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Wooden nickels help Sandy

In an effort to promote business in town merchants who are members of the Sandy Area Merchants committee (SAM) are distributing wooden nickels to their customers. The tokens, publicizing Sandy and the Bicentennial, are worth five cents in trade at participating merchants.

Those merchants using the tokens are marked by window signs.

We feel the merchant's committee is to be commended for this and other efforts to attract shoppers to Sandy. Only the businessmen in the city can

do something to help business in Sandy and SAM's work to help its members will benefit the entire city.

We hope shoppers recognize the importance of supporting the local businesses for not only do Sandy's merchants provide convenient, fine quality merchandise, but their investment in the city contributes to Sandy Taxes.

By watching for the sign of the wooden nickel, Sandy shoppers will help Sandy businessmen provide better service in the city.

Two Different Viewpoints

We read an article in the Sunday paper saying that in 1976, Tax Freedom Day will come May 5.

This is the day on which a typical family would owe no more taxes for the year, assuming everything they'd earned thus far in 1976 had been turned over to the tax collector.

Or to put it another way, 1976 was better than one-third gone before you finally started working for yourself. Up until then, you were feeding the government.

A couple of pages further on, we chanced upon another article. In this one, a prominent union official (Leonard Woodcock of the United Auto Workers) urged the Democratic party to reject the theme that

government has grown too large. It is a "myth" that government is unmanageable.

It would be hard to find two more diametrically opposed stories. Tax Freedom Day keeps creeping forward every year—getting later and later—yet Woodcock says it really isn't a problem.

It may not be for him but it certainly is for the average tax payer. Year after year, government taxes a bigger chunk of our income.

Unless we read the signs all wrong, Woodcock's tax and spend philosophy is going to be soundly repudiated at the polls this year. The voters just aren't in the mood for any more bloated government.

More Election Results

For those who like to read "trends" into election returns, results in Wisconsin and New York presidential primaries must have been frustrating.

Sen. Henry Jackson won in New York, but he didn't win decisively. Jimmy Carter prevailed in Wisconsin, barely, and Morris Udall lost, but not by much.

We don't think the results enhanced the prospects of any of the Democratic hopefuls... unless it be non-candidate Hubert Humphrey. Jackson, in particular, has to exhibit more voter appeal or he'll never make it at the convention.

The Tri-Met Tax Measure

Like most businessmen, we normally try to avoid Tri-Met taxes like we would the plague.

The reason for our opposition is (a) Tri-Met's dependence on a payroll tax which (b) was implemented by an appointive board and which (c) was not subject to voter approval.

However, Tri-Met has a tax measure on the May ballot which changes the rules a bit and for which we can generate some enthusiasm. If approved, it would levy an auto registration fee of \$5 per year, every other year.

Funds thus obtained would enable Tri-Met to roll back its onerous payroll tax to .4 of one per cent from the present .5 per cent. This would save payroll taxpayers \$3 million per year.

If the registration proposal fails, the payroll levy will be boosted to .6

per cent, the legal limit.

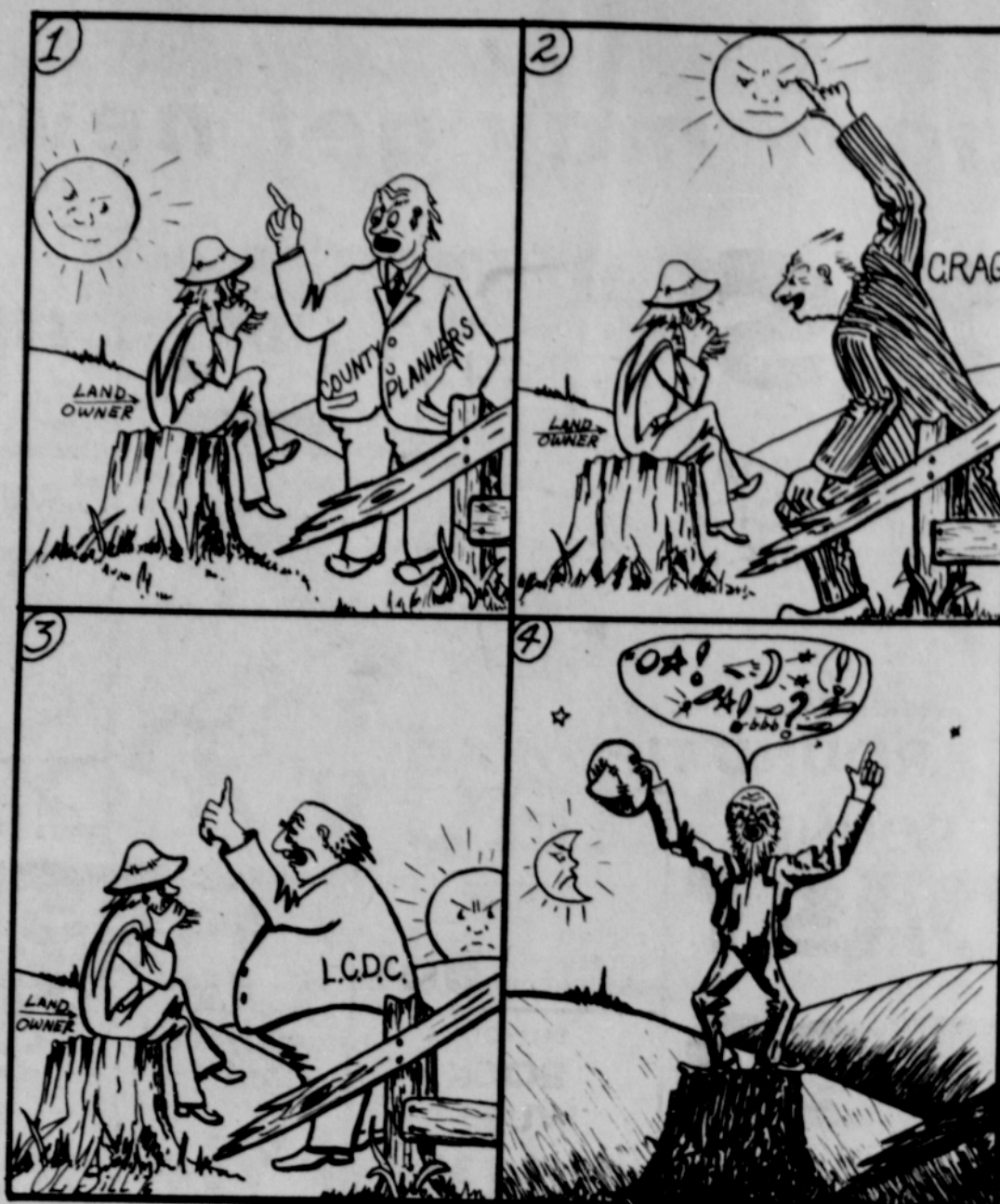
That sounds great for the business community. But what about Joe Smith who drives his own car to work and couldn't care less about Tri-Met? Why should he tax himself for something he can't use?

Tri-Met says if its registration plan succeeds, improvements will be made in bus service which will get cars off the road. Thus, Joe will have less traffic to battle, less competition for parking spaces, less pollution, etc.

Some years ago, then-Rep. Keith Skelton realized Tri-Met's taxing power shouldn't rely totally on business and he suggested some sort of a vehicle registration plan.

Nothing happened. However, it's not too late to introduce a little equity into Tri-Met taxing. We'll vote for 26-

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The last word

Letters to the Editor

Thank you

To the Editor:

We would like to thank all of you who have extended your sympathy to us on the recent loss of our son.

We would especially like to thank all of those who sent or brought food to our home, the Boy Scout mothers who helped serve and wash dishes, those who have contributed to the Boy Scout memorial fund and for all of the beautiful flowers and plants, and the many, many cards.

Udene and Ileen Uban and family

Dismissal questioned

To the Editor:

Why is Mr. Jerry Dickson, band teacher at the Sandy Elementary Schools, not being rehired? This is a loss that will be felt throughout our community by everyone who has ever had the pleasure of attending the school concerts and by every child who has been exposed to music in his classes.

The music department is one to be proud of and is a credit to the school. Teachers of his specific talents are hard to come by and we should think twice before allowing the caliber of the Sandy Grade School faculty to be further undermined.

Don't let Mr. Dickson go!

Jan Muck
12660 SE Bobby Bruce Lane
Boring
Beverly Woster
12906 SE Bobby Bruce Lane
Boring

(Editor's note: See related story on page one.)

Cottrell response

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter in response to the articles published in the Sandy Post on pages 1 and 2 March 24 in regard to the Cottrell School Board and the recall of Wayne Johnson and Ralph Stone.

On page 1 it stated there was to be a "Concerned Citizens Committee" meeting on Tuesday, March 30, and it was

to be open to the public. This meeting never materialized. To date no possible reasons have been given for the recall of Ralph Stone. We feel this matter should be pursued or public apology issued to exonerate him. We feel the matter of Wayne Johnson was well handled by the Cottrell School Board letter on page 2.

In this community we have many citizens and parents who are concerned about our school, and what happens here. We do not wish to be associated with the "Cottrell Concerned Citizens" committee or with their type of proceedings! We prefer to use proper channels to make known our grievances or to state that we are satisfied with our school. We do not wish our children needlessly upset by unfounded rumors, half truths or a divided community.

One thing perhaps will be accomplished by this dissension. Maybe more of us will attend board meetings and Community Club meetings to become better informed citizens. No one will ever agree 100 per cent of the time with any administration of School Boards; but the better prepared we will be to handle disputes, and to make our school a better place for our children to be educated.

Some of the Real
Concerned Citizens of
The Cottrell Community

(Editor's note: The original letter had 35 signatures.)

Board meetings reset

District board meetings for the Sandy Union High and Sandy Elementary schools have both been rescheduled this month.

Willard Boring, high school business manager, says the district's regular meeting originally set for Monday has been moved to Monday, April 19, at 8 p.m. Boring said planned absences by board members was the reason for the switch.

Travel by board members also required the grade school board to postpone its regular meeting until Monday, April 26 at 8 p.m.

The Welches School Board will conduct its April meeting at the regular time, Monday at 8 p.m.

Cottrell School also will meet at its scheduled time, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Some members of both the Sandy High and grade school boards plan to attend a national school board convention next week.

Oregon traffic death toll slows

Oregon's traffic death toll declined during March, but the yearly toll continues to run ahead of 1975.

The Motor Vehicles Division reported Friday that 41 people died on Oregon streets and highways during March, five fewer than in March of 1975. The yearly toll, however, stood at 129 on March 31, compared with 116 on the same date in 1975.

The division reported that run-off-the-road accidents were the most frequent of the 38 fatal crashes reported in March, with eight such accidents. There were also seven head-on crashes, five broadside accidents and five accidents involving a car and a fixed

object such as a bridge abutment or tree. Seven pedestrians were killed during March, down one from March of 1975.

There were three multiple death crashes during the month, each killing two people.

Half of Oregon's 36 counties reported no fatalities during March. Populous Multnomah and Marion counties recorded the most traffic fatalities with six each. Lane county reported five deaths, Clackamas county four, Klamath county three and Columbia, Crook, Josephine and Yamhill counties two apiece. Benton, Clatsop, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Grant, Lake, Linn and Umatilla counties each noted a single traffic death.

Sharon's changes name

Sharon's Pantry has a new name. Beginning this week, the store will be known as Sharon's Food King.

Gale Meier, genial owner of the store says the "same friendly atmosphere and personnel" will remain.

"We are quite excited about this change for the benefit of our customers," he added.

"We're joining advertising forces with other stores that buy from the same wholesalers," Meier says. "While part of our name will be new we're still the same."

The cooperation with the other stores will give the store advertising competitiveness with any area store, Meier says.



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Grange to honor longtime members

Twenty-five and fifty-year members will be honored at the April meeting of the Boring Damascus Grange.

The meeting will start at 6:30

Saturday, April 10, with a potluck dinner.

Mrs. Mae Humphrey, former Boring postmistress and at one time master of the Grange, is

the only 50-year member to be so honored.

Those who will be receiving their 25-year pins are Stanley Edmon, Violet Gillespie, Rosalie Tangen, Alice

Schubert, Wilfred Pearson, Leonard Jepson, Gustave Sahli, Earl and Edna Hitch, Marilyn Drake, Cleo Cutright, Harry and Ruth Roundsell, Emil and Mildred Johnson.