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What Will Congress Do?

The U.S. Congress, and particularly the Democratic majority, is rapidly being painted into a box by alleged discretions of one of its own, Rep. Wayne Hays (D) of Ohio.

Coming hard on the heels of similar peccadilloes by Rep. Wilbur Mills (D-Ark.), Congress now must show the same tenacity in its investigations as it did in probing Watergate.

Congress relentlessly pursued the Watergate cover-up of the Nixon administration and now must be equally diligent in probing charges against Hays—and other unnamed Congressmen.

No matter how much the Democratic majority might like to sweep the Hays affair under the rug, public opinion obviously isn't going to let this happen. Moreover, the investigations must not stop at alleged sexual misconduct of Hays and others, but must also face up to widespread rumors of padded expense accounts, conflicts of interest, etc.

If Congress doesn't clean its own house, the voters might well conclude there is a Congressional cover-up under way, much the same as Watergate. The result could be

The Back to Basics Ballyhoo

Back to basics is the current cry of many teachers and parents.

Everybody ought to know how to read, write and do arithmetic. No argument there.

Pinning a tag on the unnecessary "frills" is where the conflicts arise.

To some, athletics are a frill. In this land of the Columbia and Sandy, others would argue no child should get out of school until he or she could swim.

Some think home economics ought to be confined to Grandma's kitchen. The eighth grade girl who proudly wears the shirt she sewed or the senior boy who masters the fine art of frying an egg would disagree.

Others would eliminate music. The opposing view might come from the person who has to sit next to the out-of-key singer at the soccer game.

Arts and crafts might be at the top of another's list of frills. The Indians made pottery for survival, but they carved petroglyphs for posterity. Pioneers made quilts for warmth, but people piece them today because they add dimension to a computerized, stamp-out society.

Teach them to spell, the editor argues. Everybody should type, the personnel manager admonishes.

We've seen both sides of the back to basics controversy. The red brick

Bids for new post office received, closed last week

Bids for the Wemme Post Office were received and closed last Thursday.

The real estate office of the post office will be examining sites for their recommendation this week and a disclosure of the bids will be made by the end of the month according to Don Hobson, a spokesman for the post office.

Foster Robertson of the post office real estate office will make a recommendation on the location of the new office, but

resentment at the polls in November which could reject incumbent Congressmen in droves.

Congress cannot apply a double standard...one for executive duplicity, one for wrong doing by its own.

The focus immediately is on Rep. Hays but Congress must very soon clarify its position on public and personal wrong-doing. There long has been a disposition to separate the two—"As long as old Wayne gets things done for his district, what he does in private is none of our business."

But that sort of philosophy is waning. Public and personal decisions are hard to separate. How can you keep a Congressman's personal morality—or lack of it—from spilling over and influencing his public decisions?

The integrity of Congress, already badly shaken, can hardly stand a Watergate-type investigation. Yet that's the only way to clear the air and prove that Congress is as willing to expose its own shortcomings as it was to pillory Richard Nixon and friends.

schoolhouse was great for reading, writing and arithmetic. High school English was a review of fourth grade grammar; senior government was a recap of eighth grade civics.

But our saxophone never really sounded as good as the ones played by kids who had been in band since sixth grade. Bunsen burners were anathema. The homemade metal hoop on the maple tree wasn't much preparation for the high school basketball team.

This is a complex world; 90 per cent of the scientists who ever lived are alive today. Nobody can learn everything.

Graduates ought to know how to balance a checkbook and read the Oregon driver's manual. They should be able to write a clear sentence and read the maze of material that bombards them daily. They need to be able to listen—and to think.

Getting back to basics means going back to that teacher in the room with the child. Whether it's a one-room country school or a plush suburban monolith, teachers are what matter. Without good teachers, the school flunks.

Good teachers know survival skills mean learning you have a lot to learn. (SA)

the final decision on the bid will be the responsibility of the Seattle office, says Hobson.

The proposal for the Wemme Post Office is presently being studied in Washington, D.C. according to Hobson and aspects of closing the smaller office at Rhododendron is under advisement.

"Regardless of this decision, the facility at Wemme will be built," said Hobson. "This is an independent package."



The High road and the Low road.

Senator Humphrey: (singing)

"And I'll be at th' convention 'afore ye."

letters to the editor

New constitution?

To the Editor:
I have heard people talking about a new Constitution for the United States of America. Recently, I obtained a copy of "The New States of America Constitution" which are available from Dr. Peter Beter, 1629 K. Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Supposedly all the senators and representatives have copies of the document.

Senator Mark Hatfield in fact has signed a document advocating interdependence, which means if enough senators felt like he does, our independence fought for 200 years ago could with a stroke of the pen be negated.

I regret that Senator Hatfield feels the way he does about my country and that it was founded under the principle of one nation under God.

G.L. Meligan
12811 S.E. Bobby Bruce Lane
Boring

No Space Needle

To the Editor:
We recognize the good intentions of Sandy City Manager Paul Helton in wanting to increase our revenue and create an atmosphere in Sandy to capture the tourist business, but a space needle complex seems a most inappropriate means of achieving this end.

A space needle is fine for a city like Seattle with its sophisticated, urbane population. The structure blends well, visually, with the surroundings there and is compatible with the general character of the city.

But it would be a most incongruous addition to the Sandy skyline! Any improvements and future expansion in this area should be done with serious consideration of the surrounding countryside—its location and character.

Whatever happened to the plans to follow the example of Leavenworth, Wash. with its "alpine village" development? A pioneer type community idea would be equally suitable for Sandy. It would be well for planners to take a look at Cannon Beach, Ore., an outstanding example of beautiful and artistic community planning that has paid off handsomely, both financially

and aesthetically. As property owners in the Sandy area, we want the future development of the city to be not only unique but in good taste.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander
Schneider
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System can work

To the Editor:
The hustle and bustle of the primary election is now over and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who gave me their help and support during my campaign for Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 3, Republican.

This was my first attempt at running for a political office, and I gained a wealth of experience and knowledge and also met many wonderful people in this beautiful and LARGE county of ours.

A political campaign requires a great deal of work, organization, and money to be effective, and to those who gave me help and/or financial support, I express my sincere thanks.

Our political system is not perfect, but it can work very well if only individuals will keep in mind that we are the government and instead of complaining about our current state of affairs, we can jump in and make change occur.

This requires involvement, commitment, and dedication to a cause.

As the general election approaches, think about what you as an individual can do to change the system if you don't like what is happening now. Study the candidates and pledge your support to someone you can believe in.

Apathy is one of the greatest illnesses facing our county and nation today. We have no right to complain about anything unless we have made the attempt to become involved enough to see a change made in the governing structure.

Offer your help to a candidate and feel the satisfaction which comes from being an effective doer, not just an ineffective talker.

Forrest Mills
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Oregon City

Almost made it

To the Editor:
I wish to thank each of your readers who voted for me in the primary election. With their help, we almost made it. I lost by only 797 votes, that's about 4 per precinct.

It was a very worthwhile campaign, especially if it serves as a catalyst for county government to begin to face up to the needs and feelings of county residents who are deeply concerned about the social, economic and environmental costs of booming residential growth for farmers, homeowners and small businesses.

Those overwhelming anti-Schumacher votes and the seven Democrats who ran against the incumbent tell a clear story of how the average person feels about the past performance of the incumbent who won the Democratic nomination.

Again, my thanks for the support of your readers.

Jeanette (Jean) Baker
2607 SE Monroe
Milwaukie

Budget workshop

Members of the Cottrell School Board met in the West School Gym Wednesday, June 2, to discuss the proposed 1976-77 budget after its defeat at the April 20 election.

Due to the fact that several budget board members were unable to attend this meeting, it was unanimously moved to reschedule another budget workshop meeting Wednesday, June 16, at 8 p.m. in the West School Gym.

Voters of the school district are invited to come and express their ideas and views regarding the proposed budget.

Cancer board elects members

Several Sandy residents were recently appointed to the Clackamas County Cancer Society Board of Directors.

New board members from Sandy include Tony Bryant, Joe Youngbluth, Ned Dial and James Duff. Also chosen was Mrs. Clinton Peterson, Damascus.

Keeping posted

Anti-CRAG lawyer to speak at chamber

THURSDAY, JUNE 10
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will start at 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 14
New hours start at the

Clackamas County Mental Health satellite clinic located in the basement of the Sandy Community Presbyterian Church. The new summer hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

The Sandy Elementary School Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the upper grades library room.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15
The Chamber of Commerce

will meet at noon at Foothills Inn. The featured speaker will be an attorney who has successfully filed lawsuits against the Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16
The Mt. Hood Loop Water District will hold a budget hearing at the Lions Club Hall in Wemme starting at 8 p.m.

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

Do you have a club date or meeting date you would like to include in Keeping Posted? If so, call the Post at 668-5548.

Jaycees plan sale

The Sandy Jaycees will hold a rummage sale June 19-20 in the Odd Fellows Hall to raise money for the club.

Items to be sold include one eight-track tape player with AM-FM receiver and two bookshelf speakers and a hairstyle at Mister Jim Meng's Barber Shop.

Members of the Sandy Jaycees will soon be canvassing the area for donations. Anyone with anything to donate may call Bruce Cook's office at 668-6760.

The hours of the sale will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday with an auction at 1 p.m. and from 12-5 p.m. on Sunday.

Emergency services group sets meeting

The next meeting of the Clackamas County Emergency Services Association will be held June 17 at the Oak Lodge Fire Department.

The meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. All EMTs or anyone interested in emergency medical services in Clackamas County are

welcome to attend. Guest speakers highlight each meeting with lectures that are credited for Emergency Medical Technician recertification.

The Oak Lodge Fire Department is located at 2930 SE Oak Grove Blvd., in Milwaukie.

Assembly of God Church to hold special service

The Rodriguez family will perform at a special service at the Sandy Assembly of God Church on June 13 at 6 p.m.

The family will present their Mexico ministry through music and preaching.

Rodriguez is a native of Mexico and does not speak English. He will be interpreted by his wife, the former Ruth Ost.

The family have established the Living Waters Revival Center and radio broadcast in Monterey, Mexico. They have also been instrumental in developing a correspondence Bible course throughout the remote areas of the Spanish speaking country.

The public is invited to attend the service.

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He added that the dollar impact of this growth is \$64,000 in the general fund and \$75,000 in the water, street and sewer funds. The systems development charge which generates the \$75,000 was established to let new construction pay its own way for the expansion of services.

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