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The Sandy Budget Should Be Approved

We see no reason why the Sandy City budget should have any trouble passing in the June 8 election. Their levy is a decrease from the previous year and the decrease proves what good management can do. A decrease in a levy is a rare, but treasured occasion in these days of inflation.

Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel has called the budget one of the most realistic he has ever seen. And Mayor

Melvin Haneberg praised the budget at a recent city council meeting and commended City Manager Paul Helton for putting it together. Other city officials have commented that Helton's budget was exceptionally easy for a layman to understand.

It may seem soon to go to the polls again after the recent primary election. But we hope Sandy voters will go June 8 to vote in this important budget election.

The Newspaper Is A Community Member

We believe a newspaper should be a contributing member of a community. This is one of the reasons we are offering our window display space for use by community organizations in the Sandy-Mountain area. We hope that some of the non-profit groups in the area will take advantage of the offer because we think it is an excellent opportunity to gain some exposure and educate the public to the purpose and achievements of some of our community groups.

Of course, the main contribution we hope to make to the community is in the handling of our news and editorial writing. And along this line, we hope to better utilize the editorial page as a forum for public discussion. As has

been the policy in the past, we ask that letters to the editor be limited to 200 words or less. It is preferable that letters be typed and double-spaced when submitted for publication.

The Post also plans to solicit guest editorials on topics of interest to the readers in the Sandy-Mountain area. In the coming weeks, we plan to feature a series of guest editorials on the workings of the often controversial Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG). The views expressed in these upcoming editorials will not necessarily reflect the viewpoint of the management. Instead, it is hoped that a fair representation of all viewpoints will be reflected in this series. (SAL)

Labels For The Lazy

Merchants put signs on their stores so they can do business. People put labels on other people to give them the business.

The label is the lazy person's prescription for nonthinking.

Hippie. Women's libber. Male chauvinist pig. Jap. Okie. Retard. Do-gooder. Fag. Welfare cheat. Bigot.

In the long hot political summer, labels swarm like bees. Liberal. Conservative. Moderate.

Trouble is, nobody knows what these shortcuts to thinking really mean. Does "conservative" on civil rights mean "Blacks to the back of the bus" and "No more broads in the boardroom"??

Does "moderate" on defense mean "If the Russians can kill the world twice over, then the good ole U.S. of A. ought to be able to do it three

times"??

Does "liberal" on human resources spending mean "What's good for General Motors is good for the welfare recipient"??

There is no self-defense against name-callers—only self-defeating defiance. Labels breed contempt and thwart compromise.

A humanistic person-to-person approach is needed. It's okay to blackball a guy from the dinner party if it's done on an individual basis. It is not all right to prejudge—besides, you bypass a lot of potential that way.

We like the approach of one father.

"Blacks (fill in your own label) are okay, but would you want your daughter to marry one?" he was asked.

"Which one?" was his reply.

Let's lose those labels in the dirty closet, and clear out our heads. (SA)

A Union For Pickets?

It has finally happened. The union to picket for other unions has been formed.

A report out of Richland says Howard Rew has formed the Independent Order of Pickets. And there are no dues for members. Of course the union has not walked a picket line as yet but the Department of Labor says the union is probably legitimate.

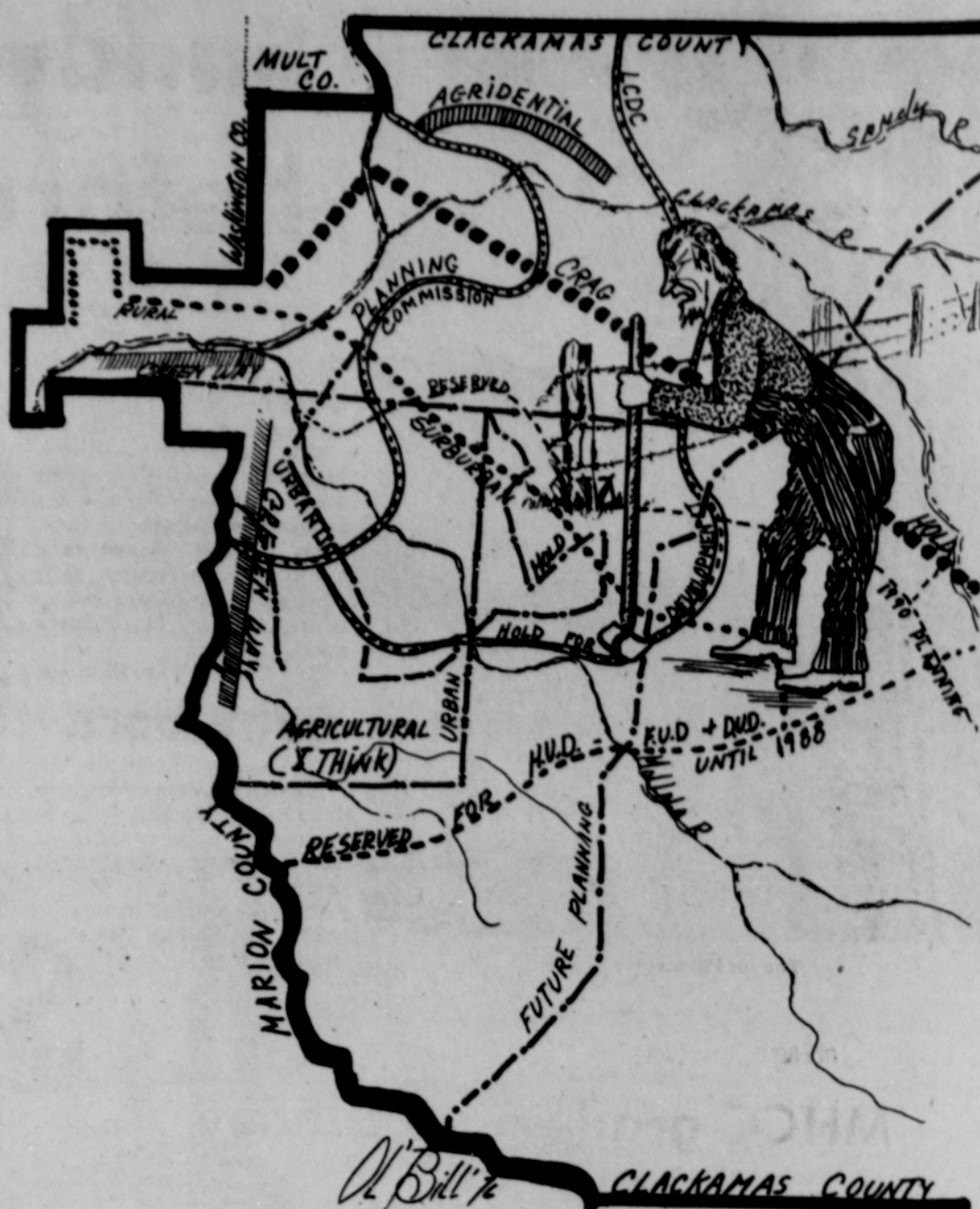
The founder will demand such things as portable toilets, snelter and special picketing uniforms, a salary of \$100 per day, double-time pay for overtime and triple time for carrying placards on Sundays and holidays,

life, health and hospitalization insurance, four weeks of paid vacation a year and 10 paid holidays.

Where do we sign up?

The union movement had to come up with such an idea sooner or later. We kind of liken it to professional sports. Too much of a good thing. Union bosses have been living off the fat of their membership labors and are now under attack for their extravagances.

Unions have been and are to a large extent still probably a necessity for workers, but a picket's union? That is taking it one step too far. (DM)



"Oh, What tangled lines are spanning where first they've practiced land-use planning."

letters to the editor

Big shots

To the Editor:

Big shots, little shots and bombs. I sure hope the people that did all the shooting on the tree farm property on Coolman Road to scare the deer and other animals are satisfied.

The deer have more right on this property than the ones that were trespassing on it. I think it is against the law to throw bombs out of a carryall or any other car.

These people should practice what they teach—like gun safety and sign reading.

Earl Gibson
Columbia Tree Farm, Inc.
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Sandy, Oregon

'Thanks'

To the Editor:

I want to thank people for the support I was shown by my election to the Sandy High School Board.

I will work hard to be fair and honest in decision I am required to make. I will try to know all facts first hand. I plan to make every effort that this board is responsible and accountable to its district patrons and that all laws are followed.

Although all problems and business must be presented at a

board meeting, I will try to help people know where to go for help and information.

Suggestions and concerns are always appreciated. I will strive for open communication and a situation where patrons are satisfied that they have been heard.

I am now becoming familiar with the physical plant of the school, having spent several days informally observing at the school. I have had the opportunity to meet most of the staff members.

I look on the position of the school board member as a serious job, one that will require much time for me to be completely knowledgeable in all aspects of the school.

I urge patrons to attend school board meetings and to become involved in school programs and activities.

Ginny Brewster
Sandy High School
Board Member-elect

'Choices clear'

To the Editor:

Primary election results for the important statewide office of secretary of state leave us with a clear and distinct choice.

On one side we have Representative Norma Paulus finishing her third term as an independent minded legislator.

Rep. Paulus is sponsoring an initiative to allow Independents to vote for all offices in the primary. This only seems fair, since they pay the same tax as others.

On the other side we have first term State Senator Blaine Whipple, ambitiously seeking higher office before his present term is half finished.

Sen. Whipple never seems to miss any opportunity with the backing of real estate interests, to further his cause.

Being a long time partisan politician, Sen. Whipple stubbornly refuses to consider an open primary.

He dismisses such a proposal with the cynical party claim that voters can't be trusted in an open primary because they might pick the weakest candidate for opposition (as if the opposition were incapable of doing that themselves).

I doubt that we really need party boss's and meaningless party labels to make intelligent choices in elections. The most important ingredient in a true democracy is maximum freedom of choice for the voter and taxpayer, not dictation by a handful of party hacks. The choice will be yours to make.

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More Election Control Needed

The election Tuesday points up a problem in the Oregon voting system.

Under a law passed by the last legislature, residents may register up to and including the day of the election.

It's a costly and time consuming process for county elections offices to register voters at the last minute amid the press of other election day responsibilities. The problem was multiplied in last Tuesday's primary because of the wide-spread interest in the presidential contest. Hundreds of people in Multnomah and Clackamas counties crowded through the election office doors election day.

While complications in the new registration system pose logistical problems, they pale in comparison to the possibility of election fraud that exists under the present law.

Residents need not show iden-

tification when registering to vote.

Indeed, there are forms available at many public places, including The Outlook, which can simply be filled out and mailed in.

There are warnings on the form against providing false information and a reminder that voters must be residents of Oregon for 30 days before registering.

But the possibility exists that an unscrupulous candidate might register fictitious voters and send cronies around to precincts to stuff ballot boxes.

We agree with the intent of the new law, which is to make it easier for people to register and thus encourage more people to make it to the polls.

But a bit more control is needed. (BM)

Keeping Posted

Hurrah — school's out

THURSDAY, June 3
This will be the last day of school for children attending Welches Grade School.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4
This will be the last day of school for children in the Sandy Elementary School District.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5
The Sandy Garden Club is hosting the "America the Beautiful" garden show at the Odd Fellows Hall.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
Graduation will be held at Sandy High School and is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 6
The Sandy City Council will hold their meeting in the Sandy City Council Chambers starting at 8 p.m.

The Sandy Chamber of Commerce will hold a board meeting at noon at the Foothills Inn.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8
The Cottrell School Board will meet at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9
There will be an organizational meeting for those interested in playing summer softball at 7:30 p.m. at the Sandy Odd Fellows Hall.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold their noon meeting at Foothills Inn.

The Cliffs Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. in the Sandy Council Chambers.

The Sandy Area Merchants will meet at T.J.'s at 6:30 a.m. for a meeting.

Dividend declared

Reynolds Metals Co. has declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on its common stock, without par value, payable July 1, to holders of stock of record June 10.

The company also declared a dividend of 59-1/2 cents per share on its cumulative preferred stock, 4-1/2 per cent Series A, par value \$50 per

share, for the quarterly period ending July 31, payable August 1, to holders of record July 9.

It further declared a dividend of \$1.12-1/2 per share on its second preferred stock, 4-1/2 per cent convertible series, par value \$100 per share, for the quarterly period ending July 31, payable August 1, to holders of record July 9.

Support received

To the Editor:

I do not want to leave Welches School before expressing my thanks for all the help and support received from members of the community. Many people have contributed time and talents which have greatly helped to make the music program at Welches a success.

I sincerely appreciate their contributions and want them to be recognized by the community.

Terry Kent, Stan and Mary Wall, Gene and Willa Brostehous, John Cook, Tekla Budd, Mt. Hood Players, the entire Welches Faculty, Joyce Bergeson, Jan Strebin, Carol and Daryl Thompson, Phyllis and Ed Clow, Mrs. McAbery, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Behan, Mr. Conrad, Mr. O'Conner, Mrs. Knapp, Jan Hilliard, Mrs. Erikson, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Grenvick, Mrs. Warnock, Mrs. Antis, Mrs. Ken Brown, Mrs. Duane Brown, Mrs. Cleland, Mrs. Reick, Mrs. Curtis.

Again, thank you for your help. I have appreciated it and I'm sure the new music teacher will appreciate your continued support.

Kirk Kassner
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Student wins

scholarship

Cheri Crumley, 14635 Barkley Ct., Boring, was given a scholarship recently for study in home economics.

A junior at Oregon State University, Cheri received the Helen McDowell Scholarship.

Outstanding students in the School of Home Economics at OSU were honored at an awards reception sponsored by the Student Home Economics Association.

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