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The Commissioner's choice.



Commissioner Schumacher; "Here is a brush, Fred."

Commissioner Telford; "And here is another one, Fred."

Commissioner Watching

We agree with the decision of the Clackamas County Commissioners to call for an investigation or "review" of the county planning department and its director.

In calling for this "review" it has been interesting to watch the actions of the county commissioners themselves. When the public, namely Mrs. Doris Gately, started making allegations against the planners and calling for an investigation it was just before the Nov. 7 election. Both commission chairman Robert Schumacher and commissioner Tom Telford were up for re-election, while commissioner Fred Stefani was not.

Both Schumacher and Telford were faced with meeting the issue head-on in their election campaigns while Stefani remained in the background.

Schumacher at first took the stand to back the planners until public pressure got great enough to demand

the commissioners call a public meeting.

Schumacher then stated he favored getting it all out in the open and if things were wrong changes should be made.

Telford meanwhile, has been calling for investigation and has stated he feels a change is needed in the planning department. He started strong, but in recent weeks he has seemed to back off some.

All through this, Stefani has refused to take a sound stand and as the cartoon this week suggests he is riding the fence on the issue possibly thinking about the election race he will face in two years.

make to this "review committee" and the report which will result from the committee's work.

Also, we will be watching the actions of the county commissioners themselves once the report is given to them.

Numbering For Area

The city council recently voted to ask the Clackamas County Commissioners to adopt the county numbering system in the Sandy area.

This action by the council has gained the support of the fire, post office and police departments in this area.

The new numbering system will give a definite number to places in the area. This will speed locating places and will possibly help in the city's bid

to get street mail delivery inside the city.

City officials said that with the help of area residents it may be possible to get the county to consider doing the numbering in the Sandy area as soon as this spring.

Residents are urged to send a letter to the county commissioners asking for this numbering system to be installed in this area.

The Death Penalty: A Continuing Controversy

Despite the fact that the Supreme Court has struck down the death penalty, a Gallup poll has shown public support for capital punishment is at its highest level in nearly two decades.

The poll indicated that 57 per cent of persons surveyed favored the death penalty. Only 32 per cent were opposed and 11 per cent undecided.

Add to this the fact that California voters by a margin of 67½ per cent approved the death penalty in the recent election.

We think much of the resurgence in public approval of the death penalty comes from commutation of so-called life sentences. When a particular heinous crime has been committed, the murderer is given a life sentence.

Most people think that means life.

But rarely does it work out that way. Richard Speck, the convicted murderer of eight Chicago nurses, will be eligible for parole in six years.

Here in Oregon, two women—Jeannette Freeman and Gertrude Jackson—were given "life" sentences in 1961 for throwing Mrs. Jackson's two children off the Crooked River bridge near Bend. It was a particularly loathsome crime. Yet parole is a present possibility for these two.

We think most people are opposed to the death penalty. It solves nothing. But we think they're also just as opposed to these synthetic "life" sentences which turn out to be eight years.

Postmaster urges mail gifts early

The on-time delivery date for mailing your Christmas presents and cards is nearing, according to John Metzger, Sandy postmaster.

The mailing deadline is no later than Dec. 10 for those items going to place out-

of-state. For local or in-state places, the deadline is Dec. 15 and for those items for airmail the suggested deadline is Dec. 20.

The local Post Office will appreciate an effort by local residents to mail early, said Metzger.

Construction halt said "unfounded"

Clackamas County Planning Director, James Hall, termed "unfounded" a report

to the Post that new construction in the Damascus-Boring area was being halted because of a sewage problem.

Hall said, as of Tuesday the county had no plans to take such action. He did say, if such action was to be taken, it would be under the recommendation from the county health department.

Hall said a county official recently made a statement at a public meeting citing examples of what could lead to the halting of new construction in the county because using sewer problems as one example.

"But as far as the Damascus-Boring area is concerned, the county has no such plans," said Hall.

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Fire report

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corner of Proctor and Main St.

The chimney fire on Nov. 27 was at the Hlauka residence Rt. 1 Box 520, Troutdale. At the time of the fire call, the engine stationed at the Aims substation was in the shop for repairs. The volunteers at Aims answered the call and were able to shut off air to the chimney until a truck from the Sandy station arrived.

The mutual aid call proved to be a false alarm at the Crown Zellerbach Lumber Mill at Estacada. The alarm came on Nov. 24.

LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To the Editor:

We wish to thank your many friends relatives, and the Lion's Club for all the help extended to us during and after the loss of our home, and all of our possessions.

The donations of food, clothing, and money are all greatly appreciated, and from the bottom of our hearts, we thank each and every one of you.

We wish to thank the Hoodland Fire Department; through their hard work, they managed to save the rest of our buildings and keep the fire from spreading. We also thank the many people who cared for our animals until we could return.

We thank each and every one of you who opened your hearts, and offered your homes to us until we could be relocated, and a special thank you goes to our neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stanfield.

Words of thank you seem inadequate, but we do thank you all; those of you who shared, and cared with us in our loss.

Tom and Gloria Swanton

To the Editor:

As a typical citizen who gets most of his county information from the newspapers, I am concerned about my lack of information regarding the allegations of Mrs. Doris Gately about the Planning Department's director, Mr. James Hall.

Since the public is being told that Mrs. Gately is attacking Mr. Hall for "errors" and "changing the ordinance," I would like to know (1) What exactly are the charges being lodged against Mr. Hall, with examples of what he had done that is wrong, and (2) Who is Mrs. Gately and who does she represent (or more likely, for what office will she be running next election?) At this point all we've heard are innuendoes and promises of more to come. In the minds of many people, Mr. Hall is getting guiltier with each issue of the newspaper.

I have dealt with Mr. Hall and another member of the planning department on three separate occasions. At all times both men were very helpful

with information and generous with their time.

I would venture a guess that others have had similar experiences that should be brought out as part of the total picture. Instead it appears that anyone who has ever had an issue with the department is bringing it up again at this time and getting plenty of publicity for it.

Just proves that it's a lot easier to kick a man while he's down.

Sincerely,
David A. Cary
Rt. 3, Box 499-B
Sandy, Oregon

To the Editor:

Abraham Lincoln once remarked, "I don't know who are my worst foes, the Southerners at my front, or the International Bankers at my back."

Aren't you glad he didn't let the Mason-Dixon line stay drawn to divide our country (Dixie) as Ireland got divided, Korea was divided (North and South) and they're still doing it—in Viet Nam? I'd hate to have the U.S. in their situation today. God rest Abraham Lincoln who died to prevent this happening!

Mrs. P. J. Bernard
Rt. 1 Box 498
Sandy, Ore

P.S. Division of a common language people, economically, politically, ideologically, is an old historic play!

Terrarium classes set

Free classes in "How to Plant Terrariums and Mist Gardens" will begin Sunday, Dec. 3, at McCall Oil Garden Center.

Judy Berg, assistant manager of the garden center, will teach the classes.

Interested persons should call 665-2131 for reservations and to arrange class time during the next two weeks.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily including Sunday and until 7 p.m. Friday.

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The Valencia variety of oranges constitutes about half the U.S. crop.

Motel complex wins approval

Approval of a motel-restaurant-office complex at S.E. Burnside and 242nd Ave., was voted by the Gresham Planning Commission Monday night.

The project, to be developed by Stan Atkins, would require a zone change from residential to neighborhood commercial.

Also approved was continuing non-conforming use by Timberline Trailers of the erstwhile Jansen boat works

property at N.W. 1st and Miller. A three-year extension was granted Timberline.

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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Gosh, Maw, you know I'm gonna fix 'em one of these days!"

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