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Local Hearings Are Needed

It looks as if the House and Senate are going to pass up an opportunity to bring government closer to the people.

Rep. Teno Roncalio, D-Wyo., this week wrote to Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt and said hearings on the future use of the Bull Run watershed won't be held anywhere in the Portland Metropolitan area.

Roncalio, chairman of the subcommittee on Indian affairs and public lands, acknowledged in the letter that field hearings "would maximize local input." But he also said that such hearings are impossible during the next several months because of conflicting schedules.

We believe that sentiment concerning the future of the reserve isn't as unified as Congressman Robert Duncan and other members of the Oregon delegation seem to believe. There are many who have strong doubts about the abilities of the

Forest Service to manage the Bull Run Reserve on its own. Questions such as who would pay for a filtration system for the water if the need should ever arise (and most everyone publicly says that they hope that this won't be the case) haven't been answered.

There are many people interested in the outcome of the Bull Run issue who won't be able to afford to go to Washington to testify next week. True, there have been hearings on the future of the Bull Run in the Portland area, but those hearings weren't concerned with the three bills presently before Congress.

We fear this issue won't get the attention it deserves in Congress. And it just doesn't make sense that Congress would reopen areas of the Bull Run to recreation for six months under the guise of allowing more time for a permanent decision to be made and then turning around and trying to speedily make that decision without covering all their bases. (SAL)

Air Conditioned Comfort

While the rest of the nation swelters in 100-degree heat, the Pacific Northwest remains cool and pleasant. Weatherwise, we don't appreciate how lucky we really are.

Much of our summer still remains and we can expect our share of hot weather. Even so, our summer climate is so much better than the rest of the U.S. that it begs comparison.

We're fortunate, of course, because the prevailing westerlies pass over the cooling waters of the Pacific Ocean. Only when high pressure causes winds from the east do we experience any sort of extremes; and that isn't very often.

Someone could make a fortune if he could bottle our weather and merchandise it on the sweltering East Coast.

Probing Deeper into Koreagate?

The news media often are accused of "selective morality." We pan our enemies and praise our buddies.

A case in point certainly seems to be the oft-aborted investigation of Korean influence-peddling among members of Congress.

The media were in the forefront of those who tore the Republican party apart over Watergate. It's strange that they're exhibiting so much less interest in digging out the facts on purchase of Congressmen by Korean lobbyists.

Pres. Carter has set the example, of course, by refusing to appoint a special prosecutor as was done with Watergate. There's no comparison between Watergate and the Korean affair, obviously. But Carter's reluctance to push the investigation only adds more flame to the fires.

It seems to us that the Democratic party is making a big mistake with such dilatory tactics. The air should be cleared before the rumors get any further out of hand.

Looting in New York City

The disgraceful scene in New York City last week—when looters ravaged parts of the city during a power blackout—is being excoriated in all sorts of ways.

Apologists for the looters blame the whole situation on white businessmen because they didn't provide jobs for the Negro and Hispanic youths involved. Clear at the other end of the scale are those who say Gov. Carey should have called the National Guard and crushed the disturbance with an iron fist.

Probably the most intelligent response came from a black borough

Getting Uncle Sam To Pay

Sen. Robert Packwood has released results of a study by the General Accounting Office which indicates that Uncle Sam quite often is tardy paying his bills.

We can concur.

Every so often, we run recruiting ads for one branch or the other of the military and seldom are we paid within the customary 30 days. Quite often, there is a 60 to 90 day delay and once, with a bill to the Air Force, we had to wait from November until

president, Percy Sutton, who said "Persons charged with looting, vandalizing and burning must not be excused because they are poor, because the poor are as moral and as honest as any other people."

That, we think, is the real point. Being out of a job is no excuse for taking someone else's property. If a person is totally lawless with no respect for the rights of others, merely providing a job isn't going to overnight turn him into a decent, law-abiding citizen.

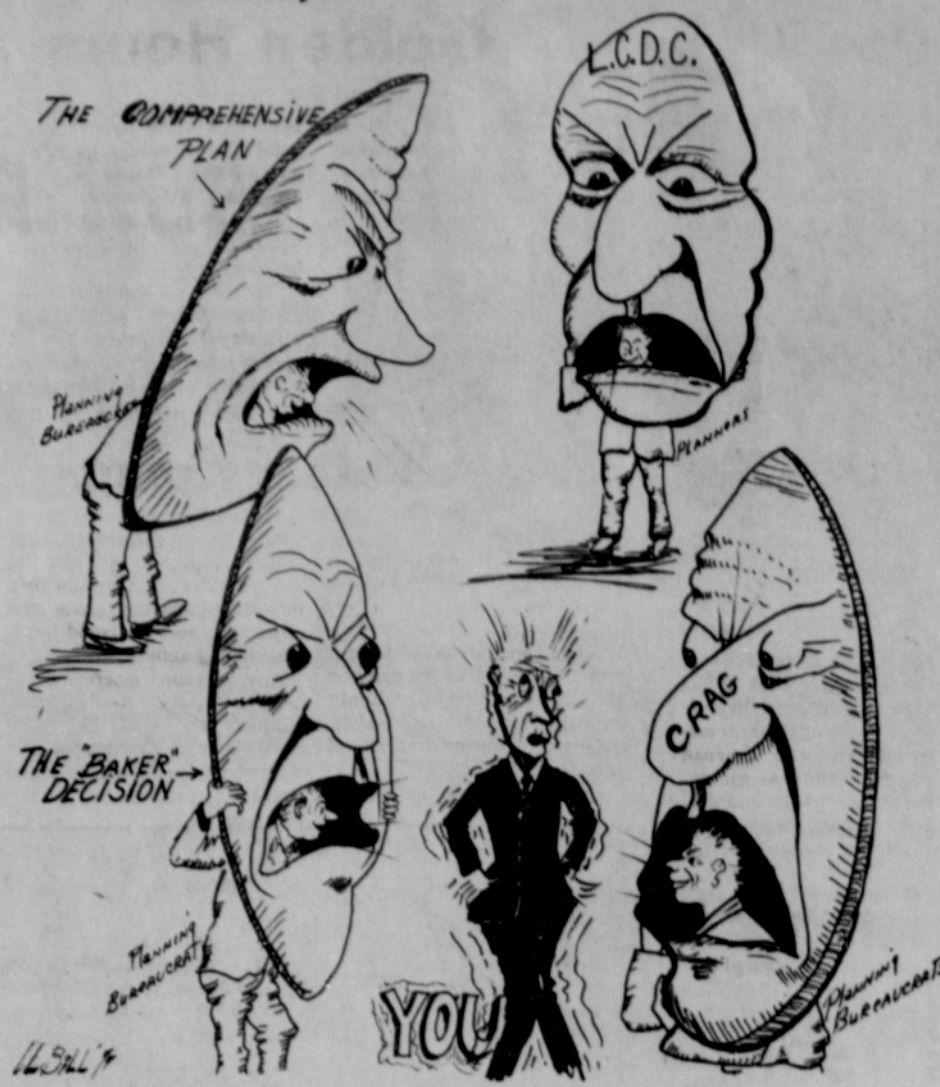
New York must be a very sick city.

April.

Other forms of government usually are slow but pay quicker than does Uncle Sam. We often encounter a 30-day delay with school districts and cities but the problem well could be in our billing cycle; local entities usually try to pay on time.

Multnomah and Clackamas counties usually pay promptly, so does the State of Oregon. But Uncle Sam, obviously buried in a sea of paperwork, has his problems.

OR ELSE!



Letters to the editor

Gallant effort

To the Editor:

On the afternoon of Friday, July 8, we called the Alpine Ambulance and the Sandy Fire District to a home medical emergency.

Their immediate response and their gallant efforts to save the life of our loved one will always be appreciated. In our grief, it is a consolation to know that everything possible was done to save our boy.

We feel it is worth reminding the residents of the Sandy area how fortunate they are to have these well equipped units, manned by such skilled and caring personnel, always on call to aid in times of distress.

The family of
James I. Chandler
Sandy, Ore.

Success

To the Editor:

The officers and members of

Keeping posted

Band program Thursday

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Sandy Elementary school summer band students will perform at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, in the Intermediate Building Playshed.

The concert marks the end of the summer band program, which has attracted students from Cottrell and Sandy.

A short party for the summer musicians will be held after the concert. Dave Anderson is the summer band director. The public is invited to attend.

Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will start at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

The second session of the Sandy Public Library's Tom Sawyer Art Class will be held from 10 a.m. until noon. Beth Gale from Hoodland will teach the class, and those attending are asked to bring a small paint brush. Students of all ages are invited to attend the free class.

the Sandy Lions Club would like to convey their appreciation and gratitude to the Sandy City Council, the local merchants and the individuals who helped make the Mountain Festival Days such an astounding success.

The high point of the festivities was the dunk tank in the Lions Club Beer Garden. Mayor Mel Haneberg, City Manager Paul Helton as well as many other charitable townspeople gave of their time to endure the chilling experience of posing as a target in the dunk tank.

All contributions to the dunk tank will be donated to the National Foundation for the Blind.

Tad Yeager,
President
Sandy Lions Club

Fly-in support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Sandy

Kiwanis Club, we would like to extend our thank you to the community and those individuals who helped make the Fly-in Breakfast a continuing success.

Without the great assistance of the Boy Scouts, Rainbow Girls, Key and Spade Club members and many local merchants, the task would have been more than our members alone could handle.

For the 20 years in which Kiwanis has been having the Fly-in, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Wesselink have continually given their overwhelming support.

A special acknowledgement to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, owners of Rich's Airport, for extending themselves in allowing Kiwanis to make this community event possible.

Sandy Kiwanis Club
Sandy, Or.

County comments

Land use planning 'sad and sloppy'

by Bill Sanderson

Clackamas County's rural zoning project for four areas (defined as I, Carus-Molalla; II, Redland, III, Estacada-Colton and IV; Tualatin-Wilsonville) was kicked off, up and down at an "informational meeting" Wednesday evening, July 13.

About 100 people appeared to be present. However, a small army of "planners" and others, including many of those interested in the future fate of possible or probably developments, somewhat reduced the total representation of the 20-30 thousand citizens affected.

The meeting was not a "hearing" but a "telling" with Extension Agent Ardis Stevenson making the introduction and general description of the project and Dominic Mancini getting down into the specific details of the goals of the project.

Few questions were asked by a generally apathetic audience and fewer still were answered by the speakers.

The entire proceeding was more than faintly reminiscent of the planning department's almost frantic effort to get the "first" comprehensive plan accepted, and failing that to go into a crash program to get a "second" plan readied and adopted that would correct and include some of the missing "conditions" imposed by the terms of a federal grant.

One of the most remarkable similarities is the constant reminder to nervous citizens that they will be given an opportunity to "have a say" in finalizing the proposals.

Since most of the important decisions appear to have already been made there is an understandable skepticism apparent on the subject of citizens participation.

Few knowledgeable citizens have forgotten the "kind" and the degree of citizen par-

ticipation permitted in the public "review" of the present comprehensive plan, including the eager promises of all three (then) county commissioners that the plan would "make no changes" and that it would be a "policy statement" only.

Its present highly ballyhooed status as the planning "law" makes one wonder who got what into it and for how much.

As a plain matter of fact, the blatant use of a planning "policy statement" to justify furtive, or at least unpublicized changes in accepted interpretations of county ordinances is basically the reason for the county-wide flood of complaints regarding the citizen's inability to get proper information out of the planning department.

Members of the Clackamas County Planning Commission and of the Board of County Commissioners have themselves recognized this problem. To introduce the same sort of confusion into the project for zoning and/or rezoning 425 square miles of this county is more than adding insult to injury. AND THERE MUST BE MORE REASON FOR IT THAN JUST PLAIN INEFFICIENCY!

The sad, sloppy and terribly costly history of land-use planning in Clackamas County staggers on under its accumulation of past errors, present blundering and inadequate preparation for the future.

It will get worse UNLESS the people whose deeds and titles to their land, whose paid tax receipts and whose labors give them the right and the obligation to say, once and for all, "Get your pointed little pencils off my land and let ME show you how to do it!"

But they probably won't and they will go on paying more and more taxes on land over which they have less and less control.

Hitler raised a lot of H-I with people like that!

Phone service survey established in area

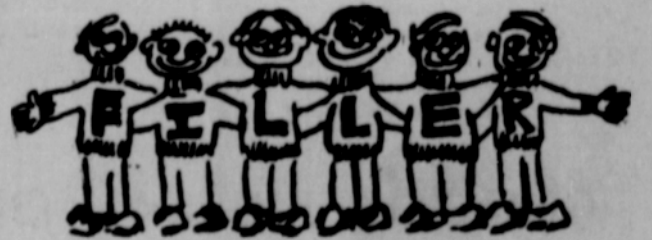
Gresham area customers of General Telephone Co. will soon have a chance to rate their service.

The company has initiated a Northwest-wide survey program called Tel-Cel (Telephone Surveys of Customer Expectation Levels) to find out just what people think of their telephone service, according to District Manager Henry Kutschia. A random sample of 100 customers in each of the company's 17 districts in the Northwest will be conducted by the Walker Research Group of Fort Wayne, Ind.

The five-to-seven minute survey will cover such categories as operator assistance, dialing services, repair, installation, and billing accuracy. Only one category is used during an interview and researchers will limit calls from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Kutschia said the purpose of the survey is to see that the company's measurements are uniform throughout the system and to assure that the measurements the company has established for itself are the measurements customers are concerned with.

If during an interview, a customer indicates a problem that requires immediate action, a memo will be forwarded to the appropriate office for investigation.



Changes noted in GI bill

GI Bill students seeking a money advance at the start of school should review the new Veterans Administration payment procedures that became effective June 1.

The advances are no longer automatic, according to Donna M. Arndt, director of the Portland VA Regional Office. Students must request the two-month advance through the school. The request, plus the school's certification of enrollment, must reach VA one month before the start of regular school registration to insure timely delivery of the check to the school.

"Veterans planning to attend a school with registration in September should apply for advance pay in July," Arndt said. "This will allow for any small delay in the school certifying the enrollment to VA."

For students to get the pay advancement, the school must agree to process the advance payment and the student must have had at least a full calendar month break between school terms.

The new advance payment procedures are the result of legislative action which also eliminated prepayment of

monthly VA allowances, effective June 1. Students enrolled in June classes received their June payment on July 1. Subsequent monthly checks will follow each additional month of enrollment.

Because of the changes in payment procedures, students planning fall enrollment are encouraged to consider budget requirements beforehand.

Complete information on all VA educational assistance programs is available from veterans representatives on campus or the Portland VA regional office.



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