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Want Vote on Port Tax

Will you pay the tax to help support the Port of Portland without voting to do so?

You can answer this question by signing one of the petitions now circulating to get a vote on this issue. A successful petition drive will mean you will have a chance to vote on whether you pay this tax.

If the drive fails to get the needed 27,000 signatures, then you will be paying the tax as of July 1.

The recent legislature voted to give the Port of Portland the right to tax at the rate of an estimated 16 cents per \$1,000 of true cash value on property

in Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah counties. Before this action, the Port's tax base was just Multnomah county.

Petitions in the Sandy area will be available through Sept. 25. At that time, the petitions will be turned in to the county and state for certification of signatures. If the petitioners have the needed signatures, a vote on this issue will be held statewide on Nov. 5, 1974.

We urge you to sign the petition. Sandy and Clackamas county does not need another tax (Tri-Met) without a vote of the people.

Tansy Fight Comes Here Friday

The fight against the poisonous tansy ragwort weed will move to Sandy Friday.

Local residents will have a rare opportunity to get the latest information by attending the second Sandy Seminar on Tansy. The seminar will begin at 3:30 p.m. and run until 9 p.m. at the high school.

An impressive list of experts on the tansy will be assembled. They will enter into discussion on the weed and will be available for local people to question.

The need to control the growth of

this weed is tremendous in the Sandy area and the rest of Clackamas County. The key to controlling the growth is to have an informed public willing to take the steps necessary.

This seminar will provide you with the information you need to protect your property against the poisonous weed.

We urge you to attend this seminar and support the effort to control this weed.

Remember, it will take everyone's individual effort to control the spreading of tansy.



City begins taking steps to update police force

A report by a 3-man committee, commissioned by Mayor Melvin N. Haneberg, to evaluate the Sandy Police Department, indicates that the department is doing a pretty good job with the equipment and manpower it has to work with.

The committee, composed of Chief Deputy Sheriff Bill Brooks of Clackamas County, Milwaukie Chief of Police Donald R. Jones, and Gladstone Police Chief David R. Clemens, spent over 250 man hours on its evaluation of the 4-man department.

Sandy's 1972-73 police budget of \$18.36 per capita was compared to that of nearby Estacada's per capita figure of \$32.02. Of the thirty police departments in the CRAG reporting area, Sandy's total law enforcement budget ranked last.

The committee recommended the immediate appointment of a records clerk to relieve patrol personnel of clerical tasks, thus permitting them to give more attention to the requirements of law enforcement. The committee also cited the need for two additional police officers—one to be added next year, and the second to be added the following year.

The additional personnel would enable the department to establish 24-hour police protection and free the chief from patrol duty, enabling him to utilize his time in planning, staffing, organizing, directing and coordinating the activities of the police department.

Sandy's business community was surveyed by the committee, and 40 per cent of those interviewed cited that more manpower, more patrols and 24-hour service was what they thought their police department needed to do a better job for them.

Committee inspections showed a lack of necessary equipment, and a glaring deficiency in the department's telephone system. The inspection of both police cars operated by the City of Sandy indicated they should be replaced as soon as possible.

The 96-page report dealt with ten major areas of concern and with 25 sub-areas. The by-product of the evaluation was the establishment of 19 goals to achieve over a three-year period. If these goals are attained, the evaluation committee says Sandy will have a "model police department."

In addition to interviewing Sandy officials, citizens and businessmen, the police

evaluation committee also received assistance from the Office of the Governor, the Attorney General, Oregon State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Defense Investigative Services, Oregon Board on Police Standards and Training, Clackamas County Sheriff, Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) and the Clackamas County District Attorney.

Mayor Haneberg states that steps have already been taken to correct many of the non-fiscal deficiencies of the department and that the city administrator has recommended the use of federal revenue sharing funds to erase those immediate fiscal problems as noted by the evaluation committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

St. Michael's annual ham dinner and bazaar was a fine success again this year. Many people donated a lot of hard work and time to this affair every year.

The parishioners of St. Michael's would like to say "thank you" to the Post for their co-operation for publicity and coverage of the dinner and to the community for their support.

Thank you Mrs. Shirley A. Roth Rt. 3 Box 484 Boring

To the Editor:

The Port of Portland asked the 1973 Legislature to expand its boundaries to include Clackamas and Washington Counties with Multnomah County. After three Senate votes and six House votes on SB 325, one of which defeated the measure, the expansion was granted.

I would briefly explain that the large number of votes on this hot issue included motions to refer to various committees, motions for reconsiderations as well as for final passage. The final passage had a margin of only one extra vote.

The result of this expansion means the added area will be blessed with the opportunity of helping support the operation of the Port through property taxes. Also, the Port will have a larger valuation base for more bonding authority.

The majority of the legislators opposed to SB 325, including myself, did not have particular quarrel with the need of or the job the Port is doing. Two major concerns were 1.) Where really should be the limits of the boundary; who benefits; if the State of Oregon has authority and shares the benefits should revenue come from the General Fund? 2.) We felt that this type of legislation which will increase property taxes should not be forced on the taxpayers without asking them through a referendum vote. The Port lobby was dead set against the people of Clackamas and Washington Counties voting on this measure.

On Oct. 6 this legislation will become effective and the taxes to the Port will show on this year's tax bill unless 30,000

signatures of registered voters are turned into the Secretary of State by that date. If the Petition for Referendum is successful the effective date will be postponed until after 5 November 1974 when the voters of Oregon will vote on the measure. Of course, if SB 325 is rejected by the voters it would not become effective.

To me it does not seem right for the Port and the Legislature to do this, similar to the infamous Tri-Met legislation of a few years back, without your vote. If you feel the same please sign your name to one of the petitions which I have delivered to the area. Better yet, secure one and circulate it for twenty signatures. We need your help.

Sincerely, Rep. Jack Summer Rt. 1 Heppner, Ore. District 55 Representative

To the Editor:

I would like to pass on a tip to people with burning problems. When we moved off the farm, too many years ago than I care to enumerate, my Mama missed the fertilizer she got from the farm animals we had. She disapproved chemical fertilizer, both on principle and from a financial angle, as she never made all that much money.

She devised this cheap and very effective method (and a little stinky, so should be kept some distance from the house windows and not where prevailing winds will bring it to homeowners' nostrils).

She filled two large barrels (metal or wood would work, or old fashioned portable laundry rinse tubs, or even an old big bathtub—a fence could go around or climbing shrubs or some such). She filled them half full of water. Into these she threw all grass clippings, pulled weeds, non-acid leaves (no walnut), vegetable garbage, carrot tops, rusted lettuce leaves, even scraps of newspaper and tissue and other paper that would disintegrate easily, including egg shells and stirred well, and let stand. When the water level went down, she added more water, stirred every night after work. In two to three weeks, she

started pouring it around roots of plants that looked a bit peaked. Then when she was sure of results, all plants got it and growth was startling. With squash and tomatoes and other plants that should not be watered from above (This was for a city lot sized garden), she buried cans containing about as much water as you can get in a two lb. coffee can. Strips of flannel or toweling, like wicks, reached to the bottom of the cans and were tied just tight enough around the plants just above the ground to be snug but not cut off sap movement. She added a couple of tablespoons or so of the fertilizer water to each can. This watered the plants but not the weeds she battled with iron determination.

The jars of canned goods she got off that narrow long city lot were phenomenal—peas, carrots, beets, raspberries, apples, green beans, corn, onions, cucumbers, pumpkins, sunflowers, squash (four kinds), strawberries (if she thought it was good for the human body or tasted good she squeezed it in, as well as one of the prettiest rose gardens in SE Portland (25 bushes).

I wish someone would distribute color pics of tansy as it looks when it first begins to grow. First year it appeared, I was charmed by its foliage.

Thank you Mellie Rawcliffe Rt. 3 Box 245 Sandy, Ore.

To the Editor:

This last Saturday night, we had the misfortune of having a yearling calf shot, and killed and butchered in our pasture. We also have a neighbor, who, at possible risk to his life, chased these youths and obtained a description of them so the police were able to apprehend them by morning. At this time, when most people refuse to become involved, this is a refreshing note, and so we thank you Mr. Pat O'Hara, also the city, county, and state police.

Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dowell Rt. 2, Box 1643 Sandy, Ore.

Bill raises filing fees for offices

Clackamas County Clerk, George D. Poppen, reports House Bill 2755, passed by the Oregon Legislature, goes into effect Oct. 5.

The bill raises the filing fees for the following public offices: a. \$50.00 from \$20.00 for county offices, including district attorney and district court judge;

b. \$20.00 from \$10.00 for state senator or representative in the Legislative Assembly; c. \$10.00 from \$5.00 for district offices within the county, with the exception of district attorney or district court judge.

All declarations and petitions

Reviewers have problems

The review of allegations against the Clackamas County Planning Commission and its director is continuing, but with problems.

The committee, under the direction of the chairman Robert Lohman, has never really been able to establish a format for its hearings (the committee did try, but has not followed it) or what the outcome of the hearings should be.

Recently several county residents who made initial charges and demanded the review, have not been going before the committee for their hearing dates.

Several have stated a lack of support for the review committee and concern over the non-action of it.

for nominations required to be filed with the Secretary of State, county clerk, or city clerk, recorder or auditor, as the case may be, shall be filed not before the 250th day and not later than the 70th day before the May 21, 1974 Primary Election.

Clackamas County offices and positions up for election in 1974 are the following: County Commissioner Position No. 2; County Clerk; County Treasurer; County Surveyor; State Senator Position No. 13 & 14; and State Representative Position No. 24, 25, 26, 28, 55 & 56.

The committee has been making its review since January and the county commissioners are still waiting for a report.

Now to add to the confusion, county planning director James Hall on advice from his attorney is no longer willing to appear before the committee concerning the charges against him.

But still, the review committee continues to proceed and last week held its 17th special meeting.

The county commissioners appointed the committee and have indicated a need to conclude the review.

Two weeks ago, Lohman stated the committee would need approximately 10 weeks to complete its review.

Hogan Rd. project open

The State Highway Commission has asked for bids for a project involving 2.27 miles on Hogan Road near Boring.

The projects call for grading and paving the road so completion time is 65 days.

Man-holes raised

City crews are raising the five manholes along Proctor Ave.

The manholes are being raised to the new surface level of the street following improvement work.

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By Ace Red



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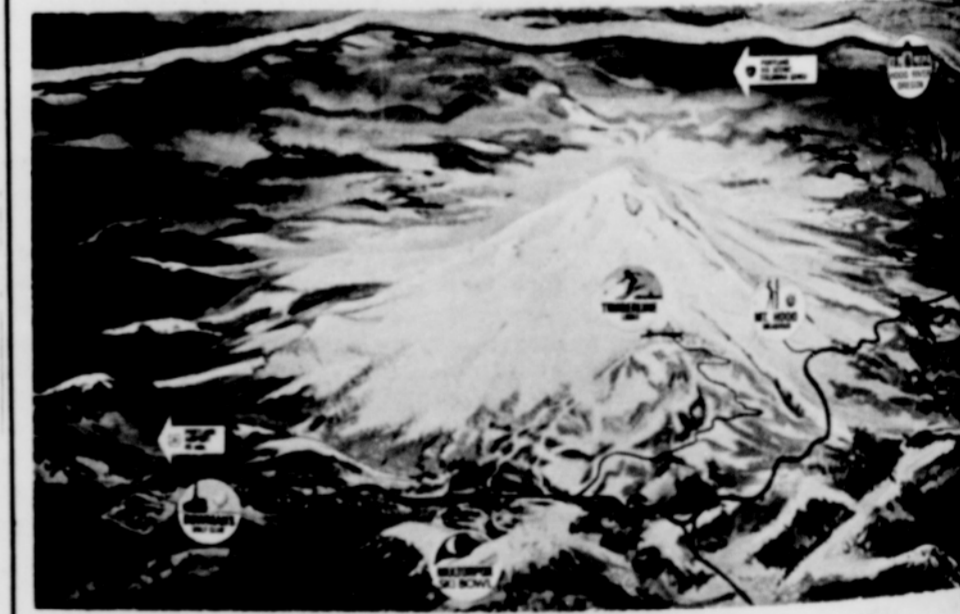
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