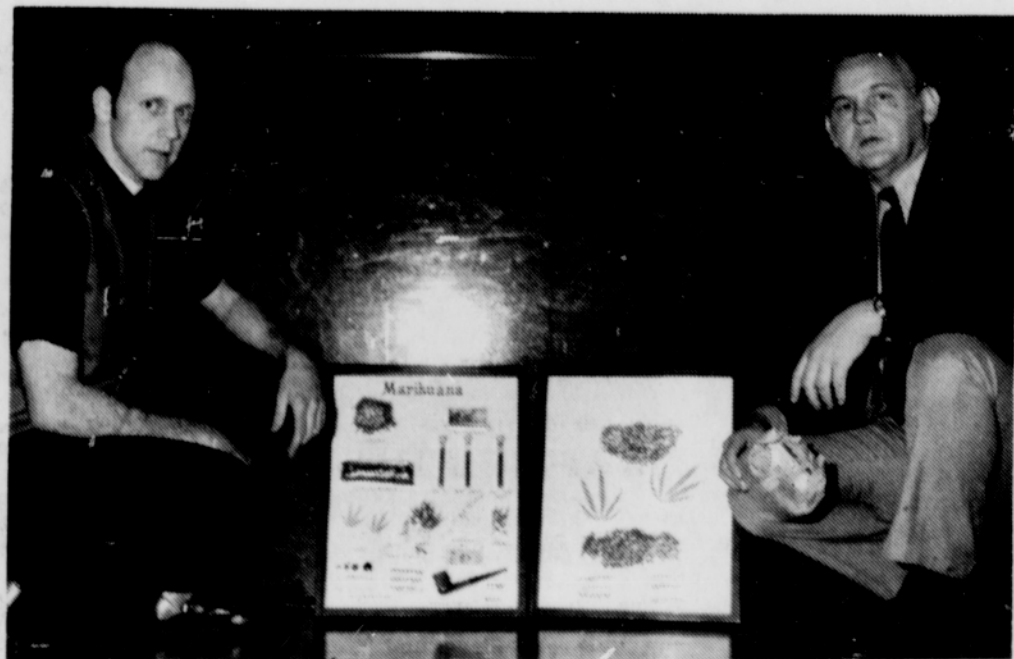
In the first of a three part series held last Tuesday a small crowd attended the conference.

According to a spokesman for the groups, the idea behind this three part series is to help inform the residents of the area on drugs.

on pot, and ruin your life because you might not be able to get off it," commented Tracy. Her brother Terry decided that "pot makes you see things differently, and act differently."

Evan felt the talk "helped (me) understand the harmful effects of drugs - if you start, you might get hooked" and summed up the attitude of those in attendance when asked if he would want to try pot: "no way!"

These were the reactions of some of the children present, at the P.T.A.-Jaycee



CAPTAIN CHARLES Thomas (right) from Clackamas County Sheriff's Department shows some of the materials he used in the drug information meeting held Tuesday.

In this first program, a representative from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department presented a film and talk concerning drugs. This program was directed towards the common drug marijuana.

The second program set for Jan. 18 will feature a discussion of the medical problems associated with drugs. Guest speakers are planned who are authorities in this area.

According to Lloyd Christensen, Jaycee chairman of the programs, it is hoped that a former drug addict will be available for one of the programs to talk with persons attending the meeting.

The third program in the series will be directed towards the open forum style with a panel available to answer questions from the public.

"These programs are free and meant to be informational for those attending," stated Christensen.

"The movie showed how you can get high

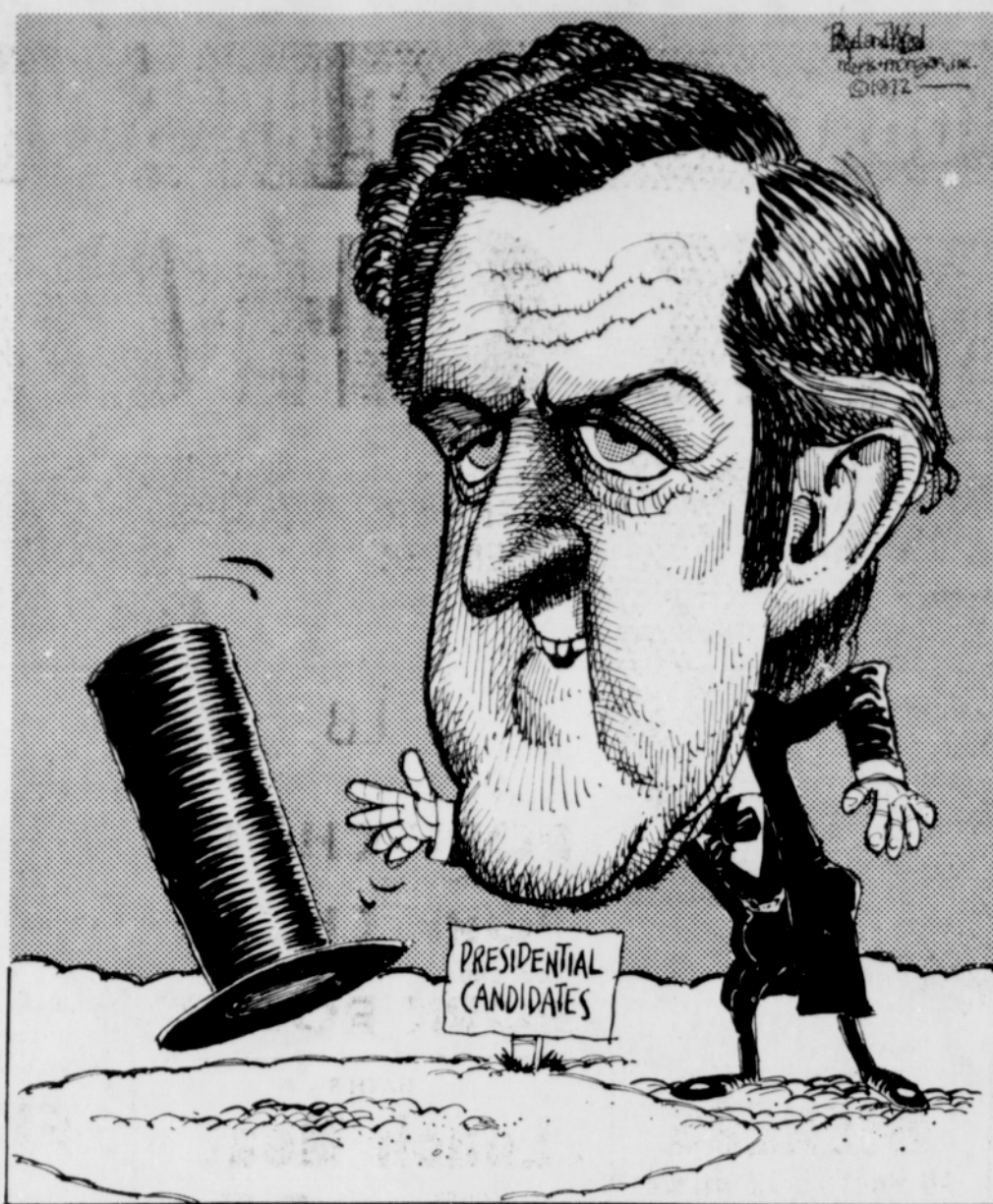
The next meeting is this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sandy Grade School. Lloyd Christensen, Jaycee chairman of the programs, listens to Capt. Thomas.

(Post photo)

drug program Tuesday night. The movie was about marijuana, and was narrated by Sonny Bono (of Sonny and Cher, for the information of the unhip). It showed, in living color, how teenagers get started on pot, how it may affect them physically, and how their distorted mental condition can lead to actions which endanger not only themselves but others.

After the movie on marijuana, Captain Charles Thomas, from the Narcotics Division of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, spoke on his experience in dealing with marijuana. He had samples of seed, plants, cut and uncut "grass", lids and joints mounted on plaques. He also burned a small amount of pot to demonstrate the unique odor.

Since someone in his position has access to many sources of information, Captain Thomas' talk was both fascinating and startling.



"Are You Ready For My Impersonation Of Abe Lincoln?"

Troutdale annexation Tax relief okayed by big margin seminars scheduled

Annexation of a sizable tract to the City of Troutdale was approved in a special election Tuesday.

The count was 44-26. Only persons living in the area involved were eligible to vote.

Basically, the annexation will extend Troutdale's boundaries along the east side of the Sandy river to the old Kienow estate, and along Jackson Park road on the west side.

Residents of the Jackson Park area were largely opposed to the annexation and brought about the special election.

Some 480 acres were involved in the original annexation proposal but this was cut in half by the Portland Metropolitan Boundary Commission.

Several hundred people will be added to Troutdale's population by the annexation.

Mt. Hood Community College, along with the other community colleges in the state, will offer seminars on the Homeowners' Tax Relief law which took effect Jan. 1.

Dave Spooner, who heads the program at Mt. Hood, said there probably would be six seminars between Feb. 1 and April 15. He will announce the exact dates and times next week.

Community college personnel have attended workshops conducted by the state Department of Revenue and will, in turn, pass along the information to local citizens who attend free seminar sessions on property tax relief.

Doerksen on trade mission to Far East

Ben Doerksen of Gresham will one of the 30-member Oregon Trade Mission headed by Gov. Tom McCall who will travel to six countries of the Far East Jan. 28 - Feb. 18.

The trade mission is scheduled to visit Hong Kong, Jan. 31 - Feb. 3; Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 4-5; Singapore, Feb. 6-7; Taipei, Feb. 8-10; Seoul, Feb. 11-13; and Tokyo, Feb. 14-18. Main thrust of the mission will be expanding markets for Oregon agricultural products and opening up new markets in the countries of the western Pacific Rim, the governor said.

Irvin Mann, state director of agriculture, and Jay Glatt, agricultural trade development specialist, will coordinate the sales effort for the farm marketing team which will include grower and processor representatives for many of the state's leading commodities.

The list of products offered will include mint, onions, hops, wheat, grass and legume seeds, fresh and processed fruits, potatoes, peas, beans and frozen fruits and vegetables.

College enrollment increases

Winter term enrollment at Mt. Hood Community College has already exceeded enrollment figures for the 1971 winter quarter.

Some 7,443 full and part-time students had registered for MHCC classes as of noon, Jan. 10. Late registration is still in progress and several hundred more students are expected to enroll.

The 7,443 head count is already 60 more students than enrolled winter term last year. Approximately 60 per cent of those enrolled are full-time students—a total of 4,479. This is nearly 1,000 more full-time students than last winter's total of 3,493.

Winter enrollment is down in comparison with fall term statistics. The 1971 fall enrollment saw a total head count of 9,602 and a full-time enrollment of 5,168.

★ Letters to the Editor ★

To the Editor:
I've been a resident of North Cherryville Road for 28 years. I live at the bottom of the hill where the stop sign has been placed. I can also say the sign was always on the end of Hillcrest Road before.

I went out and talked to the men when they were placing it there and told them it did not belong there and they said they'd had orders to put it there.

Just last week when it was icy a big truck was coming down the hill, he was coming slow braking all the way, but he kept sliding and could not stop at the sign.

I've seen other strange cars come flying off the sign. There are more cars going up and down this hill than ever uses Hillcrest Road so I cannot figure where they got their statistics.

There's a grade school bus that picks up children all along Hillcrest road then goes up and picks up children on North Cherryville Road. If that bus ever got hit when it could not stop at that sign, there would be two communities of children injured or killed.

The Bible teaches the stubbornness of men, we sure see it in this world today, and that stop sign is really stubbornness on the part of someone.

Effie A. Ballou

Drugs blamed for fall

A report that a youth had fallen from the top of Lautorell Falls proved to be something of a wild goose chase Tuesday for sheriff's deputies and members of the Corbett Fire Dept.

Two youths, both from Portland, apparently had been experimenting with drugs and one took a minor fall. The other youth panicked and went back to the road where he told a road department crew his partner was "badly hurt or dead."

A search crew was organized and the second youth located on the trail. He was not seriously hurt.

Both were taken to the County Hospital where they were treated.

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"I'm gonna run that steer by now and fer gosh sakes rope em cause we might not find another clear spot like this fer miles."

Chamber to hear Bladine



Philip Bladine, McMinnville publisher, will talk to the Greater Gresham Chamber of Commerce Monday, Jan. 17, at noon in the Garden Village Restaurant.

Bladine will talk on "fighting the ecology nuts." He is president of the Western Environment Trade Association; also past president of Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association an Associated Oregon Industries.

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