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City Administrator Needed

In looking over the proposed city budget for 1972-1973, we see no money directed towards the hiring of a city manager or administrator.

We feel the city council has made a mistake in not planning to hire a city administrator within the next year.

The next year in Sandy and its immediate surrounding area will be one of growth. Also a comprehensive plan will be started for the area and the sewer plant will begin operation.

The city needs to have a good, well-trained administrator on the staff fulltime to keep on top of these important projects and on top of the rapid growth which will occur in the

area.

And let there be no question about the growth in the city itself. Already there are over 600 new living units planned inside the city limits once the sewers become available. This means the city can go from a population of about 1,550 to over 2,100 when the sewer plant is completed this fall.

We feel the city council should have made the move for a city administrator for this year, not wait until next year.

Was not the city charter changed by the voters a couple of years ago so this could be done?

What the Experts Say

There's nothing quite like having someone else blow your own horn.

We're referring specifically to a survey by a firm which specializes in helping school districts prepare and conduct money-raising campaigns.

It has long been our contention that newspaper publicity was by far the most-effective way of getting the message across about school elections.

Now comes the word, officially, from a firm called C. Montgomery Johnson and Associates. Here is what they have to say:

"Newspapers are the best source of information for school money measure campaigns. Children are the second best and school bulletins rank third.

"PTAs, radio and television are not recommended channels for publicizing a school money campaign.

"A higher percentage of newspaper readers fall within the 'yes' voter

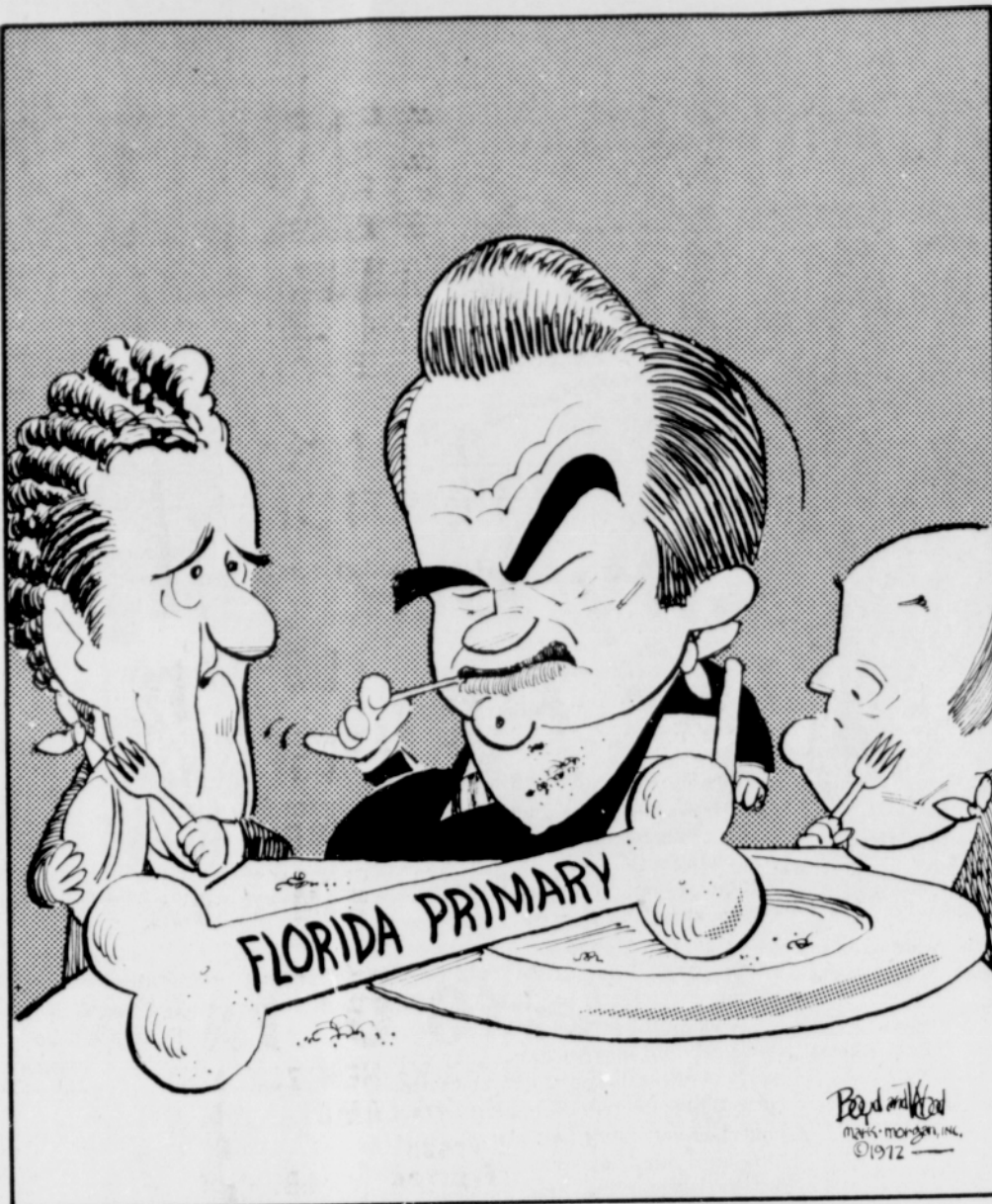
category on money issues."

Other interesting facets of the study indicate that the 30-39 age group is the most inclined to vote 'yes', that men aren't quite as likely to support school issues as women, that business and professional men are the top target group.

The survey also advises to keep a superintendent on the stump if new to the district, keep him under wraps if a long-time administrator. The rationale here is that the veteran will have had time to create critics and thus might hurt the vote-getting effort.

The words on effectiveness of newspaper publicity would seem to make questionable the efforts of several local school districts which put out their own monthly bulletins.

The experts say they'd be a lot more effective if the same time and effort was spent in newspaper publicity.



I Can't Believe He Ate That WHOLE Thing!! Need for city manager up to Sandy to decide

Sandy's need for a city manager is a problem the city will have to solve for itself, according to Bob McWilliams, Gresham city manager.

Speaking Tuesday to the Chamber of Commerce, McWilliams said Sandy will have to forecast how much growth will occur in the next few years. This growth will bring about new problems with revenue, tax bases, a need for federal funds, a comprehensive growth plan, sewers and housing.

"I think the growth in Sandy will accelerate even faster than it did in Gresham 10 years ago," he said. "You've got to look at the big picture and be pretty liberal about what is going to happen. I don't think you're going to stop the growth."

Experience is the most im-



portant prerequisite for a city manager, according to McWilliams. A city manager has to be able to solve problems and keep the city machinery running, he said.

The city manager works between the city council and the public, McWilliams said. The council establishes policy and gives authority to the manager to carry out the duties. An ability to get along with people and to be diplomatic and patient at all times is essential, McWilliams said. The job is time-consuming too, and McWilliams said he works 60-70 hours a week.

Salary for a city manager is about \$15,000, he said, and fringe benefits, a car and an expense account add on about \$5,000 more.

March 26-April 1 decreed 'Week of Concern'

Mayor Melvin Haneberg has signed a national proclamation that makes the week of March 26-April 1 "National Week of Concern" in Sandy for missing soldiers or prisoners of war in Viet Nam.

March 26 was chosen because it marks the eighth anniversary of the first American captured in South Viet Nam. The number of servicemen and civilians

missing in action or known to be captured is approximately 1,600 to date.

The proclamation was issued by President Nixon.

St. Margaret's Chapel, over 900 years old, is Scotland's oldest church. It is located in Edinburgh.

Moore elected

A Boring man, Gary Moore, was recently elected to two positions on the Clackamas County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Moore was elected to the board of directors and also named a vice-chairman for 1972.

The meeting was held at Canby.

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By Ace Reid



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Death for two young girls waited at end of Oregon Trail

(Editor's Note: E.L. Meyers, Barlow Trail historian, relates the tragic end of one of the wagon trains that crossed the Barlow Trail.)

By E.L. MEYERS

This is the story of a covered wagon train, some peaches, two little girls, and a graveyard. In the early spring of 1853, camped on the outskirts of Independence, Missouri, in wagons were many families, (some had been there all winter) awaiting a break in the weather to start on the trail for Oregon.

For weeks past, the weather had been far from pleasant, and everyone was anxious to be on their way. Each group composing a wagon train looked forward to being the very first to start, for it would mean clean camping places, good pasture and above all an early arrival in Oregon to prepare for the coming winter.

On April 1, the weather improved and with it great excitement among the emigrants. Wagons, equipment, oxen and horses were carefully checked and double checked. It was very important for the reason that with 2000 miles of rough trail ahead, and facing 5 or 6 months of travel with no place to obtain parts, supplies, or medical aid it was essential nothing be overlooked.

Our wagon train for this story was no exception to the above precautions. The train consisted of 25 covered wagons each pulled by two or four oxen, several riding horses and 12 head of livestock (milk cows and calves). Oxen were used to pull the wagons for the reason they need not be shod and could live off bunch grass as the train moved along, and then oxen could go longer each day without water, which at times was a serious problem.

A few days before the order to start, a meeting was held and after plans were approved, and rules adopted for the trip,

Robert G. Cusick was elected captain; guards were selected and Capt. Cusick was instructed to employ a competent guide. Many dangers lurked on the trail and a guide who knew the pitfalls was indeed a 'must.'

A mountain man, Joseph Dezerle, a fur trapper who had made several trips to and from the far west and had been with the Wyeth Expedition to Ft. Hall in 1834 and Ft. William on Sauvies Island in 1835, was engaged. (Dezerle was 21 years old. While at Ft. William he married a squaw of the Multnomah tribe. She died in childbirth in 1836.)

Dezerle with Capt. Cusick checked all details and instructed the party as to their needs and ordered the things, not necessary to be left behind as they might become a burden. Everything now seemed in order and on April 7, 1853, with a final farewell to other emigrants not yet ready, our wagon train was on its way.

Travel for the first two weeks was slow; oxen and horses had to be hardened for the rougher going in the weeks ahead. The crossing of the Kaw river was made without much trouble, however, fording the south Platte required several days as the spring freshet had swollen the stream. All crossed in safety with little or no damage. In due time Chimney Rock and Ft. Laramie were left behind, and now they were in the mountainous country of the present states of Wyoming and Idaho.

It is now July and while the mountains brought cooler weather following the terrible heat and dust of the plains, they also laid low, several with fever. Very few of the wagon trains kept a record of the names of persons and our train was no exception. However, our subjects for this story are the Conditt and Black families.

Mrs. Black was sick when the train started and grew worse as the days and weeks passed. She suffered from what was called lung fever in these early days

and while they camped on the Sweetwater River, she died. Left to mourn were her husband and young daughter, Nancy. The Rev. Conditt held service for her, after which the sorrowful family and friends rolled on.

In due time the Great Divide at South Pass was left behind and Fort Bridger was a welcome haven. There they remained for a few days to rest up the tired and weary oxen and themselves and make necessary repairs. From Ft. Bridger through the mountains travel was indeed slow. The high elevation took its toll in man and beast. Mr. Black came down with the deadly mountain fever and passed away.

Nancy, a child of nine years, was now an orphan. The Rev. Conditt took her in as one of the family. His daughter Mary was about Nancy's age. Black's wagon and oxen were taken in charge by one of the young men. Troubles mounted, breakdowns slowed the train, however, in time they arrived at Ft. Hall. Here they obtained a few needed supplies and rested for several days.

From Ft. Hall there was more open country and better time was made. Soon passed was Farewell Bend on the Snake River, near where Huntington, Oregon, now is. Ahead lay the Blue Mountains and Indian country. Their guide, Dezerle, was told at Ft. Hall to expect the Indians to be on the warpath for several Indians were arrested for the murder of the Whitmans and Spaldings near Walla Walla and were being tried at Oregon City. This was the cause of the expected uprising.

Capt. Cusick upon the advice of the guide Dezerle, warned the members of the train to be on the alert. Double guards were posted at camping places.

Dezerle and three others scouted ahead of the train to warn of danger. Good fortune smiled upon them; soon they passed the present site of

Pendleton. Then over the rolling hills and through Alkali Canyon, crossed the John Day, thence on to Shearers Bridge on the Deschutes to Tygh Valley. From there via Barlow Trail around Mt. Hood and on to Philip Foster's Farm at Eagle Creek, arriving on Sept. 7 — five long weary months to the day, from Independence.

It was early afternoon when they found a general store where they were able to purchase wearing apparel, groceries etc., all of which they were badly in need.

Many in the train were anxious to find relatives and friends who had come to Oregon in prior years. Philip Foster, having lived here since 1844 had known many who came over the Barlow Trail which Sam Barlow and he had built in 1946 and operated until 1852 when they sold to Sylvester and John B. Hall. Foster was able to direct them to many parts of the Willamette Valley.

In addition to the store Mr. Foster was a large land owner. He had several hundred head of cattle and sheep, operated a grist mill on Goose Creek, near the emigrant camp ground, and a sawmill on Eagle Creek near the present Bonnie Lure Park. He has a fruit orchard and a tree nursery. When Capt. Cusick and his people arrived, Foster's orchard was loaded with apples, pears and peaches all ripe and no market.

The emigrants were told to help themselves to the fruit. This they did, the happy beginning of their trip ended in sorrow. The children lost no time in gorging themselves on peaches. It was a hot afternoon and so were the peaches. That night several were very sick and, sad to relate, little Mary Conditt and Nancy Black died.

There were no doctors nearer than Oregon City and Portland, and nothing could be done to

save them. The following morning they were wrapped in blankets and laid to rest on the hill overlooking the camp ground.

They were the first to be buried in what is now the Foster private cemetery. In 1875 Mr. Foster received a letter from Rev. Conditt asking if he knew where the girls were laid to rest. It is assumed, Mr. Foster answered his letter as Rev. Conditt wished to move the remains to Salem where he lived. Years passed, nothing came to pass. Then eighty years after 1875—in April, 1955, a great-granddaughter of Rev. Conditt's called at my home looking for the resting place of the little girls. We were pleased to show her the spot. A wild apple tree is over the graves, and each springtime it is in full bloom. And so each September for many years your narrator, when peaches make their appearance, is reminded of Nancy Black and Mary Conditt.

There were a number of people in this wagon train who became very prominent in the early history of Oregon. The Cusick family located in Linn County and have played an important part in the growth of the county and state.

Rev. Conditt and family

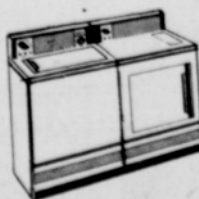
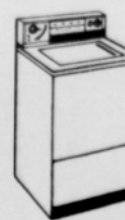
Multnomah sets summer school

Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland will hold a summer session for the first time since 1955 when the school opened for six weeks, June 12-July 21.

Some ten classes taught by Multnomah's regular faculty will cover basic areas in Bible doctrine, New Testament Greek and Christian education.

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