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The Mt. Hood Levy

For the third time this year, the Mt. Hood Community College District is going to the voters for approval of its operating levy.

In next Tuesday's election, the College is asking approval of a \$1,498,632 levy for the 1976-77 school year, down sharply from levies rejected earlier this year.

We think the College board has acted forthrightly to cut back spending... in response to a very clear message from the voters.

For instance, 13 staff positions have been eliminated. Tuition waivers (not to be confused with grant-in-aid which MHCC does not offer) have been cut back sharply. These are funds which assist student athletes, debaters, newspaper editors, musicians, etc.

Community services heretofore provided by the College are being cut back. A number of part-time instructors have been terminated and the funds thus saved will be used for full-time teaching positions; a more effective use of teaching dollars in eyes of the College administration.

Administrative appointments made

in the waning days of the Klapstein administration have been cancelled. Like cuts have been made in most other areas.

In other words, the College has done what the voters demand... they have cut costs sharply. The figure of \$1.5 million on Tuesday's ballot is sharply reduced from the \$1.9 million per year levy for three years rejected in April, and the \$2.3 million per year levy for five years turned down in January.

The levies beaten earlier this year probably were ill-advised. The voters obviously didn't want to look that far into the future.

But Tuesday's levy is for one year only, nothing more. The College needs the levy to get by the 1976-77 academic year. Just like everyone else, the College has to pay more for lights and heat and water and supplies and Social Security, ad infinitum.

We're going to vote for the College Tuesday and we urge our readers to do the same. The College needs our help.

The '74 Question

The Oregon Research Institute polled a random selection of Oregonians recently to see what they thought of the 55 mph speed limit.

Predictably, most people approved of the idea. But it seems to us the big question wasn't asked... How many people really keep their cars at 55 mph?

Some 83 per cent say the 55 mph limit has reduced the speed at which they drive; 74 per cent say it has reduced the speeds of other drivers.

But no one was asked if they've been driving 55 mph.

We suspect few people are obeying the law. If you drive to Eugene or Seattle and keep your car at 55 mph, everyone on the freeway passes you

by.

True, people who used to drive 70 probably have reduced their speed... to 65 or 60. But not to 55 mph.

A big majority of those polled did not favor a higher speed for trucks and a somewhat smaller majority felt it would be difficult to reduce the number of miles driven by an arbitrary amount, say 25 per cent.

The findings are interesting in that the 55 mph limit was earlier opposed by many people. Most people now perceive that lower speeds—even if not 55 mph—cut down accident frequency. It's worth a slightly longer trip to get there safely.

How To Get on Television

If you want to get on the 6 p.m. TV news, it's ridiculously easy.

All you do is paint a few signs of protest, gather up some friends, start walking up and down the sidewalk, call your friendly TV station and bingo! You're on the air.

It really doesn't make any difference what the signs say—attack anything from excess stomach acid to Little Orphan Annie. Just protest! That's the ticket!

Seriously, we think all the news media—but particularly television—is exercising very poor news

judgement when it comes to placard-waving pickets. These get news coverage far beyond the ordinary.

Congressman Bob Duncan said it another way recently when he told a Demo Forum meeting that there "are perhaps 425 Congressmen who aren't carrying on with their secretaries, but all we hear about are the few who are."

It almost seems news media go out of their way to play up the maladroitness in our society. We could stand some better news judgement.



letters to the editor

Thanks

To the Editor:

We wish to extend to the Hoodland area residents a hearty thank you for making the first Community Bible Camp a success. A total of 141 boys and girls enjoyed a week of Bible study, Bible memory work, swimming and games at beautiful Camp Arrah Wana.

A special thank you to the American Baptist Churches of Oregon for the use of the site and to Bob Boring, project director, and Carl Wright, resident director, for their many kindnesses.

To the 30 counselors and those in the community who contributed time, money and prayers we thank you for the extra TLC given to each child's welfare. Without the loving care and concern of these dedicated people we would have not had the spirit of co-operation which was so evident throughout the week. We thank all of you for putting your Christianity into action.

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Slave material

To the Editor:

As long as there are people, there will be those that strive to enslave others, despots they are called. If you are lucky enough to provide the necessities, comforts, or luxuries you are satisfied. The despot wants something more. He wants power, as well. From the time our constitution was first drawn up and we drew our first free breath, plans were being made to enslave the world in a crueler enslavement than that inflicted upon any British subject. Notice that England was made to give up her possessions, the Nazis were forced to free their conquests. However nothing is being done about freeing the people under Communist domination. People know that the Communist record of cruelty is far more horrible than the Nazis. Communist aggression marches steadily forward with no opposition from America. In fact it has America's blessings. The Rockefeller backed United Nations says what peace is to be and that is no resistance to communism.

Everyone must take sides either to be free or to be a slave. If you choose to do nothing, you are slave material. No one can question the fact that the man with gumption enough to take care of himself is under attack.

When the man with gumption enough to take care of himself is taxed and regulated out of existence then that country is dead. Any country that is not free is dead or worse than dead.

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Vote

To the Editor:

Well, it finally happened. The old bottomless pit full of money ran dry.

Don't take me wrong, I'm in favor of the school district receiving the money they need. But the people figuring the budget should remember; some new activity that the students could participate in may not be financially realistic.

There may be a lot of nice things our schools could be doing, but the voters don't want to foot the bill! Is a second swimming pool really necessary?

What do we need? First good salaries for the teachers. An obvious incentive for them to teach our kids the best they can. Secondly enough room for the students to learn in. If necessary, building class rooms is the answer. Then enough quality study materials for the kids to read. Finally, some voters feel money should be used to initiate sports programs, which I have nothing against.

My point being if these important items are met, and there are funds left for the other activities, then fine, do it.

Just because a school official thinks it would be a good idea to start a particular activity, doesn't make it so.

Contrary to what the Sandy Post thinks, just what is the matter with the three R's for an education? I had to laugh over the Mt. Hood College levy... Too

bad, I guess they'll have to do without their fancy tennis club. Yes sir! That humble little college has come a long way, on the taxpayers' back.

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4-Hers gain honors

Several Sandy and Boring 4-Hers were among the winners of this year's 30th annual Clackamas County Lamb and Wool Show.

The 30th annual show again broke its record in shipping market lambs: A total of 772 lambs were sold by 60 county sheepmen. The lambs weighed a total of 84,090 pounds, for an average weight of 108 pounds.

In the wool show, approximately 100 fleeces were judged by David Taft, general manager of the Columbia Wool Scouring Mill, Portland.

Area winners in the ewe lamb, crossbred category included Gretchen Lundeen, Sandy, fourth; Kim Bair, Boring, sixth; and Ginny Casad, Sandy, tenth.

In the junior youth showmanship category, Deborah Ball, Sandy, placed second and Virginia Casad of Sandy placed eighth.

In the intermediate and senior showmanship categories, Dan Rohweder of Sandy placed first with Julie Reedy, Sandy, seventh; Kim Bair, Boring, eighth; and Cheryl Lusk, Sandy, tenth.

Susan Burr of Sandy placed eighth and ninth in the ram lamb, Suffolk division.

Retired teachers visit exhibits

The Barlow Trail Retired Teachers Unit No. 23 met June 16.

The group had lunch at the senior center and then visited the Oregon Historical Society. They toured the building and viewed the movie "Looking Backwards."

The new exhibit beginning this week explains civil engineering projects spanning

the 200 years of the nation's history. This exhibit was started using a record found in 1775 which documented early projects.

Retired teachers Maude Johnson, Ruth Mitchell and Alice Will joined a group from the senior center which toured seven covered bridges left in the area.

Guest Editorial



by Dale Nicholls

A growing number of Oregonians are becoming increasingly alarmed over the impact land use legislation is now having on their lives and upon the economic and social welfare of their friends and neighbors. For many, it is a substantial shock to suddenly learn that certain property rights and privileges they have enjoyed and considered to be permanently guaranteed to them as Americans, have been removed in part or in total.

For a great many years, through the zoning process, we have had land use regulations which generally served the public and private interests very well. Americans accept reasonable regulations which they believe to be needed, fair and honest in their application. An example of this is "Eminent Domain" — the authority of the government, local, state or federal, by which private property may be taken for public use. The process provides for the owner to be paid just compensation.

In the past few years, we have been literally and actually bombarded by experts, purported experts, self styled experts and all kinds and types of authorities in land use.

The general theme has been, "No longer can we afford the rights and privileges of individual determination as to what an owner may or may not do with his property." The arguments generally reflect the acknowledged fact that the land is of a limited supply. This old world is only so large and contains only so much land mass. Therefore, we are told, if we continue absorbing farm land into urbanization, we will for sure all starve to death in the near and foreseeable future. You simply don't grow carrots or much of anything else in asphalt or concrete.

If we accept this as being a valid argument, then I suggest we should take a very hard look at adoption of measures to preserve farm land where it REALLY is as opposed to poor soil classifications in elevations with shorter growing seasons.

In this writer's mind, a very strong possibility exists that much of the newly enacted and stringent legislation, setting up extensive bureaucratic controls over property and resources, came into existence as a result of being presented in an effective, emotional, appealing manner. It tended to overlook and ignore a substantial amount of factual and important developments.

Sensational strides have been made in the last 50 years in respect to food producing capabilities. In this connection, I am personally very proud of one small example. My father was a farmer all of his active life in south central Nebraska.

I recall in my childhood years, more specifically the 1920s and early 1930s, if Dad harvested 15 to 18 bushels per acre of wheat and 35 bushels per acre of corn, it was considered a successful year. Before my father passed on at the age of 81, he had virtually tripled the production per acre on the same land.

Compared to former standards, the tonnage amount of potatoes per acre being harvested under new production methods at Boardman is simply amazing.

Large new areas in Southern California and Mexico are now producing strawberries in most remarkable quantities under more desirable economic conditions and weather conditions. New food producing areas are constantly being opened on lands which were previously and generally considered to be of little value.

Our agricultural colleges, private and public research institutions, have done a remarkable job. Development of new and harder seed varieties, soil analysis technology—all of these under our free enterprise system, enable this country to consistently produce surpluses. Couple all of this with the fact that thousands upon thousands of acres of land in this nation could be pressed into food production, if required.

Little doubt exists in my mind that if food production gained a priority status equivalent to putting a man on the moon, one of our major problems would be where to store it. It is a fact that millions of people are undernourished, destitute and starving in our world. It is a monumental problem and one which cries out to each of us for attention and solution. I submit it is a problem heavily burdened with economic and political significance as well as education.

The right of property ownership is one of the most fundamental rights to be zealously protected and defended by all of us. Property ownership and the right to the enjoyment thereof, is the very basis of our free enterprise system. Property ownership makes for a better and more concerned citizen.

Land and home ownership makes for a more stable population, it contributes to better and more stable family relations, it makes for better communities and institutions which serve those communities.

Today, so much of the application of extensive controls and regulations in connection with land use are poorly conceived and unjustifiable. Its advocates and administrators undoubtedly did not and do not intend it to be that way. Far too many instances come to my personal attention which are impossible for me to personally accept.

I am beginning to see a large and mounting concern. No one, including this writer, wants to see the city of Sandy, the state of Oregon or any other area become one, big, overpopulated cesspool. In our adoption of regulatory measures, let's be mindful and respectful of all viewpoints. Let's be judicious in our approach so that we do not weaken or destroy the incentive, opportunity or the right to own property. The right to property ownership is one of the most fundamental cornerstones upon which this great nation is founded. Guard it.



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