

A Close Look at the Emergency Board

Most people in Oregon don't really understand the legislative Emergency Board, what it does and why.

A City Club report just released finds a lot of problems with the E-board system but concludes that in spite of its faults, it's probably better than any other yet devised.

Basically, the E-board is a little legislature, an interim fiscal body which functions when the legislature is not in session. In other words, 18 months out of every 24.

But in actual practice, the E-board has gone beyond merely fiscal matters. It has the power, if used, even to restrict and control the executive department.

The name itself is misleading. It doesn't really deal with emergencies, it deals with the day by day requests of state agencies for additional funds. Its power over the pocketbook allows it to establish policy and authorize major expenditures. Its power is considerable.

The state legislature has, on too many occasions, ducked hard choices and left them to later action by the

E-board where the glare of publicity isn't quite so hot. This obviously has expanded E-board power.

The City Club report suggests limits be put on what the E-board can do, on what it can spend. Under present ground rules, E-board decisions cannot be challenged, they're even beyond the governor's veto power.

The report also suggests the E-board should not "invade executive branch policies or duties" and that its name be changed to reflect its true character.

Alternatives to the E-board include annual sessions, expanded legislative authority, more authority to other interim committees, self-call by the legislature and more care in bill drafting (mistakes which now must be cleaned up by the E-board).

The legislature is jealous of its E-board prerogatives, however, and we wouldn't expect substantive changes very soon. The City Club report is valuable, nevertheless, and should be the subject of legislative study, if not concern.

Outlook for Power Not Good

Reynolds Metals has had problems lately with power outages, but unfortunately, much more serious difficulties may be ahead.

If the present drought continues in the Pacific Northwest, Reynolds may lose 25 per cent of its power next month or by early March. The situation is that critical.

Looming even larger, however, is the prospect that Reynolds and other aluminum operations may not be able to count on power at all from the Bonneville system after 1983.

Unless some sort of a long-range energy plan for the Pacific Northwest is devised, we may face a shortage

serious enough to cause sharper cut-backs among industrial users.

The market for aluminum is growing and it just doesn't seem logical that U.S. consumers should be forced to go overseas for their supply. But that may happen if adequate provision is not made for future power needs.

Reynolds, in particular, has been a good neighbor ever since the days just after World War II. They have contributed mightily to the economy of our area. We hope long-range power planning takes fully into account their needs.

The Weatherman Is Unpopular

The old saw, "Everyone complains about the weather but no one does anything about it," never was more true.

This winter's extended drought quite clearly is going to produce critical problems later this year. The same lack of snow which has shut down ski resorts means less water for irrigation, for power generation, for the manifold uses to which we normally put our abundance of water.

The crunch isn't here yet but unless we get substantial spring rains, it will be quite soon.

Gov. Bob Straub has warned

Oregonians that we must start taking measures to conserve what water supply we do have. A lot of little things—like running dishwashers and washing machines only when they're full—will stretch our supplies.

Indeed, there's nothing we can do about the weather. There is no magical way we can move out the persistent high-pressure system which parked over the Pacific Northwest and which is sending winter storms to the north.

But we can turn off the lights, turn down the heat, use less water. If we don't, difficult days may be ahead.

Not Fair To Colleges

It's a free country and the National Football League can schedule its games whenever it likes.

But we think the announced plan to play a Super Bowl semi-final on Jan. 1 is an unnecessary slap at the colleges.

The big bowl games—Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl—traditionally are played on or near Jan. 1, depending upon how the holiday falls. Now, the NFL wants to pre-empt the colleges' long-standing Jan. 1 tradition.

Obviously, attendance at the college games will be hurt. But it won't just hurt the USCs and the Michigans and the Pittsburghs which monopolize the bowls. Bowl revenue

goes to all conference members and thus a reduced share of bowl receipts affects Oregon and Oregon State as well as USC and Michigan.

The 1978 Rose Bowl game will be played on Monday, Jan. 2, so as not to conflict with Sunday church services. This left Jan. 1 open for the pros who apparently have no such compunctions.

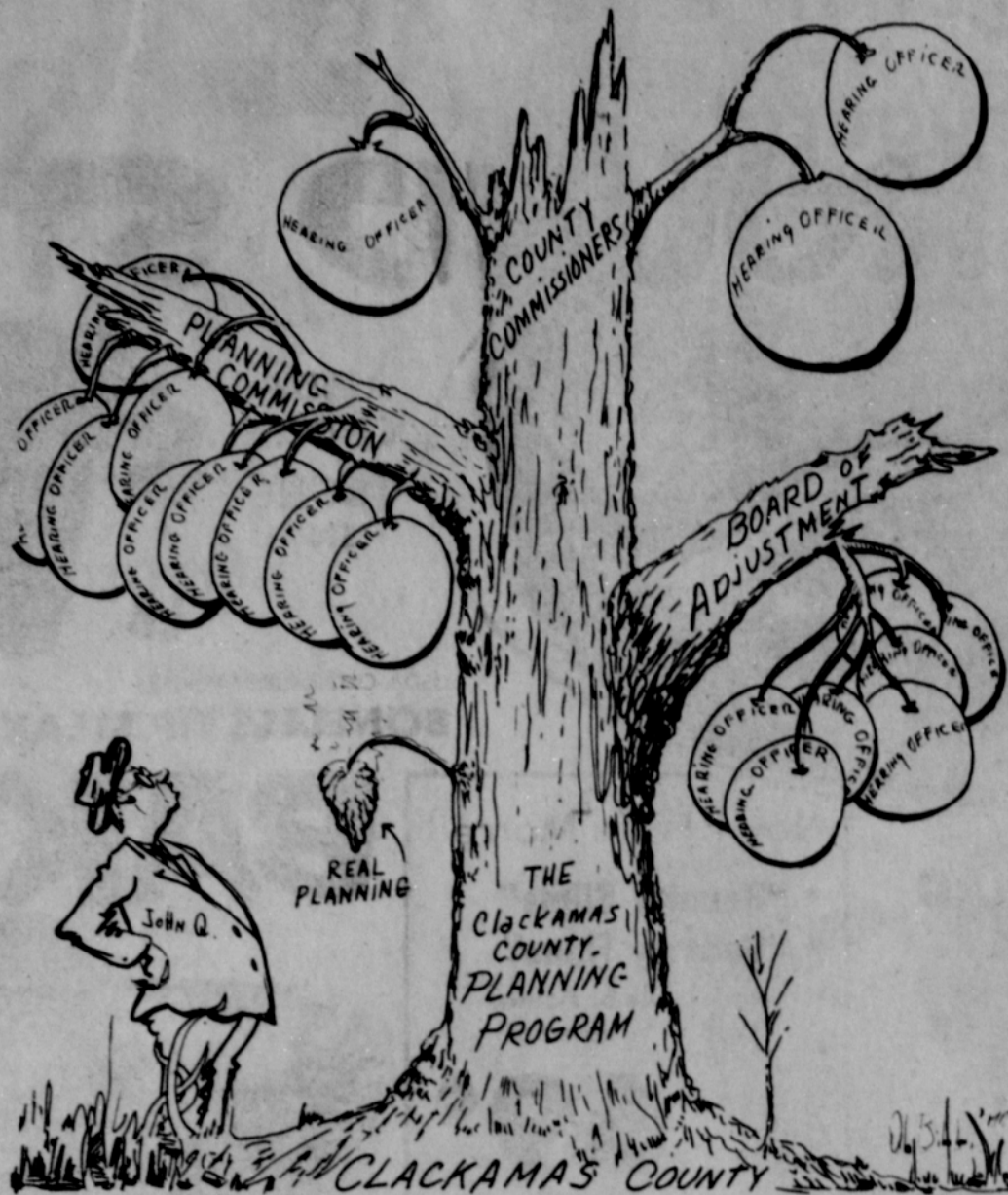
Just about 99 per cent of all professional footballers have graduated from the college ranks and we think the NFL and friends are making a mistake by undermining the traditional bowl games. They're getting just too greedy.

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That number may be used outside the free calling area of Oregon City. Oregon City is the location of the county seat for Clackamas County.

STRANGE FRUIT



John Q.: Well, that's what happens when you don't keep it trimmed back!

letters to the editor

Rewarding hour

To the Editor:
My children and I attended a community school evening class in Sandy, titled, "Kids' Flea Market." We can truly say it was a very enjoyable and rewarding hour spent.

For bargain prices, agreeable with the children's pocketbooks, we came home with a box of fun toys, and also a very special book which we have been trying to find for the past three years! This book is special, because it was my son's favorite storybook.

The original book we had, simply fell apart—page by page—from fun hours of reading day after day. Because the book never did have a cover, and we never did know the title, we have been unsuccessful in finding another copy—in spite of our long searching through stores, and neighborhood yard and garage sales.

Then, that night at the flea market, while digging through a large box of books, on the bottom—lay: "The Storybook of Elves and Fairies."

I can't explain the feeling and expression that came over my child's face when he saw the book; but, I can tell you he tucked it under his arm as if he had just found his lost treasure.

Such precious memories restored all for only 15 cents... and an hour of fun at a community school class.

Our thanks to all those who make the community school classes possible.

And a challenge to others: "Take a few moments to read the community school bulletin. Sign up for a class. Who knows, you might find your adventure as rewarding as we did...."

Diane James
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Input wanted

To the Editor:
The Oregon Legislature is off to a fast start, and our agenda is long. Special interests have already made their desires known to us—but what does the public want?

As Chairman of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, I want to hear from Oregon citizens. What do you want us to do? Or not do?

Energy conservation, land use planning and pollution abatement are three major topics under consideration. Should the Oregon Legislature adopt mandatory energy conservation standards? Should we amend Senate Bill 100 and, if so, how? Should we take new initiatives to control noise pollution?

I strongly encourage all interested citizens to write us soon. Your views really do

count. We are now deciding what areas of work to take up, so write soon. Thank you for your help.

Sen. Ed Fadeley,
Chairman
Senate Environment and
Energy Committee
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Salem, Ore. 97310

Bull Run

To the Editor:

It baffles me how people who are quoted as experts on their subjects can be so mistaken.

Now the young lady quoted in the article on Bull Run Reserve (Sandy Post, Jan. 13) may have gotten the date from another person. I refer to her statement that logging began in the Bull Run in 1959. But, since they are managers of the Bull Run and the reserve, the Forest Service in a "housekeeping" move had a logging company come in, in 1950, and selectively log the area for ten years.

No damage was done to the water of the Bull Run. No damage was done to the area.

And the forest was improved in the following ways:

A forest, like a garden, needs thinning. If you don't thin a row of carrots you get skinny little orange threads. If you don't take out the large, over-ripe trees, the young trees are stunted in their growth.

Also the big company, going in to take out the over-ripe timber, opens up roads so that the area is accessible in case of lightning caused fires. Also the logging is usually followed by replanting which insures the future forest.

Doctors are physicians, knowledgeable in the care of our physical bodies.

Foresters are degree-holding people who are knowledgeable in the care of our trees and forests. And they are required to spend too much time answering court and newspaper charges. It can't help but cut short the time they have left to serve the public. For theirs is a huge management job with involvement in skiing, hiking trails, park service and repairs, wood cutting, Christmas tree and fire protection, to mention a few of their duties and responsibilities.

I would like to see the vocal public get off their backs so that they can do what they are trained to do, take care of the Mt. Hood Forest and the Bull Run Watershed and Reserve.

Louise O'Dea
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Illogical attitude

To the Editor:

Your attitude towards capital punishment expressed in your Gilmore editorial is illogical beyond comprehension. It is precisely this attitude that has

fostered the annual increase in crime and juvenile delinquency.

If criminals were punished with sentences to fit the crime, instead of pampered and protected, by ridiculous, outdated laws, we would suddenly see a drastic drop in the crime rate.

Convicted recidivists like Gilmore have no useful purpose in our society and should be eliminated. Life sentences, which you suggest be "at least" deserved, are an improbable farce at best, and a useless drain of taxpayers' dollars.

It's time to revise our out-moded criminal justice system so that the victims receive compensation, instead of the criminal. Included would be immediate revision of the juvenile section so that youths committing "adult" crimes would be treated accordingly. The whole system is a repugnant side show, where the criminals are the only ones laughing.

Bob Hawley, Mgr.
Gresham Dental Lab

Thanks given

To the Editor:

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors, the Sandy Lions Club, and the Sandy-Estacada C.B.s for the generosity and thoughtfulness they have shown in our time of need. It was appreciated more than words can express.

To know that there are still people in this world who care about other people, especially complete strangers, is such a pleasure and warming experience.

Thanks again for all you wonderful people have done.

John, Judy
and Tina Sitzer
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Boring

Pioneer potluck Sunday

The winter meeting of the Sandy Pioneer Association will be on Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Masonic Hall in Sandy. The meeting will begin at 12:45 with a potluck dinner.

Association President Howard Berger will preside at the business meeting. After that, Clyde Sutherland will show slides of the Sandy Centennial and the United States Bicentennial celebration in Sandy.

Members and friends are urged to attend. Coffee will be furnished, but those attending are asked to bring a potluck dish and table service.

Keeping Posted

Planning commission meets Wednesday

THURSDAY, JAN. 27
Oregon Trail coffee hour begins at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 29
The Sandy Ridge Cemetery Association will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Pauline Forman, 15920 Bluff Rd. Sandy. The public is invited to attend.

TUESDAY, FEB. 1
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will meet for a noon luncheon at the Double Dragon Restaurant.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2
The Sandy Area Merchants

will meet at T.J.'s Restaurant at 6:30 a.m.

A meeting of the Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) group will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Boswell, 21421 Firwood Rd.

The Sandy Planning Commission will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Sandy City Hall Council Chambers. A minor petition off Bluff Road and Macy Street, a review of a former minor petition made by Leta Schmitz and review of the High View subdivision near Langensand and South McCormick are on the agenda.

Dog licensing stations set around county

A temporary dog licensing station will be at the Boring Fire Hall Tuesday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The station is set up so dog owners will not have to travel so far to get their dogs licensed.

A license sale will be held tomorrow at the Sandy City Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In February, a clinic will be held on Feb. 9 and 23 in Sandy.

A station is scheduled at the ZigZag Ranger District office

Feb. 2 and the Government Camp Village Grocery (Quint's) on Feb. 17.

There also will be a dog licensing station at the Damascus Fire Station Feb. 18.

The cost for 1977 dog license is \$10 for a fertile dog and \$5 for a spayed or neutered dog. However, the costs increase to \$17 for a fertile dog and \$12 for a spayed or neutered dog after March 1, 1977.

Health Awareness Week spotlighted

This is Health Awareness Week at Mt. Hood Community College.

Area residents as well as students are invited to attend the noon lectures and participate in blood pressure and dental screening tests.

The college's allied health training program has sponsored booths for blood pressure and dental screening through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Persons interested in a dental screening should stop by room AH 231.

The Oregon Lung Association is scheduled to have a display

booth in the College Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday.

Lectures were scheduled throughout the week. Dr. Jennifer James, University of Washington, will discuss "Sexual Responsibility and Interpersonal Relationships" at noon Friday in the Art Mall Theater.

Evangelia Jaqua will discuss "Relaxation Therapy" at noon today in the Art Mall Theater. For more information about the Health Awareness Week call 667-7173.

Contracts ok'd

Contracts to take effect July 1 for confidential employees at Sandy Union High School were acted upon at the district board's adjourned session held Jan. 17.

Annual contracts were approved for Juanita Shuler (cafeteria coordinator), Jerry Swails (maintenance supervisor), Charles Markwell (transportation supervisor), Dyann Alexander (administrative secretary), Sherry Averett (accounting clerk) and Willard Boring (business manager.)

Contracts for William MacFarlane, principal (two-year continuing) and Joseph DeMarsh, superintendent

(three-year continuing) were also approved.

In other school news, a delegation of Reynolds (Troutdale) High School patrons have been visiting Sandy High observing classroom scheduling techniques and aspects of the seven period day.

The Reynolds School District is adding a second high school in the near future.

Meeting set

Firwood Neighbor's, Inc. will hold their executive board meeting on Monday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Firwood School.

IED gains grant

The Clackamas Intermediate Education District has received a grant for \$12,000 to hire a behavioral resource specialist for the I.E.D. program for trainable mentally

retarded (T.M.R.) students.

The grant comes from Federal ESEA Title I money administered by the Oregon State Division of Mental Health.

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