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Food Stamps for County

The proposed switch by Clackamas County to the subsidized Food Stamp program seems to be a good one.

The commissioners before making the move to the Food Stamps have held several public meetings throughout the county seeking the advice of those on the Abundant Food program. There still are several more meetings slated to discuss the change and it is possible the switch would not be made if public pressure changes back to the support of the Abundant

Food program.

The commissioners have made the right move of indicating to the Food and Emergency Service section of the state Public Welfare Division the planned switch, because it takes up to five months for the change over to take place.

The switch is good because it has the support of those who will benefit, it will save the county some funds and it will better meet the needs of those needing help.

Future Plans Need Public Input

The enrollment crunch is being felt in the Sandy High School District and plans are now being made to meet the future needs of the district's students.

The board during the past several months has purchased property adjacent to the athletic field for a future expansion site and have also hired an architect to develop plans for expanding and improving the current campus site.

These plans are now on display at the district office for public viewing. Also, the board is preparing a public

board meeting on Aug. 13 to discuss the architect's plans and the cost estimates.

The board also will probably set an election date at this meeting for the building bond proposals to go before the district voters this fall.

It is imperative the district patrons continue to be informed on these expansion plans as they have been in the past by the board. And, now is the time for the patrons to show the board their interests by attending the Aug. 13 meeting to discuss the plans.

Petition Supports Vote on Port

The petition drive to stop the expansion of the Port of Portland taxing base into Clackamas and Washington Counties is now started.

The goal of the petition drive is to place the issue on the November 1974 general election ballot to let the people decide on the issue. As it now stands, we in Clackamas County will

be forced to pay 16 cents per \$1,000 of true cash value on our property if the petition drive fails.

The Post supports the move of the Committee for Port Referral to get this issue to a vote of the people.

It is not right for the people to be taxed on this issue without a chance to vote.

Bad News for Business

The recent session of the Oregon State legislature took care of a lot of people... mostly in the ranks of education and labor.

But if you're a businessman, it was well nigh a complete debacle.

Insiders say that no legislature in years has socked it to business so thoroughly. It's estimated, for instance, that Oregon business will have to pay roughly \$30 million more next year just to support the various changes in the workmen's compensation laws.

And this says nothing about the 16.4 per cent increase in unemployment taxes scheduled for 1974, nor for the 23.1 per cent increase planned for 1975.

Credibility gap is wider

In the school of hard knocks, experience is the best teacher—but the tuition is terribly expensive. Take for example the Watergate affair. It's hurting us in many ways.

The quicker we get the darn thing solved the better. It is threatening our political stability, and pressure from foreign countries on the U.S. dollar is hurting us economically. It is directing our efforts away from far more important national goals.

Watergate is another fine example of how rotten big government and its political maneuvering can get. We've heard a lot about water, air and scenic pollution—well, this sure has added a lot to the country's moral pollution.

Add the Watergate affair to secret CIA involvement in overseas political unrest, big business influence in national and foreign governments for the same thing, the questions about who's to blame for the petroleum

Business was badly under-represented in the 1973 legislature; educators, in particular, were in the ascendancy. Very few people in state government have ever met a payroll, and meeting a payroll can provide an early understanding of basic economics.

However, few businessmen can afford to leave their business for six months to serve in the legislature. This leaves the field wide open to those who would tinker and experiment, little knowing or caring who must eventually pay the bill.

Efforts already are being made to get men on the ballot in 1974 who would strike a better balance. They're badly needed.

shortage, and we can see how the credibility gap has widened tremendously since the Lyndon Johnson administration in the late 1960's.

Not too long ago, it was just the idealists on the college campuses who were fed up with Big Brother and the Establishment.

They have a lot more to be agitated about now.

We hope that the Nixon Administration will hurry up and shape up almost as fast as the congressional and legal experts wrap up Watergate and put it away with those responsible for it.

And we also hope this will teach members of Congress that they must also shape up and not let any White House administration assume their responsibilities. We are asking for trouble when we let one branch of the federal government exert its influence over the other two.

Two Great Events



Chirp: "Stop the Watergate Hearing!"

Twerp: "Yes Ma'am, Until After the Sandy Centennial!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

In the editorial section of the July 23rd Oregonian, it was very vividly drawn to the attention of the people of Clackamas County our alarming deputy sheriff situation. As one member of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners I fully agree. The Board of County Commissioners has definitely not authorized sufficient additional deputy sheriffs to compensate for the vast increase in Clackamas County's population during the past five years.

The hiring of six additional deputy sheriff recruits, as requested by Mr. Joe Shobe, Sheriff, could be accomplished immediately in accordance with State Statutes for the sum of \$65,000 by diverting some of Mr. McIntyre's sacred gasoline tax money in the Road Department. \$65,000 is but a drop in the bucket when compared to his total General Road Budget of \$4,716,000, but Mr. McIntyre believes the taking of \$65,000 from his budget would result in a collapse of the road maintenance program.

POPPY-CK! The law says gasoline tax money may be used for traffic enforcement whether Mr. McIntyre, the Director of the Public Works Department of Clackamas County, likes it or not.

Thomas D. Telford
Commissioner
Clackamas County

To the Editor:

Our heartfelt thanks to all the kind friends, neighbors and strangers who came to our aid after the vandalism done to our hay in the hayfield. Ten tons is a lot of hay to handfeed back into the baler but your unflinching good humor made it seem light work! Our love to each one of you.

Sincerely,
The Miles McClures
Rt. 1 Box 1004
Sandy, Ore.

To the Editor:

The 57th Legislative Session is one which has been marked for its concern toward the people of Oregon. Through the initiation of the "open meetings" statute and the newspaper's shield law, there has been a consistent effort made to involve the citizens of Oregon in their government.

Equally important was the effort made toward helping the individual Oregonian. Property tax relief, landlord-tenant legislation, housing bonds and election reforms were all major efforts toward improving the equality and quality of life for the individual Oregonian.

An important aspect added to this session was the vitality brought by the twenty-seven freshman legislators. Bringing with them new ideals, thoughts, and energy, their contributions to the Legislature were im-

measurable. Rep. Jack Sumner was a part of this group.

In a Legislature frequently considered dominated by the Valley, Rep. Jack Sumner had a unique role to fulfill. As he represented Eastern Oregon, he consistently kept in mind the problems and needs of his constituents. He fought hard to bring to the foreground the needs of the farmer and the transportation problems facing Eastern Oregon.

Rep. Sumner, as a member of the Agriculture Committee, Transportation Committee, State and Federal Affairs Committee, and the Special Tax Reform and School Finance Committee, found himself able to help shape a great deal of the major legislation considered by the 57th Legislative Assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Representative Sumner for his willingness to deliberate long hours considering legislation that not only benefited the areas of his concerns, but also put into law legislation that is in the best interest of all Oregonians. Jack Sumner helped make this session truly a "people's session." I hope his constituents will appreciate the time and effort he has devoted toward making this session one of the most productive ever.

Sincerely yours,
Rep. Al Densmore
Assistant Majority Leader
2578 Table Rock Rd.
Medford, Ore.

To the Editor:

Summer baseball is about the only sport left for kids to really enjoy. Let's keep it that way.

High school sports have become far too serious, at least to most of the coaches, to be played just for the fun of it. If they lose an out of town game, they spend the two hour ride home in complete silence, "so they can think about the mistakes they made." We believe these boys are old enough to know, after being told once, what mistakes they made and to try not to make the same ones again. Isn't it healthier not to dwell on past mistakes and to discuss what they can do next time to win?

About 90 per cent of the Giant team this year have been together for 3 or 4 years. They are a close bunch of boys and enjoy each other thoroughly. They can be a bunch of clowns which they proved at West Linn and won the game. At Hillsboro, they also had fun and lost, but they had the opposing coach, team, and spectators all laughing, as well as themselves. If they do lose we would rather see them lose that way than to throw helmets, bats or put on a show of poor sportsmanship.

We believe the coach can have discipline and respect from his team and everyone can still have fun. This particular team falls

apart under pressure and tension, we have seen it happen more than once. We think they play better ball when they are having fun as they seem to shake off their mistakes rather than brood about them.

They are going to have many years of pressure and tension in the future, let's leave them this one sport to enjoy while they are young enough to do so.

If they lose, they can make a name for themselves as the Sandy Clowns and the best sports in the league. Just maybe, without the pressure, they might be champs! Win or lose, to us, the parents, they are champs when they can walk off the field with grins on their faces.

We say thanks to Gary Sandblast, the coach, who made this baseball season an enjoyable one for our boys, and for us, the parents.

Mrs. Robert Farmer
Representing the Parents
Association

Vet loans increase

Oregon veterans' farm and home loans went to 8,838 veterans in 1972-73 in the amount of \$164,727,632 for the highest fiscal year on record. H.C. Saalfeld, Department of Veterans' Affairs director, reported.

This was a 6 per cent increase in loans and a 10 per cent boost in dollar volume over the previous record year, 1971-72. Loans last year averaged 736 per month for \$13.7 million, compared with the 1971-72 average of 690 loans a month for \$12 million.

In Clackamas County last year, loans were granted to 1,104 veterans in the amount of \$22,255,490, compared with 1,142 loans in 1971-72 for \$22,182,805.

The loan program is self supporting and during its 28 years of operation it has earned a net operating revenue of \$25,560,191.

There are more than 3,000,000 above-ground swimming pools in use in the United States.

Hourly earnings increase

New records were set in average weekly and hourly earnings of Oregon manufacturing production workers in June as weekly earnings reached \$186.47 and hourly, \$4.65, the Employment Division's Research and Statistics section reported. The hourly earnings average compared with \$4.30 per hour in June, 1972 and \$4.56 an hour in May, 1973, and weekly earnings compared with \$172.43 a year earlier and \$180.58 in May.

One reason for the record was wage increases in the Lumber and Wood Products industry, where June earnings reached a record \$4.93 hourly and \$207.06 weekly. The earnings in June compared with \$184.34 weekly and \$4.41 hourly a year earlier.

As a result of labor disputes in the construction industry the work week in June dropped to 35.5 hours compared with 36.5 hours in May and 36.1 hours in June, 1972, the Employment Division reported.

The statewide production workers' work week in June, however, was up to an average of 39.6 hours and the same as the 40.1 hours recorded in June, 1972.

False alarm

Wednesday, July 25, the Sandy Fire Dept. answered a false alarm at the Sandy Telephone exchange building on First Street.

Traffic volume increasing

Traffic volume on most of Oregon's highways showed an increase in vehicular traffic in April, 1973 compared to April of 1972, according to the monthly report compiled by the Oregon State Highway Division.

A summary of traffic recorder data for rural and urban state highways showed an increase of 11.2 per cent in vehicular traffic in April, 1973 compared to April, 1972.

The first four months of 1973 showed an increase of 10.5 per cent in vehicular traffic compared to the first four months of 1972.

Dr. Michael Finnigan, MHCC auxiliary services manager, has been asked to write an article for College Services Administration on "...leasing college auxiliary services operations." The request was made by Stan Clark, national secretary of the organization.

Dr. Finnigan just returned to campus after taking the Oregon State Bar examination in Salem. Results will be forthcoming in September.

COW POKES

By Ace



"Hey, Zeb, reckon we'll git through with this hoss in time to git to the Rodeo?"

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