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Taxes: Confusing Issue

Two issues came out of the meeting held Tuesday night on Measure 9. The first is the need for tax relief for property owners and the second is the taxing picture in the State of Oregon is confusing.

The Sandy area is one of the hardest hit with skyrocketing appraisals and assessments as are all other growing areas of the state. We feel local property owners have a right to seek property tax relief because of this.

At first Measure 9 might look to be our answer, but upon looking closer we can see that if the issue is approved on Nov. 7 we will have our property tax relief, but no schools.

Because of this, we are looking with

interest at the proposals being made by Governor Tom McCall and the Interim Tax Committee.

The State has to find a way to continue to support its fine school systems with a tax or taxes which will allow each person to pay his equal share.

Measure 9 to us does not seem to be the answer. It will be better to continue with the present system until the legislature and the people are able to come up with a more equal tax.

This is where the second point, confusion, comes in, how do you find an equal tax . . . or what is an equal tax?

Business Core Study Needed

There is a need in the city of Sandy for a study to be made of the central business area. This study should be incorporated into the city's comprehensive plan once it gets going again.

The comprehensive plan is currently being delayed until a new planning advisor for the planning commission is named.

The business core study should be conducted as part of the plan with the help of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce.

The business core study is needed to locate and plan city parking lots, help in the planning for Proctor Ave. and to work towards the development of a good sound business district for the city.

The Chamber of Commerce should take the leadership role in getting a study of the business core started and not wait for the planning commission to come asking for the Chamber help.

The more input the Chamber and other organizations can give into the comprehensive study the better it will be.

A Change Needed?

If the allegations being made by Mrs. Doris Gately prove to be correct, a change is needed in our county planning department.

Mrs. Gately and several other people involved in the public investigation set for Nov. 1 have indicated they have proof to show the allegations to be true.

It is for the best interest for all of us

in Clackamas County to get the facts on the table and those who are responsible for any wrong doing out of the county government.

If you have any information, concerning the probe into the planning department, whether it be pro or con, attend the public hearing and voice your knowledge.

A Change in the Tri-Met Formula

Unless you happen to be a member of the Transit Workers Union, perhaps the worst bit of legislation in years is that encompassing Tri-Met.

The Tri-Met legislation was passed by the 1969 legislature to bail out Rose City Transit. A Tri-Met board was appointed and received broad taxing powers in its enabling legislation.

To finance a Portland-area bus system, the Tri-Met board chose a payroll tax levied on all employers in the metropolitan area. Every employer in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties had to pay . . . regardless of whether or not he received any benefits from Tri-Met.

Taxing Timberline Lodge to pay for Portland's bus system sounds pretty ludicrous but that's what happened. Happily, some changes may be in the offing.

The Legislative Task Force on Transportation doesn't think the present formula is right. It is proposing some changes to the 1973 legislature.

The Hatfield-Morse Race

Insiders will tell you that one of the most interesting races in Oregon this year is that between Sen. Mark Hatfield and ex-Sen. Wayne Morse.

Hatfield appears to have a clear lead and should win. Right? Wrong!

We understand that Hatfield has, at best, a 4 per-centage point lead with 11 per cent undecided. The winner is far from determined.

Both men, unaccountably, are said to be having money problems; funds just aren't available for a big campaign.

Hatfield's problem is said to be that afflicting a lot of Republicans—

everything is going to the Nixon campaign and not much is filtering down. Further, Hatfield's independent stance when it comes to voting may have alienated some of the party fat-cats.

Morse isn't getting the funds he might have expected from labor sources, at least so far. A last-minute blitz is typical of Morse campaigns and may be coming this time, too.

The Hatfield-Morse contest is important nationwide, not just locally. It's difficult to understand the money problems both seem to be having.

The Clackamas Wiffenpoopers



"Baa, Baa, TWEET!"

To the Editor:

As an officer of a fraternal organization of Sandy which meets on at least one Wednesday of the month and sometimes more, I am concerned about meeting notices and announcements.

I have looked over your issue of October 12 and have noticed several items concerning Hoodland events; namely, "Hoodland on the Go", "Hoodland Happenings", and "Neil's Notes". These are fine to keep the people of Hoodland alert to happenings in their community, but I fail to see why Sandy doesn't rate a similar calendar of events.

Our fraternal organization draws attending members from Hoodland, Boring, Sandy and the surrounding areas. I feel that ours as well as other community organizations should have a regular place or column for meeting announcements.

At the present time, it requires a news item to present an announcement of a program and in as much as your publishing date is one day after our regular meeting night there is little benefit in an after the fact announcement, or a news item six days before the event. It is rather like a wedding announcement six months after the blessed event.

I would like to see a meeting notice section for Sandy and vicinity set up in as near as possible on the same page and column of your publication for the use of all organizations and societies in this area.

Claude Tritt
Rt. 1, Box 1346
Sandy, Ore.

Editor's Note: We agree with the above writer. In fact the Post has been thinking of starting such a Calendar of Events for some time and we will use your letter as our starting point.

Starting with the Oct. 26 Post, all clubs and organizations wishing to have their meeting dates listed in a Calendar of Events must submit their meeting notice by every Monday at 12 noon to get them listed in that week's paper.

The Post will continue the Hoodland On the Go calendar of events for Hoodland area. The new calendar will be for the rest of our circulation area.

To the Editor,

There is a moral bankruptcy in our society which is really puzzling. We have a heritage of religious belief which includes the Jude-Christian ethic of love and compassion for our fellow men. Despite this we have spent ten years killing a people and a land where no threat to our safety was involved. We have fed this contradiction to our ideals 400,000 of our sons in dead and wounded and made dead, wounded, or refugees of some 6,000,000 of our Asian friends and enemies. It has been getting the major share of our federal taxes.

Oddly enough we did all this without an invitation from any country of IndoChina to bring our armed forces into their land (admitted to Sen. Foreign Relations Com. by State Department).

To make it all the more puzzling and contradictory we wine, dine, and sell wheat to China whom we said we were forestalling by entering the Vietnam civil war in the first place.

We believe in "government by consent of the governed" as stated in our Declaration of Independence yet we have

securely fastened a blatantly corrupt and cruel dictator by the name of Thieu upon the people we profess to help. We worry about the treatment of our own prisoners but turn the ones we capture over to this same Thieu. His men are expert in torture methods and his "tiger cages" are full of those of his people who dare to speak of peace, honest elections, or coalition government.

It is puzzling when your president speaks of his deep devotion to peace and spreads the war to Cambodia and Laos and invites war to Thailand by using it for great airfields busy round the clock hauling bombs to dump on other parts of Indo China.

When a Gen. John Lavelle sends off planes to drop their tons of bombs despite orders to the contrary and does it for months it is rather puzzling that his punishment is retirement at a total of \$27,000 per year (so states Sen. Hatfield). Of this amount \$23,500 is non-taxable. It is all very puzzling. Just before an enlisted man blew the lid on him he was in fine physical shape and receiving flight pay. At his forced retirement he was suddenly found incapacitated and awarded the non taxable compensation for life.

When I was in WWII a corporal of my outfit was given six months in prison for stealing a shirt. Perhaps that was the old morality. Gen. Lavelle's case represents the new. We accept it all, shrug our shoulders and say like one of the Watergate burglars, "That's the way it is".

W. Pete Sulzbach

Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank you and the people that helped me in the Sandy Post subscription contest. Even though I didn't win a major prize, I won a wrist watch, which I like very much. I learned a lot during the weeks I was selling subscriptions. I met a lot of nice people. I would like to congratulate Bruce Parker, Kurt Brewster, Bill Johnson, and Ken Urban for winning.

Thank you again,
Rick Rutledge

To the Editor,

On Saturday, Oct. 7, we stopped at Tollgate for a short time. There was a group of adults there with a Sandy School bus. After they left, there was a paper sack - "litter" - left by the place where they were being told about the wagon trains etc. etc. I do not like litter so we picked it up, and put it in my box with our lunch scraps. Upon checking if after we got home, I found white plastic cups and a covered plastic bowl and two oranges in the sack, as well as wrappings etc. Now who ever left it may want those cups. They may have them by coming after them or let me know where to mail them. They probably are from a set.

If it was not the senior

Water board vote slated

Corbett Water District will conduct an election Monday, Dec. 4, to choose one commissioner.

It is for the position now held by Tom Geddis who is seeking reelection.

Candidates must file 30 days before the date of the election with Margaret Bruun, election officer.

Chamber bills

Sen. Hatfield

There will be no meeting of the Greater Gresham Chamber of Commerce next Monday because of the Veterans Day holiday.

The following week U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield will be the speaker. There will be a reception for him at 11:30 at the Garden Village before he speaks to the Chamber at noon.

ELECT
SKOKO
Commissioner
Position No. 3

Party
Date Election
For Senate, District 1
For House, District 1
Word Milwaukee, Wis. 53201

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Sure there's plenty of grazin'—there's something like 12 varieties of grasses and maybe a poison weed or two."

Clackamas
County
Bank

10:36

We offer many different services ranging from checking accounts to loans. Come in and see us.

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HOOD-LAND BRANCH, WEMME 622-3131
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OR LIVE WITH IT
THE WAY IT IS
FOR A YEAR



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GENERAL TELEPHONE

GRESHAM DIRECTORY

Last day to make changes
in the new telephone directory

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