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Changing Oregon's Map

The obviously well-organized plan to create a super county in the Portland metropolitan area and merge the rural parts of Multnomah and Clackamas counties raises more questions than it answers.

The biggest question, of course, is "Why?" What would a super county achieve? Legislative sponsors of the plan cite consolidation of service districts and resultant "better delivery of services."

And where would we find the financing for a rural county, which would include Sandy and more than 50 per cent forest lands? Wouldn't a county comprised of rural Multnomah and Clackamas counties have virtually no tax base? How would it

support itself? What about O and C funds?

If functions of CRAG and Tri-Met were to be assumed by the super county, does this mean county commissioners would control those functions, too? How would this get around enabling legislation?

Wouldn't the commissioners of this urban super county have a tremendous amount of power?

Is this some sort of a latter-day attempt at City-County consolidation?

Why totally eliminate Clackamas County?

Hearings are scheduled and hopefully these and a host of other questions will be answered. It's a very ambitious plan.

Expand Commission to Five

We tend to agree with State Sen. Walt Brown's proposal to expand the Clackamas County Commission to five members instead of three. We believe that the issue should at least be brought up before the citizens of the county for a vote.

Although the proposal would cost taxpayers more money, we think it may be worth the extra money for the extra representation.

We can see several advantages to Brown's plan. First of all, we think that five minds could come up with a better product than three minds. Under Brown's proposal, the county would be divided into districts with a

commissioner elected from each district.

It is true that if the county is districted, the more populous areas will end up with more commissioners. But there would undoubtedly be more rural representation than there is now.

Clackamas County is a vast county and there are many rural areas, including the Sandy-Hoodland area, which believe they are the odd man out.

There are some details in the proposal which need to be worked out, but the plan has merit. We'd like to keep the idea on the fire. (SAL)

What Has Happened To Mt. Hood?

We were at a meeting in Portland last week when someone asked "What in the world has happened to Mt. Hood Community College?"

The question resulted, obviously, from Tuesday's election which saw MHCC losing for the fifth time in a row.

We couldn't answer, we couldn't even guess.

The College is 12 years old and for 10 of those 12 years, the voters were totally receptive. Whatever the College wanted, the College got. Other educators could only marvel at the depth of Mt. Hood's support.

Suddenly, something happened. No one is exactly certain just what, but the voters turned off.

It was inevitable that the honeymoon would end. But so sharply, so thoroughly?

A whole lot of things could be causing Mt. Hood's problems. Things like overbuilding in earlier years,

Library Proposal is Equitable

The Clackamas County Library Steering Committee has worked hard to deal with some of the problems which led voters to defeat a parks and libraries levy last year.

So far the committee has gained strong support from the county commissioners, city managers and other elected officials in the area in their efforts to submit a serial levy to voters May 24. We support the measure too.

One of the main problems with the previous financing, in our opinion, was that cities were unfairly compensated for the number of borrowers they served who lived outside the city limits. Under the new proposal, cities would eventually receive funding proportional to the number of non-city

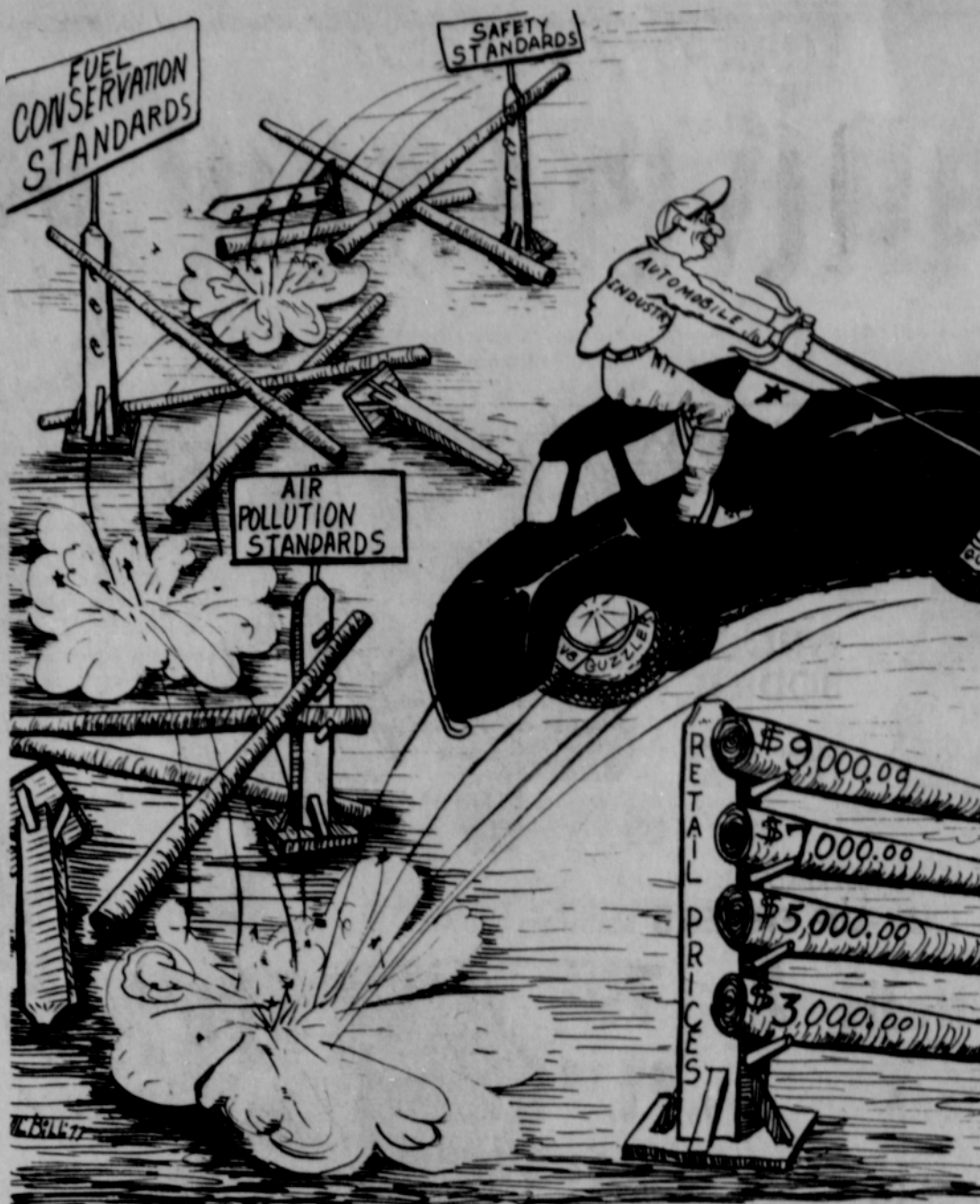
users the city library serves.

Other improvements should be noted, too.

Under the leadership of library consultant Phyllis Dalton, the county library system hopes to expand countywide services such as the bookmobile. New library outlets are being discussed for the Wemme and Damascus Square areas.

The cost to property owners would be an estimated 30 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. That would amount to \$9 for a \$30,000 home or \$12 for a \$40,000 residence.

Many people spend more than that on books each year, let alone on other forms of entertainment. We think that's a small price to pay for something as important as our libraries. (SAL)



He knocked down everything but the price.

letters to the editor

Help wanted

Dear Editor:
On April 19, voters of the Mt. Hood Community College District defeated a proposed operating levy for the fifth consecutive time. As an elected member of the board of directors, I am deeply concerned about the voters' reasons for turning down our proposals.

Some of my fellow board members have suggested that the only significant reason for the defeats has been an overwhelming public anger created by the constant rise of property taxes.

I am keenly aware of the inequities of the Oregon system which relies primarily on property taxes to pay for most of our local school, county, and city expenses. Since the college board cannot change that system, I would like to ask our voters, through your editorial column, to write me to identify any other factors which may have been causing them to vote against our levies.

If we can make improvements in our institutional policies or correct possible misconceptions of our performance, perhaps we will be successful in future attempts to obtain the additional operating funds which we need so desperately because of inflation's impact on our budget.

Please write to:
Bob Davis,
board member
Mt. Hood Community College
26000 S.E. Stark
Gresham, OR 97030

Pony shows

To the Editor:
We read the article of the April 8, Area Pony Club News, in the March edition of the O.H.A. paper.

The news that interested us was from the Eugene Pony Club. They stated they would like to see clubs put on shows with pony equitation classes and/or gaming and driving classes.

The Kozy Knoll Stumble Bums 4-H Club has put on several shows, and have had performance and gaming classes for ponies.

We are interested in putting on horse shows and would like to put on an "all pony show" but we need some help from the people who have ponies and are interested in showing and gaming their ponies. Most of all we need to know how many clubs or individuals there are, so we could get entry forms to them.

We would appreciate anyone interested to call Jackie Hadley, 668-6250, or Lee Revel, 666-7237; or write: Jackie Hadley, 36520 SE Deming Rd., Sandy, Ore. 97055.

Thanks

To the Editor:
I would like to thank all those who supported me in my candidacy for SUHS Board Position 1 and also those who made phone calls and/or spoke in my behalf.

Now that the elections are over I sincerely hope that all the board members rise in

support of Mrs. Brewster and her endeavors; and that they avail themselves of opportunities to confer with high school students, professional staff and personnel of the district and patrons of the area to help better our schools and community.

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Sandy

Manning The Post Bouncing checks cause mystery

As part of our continuing efforts to expand news coverage, the Sandy Post would like to introduce a new weekly column called "Manning The Post." We're going to try and make it bright, fun and informative, and we hope you enjoy it.

by Douglas Gantenbein

Frustrations, humorous and otherwise:

Having just moved here from Seattle, I had left a checking account open there to cover the tracks of my move.

Now, I was a journalism major, and economics makes as much sense to me as does the need for deadlines, but I can balance a checkbook and knew I shouldn't have gotten the three returned check notices my mailbox spat out at me last Saturday.

At first I suspected a lost deposit, but my canceled checks arrived with the next mail, and one mystery was solved while a greater one arose.

My deposits were all there, but an odd looking document mixed among my checks revealed that my benevolent bank had taken 146 of my hard-earned dollars and paid them out to a Seattle omel te mill called "Eggs, Inc."

Dear Lord, I thought, ripped off by a flock of safe-cracking chickens!

So I wrote the bank ("Dear Bank . . .") and tried to point out to them the impossibility of a chronic breakfast-skipper like me consuming that many

eggs in a year, let alone at one crack.

This intelligence my bank received without a squawk, the Great Egg Escapade is still unsolved, and I've decided an empty mayonnaise jar in the pantry beats a safe any day . . .

Less amusing was the airing of a show called "The Business of Extinction" shown on Channel 10 last week.

The program, part of PBS's Nova series, described the booming market in protected and endangered wildlife. We in the States often forget that many developing nations lack the leisure time to be concerned with such seeming frivolities as animal preservation, and as a result the world population of tigers is less than 4000, and some varieties of rhino number in the mere hundreds.

Little is being done to stem the flow of exotic animals, both alive and skinned, from their tropical homes to markets in the U.S. and Europe. Penalties for smugglers are light and rarely enforced, and the profits from a pair of rare canaries can easily exceed that from a large quantity of opium.

How long some animals will last is hard to say, but it is a fact that literally hundreds of species can be classified as critically endangered. The real crime is that unlike air or water pollution, the process of animal extinction cannot be reversed. Once an animal is gone, it is gone forever.

And we are all the poorer for it.

Students to learn source of food

The Sandy Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter this week will be educating Firwood School second graders to where their food comes from.

The Sandy FFA chapter is sponsoring the program as part of a national FFA Food for

America program. According to FFA advisor Les Geren, the program includes lectures, a film and a Friday field trip to Moore's Dairy on Kelso Road.

There are approximately 40 FFA chapters in Oregon which participate in the program.

County comments

Conservation burden to hit wage earner

by Bill Sanderson

Last week saw the President of the United States mounting a campaign of unprecedented proportions to kick off his new "energy conservation program."

To emphasize the importance of the energy crisis President Carter used such phrases in his pleas for support for his program as: "This is the greatest challenge our country will face during our lifetimes," and "the alternative may be a national catastrophe."

This is strong language when used to describe a condition that has been with us poor people for a very long time.

What brought it on at this precise time appears to be the completion of a closely guarded Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) report on the condition of our total energy supplies.

It seems that we are so nearly bankrupt in future oil and gas supplies that even politicians, big industry and the very rich may begin to feel the pinch by 1985 unless something is done about it!

As usual, we working people, the poor and those on slender, fixed incomes will be asked (or told) to bear the brunt of most of the "sacrifices" Mr. Carter called upon the nation to make.

Not much was said about the huge automobile manufacturing industry that has failed to meet many hopes for improvements in safety, air pollution and energy conservation standards while easily negotiating the sharpest rises in costs and the highest prices in history.

Industry and labor will, of course, pass any additional cost of the President's energy conservation program on to the buying public as will the very rich, those on fat expense accounts, government contractors and government subsidies.

People who MUST drive their V-8 gas-guzzler to work and those who are already forced

into the most stringent programs of personal thrift will be among those hardest hit.

The President's program speaks rather glibly, I thought, about reimbursing those who "save" energy with funds the government intends to extract from those who "waste" energy. But the government's batting average for fair and equitable redistribution of revenues is not better than its bad reputation for inequitable taxation in the first place.

The many, many technical details of the program are so varied and so numerous that they, in effect, guarantee loopholes and escape clauses for everyone who can afford a lawyer or other smart "Loophole-Sniffer-Outer" on his private payroll.

This, in turn, will cause a scarcity among those so qualified, which, in turn, will send their salaries skyrocketing out of reach of enough people to finance the program.

Unfortunately, the President seems to have totally missed a cure for our oil and gasoline shortage(?) that I would have imposed.

It is very simple, too.

If, for every automobile manufactured that gets less than 20 miles per gallon of gas, the industry would be required to build one small, electric car capable of furnishing one or two people transportation for ALL intra-city and short-trip requirements.

The two would be sold as a "pair", and would come in matching colors and styles. Of course there would be a heavy fine for driving either vehicle out of its proper place imposed on Mrs. (or Mr. Rich-bugger).

The resulting clean air over our cities could be blown out to sea to help dissipate the stench of our present oil-slicks.

Keeping posted

Council to hear budget message

THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Registration for the 1977-78 Sandy Kinderschool will be held at the Community Presbyterian Church in Sandy at 10 a.m.

The Sandy Design Review Board will meet at 7:30 this evening in the Sandy Council Chambers.

The Blue Marlin Aquatic Club will hold a third annual awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Sandy High School Commons.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
The Hoodland Women's Club will sponsor their "Serenade in Spring" dance tonight beginning at 9 p.m. Tickets for the dance, which will feature live music, will be on sale at the door or from members. The dance will be held at the Hoodland Park Building, south off Highway 26 on Salmon River Road.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
There will be a flea market from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the picnic area of the Hoodland Women's Club in Wemme. If it should rain, the picnic will be held in the covered play area of Welches School.

TUESDAY, MAY 3
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a noon meeting at Babe's Big Boy Pizza Parlour in Sandy.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
The Hoodland Women's Club is sponsoring a tour of Camassia, a flower trail park, in West Linn.

Those who would like to go are asked to meet in the Sandy Rexall parking lot at 10 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. For more information call 668-4529.

The Sandy Area Merchants will meet from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at T.J.'s Restaurant.

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