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Water Bond Deserves Serious Consideration

Sandy voters will be asked Sept. 28 to approve a \$1.5 million water bond issue. This isn't the first time the bond has come before voters and we don't think it is too early for Sandy residents to think about the impact of the proposal.

The bond will mean higher taxes. But residents shouldn't fool themselves by thinking that a "no" vote will necessarily keep taxes down. Or at least it won't keep taxes down for long.

With passage of the bond and controlled growth within the city limits, residents will find that their tax base will be broadened. This will eventually take some of the burden off the individual taxpayer.

We personally believe passage of the water bond is vital to Sandy's future. Inflation has already taken its toll since the bond was first introduced. We believe those opposing the bond are postponing the inevitable. Sandy needs more water and the cost to connect the city's

water pipes to Alder Creek isn't going to go down. Costs will continue to rise and the cost will even be more to the individual taxpayer at a later date.

Without more water, the city may find itself in a no-growth situation. Without at least some growth — and we are advocating controlled growth — the burden on the individual taxpayer will continue to mount and the city will stagnate.

Right now several businesses in town have taken what we consider to be welcome steps in improving the appearances of their buildings. There are also several major building projects planned for the town which will fit into the wood and stone motif the city recently has adopted. These kinds of improvements may be short-lived if the water bond isn't passed.

Public meetings will soon be held for residents to discuss the pros and cons of this proposal. We think of this as a matter vital to the future of the community. It deserves serious consideration. (SAL)

Reflections on the GOP Convention

We think Oregon was typically and tastefully understated at the Republican National Convention last week in Kansas City. Senator Mark Hatfield, chairman of the Oregon delegation, spared TV viewers a long and unnecessary dissertation on the virtues of the state during the roll call, unlike other delegates who chose to expound upon the benefits of football and sunshine (neither of which our state has in great abundance these days.).

On the whole, we thought more interesting than watching the frenzied demonstrations of the Reagan supporters was hearing the reactions of Republicans concerning the future of the Grand Old Party after the hoopla was finished. Some are wondering if the party is seeing its last days and going the way of the conservative Whig party, which expired in 1857 after suffering harsh defeats in the polls.

Hatfield seemingly came away from the convention dissatisfied. And although he claims he isn't deserting

President Ford, Hatfield says he is going to concentrate more on campaigning for state and local Republican candidates this year. Still another indication of cynicism came from former Governor Tom McCall, who was recently quoted as saying: "I thought the party was already six feet under. You should speak more respectfully of the dead."

We wouldn't write off the GOP that quickly because political institutions in the U.S. do have a tendency to bounce back. But Republicans are facing a crisis that was epitomized by the convention. The party adopted a conservative platform which even President Ford probably has reservations about. And only 22 per cent of the American people said recently in a Gallup poll that they consider themselves to be Republicans — with 46 per cent saying they are Democrats. There is disunity in a party which desperately needs to overcome this Democratic majority in November if it is to survive as a strong party. (SAL)

Jimmy Carter and the Legion

You can't fault Jimmy Carter for political courage after his pardon-for-draft-dodgers speech in Seattle Tuesday.

There was no way Carter could convince the American Legion, gathered in annual convention, that draft-dodgers should be pardoned. Yet he picked the convention to announce this would be his "first official act" as president.

Legionnaires, as expected, booed and hooted for fully three minutes and had to be gavelled to order before the speech could continue.

But perhaps Carter did make his

point. He exhibited political courage, the ability to take an unpopular stand. This could do him much more good in the long run than the votes of Legionnaires.

Pardon or amnesty (the distinction isn't great) for draft-dodgers is an extremely controversial subject. Legionnaires aren't the only ones opposed to pardon, not by a long shot.

But whether or not you agree with Carter's position, at least he's made it abundantly clear where he stands. He owes the American people the same sort of candor on the rest of the issues.

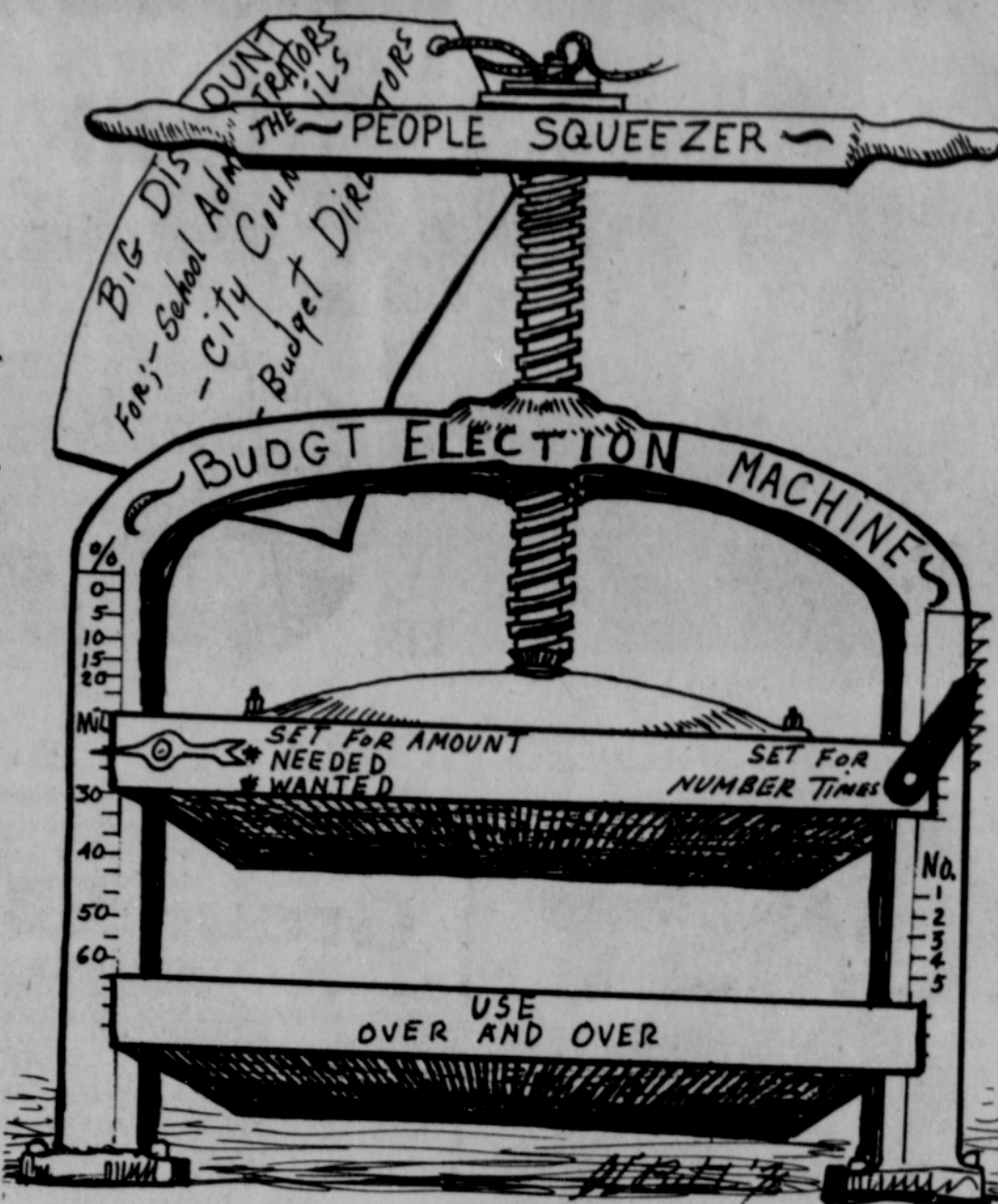
Bike owner sought

A stolen Schwinn bike has been reported found by the Sandy Police Department. The bike is red and 26 inches high.

The identity of the owner of the bike is being sought by police so the bike maybe returned.

This week police also made partial recovery of some items stolen from the home of Lloyd Elliott on Aug. 16.

THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY



School Financing - A Better way?

School financing continues to be a thorn in the side of boards and administrators around the state and we can't help but think there must be a better method of financing Oregon's public schools.

Thirty-nine of Oregon's 334 school districts are without approved operating levies for the 1976-77 school year after the last round of levy elections Aug. 10. Both Sandy Union High School and the Sandy Elementary Schools will open without approved budgets. Statewide, nearly one quarter of the students enrolled in Oregon's public schools (115,590) face the possibility of early school closure or reduced programs because of lack of funds.

Last year ten school districts went until November before receiving voter approval of their levies. This year Eugene and Beaverton, the state's third and fourth largest districts, are included in the list of districts without approved levies.

In our area, it would appear that the main reason for the budget defeats is a dissatisfaction with high taxes.

There is no organized support against the budgets.

The State Board of Education has announced it will recommend to the governor a request for a billion dollar budget. The budget includes 40 per cent basic school support from the state for local school districts. Present basic school support is about 28 per cent. More state funding would hopefully relieve the drain on property tax by local school districts.

The board's recommendation may be for too much money. A more realistic figure was recommended by the Oregon Educational Coordinating Commission for only 33 1-3 per cent school support. This commission was given watchdog powers over the budget of the Boards of Education and Higher Education by the 1975 State Legislature.

There are no easy answers to the school budget dilemma. But it is our opinion that the present system, which leaves parents, children, administrators and taxpayers left continually hanging, needs immediate re-evaluation. (SAL)

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Sanderson stirs storm

contribution, attempted to tell me what a great thing Tri-County Local, etc., etc., etc., really was, which wasn't the point at all."

Skoko told the Post that "any allegation that this is a contribution to destroy our government in my opinion is a fallacy. All we're trying to do is to improve working condition."

Skoko said the money represents the county's share of local contributions previously pledged to the Tri-County Government Commission at an advertised meeting of the commission.

"I just wanted them to tell the people of the county 'who' and 'what' it was," said Sanderson. "To tell you the truth, I suppose I knew as much or more about it than they did. I have been studying it and its origins rather carefully for about six weeks and I do have some objections to its proposals, processes and goals."

According to Commissioner Tom Telford the exchanges between Sanderson and the other two commissioners became heated during a discussion over whether or not the Tri-County Local Government Commission had, as Sanderson argued,

"preconceived" goals.

At one point Sanderson snapped at Schumacher, "Do't you get 'smart' with me. Sanderson then read from a Tri-County Local Government handout which said: "The task of rebuilding our governmental institutions from the bottom up can't be done by 65 citizens alone." And he added, "Thank God for that."

Skoko told the Post that the Tri-County commission's recommendations would not require mandatory acceptance. "It will simply be a recommendation by the group conducting the study."

Telford said he voted against the contribution because he believed there were political overtones involved in the transaction. He added there are two sides to the question of changing the political structure of the area's present political framework and he did not believe the board should place the county in the position of favoring either side with an outright gift of \$2,000.

Skoko told the Post he objected to the money being called a 'gift' and said the county was contributing money to "meet our share of local contributions to the carrying on of this study."

Keeping Posted

CRAG director to address group

THURSDAY, AUG. 26
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Design Review Board will meet in Sandy Library at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 28
Mountain Players Cabaret night will start at 8 p.m. at the Lions Club in Wemme. The plays, "Beautiful Beulah Belle" and "Comin' Round the Mountain" will be presented.

MONDAY, AUG. 30
This will be the first day of school for students at Cottrell.

TUESDAY, AUG. 31
The parks and library levy

will go before Clackamas County voters.

Larry Rice, executive director for the Columbia Region Association of Governments, will speak at the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce meeting at noon at Foothills.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1
There will be meeting of the Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) group at 9 a.m. at 21421 SE Firwood Rd. This is the home of Barbara Boswell.

There will be a Sandy Area Merchants breakfast meeting at 6:30 a.m. at Griffs In and Out.

letters to the editor

Against levy

To the Editor:
I hope that the voters of Clackamas county will recognize what will happen to them if the two bond issues that are being requested on Aug. 31 are passed. I know that both have appeal; libraries and parks.

In the past, the purpose of a county tax-base was to in one, all-encompassing tax, provide all county services. Since the tax-base failed, now they are putting these services to us one at a time. The passage of these upcoming levies will destroy Clackamas county taxpayer's control of their county.

We have always been told that we "must pay for the services we want," well maybe we no longer want additional services. Our county government must learn to live within its own financial boundaries as each of us must do. As the Parkinson theory states: the government will always find a way to spend whatever money is generated. County employees enjoy wages and benefits private industry can not afford.

It must end somewhere! Next year's budget will be spent, and if these levies pass, so will all the monies they generate. Keep

control of your county by voting no on Aug. 31.

Joseph M. Bernard
Former Mayor of Milwaukee
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LCDC Again

To the Editor:
L.C.D.C. commissioner Dorothy Anderson in Eugene on Aug. 20 acknowledged some flaws in the law which created L.C.D.C., especially in the section which "wrote out the citizens."

It is this very section of SB 100 which "wrote out the citizens" that "wrote in" L.C.D.C.'s dictatorial powers over all systems in Oregon. Earlier Dr. Paul Rudy, former commissioner of L.C.D.C., also confirmed the write-out of Oregon citizens. In March 1976, he said: "L.C.D.C. does not allow a vote of the citizens." It is the state-wide concern of Oregon citizens that the opportunity for citizens to participate in Oregon management in the L.C.D.C. system is merely comment. It is on this crystal clear basis to restore democracy in Oregon that the repeal of L.C.D.C. is rising now as an irresistible force.

Robert Hale
Mayor of Coos Bay

Air Force Band plans concert

The 724th United States Air Force Band will present an outdoor concert in Sandy's Meinig Park on Sept. 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The 45-piece concert band is stationed at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Wash. Since 1963, the Air Force Band has toured extensively in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Alaska and Hawaii, appearing in festivities such as the Seattle "Seafair Parade," the Pacific Air Fair, Expo '74 in Spokane and Portland's Rose Festival Parade.

"Sandy has been lucky in getting them to visit as well as summer and early fall schedule

is filled with many events," said Kristine Patterson of the Sandy Recreation Department.

The concert will be open to the public at no cost in Meinig Park. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the Sandy Union High School gym.

The men and women of the Air Force will perform pop, classical and rock numbers. Each of the musicians is a professional, working full-time to prepare and present programs.

Components of the musical unit include a stage band, a rock group, five-piece combo, eight-voiced ensemble and marching band.

Oregon State Fair 1976

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10am-11pm Fri-Sat-Sun.

Fair Admission Adult \$2.00
Children (6-12) .50
Students (13-17) \$1.25

GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

Jerry Lee Lewis Show 7:30 & 9:30, Sat. Aug. 28 \$5, \$4

Wolfman Jack Show 7:30 & 9:30, Sun. Aug. 29 \$4, \$3

Rick Nelson 7:30 & 9:30, Sat. Sept. 4 \$5, \$4

Bluegrass Show 8pm, Sun. Sept. 5 \$3.50

Blood, Sweat & Tears 8:30pm, Mon. Sept. 6

\$5 in advance, \$6 day of show

HORSE RACING DAILY

PRCA RODEO HORSE SHOW \$5, \$4, \$2.50

Trick Riding Act Aug. 28&29, 7:30pm

Roy Rogers/Dale Evans Show Aug. 30-Sept. 3

1:30&7:30pm

Mule Team Act Sept. 4-5, 7:30pm

Sept. 6, 1:30pm



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