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SANDY, OREGON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1972

Safety Comes First

The meeting tonight at Welches Grade School is a chance for the residents of the area to find out exactly what the school board knows concerning the structural capabilities of the school.

At the meeting, the engineering firm of Rose' Breedlove, Inc. of Portland will submit their in-depth study report to the board.

In their preliminary report, the firm stated, "extensive rehabilitation would be required to increase the total design load to a more desirable 80 pounds per square foot. Furthermore, such rehabilitation could not possibly be accomplished in time to be readied for the forthcoming winter of 1972-1973."

It is hoped that the in-depth report will indicate improvements which can be made now to make the school

safe for this winter and to leave the "extensive rehabilitation" until next summer if possible.

The safety of the building for school this winter is the most important issue of this study and the public meeting.

The other key issue is who is to blame for the school being built with an inadequate snow load capability for the mountain area.

The blame must lie either with the architects and contractors who designed and built the building, the county planning department or the Welches School Board.

Most likely all of them are to blame to some degree.

Regardless, let's first get the school safe for the students and staff, and in the process help establish guidelines to insure this can never happen again whether it be here or anywhere else.

New Sewer Plant Operating

The new sewer system and treatment plant in the city of Sandy is now operating and it is a tremendous step towards helping the city meet the area's future needs.

Most important is the treatment of the sewage itself. According to Joe Carlson plant operator, the treatment takes out over 95 percent of the pollutants before discharging it from

the plant.

One thing we were glad to see on our visit to the plant this week was the landscaping of the plant site itself. Trees have been left and grass has been planted.

It's hard to tell that it is a sewer treatment plant and not a park.

The city can be proud of its new sewer plant facilities.

New Road Helps

It has been a delight to drive over the new section of Highway 26 between Aldercreek and the Brightwood area.

We have already noticed a few less traffic problems, but will be in-

terested to see the difference when the ski season is in full swing.

The new section of road has also opened up some new views to look at while you travel up or down the mountain.

The Message Wasn't Lost

Members of the Oregon Farm Bureau didn't succeed in winning voter approval of Measure No. 9, which would have eliminated property taxes from support of public schools.

But we think they got their message across.

Per latest returns, some 340,995 Oregonians voted in favor of the property-tax limit. This was 39 percent of the total vote and any way you slice it, quite a passel of people.

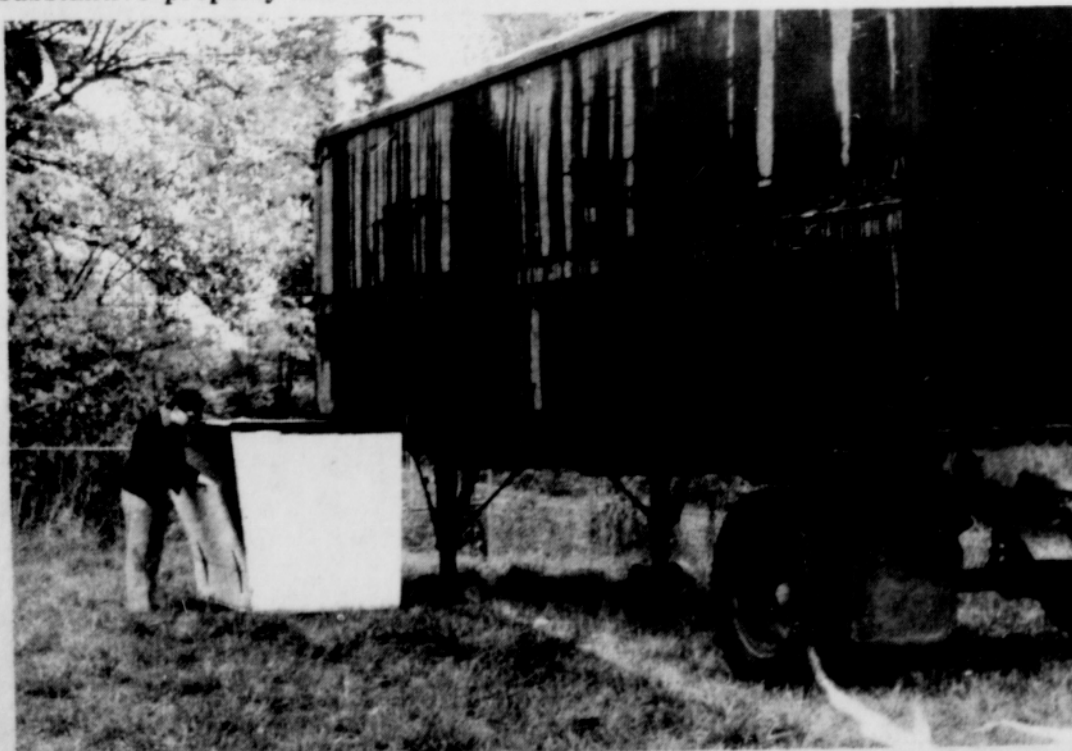
We're sure the message isn't going to be lost on the 1973 legislature.

The message: That some sort of substantive property-tax relief must

be forthcoming. Next time around, there just won't be "another chance" for the legislature.

Various tax plans are floating around, of course, and will be dissected, pro and con, in the months ahead. But whatever happens, the voters have plainly indicated that the property-tax load must be cut.

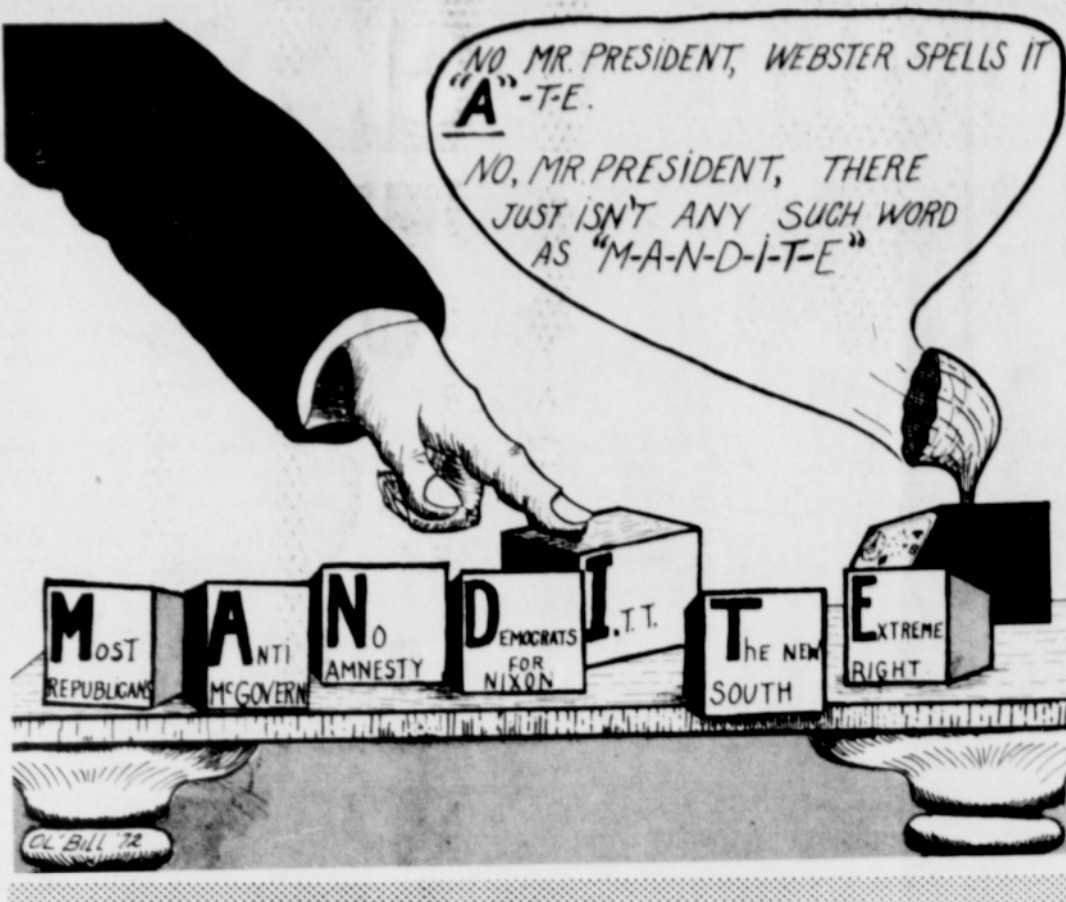
At the same time, no one should expect any less taxes; the point of impact merely will be shifted around. The same level of services apparently will be provided and the cost won't be any less. It'll come out of our pockets one way or another.



BRUCE BRADSHAW, president of the student body at Sandy high school, looks over the semi-trailer to be used in the school's recycling project. The truck was donated by the Scenic Fruit Company. The students ran a similar program during the spring term last year and they hope for

another good public response to the program. Roberta Sutton is the student chairman. Items to be recycled include newspaper and glass (brown, green and clear glass). The drop-off spot is at the school's athletic field parking lot.

(Post photo)



LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To the Editor:

To the citizens of Clackamas County:

Jean and I want to extend our warmest "THANKS" to all the fine people of Clackamas County for the wonderful hospitality we and the children enjoyed at every turn in Clackamas County in the recent campaign.

Particularly we want to thank all the hardworking campaign people who devoted so much time and energy to the campaign in the true fashion of citizens living in a democracy.

We wish each of you the best in whatever the future may hold.

Our personal regards
Dave and Jean Green

A decision will soon have to be made. What shall we do about our children's school that is far below acceptable standards? For my own peace of mind, I am tutoring my children at home, at least until the critically dangerous areas of the schools are improved.

Perhaps the special community meeting being held next Thursday night at the Welches School will aid us in deciding what to do next. Engineers and other officials are to be in attendance, supposedly to answer questions the people may have about the school. I hope every person living on the mountain will attend and be able to inform himself concerning the true and serious nature of the problems facing us.

Betty Coleman
Box 44
Government Camp, Ore.

To the Editor:

The past two weeks I have spent some time in our classrooms, and enjoying the lunch program at our Sandy Elementary School. How many of you parents have eaten lunch at school lately? The food is very good, but I feel the amount is inadequate especially for the 7th and 8th graders. The children are allowed to go back over from the day before, of which I have no complaints as then we do know not all the food is just dumped in the garbage. However, here again the portion is so small it was almost a waste of time to go back.

If you have read your brochure of Sandy Elementary School which you should have received in the mail Nov. 14, you will find an article on "Lunchroom an Important Part of Education". In that article, it states the lunch "contributes to the physical well being of students" of which it not only needs to be "nutritionally adequate" but I feel a child must have an adequate amount. I'll agree not all children need the same amount but these portions are way too small.

It also states in this article that the lunch program is an opportunity to provide "social training." When a person has to eat a fruit sauce or soup with a fork is that good "social training" or a good social "experience"? The 7th and 8th graders do not have salt or pepper on their tables, or even available to them. I'm told the children just play with them and make a mess. I agree the shakers should not be put there to play with, but if this is to be a training program, let's train them how to use these utensils. It is truly too bad the elementary children can't leave their rooms to eat lunch. After checking around some on the food subject at school, it is evident bad conditions, labor, and time pressures contribute to some of the lunchroom problems. Efforts are being made towards some improvements.

Mrs. C. Lusk

To the Editor:

How can a wiff of fluff and whiteness disappear into thin air? It seems my tiny poodle has. Bouchee came to me in a special way four years ago. We've had a mutual admiration society going ever since. It's heartbreaking and difficult to come to grips with his abrupt disappearance when the circumstances remain unknown. Was he stolen or accidentally killed? Not a speck of evidence to explain it. Someone

Trailer plant proposed

Gresham Planning Commission will ask the city attorney if it can legally extend the nonconforming use of the old Timberline trailer factory at NW First and Miller.

Timberline had a five year conditional use permit to use the facilities which used to be, the Jensen Boat Works, now moved to the Columbia River. Timberline built a new factory near Sandy. Paul Kipper Sr. recently purchased rights to Aloha Trailer and is making mock-ups at the old plant. He seeks a three-year extension on the nonconforming permit.

Timberline is now owned by his son. There is no connection

between the two operations, Kipper Sr. said.

First aid course set

A free course in Emergency First Aid for Senior Citizens will be held Nov. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Montavilla Adult Center 414 S.E. 81st.

The class, offered by the American Red Cross, will be geared to problems affecting the elderly, offering training in the handling of heart attacks, falls, and problems arising from arteriosclerosis.

The course is open to all interested persons and those wishing to participate should contact Jerie Hunt or Don Carmichael at the Montavilla Adult Center, 254-0698.

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