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Taxes, A Problem Everywhere

Residents of nearby areas of Clackamas county are, to coin a phrase, up in arms over recent reappraisals ordered by the county assessor's office.

County Assessor Donald Hatten has divided the county into six districts for reappraisal purposes. It just happens that the Sandy-Damascus-Boring-Hoodland area, along with West Linn-Wilsonville, was hit by a 20 per cent increase on land this year plus 10 per cent on improvements.

This wouldn't have been so bad except that two years ago the same areas were reappraised physically, making sizable tax hikes in two years out of three.

Hatten explains that property must be reappraised per state law. In Clackamas county, physical (on-the-spot) reappraisals are made every sixth year. In between, there are two years when a blanket increase (the 20-10 per cent formula used this year)

is applied.

All of which amounts to some pretty healthy reappraisals.

Hatten explains that real estate transactions etc., form the basis for much of the reappraisal work. When property nearby sells for a healthy figure, Mr. Homeowner can expect his property to be valued more highly, too.

Hatten points out that there has been some startling growth in the Damascus-Boring area in recent years and property is just plain worth more.

Many residents of Clackamas county, hit by sizable reappraisals, remain unconvinced. A meeting is planned for Sandy in the near future to explore the whole problem.

Hatten will be there. So will County Commissioner Tom Telford who hails from the Boring area.

So, we suspect, will be a whole lot of interested taxpayers.

YCC camps set in Northwest area

Five Youth Conservation Corps camps will be operated by the U.S. Forest Service in Washington and Oregon this summer in the second year of a 3-year YCC pilot program authorized by Congress.

Regional Forester Rexford A. Resler said the 1972 program will employ 152 young people in the two states, and will be similar to the 1971 effort. In Washington, two YCC camps will be operated by the Snoqualmie National Forest and one by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, while two camps will again be operated by the Ochoco National Forest in central Oregon.

The Forest Service program in the Pacific Northwest Region is part of a national effort in which YCC camps operated by the Departments of Interior and Agriculture will employ about 3,000 young people—ages 15 through 18—from all economic, ethnic, and

social backgrounds.

Recruiting for the camps will be handled by participating school districts. The camps will operate for eight weeks, starting in late June. Enrolled youths will earn about \$300 for performing conservation work. Environmental education is also an integral part of the program. Board and room will be furnished.

Forest Service YCC camps in Oregon, and their respective recruiting areas, will be: Ochoco National Forest—Rager camp, at Rager Ranger Station, 28 persons, coeducational; Canyon Creek Camp, Big Summit Ranger Station, 28 persons, coeducational; recruiting for both camps from the Bend, Redmond, Culver, Madras, Warm Springs, Prineville, Mitchell, Fossil, Dayville, Spray, John Day, and Burns school systems, and Adams High School in Portland.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In the last few months petitions have come out for a State Lottery, "to cure all our financial ills", schools, property taxes, etc. (I gather some people thought the cigarette tax would do this - it hasn't! It has just given the bureaucrats another "pork barrel")

May I point out that at least 3 other Nations sought the same way out. Great Britain has had one for many years; she is still in austerity and want! Ireland, also, and strife and war and want still plague her.

Cuba, before Communism, had her lottery. Cuba is in difficulty. I have even heard some "men of the cloth" advocate a State Lottery "to cure our ills."

Funny, and I thought Jesus Christ was the only answer! Where do we go after a lottery? Mrs. P.J. Bernard Rt. 1 Box 498 Sandy, Ore. 97055

Building program favored

Last Oct. 19, the voters of the Sandy Grade School District rejected a proposed bond issue by 11 votes. Due to this close vote and because the district was facing a building shortage, the district sent out a questionnaire to district residents.

The questionnaire is now being used by district officials as one source of information to help them in deciding what to do about the building shortage forecasted for next year.

The district had a return of 17 per cent on the questionnaire with 334 persons mailing it back to the district out of 1950 sent out. Of those returned the following breakdown was noted: 48 per cent indicated their first choice as the building program, 25 per cent indicated a 12-month school program as their first choice, 9 per cent wanted double shifting considered first, 3 per cent indicated a double first choice with the building and a 12-month program, 3 per cent gave a double choice with the 12-month program and double shift, 8 per cent indicated "no" to all three choices and the remaining were not able to be counted.

Accident hurts three

Three persons were taken to Gresham Community hospital following a two car accident at the intersection of Highway 26 and University Ave.

Taken to the hospital with injuries were Alfred J. Bloom, 78, Rt. 2 Box 572, Sandy. The driver of one car and his passenger Evelyn L. Olinger, 66, Sandy, and the driver of the second car Floyd R. Garner, 28, Cornelius, Ore.

The police report showed that the car driven by Bloom came onto Highway 26 heading south from University Ave. when it collided with the car driven by Garner which was heading east on Highway 26. No citations were issued.

District officials have said that they hoped more persons would have answered the survey and they are still wanting to hear from all district residents on what is the best way for the district to go on this issue.

Accidents, false alarm answered by district

The Sandy rural fire department answered five calls this past week, but none were for fires. One was a false alarm.

On March 21 at 8:53 p.m., the department sent three units and 11 men to an accident at the intersection of Highway 26 and University Ave. Three people were taken to the hospital by the ambulance service.

On March 24 at 4:38 p.m., four units and 15 men answered a false alarm at a phony address.

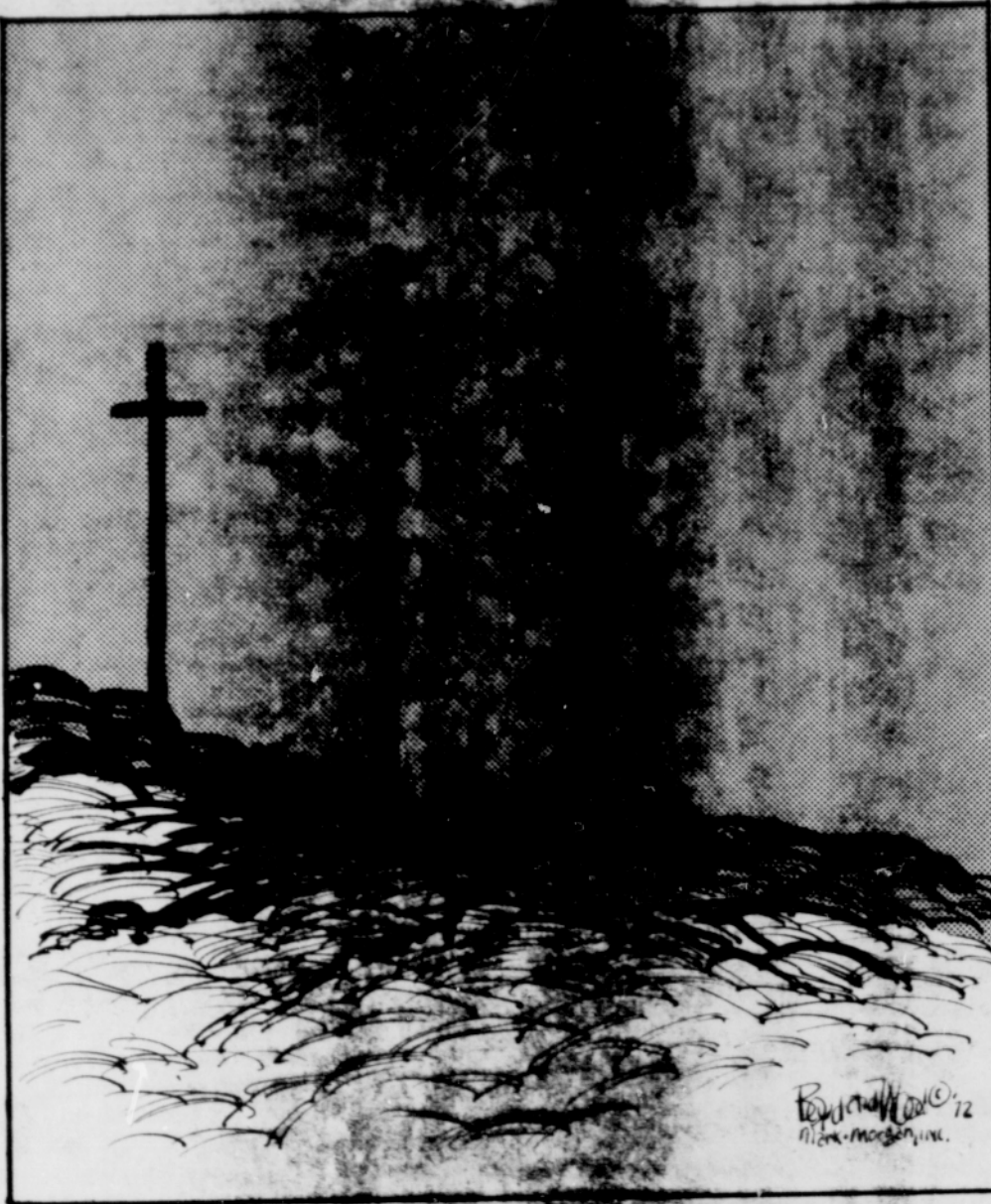
On March 24, two units and three men rescued an injured dog that had been hit by a car and then had gone under a house along S. Bluff Rd.

One unit stood by while a power line on Main St. was repaired on March 25 at 5:53 a.m. The line was down across a truck near First St.

One unit covered the car-pedestrian accident on Highway 26 east of Sandy. This was on March 27 at 8:04 a.m.

Sandy students walk
Members of the Spade Club at Sandy High School are still looking for sponsors to help them earn money in the "Kids for Kids Walk-A-Thon".

The Sandy club will represent the Sandy-area residents in the 20-mile walk this Saturday. The money donated will be used to help in the fight against birth defects and to aid those children already afflicted.



For God So Loved The World....

Hoodland man seeks Commission post Larson sues Tri-Met



WALT BLAISDELL

Walt Blaisdell of Wemme (Hoodland area, U.S. Highway 26) has filed as a Democratic candidate for election to the Board of County Commissioners, position No. 3. The position is presently held by Commissioner Tom Telford, Republican.

A 25 year resident of Clackamas County, Blaisdell says, "he is dismayed by the lack of predominate leadership among the present governing Board and their apparent lack of concern for outlying areas. Clackamas County is the 2nd fastest growing county in Oregon; it ranks 3rd population wise (1970 census); and 3rd in true cash value. Because of our adjacency to Metropolitan Multnomah County we are subject to the spill over of their problems. The county is totally unprepared for this skyrocketing growth which is expected to continue at a fantastic rate."

"Foremost among the many problems of concern to the citizen taxpayer are area sanitation problems, water protection and supply, land use control, flood control, police protection, property taxes, protection of farm lands, and recreational facilities. Unfortunately these problems have not been recognized as county wide and consequently are being approached piecemeal with one hand not knowing what the other is doing."

Blaisdell says, "he will take the initiative in pushing for rapid and extensive planning for entire county geared to the wishes of the people and needs of future general welfare of the entire county. Further, many people are talking about planning but few are talking about action. Planning without a commitment to effort to accomplish the aims of the plan, is not worth the paper it is printed on. I will solicit advice at the people level, and initiate action at the Court House level. It is time that the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners returned to a position of influence in the State of Oregon."

Walt and his wife, Naomi have been married 30 years and have five children, Linda, a nurse; Diana, a Washington University graduate, currently living at home; and three sons, Doug, a law student, and two others, one a doctor and one a teacher.

Junior Mrs. Blaisdell is Postmaster at Wemme and was formerly a member of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners.

E.G. (Al) Larson is suing Tri-Met for payment for the 21st Bus Line.

He turned the business and buses over to Tri-Met on Sept. 7, 1970 and has received no payment. Tri-Met was to start a condemnation suit within 30 days but nothing has been done.

There has never been an agreed price for the business. Both parties had an appraisal made on the value of the physical equipment but no value has been set on the value of the business.

Now Larson has asked the circuit court to determine the value. The case is scheduled to be heard on Monday.

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By Ace Reid



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