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Is It Time for a Shuttle System?

The traffic and parking problems created by the winter sport enthusiasts enjoying the Mt. Hood area have been around for years. These problems continue to grow each year and a solution or solutions to these problems is needed.

Both the State Highway Department and the U.S. Forest Service have been working on the traffic related problems, but both agencies have stated a commitment to stay away from building more and bigger parking lots.

Zigzag District Ranger Jim Olson told a recent meeting of the Mt. Hood Recreation Association, the forest service was in favor of a shuttle bus system to eliminate the need for more parking lots at the ski areas.

All the ski areas are now in the process of working with each other in a small shuttle bus system. Ski areas are also encouraging more use of the areas during the late afternoon and evenings to help spread out the traffic. The CH2M-Hill comprehensive plan for the mountain area also cites the need

for a shuttle bus system and covered parking lots.

Members of the Mt. Hood Rec. Assn. stated they will keep in contact with the different agencies working to help solve the traffic problems. One agency which we feel they should definitely get in contact with is the Tri-Met bus system.

We are paying tax money to Tri-Met all the way to Government Camp and the bus firm should play an important role in any future plans for a shuttle bus system to the ski areas.

There are several ways a shuttle system could work. One plan calls for a large parking lot just below the snowline and the shuttle system to run from the parking lot to the ski areas.

Another plan would be for a shuttle system from Portland with stops along the way up to the ski areas.

There are many other plans that have been mentioned in the preliminary work on the traffic problems. The key to any successful plan will be for it to be accepted and used by the public.

People Deserve Vote

The initial response we have to the proposition of the Port of Portland to expand out into Clackamas and Washington Counties is no.

The main reason being the way in which the Port is going about it: through the legislature and not through a vote of the people involved.

We do not argue with the im-

The Social Security Bite

In a country where everyone gripes about taxes, it's a curious anomaly that the Social Security tax is so little criticized.

It's probably because most workers ultimately will get something back and because the taxes are innocuously called "contributions." The fact is that Social Security taxes are among the most regressive we have. They hit the low-income groups the hardest.

Moreover, they are the most voracious. They keep going up and up. Taxes this Jan. 1 rose from 5.2 per cent to 5.8 per cent of an employee's paycheck. His employer "contributed" a like amount. The bite was on the first \$9,000 of a worker's earnings last year, now it is on the first \$10,800. It goes even higher next year.

Someone once remarked that if Social Security taxes continue to climb, by the year 2025, most of the money in the country will be tied up in their so-called trust funds.

Future of center uncertain

There is an uncertain future for the Residential Manpower Center in Springfield.

Patrick Hickey, center director, told The Outlook Tuesday that there had been a budget cut of from \$184 million

to \$121 million in Job Corps funds.

This means some cuts, he said, but it is not known where the cut will come.

Hickey said that the center will operate at least until July

1. Funds for the center come from the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) but are controlled through the Department of Labor.

There are now 302 resident students at the center.

Tansy increases

The tansy ragwort infestation of the state of Oregon continues to increase, according to a report from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

In 1971, the off-the-cuff estimates place the total infested acres at 500,000. Now the Dept. of Agriculture reports this figure has increased to nine million acres. The

leading county reporting 100 per cent infestation is Polk County.

During the past summer, there were several public meetings held in the Sandy area to discuss the tansy ragwort problem here. As a result of these meetings and several others similar to it in the state, Gov. Tom McCall appointed a task force to look into the situation.

"View Point"



"Or Point of View"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

The summer recreational program run through the Clackamas County Juvenile Department afforded young people an opportunity for counseling experiences in a recreational setting. The 1972 program included two fishing trips to Eastern Oregon; six pack trips, one going completely around the base of Mt. Hood; four canoe trips; two beach trips; (two motorcycle trail rides); and several one-day hiking trips. The Portland Water Ski Club provided three water skiing days, and the Northwest Steelheaders Association sponsored a fishing trip. We initiated a summer baseball program involving about 75 youngsters for a period of two and a half months and \$1,000 in scholarships was secured in the Outward Bound Program.

The program, which reached over 175 youths with a total of 858 participant days of activity, afforded the opportunity for individual and group counseling provided by Juvenile Department, Intermediate Education District, and Parrott Creek Ranch personnel. Its success in delinquency prevention is encouraging. Those kids on caseload demonstrated measurable improvement in family relationships, school attendance and adjustment, and overall conduct is reflected in reduced court referrals. Harder to measure, but even more significant, is the impact on their self images. Work, play, and cooperation with others developed inter-personal skills, outdoor aptitudes and a sense of belonging and accomplishment which was frequently a welcomed change from a feeling of lack of self worth.

Thank you for affording the opportunity for these experiences. We feel confident in our guess these young people gained much more than an exciting experience, and that the proceeds of the investment will be enjoyed for a very long time.

John Schleining
Counselor

To The Editor:

We wish to thank the Sandy Fire Department for their assistance this past week. Their prompt and efficient service was greatly appreciated.

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Wagner
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To The Editor:

A capacity crowd, predominately summer home owners, filled the 300 seat P.P. & L. auditorium in Portland on the night of February 14 for the presentation of the Preliminary Land-use Plan for the Mt. Hood Community which extends from Alder Creek through Government Camp.

The presentation was given by the Chairman of the Hoodland Planning Group, the Clackamas County Planning Director and the Project Director of the planning firm CH2M-Hill. Many of the colored slides shown were achingly beautiful and representative of that which the majority of the summer home owners have long and diligently worked to preserve.

An announcement of considerable interest was that plans are now in progress to effect the unification of the areas on both sides of the mountain from Hood River

through Alder Creek. The U.S. Forest Service, members of the counties' planning departments and others will be involved in this effort.

What really warmed the cockles of our hearts was that the U.S. Forest Service represented by Mr. Wright Mallory, Supervisor of the Mt. Hood National Forest, Mr. James Olsen, ZigZag District Ranger and Mr. Warren Olney, Supervisory Forester, ZigZag, were concerned about and cared enough for the summer home owners to attend that meeting, meet and talk with the people involved. The summer home owner has long been relegated to the "runt of the litter" status by the Brand X segment of the permanent mountain population, in spite of the fact that they support a goodly portion of the economy.

To the impeccably mannered gentlemen of the Forest Service, thank you and WOW!

M. Kasper
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to the Editor:

I invite the readers of The Sandy Post to join me in a new and challenging direction in thought and unified action.

The name of the action is "Kindergarten for All". The Oregon House of Representatives this week took a giant, bold step forward by passing Governor McCall's plan for equalization of the tax burden. Included in this plan was 100 per cent funding of kindergartens for the future citizens of Oregon.

I herewith indicate my pleasure and support for this plan for the following reasons:
1. Authorities seem to agree that:
Fifty per cent of an individual's mature intelligence is developed between conception and age four, another thirty per cent from age four to eight.

b. The first four or five years of a child's life are the years of most rapid growth in physical and mental characteristics and of greatest susceptibility to environmental influences. It is in the early years that deprivations are most disastrous. They can be compensated for only with great difficulty in later years, and then probably not in full. It is harder to modify harmful learnings than to acquire new ones. Experience indicates that exposure to a wide variety of activities and social and mental interaction with children and adults greatly enhances a child's ability to learn. Few homes are able to provide enough of these opportunities. Reason would indicate that postponement of schooling until a child is six would limit his flowering to full potential.

c. Children with kindergarten experience are generally more advanced mentally and socially in later schooling.

d. Children with kindergarten experience are generally superior in reading ability. The child's chances for success in all areas requiring ability to read are greatly enhanced.

e. Having all children in school early makes it possible to screen them for physical, emotional and behavioral difficulties and to begin treatment before these difficulties become a burden to the individual and society.

2. I am convinced that under our present system of private and church-sponsorship we

are meeting the problem in a very limited way, although I praise private programs for doing what they can.

a. It can be fairly said that most of the children enrolled in private kindergartens are from advantaged backgrounds. Those not enrolled are from less advantaged backgrounds.

b. We enroll the advantaged and the disadvantaged in grade one on a nearly equal basis but generally the inequality of opportunity and tools to attack the work at hand soon separate the class.

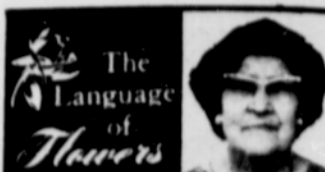
c. If (a) and (b) above are true, it seems evident that we have one group achieving at an accelerated rate because they have the tools or skills to do the job and the other group becoming frustrated because they were perhaps behind prior to the time their peers attended kindergarten and then were left farther behind because of the kindergarten experience.

The week of February 26 through March 2 promises to be a crucial one because the Senate will be taking action at that time. I plan to arrange my schedule so I may testify in behalf of the bill at the Senate hearings. Irrespective of individual differences, as citizens concerned about sharing our lives and fortunes with those less fortunate, in honor and integrity, let us join solidly together to correct this bold disparity of opportunity in this great state and nation.

If you would like to be a part of this action, please call or write Senator Vernon Cook, Chairman of Revenue Committee; Senator Edward Fadeley, Chairman of Education Committee. These men receive mail at the State Capitol, Salem, Oregon. Also, anyone interested in kindergartens is invited to call

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Frank Marcy



by Lytha Malcom

The Language of Flowers
Dividing perennials is a perfect way to increase the number of plants you have. Furthermore, many perennials need to be divided from time to time and actually seem to benefit by the division.

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By Ace Reid



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