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The Automobile Is Here To Stay

An article in Sunday's newspaper asked a rhetorical question, "Is Our Love Affair with the Automobile over at Last?"

The answer came out a thundering "No!"

It should be required reading for people like Bob Straub, Neil Goldschmidt, Don Clark, Mel Gordon and the others who would convert Portland and environs into mass transit mendicants.

Sample quotes:

"Whether we like it or not, the private automobile is mass transit in the U.S."

"The automobile will remain the mass transit medium in this country for some time to come, partly because Americans cherish their mobility and partly because there is no viable alternative in our society to the private passenger car."

"To remove 5 per cent of U.S. commuters from their cars and place them into public transportation would require a doubling of the nation's mass transit capacity, and at a cost approximately triple that of the annual Dept. of Defense budget."

"Probably no more than ten U.S. cities could ever make use of mass transit without being totally rebuilt." The article goes on in similar vein. It's high time someone talked some sense into the dispute over cars vs. mass transit. Straub, Goldschmidt and friends to the contrary, automobiles just aren't going to disappear. They aren't going to wipe out the suburbs, they aren't going to put everyone into mass transit buses.

The politicians may have lined up against the people in this one but we suspect that in the long run, there's not much doubt who will win.

Not Worth That Much

A story over the weekend compared salaries of some of the nation's largest firms to salaries paid professional athletes. There just isn't any comparison, the athletes win hands down.

Joe Namath, for instance, will get \$900,000 over the next two years to quarterback the New York Jets. Pele, the Brazilian soccer star, will get a little better than \$1.33 million per year. Catfish Hunter, New York Yankee pitcher, has a \$3.7 million deal spread over five years.

In comparison, the top executive with General Motors received \$273,000 last year.

Or right here on the home front, Bill Walton of the Portland Trailblazers reportedly is getting \$2 million over a

five-year period. Gov. Bob Straub, on the other hand, gets \$35,000 per year, a little less than one-tenth what Walton receives.

The insane bidding for talented athletes already is reaching down into the high schools, especially in pro basketball. Two of this year's prep All-Americans skipped college and went directly to the pros.

However, the bottomless pit of gold may have bottomed out. Half of the teams in the National Football League finished in the red last season. It can't last forever, paying a 7-footer with a nice jump shot more than the President of the United States.

Reason has to return some time soon.

Why Not Trade Grain for Oil?

It's so disarmingly simple that the State Dept. probably won't even consider.

But what about the suggestion by Sen. Jackson and many others that we trade wheat to the Soviet Union in return for oil?

We have a big surplus of wheat and the Soviets apparently are facing another extremely bad crop year. They desperately need our wheat.

At the same time, the Soviets have been doing a good deal of crowing about their oil reserves and apparently, behind the scenes, urging

the Arabs to boost the price of oil to the free world once again.

Why not, then, ask for oil from the Russians for our wheat? If they want our surplus wheat, they can give up some of their surplus oil.

As we said, it's all so simple that the State Dept. will find a jillion reasons it won't work. But it's about time that we start using our economic muscle with the Soviet. No one suggests denying them wheat in the face of a big surplus here. But at the same time, if they have something we want, that's what we should get in return.

A Very, Very Bad Vote

Oregon's Congressional delegation was divided last week when the House rejected military aid for Turkey.

Reps. Ullman and Duncan voted for resuming aid to Turkey, Reps. AuCoin and Weaver opposed.

We think this was one of the monumentally bad decisions of recent years and totally disagree with AuCoin and Weaver. Whatever the rationale for their vote, the net effect is to deny free world forces a tremendously important listening post close to the Soviet heartland.

This only makes our defense effort more difficult, only aids whatever adventures the Soviet military may

be planning. We need only recall the Arab-Israeli war of 1973 when a listening post in Turkey gave us advance warning of the deployment of Soviet forces.

It's difficult to understand what is to be gained by demeaning the Turks, especially since a good share of the military aid already had been paid for.

Turkey was one of the few staunch allies we have. It is of tremendous strategic importance, situated as it is at the crossroads of Asia and Europe.

We think Reps. AuCoin and Weaver will soon regret their decision on this one. Theirs was a very, very bad vote.

County revenue cut \$200,000

County revenue from timber sales off former Oregon and California (O and C) Railroad land will be another \$200,000 less than budgeted for this year.

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners learned Monday that the previous estimate of \$2.9 million as its share of the timber revenue would be cut to \$2.7 million because of poor sales in June.

The commissioners said they would attempt to balance the budget during the year but said they were sure the county would end up with a deficit.

Some relief may be obtained from tax receipts from liquor and cigarette sales or other sources, the commissioners said.

The incomplete 1975 financial report indicates there was also a deficit for the fiscal year just ended.



Never Have So Many
Done So Little For So Much

Mt. Hood Planning Unit releases survey results

Editors note: In March the Mt. Hood Planning Unit distributed 3,200 copies of a brochure describing several proposed development plans for the Mt. Hood area. Included in the brochure was a questionnaire.

The following is the planning unit's summary of the results compiled from the 541 returned questionnaires. The answers will be considered by the planning unit when preparing a draft environmental statement for future mountain developments.

I. Geographic Distribution of Respondents

The majority of respondents were from Multnomah and Clackamas Counties (43 per cent and 24 per cent respectively). Seven per cent of the respondents were from Hood River County and 6 per cent were from Washington County. The remaining 10 per cent were from other areas in Oregon, Washington, and other states.

II. Alternative Future Preferred

Space was provided on the response form to indicate generally which future was most preferred. Of the 541 total respondents, 469 respondents checked one or more of the futures as being preferred. The following shows the percentage of respondents indicating a preferred future.

Future 1-2 per cent
Future 2-28 per cent
Future 3-43 per cent
Future 4-4 per cent
None of the Futures-19 per cent
Combination of Futures-4 per cent

Respondents were given the opportunity to indicate preferences for specific aspects or elements of the futures (i.e. housing, recreation, transportation, etc.) Detailed information on these responses is included in the complete analysis.

III. Comments

Respondents offered a variety of comments to the "futures" and on the future management of the planning unit. The following comments are some of those most frequently mentioned:

Maintain agricultural lands.
Maximize timber harvest.
Protect scenic values.
No further housing or commercial development.
Limit new housing development.
No new wilderness.
Maximize wilderness.
Control planned recreation development.
Preserve wildlife - protect habitat.
No new power corridors.
Encourage mass transit.
No further highway development.
Improve sewers, water systems and solid waste disposal as needed.
Allow wildfire to play a natural role.

Improve and provide schools and fire and police protection as needed.

Tax according to land use.
Need for local representative in administration.

Stricter local control needed.

Space was provided for respondents to indicate what values they felt to be most important in the planning unit. Some of the most frequently mentioned were recreation, timber, wilderness and scenic beauty. Respondents also offered a variety of other comments which included "leave Mt. Hood as natural as possible," "control growth," and "recreation should be a major land use with a stress on public access."

IV. Recreation Uses

On the response form, people were asked to indicate which recreation activities they participated in the planning unit. The following shows the percentage of the total number of respondents participating in individual activities.

Hunting-15 per cent

Camping-54 per cent

Motorbike-2 per cent

Golf-9 per cent

Fishing-41 per cent

Picnicking-48 per cent

Snowmobiling-3 per cent

Downhill skiing-30 per cent

Hiking-58 per cent

Horse-8 per cent

Nonmotorized winter sports-30 per cent

Other (Off-road vehicle use, photography, etc.)-30 per cent.

Many respondents said they took part in several different activities.

V. Work and Residence

Respondents were also asked to indicate on the response form if they worked or lived in the planning unit. Five per cent of the respondents said they worked on a farm or orchard, 16 per cent worked in the forest, 12 per cent worked in a business or service capacity and 13 per cent indicated some other kind of work.

Thirty per cent of the respondents said they had a seasonal (13 per cent) or permanent (17 per cent) residence in the planning unit while 3 per cent don't use the planning unit.

VI. Areas Used

The most frequently mentioned area used in the planning unit was the west end or west approach (39 per cent of the respondents). Thirty-three per cent (33 per cent) said they use Mt. Hood, 29 per cent use the west slope, 19 per cent use the east slope and 13 per cent use the north end (north approach). Twenty-six per cent indicated they use all the planning unit and only 1 per cent said they don't use any of the area.

Stinging insects can ruin picnics

Don't let a careless step turn your holiday outing into a nightmare.

It's the season when stinging insects are nesting and quickly attack any intruder getting too close to the nest location.

Wilbur W. Burkhardt, extension agent, lists those most commonly encountered by the picnicking family as yellow jackets that build nests below the ground surface in abandoned rodent burrows. Hornets construct a gray paper nest often 12 inches in diameter and shaped like an oversized turnip. An entry hole located near the bottom shows hundreds of black wasp-like insects present. A slight shake of the branch or bush where it is hanging will bring hundreds of stinging protectors to the scene. Another group of larger wasps may build nests of paper or wood and are found inside or under eaves of infrequently used buildings.

Any one of the mentioned insect can produce fatal reactions by repeated stings or contact with highly allergic persons. Burkhardt suggests the cautious approach in any strange area not generally maintained for picnic purposes, by taking time to look for insects flying a similar pattern towards one location. If any family member suffers from

sting allergies, stay away from unknown picnic sites. Be alert for yellow jackets getting into food. Even though entangled, they can sting if touched or accidentally placed in or near the mouth.

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SANDY SENIOR CENTER NEWS

A defensive driving class is being sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and Sandy Senior Center.

Persons ages 55 and older are eligible to attend the 2-day, 8 hour class, Sept. 22-23.

Films, lectures, charts and group discussions are to be utilized in the training sessions.

Upon completion of the course you receive a certificate from the National Safety Council. There are no tests nor driving required.

Register at the center, or call 668-5569 for further information. A minimal fee will be assessed.

Wednesday, Aug. 13, is Senior Citizen's Day at the Clackamas County Fair and a record attendance is expected.

A feature of the event will be the third annual "Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social" which helped pack the grounds at last year's fair. Free ice cream, along with cookies and coffee, will be served from 1 to 3 p.m. and a special program tailored to the age group being honored will be presented. Entertaining will be the Westernmoreland Merry-makers under the direction of Rachel Venner; the Sims Family, a group of strolling fiddlers; James Perchal, accordionist; whistler Ruth Alldredge; and Mark and Twila from the Eileen Hagan Accordion Studio.

In addition, the regular fair entertainment program that day features Jack Dinon, a distinguished and universally hearded magician who, among other mind-baffling acts, will perform the famous Houdini trunk disappearing act.

Mr. and Mrs. 4-H, along with their court, will serve refreshments and the job of master-of-ceremonies will be shared by Paul Roth, mayor of Canby, and Jim Henderson, president of the Clackamas County Fair Board.

Door prizes will be given to the oldest person present and to others who come up with the right answers to longevity questions.

Coffee and cream is being donated by the Salvation Army and ice cream by the Clackamas Community College Community Services. The annual event is sponsored by Clackamas County Fairboard, Clackamas Community College, Clackamas County Area Agency on Aging and

Clackamas Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Transportation for the senior citizens day may be arranged at Sandy Senior Center.

SANDY SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM

Aug. 7 - Aug. 13
Aug. 7
Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. drop-in
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Loaves and Fishes
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. drop-in
Aug. 8
Friday
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. drop-in
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Loaves and Fishes
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. drop-in
Aug. 9 - 10
Saturday - Sunday
Aug. 11
Monday
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. drop-in
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Loaves and Fishes
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Pinochle
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. drop-in
Aug. 12
Tuesday
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. drop-in
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Loaves and Fishes
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Nursing Home Program
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. drop-in
Aug. 13
Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. drop-in
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Loaves and Fishes
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Nursing Home Program
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. drop-in

Government watching gas prices

Traditionally high gasoline demands for summer driving are pushing retail gas prices toward maximum legal limits, according to a Federal Energy Administration (FEA) spokesman.

Jack B. Robertson, Northwest FEA administrator, urged anyone who suspects they may have been overcharged for gasoline to call 221-3363 so FEA personnel can investigate the matter.

Prices have been below legal maximums for the past several months, he said. "Reduced demand for gasoline this last winter and spring has forced many dealers' prices down two or three cents below what they can legally charge."



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