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Public Involvement Needed

The Welches School Board is taking the first step in getting the structural deficiencies of the school taken care of so school can continue this winter. The second step will be to get the major repairs done which will make the school building safe for the future of the building.

At the public meeting Thursday, it was reported by Rose' Breedlove, Inc. that the repairs being made now will be only "stop-gap" and should not be considered as permanent.

The school board has asked the engineering firm to do a study with cost analysis to determine what major repairs must be done. At the meeting, Delmar McConnell of Rose' and Breedlove estimated the per-

manent repairs could run the district as much as \$150,000 to \$200,000.

It also was indicated at the meeting, there may be several ways to solve the structural problems at the school including the making of the school's gym into several classrooms.

Whatever way the board decides to go to solve the problems, we are sure they will keep the public informed and involved.

The board showed at the meeting Thursday it is interested in working with the people and seek their guidance not only on this situation, but all the time.

For without the public's concern, this dangerous situation may have never come to light until it was too late.

Zero Population Growth

Oregon isn't the only state in which the natives would like to shut the door on newcomers.

The recent vote against funding the Winter Olympics in Colorado wasn't simply a dollars and cents decision. As much as anything, it was part of the "ungrowth" syndrome that is enveloping much of the West.

Several years ago, citizens in Boulder, Colo., voted on an amendment which would have limited the town's population to 100,000. Period. Once that figure was reached, no one else would be allowed in.

The measure failed but the concern it mirrored is still alive... in Oregon, in Colorado, in New Mexico, even in parts of California.

It's What the People Want

We think Sen. Jason Boe of Douglas county really said it right the other day.

Commenting on the various tax proposals being tossed about, he said: "It isn't what the governor wants, it isn't what the legislature wants, it's what the people want!"

In other words, no tax plan is going to be a success unless the people approve. The governor and the legislature can propose and suggest but unless the people as a whole are pleased, nothing is going to happen.

We've heard too much already

about the "governor's plan" for tax reform or the "legislature's plan." We'd much rather see more emphasis placed on what the voters have said.

They most definitely said, for instance, in the last election that property taxes should be lowered. But they don't want it done at the expense of the public schools.

We're not very hopeful that any plan will lower taxes; things are just going to be shifted around. But we do hope, as Sen. Boe suggests, that any new plan be a people's plan.

★ Letters to the Editor ★

To the Editor:

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the many readers of the Sandy Post who voted for me for County Commissioner in this election.

I, also, wish to thank my many friends who worked and contributed in behalf of my campaign. It certainly was most gratifying and heart warming to receive such wonderful support. In addition, I appreciated the very kind words of Governor McCall on television the evening of the election.

It is my hope that all of us can continue to do our part to protect our natural resources and enhance our environment by contributing our efforts toward "Land Use Planning" for our wonderful Clackamas County, and thus insure for our posterity the heritage which is theirs.

Stan Skoko
Box 237
Clackamas, Ore

Letter to the Editor

Our sincere thanks to the Sandy Volunteer Fire Department who so promptly responded to the call when our sawmill caught fire on Oct. 6th.

and also to the Boring and Estacada Fire Departments for their able assistance.

Without the quick and repeated services of the Sandy Volunteer Fire Dept., the fire would have been much more disastrous. We appreciate and commend our Fire Dept., for the great work they do.

Sincerely,
Olaf M. Oja
Olaf M. Oja Lumber Co.

To the Editor:

Re: Voters of District No. 55

In opening we would like to state that we have just concluded one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives and look forward with anticipation to more of the same in the near future.

We owe a huge THANK YOU to many of you who are reading this for the reward because during our campaign for State Representative-District No. 55 you were the greatest. Also, we want to extend a personal THANK YOU to those who assisted, voted and helped us in any way toward our successful campaign.

Activity has already started. The Democratic Caucus has met and selected its candidate

for Speaker of the House. Found this very interesting. Will be meeting in December for a three day legislative orientation session. Will be working on committee assignments before session begins 8 January 1973.

We have been in contact with your Senator, Ken Jernstedt. Together we are planning meetings throughout the district after mid-December. We would like for you to watch for an announced date and plan on visiting with us then on any matter of concern you may have.

The interests of District No. 55 will be best served if we can hear from you. Won't you please contact us on matters of interest? Please feel free to do this at any time.

Will do the best job possible and thank you again.

Jack Sumner, Rep. Elect
Rita Sumner
Hemer, Oregon 97036
Ph. 676-5366

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The first celebration of the Fourth of July by legislative enactment took place in what is now Forsyth County, N.C., in 1873.

Chirp and Twerp



CHIRP: "What's happened to Mr. Tom?"

TWERP: "He is probably gone someplace for dinner."

LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To the Editor:

Sandy High boys and girls and faculty did a splendid job of putting on the play, "The Diary of Anne Frank."

The portrayal was sensitive. For anyone old enough to remember the evil days of Hitler conquest through brutal use of military force and the even more evil program of collecting human beings and sending them off for slaughter in the death camps, the play was a most somber reminder of how inhuman man can be to man.

As the play unfolded I pondered the fact that we are the ones presently bringing daily fear, death, and refugee misery to people who are no more threat to our safety than the Jews represented to the great military power of a united Germany in the early 1940's.

It is hard to accept the fact that we are not made of better moral fiber than other peoples. Our ideals are set high enough. The words of our national documents, of our songs, of our revered leaders, and of our Pledge of Allegiance all extoll virtues presently muted. Over past years we had made steady progress toward bringing our acts into line with our ideals but now we seem to be in a slump. We have turned our backs on further progress in integration; civil rights have taken a beating; enthusiasm for equality of treatment and opportunity has slackened; we have killed a million people in IndoChina and have been the primary agent for making homeless refugees of four or five million more; and corruption in national government hits the headlines regularly. Who cares? A beloved country is slipping and needs help. Perhaps it lies in the last words Anne told her diary, "I believe people are good at heart."

W. Pete Sulzbach
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Sandy, Oregon

To the Editor,

An ambiguity of a free press is that I am fortunate enough to be able to write this letter to the editor to criticize another form of free press, specifically a more recent publication called "The Source Magazine." In the case of that newer publication the word "source" is more deceptive than ambiguous.

The reference involved is the new addition to the Welches Grade School and whether it can survive another winter snow load without collapsing and killing or maiming many children.

Now, we do have a major problem concerning the safety of the structure of the addition to Welches Grade School. There are some deficiencies that must be corrected immediately. The lives and safety of children are at stake. This is one of the major problems facing the people of this area.

There is another major problem concerning the structure of the addition to Welches Grade School. In its own true way, it too, deals with structural deficiencies of yet another sort. And again, the safety and lives of children are at stake.

The first major problem is the main issue. It should be what we all put our con-

centrated energies and resources on. Nothing should come between us and the solution to that problem. And the sooner we get to the solution, the safer and the livelier our children will be.

However, our second major problem enters the picture. That problem is a select group of meddling harpies—vicious vultures who have declared open-season on one man in particular, and many men in general. If anything sounded like a mad lynch-mob this select group of cannibals and executive cannibals—a "source" indeed—does. It reminds one of the cold and cruel disaster resulting from someone yelling "Fire!" in a crowded theater. So much energy and effort is being cast toward one man, a school board, and county "officials" that no longer is the issue a deficiency of the addition to the grade school. The issue has become a personal assault on individuals and personalities, rather than on an individual problem. I would not know any one of the principals involved from a load of coal. I would not know Mr. James Hall or Mr. Ray Novotny if they walked into my office today. But, I would know a serious issue from a load of coal. And I would know a load of coal from a panic-spreading gang of female-head-hunters. If these brass-breasted, club-swinging outlaws stuck to the real issue—the making safe and sound the school—we would get more done in one week than the Crusades did in two-hundred years.

If credentials and negligence and procrastination of "officials" are to be examined because the safety and lives of children are involved, let us all take inventory. Let us all check for poor brakes, and poor headlights, and bald tires, and so on. And let us make sure that we don't transport our children or someone else's children in unsafe vehicles. Let us check leaky furnaces, and loose stovepipes, and rotted or loose boards on steps and porches, and make sure that children don't become victims of those kinds of deficiencies. The list of deficiencies that involve children's safety in or around our homes is infinitesimal. When we all have clean bills of safety all the way around, then let us begin to examine "officials" and their "duties," and "responsibilities." Until then, put your harpoons away, "ladies," and let us get on with the real issue of making our schools safe for our children!

G.C. Vickery
P.O. Box 218
Zigzag, Ore.

To the Editor:

I want to thank the Sandy Post for its fine coverage of the Welches Grade School issue.

Your paper, plus the community meeting held Thursday night has made it quite clear to the public that extensive rehabilitation is necessary to make the Welches School Building strong enough to meet County Code. Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) will be required to make immediate, essential repairs and an estimated \$200,000.00 will be needed to accomplish extensive rehabilitation recommended by

the engineering firm of Rose' & Breedlove, Inc.

I experienced a great sense of relief after reading your paper and attending the community meeting. I feel that the burden of knowledge and responsibility has been effectively transferred from the shoulders of a few of us to the general public.

I now believe the chances are much greater for immediate repairs of critically deficient areas in the school and for eventual upgrading to at least County Code requirements. Now that the facts are known all persons with conscience will be morally and ethically compelled to take action.

A great many public officials attended the Thursday night meeting. Those that were not there have been notified by mail. Governor McCall, Dale Parnell, Superintendent of Schools, the County Commissioners, the Planning Commission, The Welches School Board and Principal can not, in the event of disaster, plead ignorance of the facts. The responsibility for assuring the safety of the 293 children attending Welches School now rests firmly and squarely on the shoulders of our public officials.

Betty Coleman
Box 44
Government Camp, Oregon

Snyder dinner

People turned out 200 strong to the benefit dinner for Leonard Snyder Thursday at the Elks Club.

Diners paid \$100 per couple in "Lend-a-Hand" non-profit corporation stock.

A total of \$10,200 has been collected to date.

The money will be used to help pay for kidney treatments for Leonard Snyder, long-time Gresham realtor, who was stricken with a kidney problem.

He has been taking treatments every third day at a cost of \$175 per treatment.

The dinner Thursday was brightened by Stan Swan,

master of ceremonies; the Meistersingers, Carol Qualls on the violin and a sing-a-long.

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By Ace Reid



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