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### Watergate West



Twerp: "Be careful what you say, our line has been bugged."

### Vote Needed on Port Expansion

We applaud the effort by the three signatures, the Port will who will lead the fight in getting the Port of Portland expansion question before the people.

Sen. Richard Groener, D-Milwaukie, and Reps., Ralph Groener, D-Oregon City and Ed Lindquist, D-Milwaukie filed a preliminary referendum petition with the secretary of state.

The sponsors must now collect 26,656 signatures within 90 days after the end of the legislative session to place the measure on the ballot in the general election of 1974.

If they fail to get the necessary signatures, the Port will automatically expand its tax base into Clackamas and Washington Counties without a vote of the people as approved by the legislature this session.

The Post has been against this tax, similar to the Tri-Met tax, ever since it was proposed in the legislature. We stand ready to help the three county legislators gain the necessary signatures and we are sure the residents of the Sandy area will support the effort to get this issue referred to a vote of the people.

### The 'Oldtime' Spirit

Is the Centennial year bringing back the old spirit in the Sandy area?

Many oldtimers keep talking about how the area used to be "jumping with life" during the summer months, but recently this "life" has seemed to die down.

Looking at the activities planned for the month of July and the early part of August, makes one think

maybe the old spirit is coming "alive."

Let's hope this is just the beginning of a new community spirit and these activities are not just Centennial year events, but become regular summer events.

The Sandy-Hoodland area is noted for its volunteer community activities and let's keep them going.

### Only One Budget Left

All area schools now have a budget for 1973-1974 thanks to the voters. Cottrell was the last district to get voter approval on Friday.

Just as important as the budget election at Cottrell was the building bond issue which also was approved.

This building bond will enable the district to catch up with some of the rapid growth problems it has been

facing in recent years.

The voters in this area have now passed three school and the city of Sandy's budgets on the first try and gave approval to two other school budgets on the second try.

It is hoped, the voters will also look favorably on the Sandy Rural Fire district the second time around. This vote is slated for Aug. 1.

### Filling the Vacuum

We certainly don't know whom to believe in the Watergate situation but of one thing we're sure, Pres. Nixon has to speak out.

When he retreats behind executive privilege and fails to comment on the various charges, he tends to generate credibility for his detractors.

Most people, we think, genuinely want to believe that the President knew nothing about Watergate or the

ensuing coverup. After all, he was re-elected by a tremendous majority.

But when they hear only one side of the story, it's inevitable that's what they will believe. You should hear both sides to a question before you make up your mind.

Pres. Nixon has an obligation to speak out. Even if the truth hurts, we think that would be better than the present inconclusive mish-mash of charges and counter charges.

### A Money-Eating Monster

In a state where everyone seems to be talking about property taxes, very little is said about federal taxes... the real villain.

And those people who do complain about the federal budget usually complain only about the Defense Dept. "If only", they say, "we could cut reckless military spending, there would be plenty for everyone."

Would there? For fiscal 1973, the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare will outspend the Pentagon. Massive increases in Social Security next year mean HEW will even further outstrip the military.

During the period 1969-72, military spending actually declined 4 per cent. Yet funds expended on income security programs went up 71 per

cent, for pollution control 188 per cent, for housing 115 per cent and manpower training 94 per cent.

An estimated 40 per cent of the people employed in the U.S. today work for some form of government. Taxes already eat up one-third of the gross national product and soon will reach 40 per cent.

A free enterprise economy cannot survive, experts say, if taxes eat up 40 per cent of the GNP.

The remedy? Obviously spending must be slashed. But how? Through pressure on our elected representatives.

Elect only candidates who know the value of a dollar, who will shepherd the taxpayers' money, who will try to stop profligate government spending.

Anything less means government some day soon may swallow us all.

### Jobs, Not Welfare

Rep. Edith Green's statement that the government should guarantee jobs, not income, certainly makes sense.

She says there are perhaps 5 million unfilled jobs in the country. These are not just leaf-raking chores but instead jobs that need to be filled.

Mrs. Green points out that many of these jobs are beyond the financial capabilities of local government and thus need federal funding.

Help is needed countless places—in the post office, in the woods and other federal lands, in hospitals, in agriculture—where the jobless well might fit.

It just makes sense—economically as well as socially—for a person to work for a living rather than to be handed a dole.

We hope Mrs. Green's suggestion gets widespread support.

## City planners slate two July 5 hearings

The next meeting of the Sandy Planning Commission has been set for July 5 (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the city hall. This is a change in meeting nights because the regular meeting night, Wednesday, is the July 4 holiday.

Slated for the meeting are two public hearings, two requests and one appeal.

The commission will continue the hearing of a request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a woodworking and machine shop on property zone C-2 at the northwest corner of Proctor Ave. and Beers St. The request has been submitted by Gottfried Urnaut.

A public hearing on a Conditional Use Permit to construct duplexes is also slated. The request by Dale Brookens and Les Hardy seeks a permit on a portion of the "Miles Heights" subdivision located on the south side of Sandy Heights Rd. between S. Bluff Rd. and Market Rd. This property is within the Sandy Heights annexation area which is in the process of being re-zoned from county residential to

city residential. In concurrence with the Conditional Use Permit request, is the review of a revised preliminary plat for the subdivision. In their June meeting, the planners had rejected a revised preliminary plat for the subdivision terming it "unworkable."

Charles F. Hayes will seek an extension of a temporary living quarters application originally approved on Aug. 6, 1969. A 35 foot trailer is being used by the 76-year-old mother of the applicant and it is located at 207 Beers St. between Pleasant St. and Hood St.

A temporary building request has been made by the St. Michael's Church for a social center on property adjoining the church at the corner of Strause St. and Park Ave.

The appeal case involves the denial of a sign for Janz Berryland. Bob Pullen is appealing the building department's denial of the permit to construct a sign which does not conform to the C-2 size limitation.

## LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To the Editor:

There is no better vote of confidence for a school than to have the district voters approve the proposed budget for the coming year, 1973-74, as well as a bond issue to build additional necessary classrooms, a gym, offices, and storage rooms! This is what happened last Friday at Cottrell School! After approving the Sandy High budget on Tuesday, our voters came back on Friday, passed the budget by an 80 to 24 vote and the bond issue by a 73 to 31 count. In addition to this, last year, 1972, Cottrell's voters passed a 6-year serial levy of \$5,000 yearly for the purpose of purchasing additional property, building, improving, or constructing of buildings. This serial levy will be used to purchase needed land for a construction site for the proposed building. Nothing can speak louder of the interest and concern of Cottrell's voters

in supplying the needs of children's education than the passing of these measures to furnish the money needed for additional facilities and teachers.

As principal of Cottrell School, I should like to thank all the interested persons who came to the informational meeting held on the bond issue last Monday night, June 25, as well as all the voters who came and voted last Friday. I am most grateful for your approval on the additional building which is so badly needed to alleviate the crowded conditions now existing. By your vote, we now can and shall do all that we can do to provide the best instruction in all learning areas, academic, social, and physical, that is possible to provide each child enrolled in this school. My sincerest thank-you for your approval and confidence.

Jan Lundy  
Rt. 1, Box 560

### Gunman gets cash

An armed gunman made off with an undetermined amount of cash in a holdup of the Happy Landing Tavern, 520 SE 148th, early Sunday morning, July 1, according to sheriff's reports.

A gunman wearing a ski mask entered the tavern just after the owner was closing, the report states. He ordered the victim to remove all the money from the safe and turn it over. The gunman then tied up the tavern owner, the report states.

### Boy admits arson fires

A 12-year-old boy was taken into custody early this week after admitting he set nine arson fires in East Multnomah County that caused \$30,000 damage.

Arson fires were set at a service station, upholstery shop, two vacant buildings, two occupied dwellings, a lumber company, a motel and a glass door industry, according to Fire District 10 officials.

Three of the fires were within the city of Portland and the remainder in East County.

### Fill up before trip

If your planning any trips by car, you had better fill up before you leave Sandy, if you can.

The Sandy area is experiencing the gasoline shortage as is everywhere else. This past Sunday was a good example, as most stations in Sandy were closed and those who were open were operating with a small excess of gas awaiting their July supply from dealers.

This same story is true

throughout the state, and in eastern Oregon many of the stations are closing down by noon.

The Sandy area service stations are trying to meet the needs of the local people first and this is the same for the rest of the state. So before you leave on your car trip, fill up.

### Moratorium may be eased

A corrected motion on a 90-day building moratorium in Troutdale will be considered by the city council Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The moratorium, declared June 19, will be altered to prohibit new water connections until September according to city officials. The council took the measure to allow time to connect a new source to the city's water system.

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