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The People Have Their Say

We had two editorials prepared Tuesday night; one had the McCall tax plan winning, the other had it losing. Obviously, we're using the latter.

We think the plan lost for a lot of reasons, yet primarily for one reason: When people are in doubt, they vote "no."

There was great doubt about the McCall plan. Even its strongest proponents had trouble explaining it. This uncertainty probably cost the election.

The forces supporting McCall and his plan were formidable... the state's political leadership, the state's

educational hierarchy, unions, people like Portland's Mayor Goldschmidt, etc.

The opposition was largely Sen. Vern Cook and friends plus some important financial contributions, these largely from industry.

The obvious question now is where do we go from here?

We think the Interim Committee on Taxation had a good program. Sen. Cook also thinks so. We think the McCall plan's 95 per cent state support of schools was unrealistic.

The interim Committee projects closer to 60 per cent. This is a very good place to start.

Don't Forget the School Elections

With defeat of Gov. McCall's tax plan, school elections scheduled next Monday, May 7, again take on real import.

Had the governor's tax plan been approved, the annual budget elections would have been eliminated. Suddenly there's a whole new ball game; the picture has totally changed.

Every local school district with the single exception of Boring will vote on its budget next Monday. Some districts must vote the entire budget since they have no tax base; others, only that portion above the constitutional 6 per cent limitation.

Boring escapes a budget vote since the district's projected 1973-74 ex-

penses remained within the 6 per cent.

The budget campaigns understandably have been low key this year because of obvious uncertainty over the tax plan. Now, any uncertainty is removed; property taxes still must provide much of the base for school support.

Additionally, school board members will be elected in all the districts next Monday.

Wherever you live (except Boring), remember that you should vote on the budget next Monday. The budgets once again need voter approval. The McCall plan is dead.

Hoodland Plan Needs Action

After much hard work and much discussion the Hoodland Planning Group has sent the Mt. Hood Community Preliminary Comprehensive Plan and suggested revisions to the Clackamas County Planning Commission.

The advisory group has put in three long years on the plan. Many, many persons from the mountain area and those who visit the area have also been involved.

The plan with its suggested revisions now awaits the action of the county planners. It looks like it might get stalled waiting the outcome of the county's own comprehensive plan.

Lonely, But Productive

It was pretty lonely in the city council chambers Monday night at the budget hearing.

Besides the council members and two city employees, only six persons showed up to hear the city budget requests for 1973-1974.

Maybe the small turnout was because the city budget calls for a decrease in funds or because of the good weather.

Whatever the reasons, the turnout was very disappointing for the city council members.

On Tuesday the council did get an encouraging word, when the members of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce voted to sponsor a new letter concerning the budget. This will be mailed to voters in the city.

At the meeting Monday night, the

Members of the HPG knowing the urgency for good planning in the mountain area have asked the county planning commission to not wait until the county plan is approved. They are asking for the county to approve the Hoodland plan with its revisions now, even before the county plan.

This would be a good step if the county will take it. Right now the discussions on the county plan will end on May 8, but how long it will take the commission or the county commissioners to go over the public testimony and make any revisions is anyone's guess.

council took an important step towards working for the future of the city.

The disappointment of the budget hearing did not stop the council from taking an important step which will help the city in the future.

The council voted to hold twice a month workshop meetings which will be open to the public. These meetings will be informal and the purpose will be to establish council policies concerning issues facing the city.

This will include such issues as annexation and improvements of streets, sewers, water and parks.

These extra workshop meetings are needed and should help the council and city administrator Carl Hatfield better meet the needs of the city in the future.

Commissioners hit pollution role

The Clackamas County Commissioners Friday said they would not participate in a three-county pollution agency.

The control agency was proposed by the Columbia-Willamette Air Pollution Authority. The proposal came after officials from Washington County gave final notification of intentions to withdraw from the authority.

In part, Clackamas County officials stated the belief that pollution knows no

boundaries and the Department of Environmental Quality should take over the duties of CWAPA.

County slates budget

The first public meeting on Clackamas County's proposed \$6.5 million budget for 1973-74 has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, May 10, Commissioner Fred Stefani said Tuesday.



Mitchel: "It's just our shadow, that's all."

Mixon: "Why do you have to keep saying 'OUR' shadow, John?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Recently I went before the Sandy Common Council and requested an investigation of the police department. I stated two reasons: 1) The irregular hours kept by the police chief while on duty, including what appears to be a less than 40 hour week, plus extensive vacations and weekends off.

2) The conduct of the chief while off duty. (Unproved charges against my conduct while off duty is why I was fired from the Sandy police force.)

I wrote the Governor a letter requesting an investigation. His reply was that there was a definite need for an investigation. However, the governor's office is powerless to conduct this investigation. I contacted Mr. White of the governor's office and he stated that nothing could be done except on a local level.

I contacted a member of the city council and he stated that nothing could be done without a citizen coming in before the council and requesting an investigation!

Many citizens have complained bitterly about the poor police protection in Sandy and have in times past refused to support the city budget for this reason and nothing being done about it.

It's budget time again and we're being asked to vote for more money to hire another policeman. I'll be the first to vote for more police protection and higher wages for the men, but they should earn their way!

Five hours a day, two days or three days a week is a long way from eight hours a day, five days a week and twenty to forty hours a month overtime!

It's time the citizens of this city demand and get action or instead of voting for our budget, we should vote for a new mayor and city council.

Aaron Cooper

To the Editor:

I moved to Sandy, Ore. in 1965. I am a home owner in our city. This morning, our new fire chief spoke to me. Thank God for him. Maybe he can teach the rest of city hall to speak to us every day people. Brotherly love is catching. Keep it up, chief! God bless you.

Rev. Frank Powers
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To the Editor:

This is a note on quality control. Four new abortion bills have been heard in Oregon's legislature. Among other things, they deal with the timing of abortions e.g. at six months, nine months, etc. HB2997 was heard recently. This is the subtle, but very pethal Euthanasia bill. Such legislation attempts to control the quality of life or death. Abortions are done to rid us of "poor quality" individuals or to improve the quality of others. Euthanasia supposedly improves the quality of death,

hence the term "death with dignity".

Definitions of "dignified" life and death are difficult. Are we referring to mother or child? In the case of Euthanasia are we maintaining our quality, the victims, or both, or what? Mercy killing implies a certain kind of kill. It seems the issue has become the kind of life rather than life itself. It is no longer killing, but the type of killing that counts. Some believe in merciful killing. Is this from the viewpoint of the one delivering the blow, or the victim?

We hear about whether to abort unborn people at two months versus six months. Are we concerned about people dying or only about when or how they die? Again quality seems foremost. A relative value has been placed on people. A price on their heads, if you will. The object is not to protect all innocent persons but only certain ones. Those who are on the good quality list survive. Those who are not...

Which quality of death would you prefer? Would you rather be shot or pushed off a cliff? Do the unborn want to be hacked to pieces with suction or scalded to death with salt solution? Which quality do they prefer? They cannot answer. To borrow from Shakespeare: To kill or not to kill, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler to kill at one month or three is not the question.

Our society is living a horrible lie. We try so hard to tell ourselves that we magically become human at birth. Once more the quality argument rears its limp and ugly head. It is not important that we are persons, but that we are born or unborn persons.

We could accomplish the same things by killing infants after they are delivered. Would there be a public outcry over such brutality? Essentially the same atrocity is occurring daily in massive numbers, throughout our country. Hitler may be dead but his philosophy is alive and kicking - in a bucket.

Sincerely,
Geo. Pasto, MD
5th & Beech
Gresham, Ore.

To the Editor:

What is going on in the local fire department?

Why does the fire board believe that the new chief can do no wrong?

Why didn't the paper list all of the complaints by the volunteer officers?

On what grounds did they suspend one of the officers?

Isn't it about time that some of these questions were answered? Most of the present officers of the volunteers have been in the department from ten to twenty years and are dedicated to their jobs with or without the money

Golden Agers enjoy trip

The trip to Hood River, taken by the Sandy Golden Age Club, was very enjoyable. The weather was inclement, but the orchards in blossom were gorgeous. Stops were made at Bonneville and Multnomah Falls and the Senior Citizens are looking forward to several more tours during the summer. Reservations are still available at the Odd Fellows Hall for the Flea Market, May 17, 18, and 19. Details will be available by calling 668-4053. The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be held at

the Odd Fellows Hall May 10, at

FIND YOUR NAME BE OUR GUEST

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COW POKES By Ace Reid



"Yeah, he's jst a sheepherder, but he owns 3 ranches and that bank!"

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