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'Clear-cut' Battle Cry

The word clear-cut may become a battle cry in Clackamas County during the next several weeks.

Lumber ranks among the county's top industries and that industry's continued survival has been struck one heavy blow and another may be soon coming.

Clear-cutting is the most common method of harvesting Douglas Fir in the Pacific Northwest. It involves, simply, cutting all of the trees from a parcel of land as a method of harvesting timber.

There have been abuses of the practice, but the Forest Service has adopted stiffer rules on its use and stiffer ones will surely be coming.

That's if the forestry practice is allowed to continue at all.

Lawsuit decisions have successfully banned the practice in parts of the southeast and Alaska, citing provisions of the Organic Act of 1897. That congressional act requires that trees to be harvested on National Forests must be individually marked and that only mature or dead trees may be harvested.

That makes clear cutting virtually impossible.

On a second front, a federal court judge has ruled that logging and recreation in the 142,000 acre Bull Run Watershed constitutes trespass under the Act of Congress which established Bull Run over 75 years ago.

Most of the Watershed, which supplies water to Portland and other area water districts, lies in Clackamas County. Under Forest Service management, a sustained yield timber harvest has taken place in the Bull Run for 10 years.

The federal court ruling will stop

that.

While the courts have received criticism for their rulings, it's the law, not the courts, where the problem lies.

Congress now is considering legislation to amend the Organic Act. If Congress acts in typical fashion, it may be years before anything becomes of that.

An Act of Congress would also be necessary to alter management rules in the Bull Run Watershed. Something is surely called for, because the federal court ruling will close areas that were previously open to recreation, such as the Pacific Crest Trail and a portion of Lolo Pass Road.

(Approximately 40,000 of the 140,000 acre Bull Run Watershed does not drain to Watershed reservoirs and was open to recreation.)

Clackamas County receives a share of timber harvest revenues on National Forests. The money goes to roads and schools.

The ban on clear cutting, coupled with the ban on logging in the Bull Run, will cost Clackamas County millions of dollars in revenues in the years ahead, not to mention the adverse impact on jobs and the economy.

We believe clear-cutting is a sound forestry technique when used properly. Congress should amend present laws to see that its proper use continues.

At the same time, Congress should clarify its intent in setting up the Bull Run Watershed. Clearly, logging interests, clean water interests, and recreation and preservation interests can be represented in a reasonable compromise.

What Went Wrong?

A lot of people, both inside and outside Mt. Hood Community College, are trying to put the pieces of a puzzle together.

The puzzle, very simply, is why have the taxpayers so obviously soured on the College.

For nine years, the College had an unbroken succession of ballot victories. People outside MHCC marveled at the rapport the College seemed to have with its constituents.

Now that rapport seems to have vanished, at least in the wake of two decisive election defeats this year.

The current soul-searching has evoked a lot of possible reasons. One obviously is voter resistance to higher taxes, voter disenchantment with education as a whole. People can't say "no" to federal taxes but they still can locally.

The College's obviously successful athletic program also has its share of detractors.

But perhaps the problem was best expressed by Board Member Rich Egner last week when he said people have told him that the College "is

Kids Like Bottle Law

Hey, ALCOA, you've forgotten the kids.

The youngsters have not figured in the squabble between Governor Straub and the Aluminum Company of America over the merits of Oregon's bottle bill.

The bill does not reduce roadside litter, charges ALCOA. It does, says Straub.



Chirp: "It's only a kite."
Twerp: "Kite, tight! There ought'a be a law!"

letters to the editor

Don't rob

To the Editor:

Growing up in musical family plus the music I had every day, from grade 1 through high school and teacher's college, left a lasting effect on me.

I began teaching in 1930 with a philosophy of education that each and every child must be touched by music every day, along with the many other aspects of education.

A musical child, be it through voice or instrument, can give more to the world of the unseen as the athlete gives to those that see. A child with music in his heart and soul will be a more compassionate person. He will tend to tolerate rather than destroy. He is like a great artist in literature or painting.

In 1947 after 11 years of teaching, marriage and two children later Mr. Will and I arrived in Sandy. We chose this for our home to send our children to school. In 1948 I was teaching again.

My 36 years of teaching have given me so many friends including children, parents and all school personnel.

The first instructor I met in Sandy was Mr. Clark Lund Sr. He was greatly admired and respected by all. I watched his young son progress through school to his present position.

Under our leaders Mr. Harvie, Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Bryant, I have seen our school progress from a school of practically no music to one of outstanding music.

Other highlights: athletic program, including swimming, 4-H sewing under Mrs. Schmitz, English with Mrs. Woodard and the outstanding Sullivan reading program established by Mrs. Callahan with Mr. Sutherland believing in it and Mr. Buhler helping it "go." All children's accomplishments are personal rewards to me.

There is a good teacher behind each one. This is my school for which I vote taxes and encourage others to do likewise. Our children are the greatest asset of our country. As Mr. Sutherland often said, Do the best for each and every child. I follow the progress as each moves along.

Then came Mr. Dickson. I heard Mr. Sutherland say after Mr. Dickson's first band performance, how happy he was they were able, through Mr. Pruet's help, to get such a fine man.

When I had a class across the hall I told him the music was loud for my little ones. Mentioned once, softer after that.

Mr. Dickson gave guitar lessons to the teachers so that they might do a better job of teaching. Mr. Bryant approved his after school classes.

Mr. Dickson came, during his lunch hour, to Firwood when called to help Mrs. Wagner and myself polish the song "Dandy in Sandy." Mr. Bruns came and approved. Eighty second

graders sang it at the Centennial program at Sandy High.

He recently helped the Senior Citizens organize an orchestra. He moves in, helps and moves on.

But greatest of all are the wonderful music performances of the children he teaches. Note the sparkle in the eyes of the children. They are happy with their accomplishments. I listen to every performance I can.

They are great and inspiring. I'll be there April 29 and May 13. I'm sure he saves the district money on music too.

In my 25 years the teachers were there because they liked children. They, with administrators and school board worked in harmony. Too bad the new laws separate the teachers and administrators. None the less harmony, as in music, can be carried on. Let my taxes pay for good teachers and do keep the good. Don't rob our children of a good band instructor.

Alice C. Will
17181 SE 42nd Ave.
Sandy

(Editors note: Mrs. Will also sent the Post a copy of a longer letter she had written to the Sandy Elementary School board.)

Volunteer

thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Sandy Volunteer Fire department I wish to thank all of the Sandy merchants who so generously donated prizes used in the Sportsman's Breakfast last Friday and Saturday.

Without the merchants' assistance and the patronage of the Sandy area citizens our breakfast could not have been the success that it was.

Charles K. Hanson, Pres.
Sandy Volunteer
Fire Dept.

Shocked

To the Editor:

I am a full-blooded Gros-Ventre Indian and I am very proud of my heritage. Therefore I do volunteer work and give talks about my culture to various schools, groups and organizations. I feel the only way to learn about Indians is from an Indian.

It was invited by Judy Sheppard three months ago to come to Sandy Grade school. I went with my 10-year-old daughter and talked to 75 fifth graders and three teachers. I was actually shocked at the condition and appearance we found in the music room. This confirmed rumors I had heard and ignored about the general appearance and attitude prevailing at Sandy Grade School. In addition half of the class clapped and the other half booed. Verbal remarks that

were made to my daughter I wish not to have printed. Out of 75 students and three teachers, 10 girls thanked me and out of three teachers one thanked me. It would be an experience if each parent would go to their school and talk about their own heritage and culture. Perhaps they would know how I feel.

For the past seven years I have done volunteer work at Cottrell school and it has always been a pleasure as they are so cooperative and grateful.

Recently I planned a project with Mrs. Lundy, Mrs. Ruth Lund, Mrs. Jean Johnson and fourth grade students there. It was a full Indian dinner for their families and guests. Each student wrote their expression of thanks and also presented the Lamb family with a beautiful plant. The parents and guests all personally thank me for my efforts and expressed that they enjoyed learning about another culture. I am so thankful that my children have the privilege of attending Cottrell School.

Jewel Lamb
34325 SE Compton Road
Boring

Good reason

To the Editor:

There have been a lot of letters asking that Mr. Dickson, the band teacher at Sandy Grade school have his contract renewed.

You don't lose your job without any reason. I'm quite sure the administration has a

very good reason for its decision of not renewing Mr. Dickson's contract.

I for one am very disappointed in the music department. I do not feel that Mr. Dickson treated all of his students fairly. There have been some students who would be in band if things had been different instead of transferring to another class.

We should be truly sorry for those students who didn't have that chance.

Mrs. R. Overton
17326 Beers Ave.
Sandy

Not appreciated

Dear Sandy Grade school:

I did not appreciate the way you acted! Some of you were good and nice! But the rest of you acted like you were a bunch of nuts!

How would you like if you went up and did any kind of a dance and then have people laugh and boo at you? Well, if you would I'd like to see you! My mother didn't like it either!

At our Indian Dinner, we had at our school was nice. At least they said "Thank you!" and only a couple of you said thank you.

Jillene Lamb
Fourth grade
Cottrell School

Embarrassed

To the Editor:

This past week I drove Mrs. Jewel Lamb and her fourth

The county board of adjustment meets in Oregon City for its May meetings.

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TUESDAY, MAY 4

Sandy Civic Services meets at 8 p.m. in TJ's restaurant. The public is welcomed.

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MONDAY, MAY 3

The Sandy City Council and its budget committee, meet at 7:30 p.m. with a budget hearing starting at 8:30.

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Keeping Posted

Concert tonight

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

The Sandy Upper grade spring concert will start at 7:30 p.m. in the upper grade gym.

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SATURDAY, MAY 1

Final sign ups for Sandy Boys baseball will be held at the high school athletic field today.

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MONDAY, MAY 3

The Clackamas County Planning commission meets at 7 p.m. in the county courthouse in Oregon City.

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Tuition increase planned at college

A 15 per cent increase in tuitions at Mt. Hood Community College was given preliminary approval by the board last week.

The proposal was criticized by John Klem, study body president, who said the increase is "exorbitant" and "would work an undue hardship on students."

Klem pointed out that tuition had been increased from \$90 to \$100 for the current year and now an increase from \$100 to \$115 was being proposed.

Board members didn't agree with Klem. Dr. Malcolm MacGregor, chairman of the

board, pointed out that state support has increased and so has taxpayer support. An increase in tuition is necessary to bring all three into parity.

Board member Bob Davis added that two increases in two years did seem heavy but there were a series a years earlier when no increases were made.

Under the proposal given preliminary approval Wednesday, indistrict tuition would go from \$100 per quarter to \$115, out of district from \$160 to \$184 and out of state from \$400 to \$460. Increases would become effective with the start of summer quarter.

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