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Is A Change Needed?

Is there a need for a change in the administration at Sandy Union High School? This question is again before the patrons of the high school district.

Two years ago there was an effort made to fire superintendent Charles Croston, but it failed. Now again the question of replacing Croston is before the high school board as it develops a budget for the next school year.

Board member Bill Dyal in a letter to the editor this week, states that the board members have decided that a change in administration is needed. To accomplish this change a majority of the board members in an unofficial vote this week indicated that Ralph Petersen the principal would be released and the contract of superintendent Croston would again be renewed.

We do not know if the firing of the "second in command" at the high school will cure the "ills" which seem apparent in the district, nor do we know if the replacing of the "chief" would cure the ills. One thing we do know is that there is a problem in the administration of the district which many patrons claim is hurting the education of the students in the Sandy Union High School

District.

The board members must remember that they have a commitment to the patrons of the high school district to act towards getting the students the best and most complete education possible.

If in order to accomplish this, a change in administrative positions is called for, then it must be done so now and not in the future.

The board will be holding a budget meeting Monday (Feb. 21) at 8 p.m. in the high school library. We ask the patrons of the district to attend this meeting and tell their elected board members how they feel on this subject.

If new administrators must be hired, then this must be reflected in the budget for the upcoming school year 1972-1973.

No longer should the patrons of the district use their "no" votes at budget time to show their dissatisfaction with the district. It is time for you to go to the board and tell them what changes are needed to get your support at budget time. In the long run remember, the real losers are the students in the district who will get an inadequate education because of budget cuts and poor administration.

Highway 26 Needs More Work

The State Highway Division in recent weeks have increased the lighting on the guard rails along Highway 26 between Alder Creek and Brightwood. We thank them for this, because it does help lower the driving hazards along that stretch of road.

Yet we are still hoping that sometime in the near future that crews will be out to paint lines on the road so that when driving the road you can tell which lane is which.

Another traffic problem area on

Highway 26 is at the Hoodland Park Plaza at Welches. We ask that the state consider using a blinking caution light at the Plaza's entrance. As it now is, drivers are not warned of the busy intersection and there are no turn lanes for traffic to get out of the main flow when attempting to turn into the shopping center.

Something must be done at this intersection before a serious accident occurs.

The Tri-Met Principle

When the Tri-Met tax was passed several years ago, we weren't as much worried about the money as the principle involved.

Sure, we found no joy in being singled out, as an employer, to bail Portland out of its transit problems. But we were vastly more concerned about the precedent thus being established.

We worried lest taxation without representation become the established way of doing things in Oregon. It could be happening.

Multnomah county, for instance, is considering a franchise tax and business licenses for unincorporated

parts of the county. Obviously, these would in one way or another be passed on to the consumer, sans any vote.

Moreover, we've heard tax experts say lately that this and that be done "the way Tri-Met did it", i.e., without a vote. Emboldened by Tri-Met's success, the no-vote, no-voice formula is being eyed for other, more expansive ventures.

Oregon voters have for years jealously guarded their right to pass on tax measures. But best they sharpen the watch; their rights slowly are being eroded away.

A Change of Direction

Mt. Hood is one of the few community colleges in the state which elects its directors area-wide, rather than by districts.

The pattern may be changing, thanks to a measure passed by the last legislature.

Heretofore, MHCC directors have been named during the district's annual election and perhaps 10,000 people voted. The last legislature provided that directors should be named during the May primary.

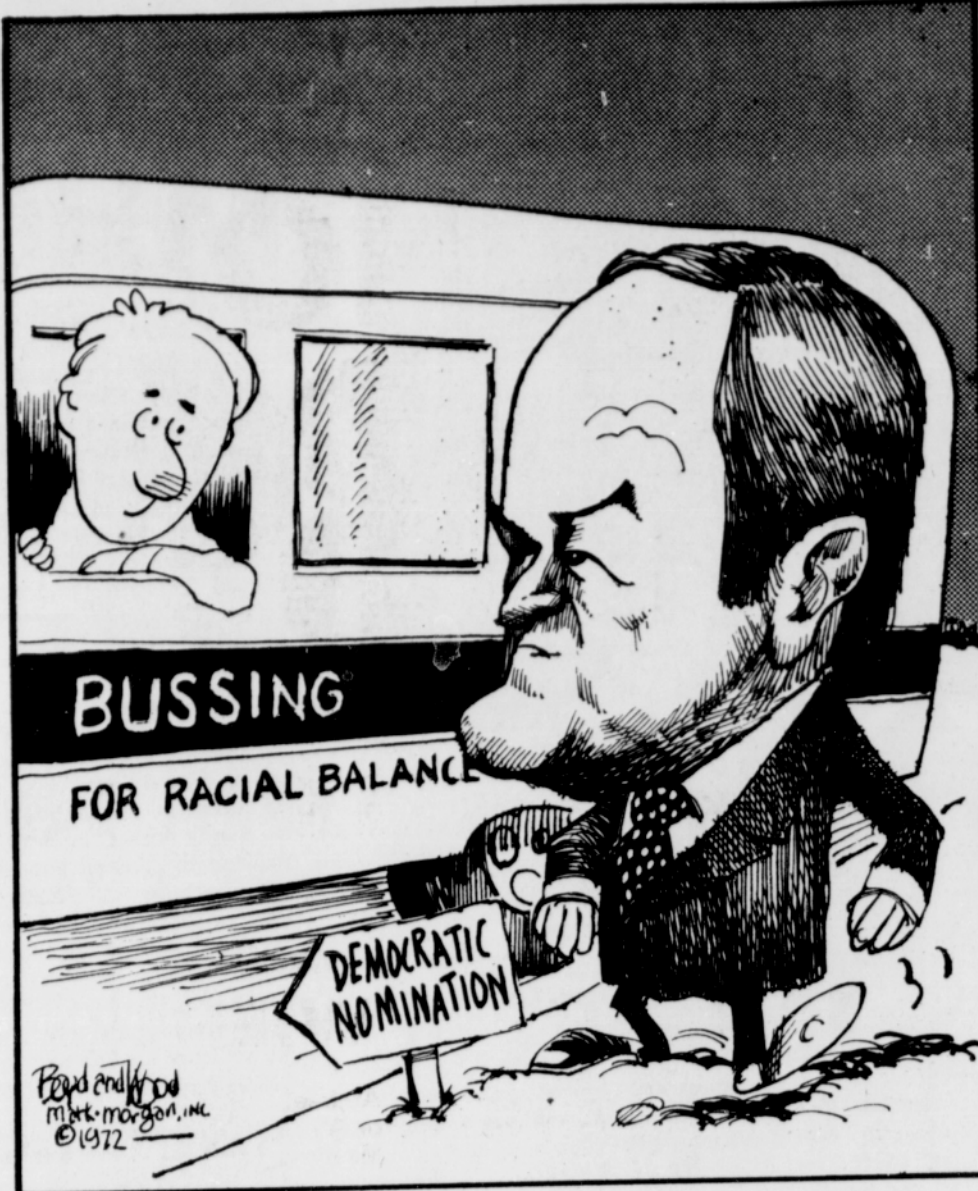
This means that perhaps 35,000 to 50,000 people will vote and board members will likely be named almost entirely on the basis of name familiarity. Unless, they're elected

by districts, that is.

MHCC directors have taken the first step, a public hearing next Thursday, to change the voting procedure. Even if approved by the voters this May, changes would not become effective until the May, 1974, primary.

The idea of electing directors by districts, or zones, is to keep choice of directors close to the people they serve. Opponents charge it would lead to narrow sectionalism.

A majority of directors appear to favor the change and we suspect it will be put on the May primary ballot. Then, it will be up to the voters to decide.



THANKS, BUT...I THINK I'LL JUST WALK THIS TIME...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

I, again, am bringing to your attention that our high school administration needs to be changed.

The board has indicated it is going to release Mr. Peterson in the hope of correcting problems that have changed very little since I asked for Mr. Croston's release two years ago.

Firing and replacing Mr. Peterson will not solve our problems.

The performance of the head administrator having full support and confidence of the school board is absolutely necessary.

Promised changes to you, the patron, by the board in the performance of Mr. Croston have not been forthcoming.

The majority vote of this board is Milton Fox, Earl Meier, and Harold Kitchen. These members voted to retain Mr. Croston two years ago and they indicate the same position now. Bill Dyal and Wayne Johnson strongly recommend that our administration and its reflected problems be dismissed.

Lack of confidence by the majority members in this school board's ability to choose a better superintendent and principal is not reason enough to procrastinate any longer.

B. H. Dyal
Sandy High School Board Member

country itself. Youth has always been impatient and generally has more complaints than solutions. We are not the only country involved in a war and yet many of our young people are less patriotic than those of other nations. There are few characteristics more desirable in youth than loyalty and faith in one's country. We must build through our homes and communities youthful courage without conceit, and victors with humility. One need not practice on how to lose for the emphasis should be on winning, but if you have enough character, you'll always do it right.

We may have the greatest country in the world, but only if we can produce the finest youth in the Universe.

Here's hoping we have both—Ability and Attitude in '76!

Mrs. Norm Strebin
4-H Comm. Coordinator
Rhododendron, Ore.

To the Editor:

I am very happy that the letters of protest about the highway conditions between Brightwood and Alder Creek have been productive. The state highway department has spent time and money to improve driving conditions. They have installed lots of pretty new reflectors, lights and barriers

on the shoulders of the road. However, the driving surfaces haven't been touched!

If one doesn't throw the front end of ones car out of line, wear out ball joints or shocks or break a tire, one could get lucky and hit a chuck hole or a hump on the road and lose control of ones car. Then one could possibly crash into one of the many nice new steel posts and smash up the front end of his car.

God bless the state highway department for improving the driving conditions on this particular piece of road. It is a dubious pleasure to see all those darling reflectors winking back at you.

Irene Bourn
Brightwood

Damascus shopping center due

Work probably will get under way this spring on a new shopping center in the Damascus area.

Main feature of the complex will be a Thriftway grocery store. George LoPiparro, who operates a Thriftway store in Portland, will operate the new store.

He told The Outlook this week that one more major tenant remains to be signed. Once this lease is signed, and negotiations are virtually complete, construction work can begin.

A number of shops and offices are included in the plans. The center will be located on the south side of Highway 212, at the intersection with Foster Rd.

Green to talk

Representative Edith Green will be the keynote speaker at a Women's Day conference on the Mt. Hood Community College campus Friday, April 28.

Women's Day is one segment of Charter Week activities being planned at the college.

In service

Army Pfc. Rober E. Cox, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Landt, Rt. 1, Eagle Creek, recently was assigned to the 14th aviation battalion at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Pvt. Cox is an aircraft mechanic with the battalion's 29th aviation company.

He entered the army in March, 1970, completed basic training at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and was last stationed in Vietnam.

The soldier is a 1969 graduate of Estacada High School.

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