



Timber tactics

THE SANDY Elementary School soccer teams had a special treat Monday when two members of the Portland Timbers Soccer Team visited their practice. Hank Liotart demonstrates techniques to admiring youngsters. Also at practice was Willie Anderson.

(Post photo)

Salem scene

Constitutional 'slow fuse' attached to most new laws

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Although the Oregon Legislature has been adjourned since July, most of the measures passed during that second-longest 177-day session didn't become law until this month.

Altogether, some 978 measures of the record 2,811 proposed were approved by both Senate and House of Representatives. Gov. Bob Straub exercised his power of veto on 20 and permitted four more to become law without his signature.

It is estimated something more than 600 of the total approved by both the legislature and chief executive were not effective until Oct. 4—90 days following adjournment.

Why the delay? The ready answer is found in Article IV, Section 28 of the Oregon State Constitution: "No act shall take effect, until 90 days from the end of the session in which the same shall have been passed, except in case of emergency; which emergency shall be declared in the preamble, or in the body of the law."

The constitution further states that the "...assembly shall not declare an emergency in any act regulating taxation or exemption."

Together, these two constitutional provisions provoke much head-scratching and chin-stroking during legislative sessions.

Plenty of proposals have the emergency clause attached for a variety of reasons. Some are considered of such immediate importance the Assembly will prescribe that those particular bills become effective on passage. Others have emergency clauses tied to specific dates for any number of reasons. Some are delayed even until after the constitutional 90-day period.

Interestingly, the constitution also vests the governor with the power to erase an emergency clause provision through a rare item veto.

So it is a constitutional provision which prevents most new laws from imposing their regulatory power over the citizenry for a three-month period following adjournment of a legislative session.

Why the delay? The readiest answer in Salem involves the right of the people to refer measures enacted by their lawmakers. In other words, if enough people don't like a particular law passed by the assembly, they can petition to have that proposal submitted to a vote of all the people.

One such measure enacted during the 1977 session looks as if its effective date will be delayed until voters have their

say during the general election in November 1978. That was House Bill 3261, calling for a \$20 annual motor vehicle registration fee—doubling the current fee.

Opponents gathered signatures of some 50,000 petitioners and only 30,823 were required. Once the secretary of state attests to the validity of the signatures, the bill will have to achieve voter approval to become effective.

And this is the reason most often voiced for the 90-day effective date of most new laws because petitioners are given 90 days in order to gather sufficient signatures.

The validity of this answer is clouded chronologically, however.

The 90-day delay and the emergency clause provision are both parts of the original Oregon Constitution adopted by the people in 1857—even before statehood was granted.

But the power to refer a legislative act was not granted

to the people until early in this century. In other words, the right of referendum was geared to the already existing 90-day delay—not the other way around.

Further, the provision prohibiting use of the emergency clause on acts regulating taxation or exemption wasn't adopted by the people until 1912.

The reasons framers of the original constitution had for the 90-day delay likely share a common grave. Many records of both the provisional and territorial governments have been lost or were destroyed during fires that charred early capitol buildings.

One can't help but speculate the delay had something to do with the problems of communicating in a frontier land in which everyone literally was either afoot or horseback. Constitution drafters probably thought it was only fair to give the public three months to find out about a law before its

provision became effective. A delay is common in most states and the idea likely stemmed from the constitutions of Indiana, Maine or Iowa, documents on which Oregon's original set of rules were largely based.

Today the delay is welcomed by agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of new laws. Many new laws require regulations to achieve compliance and drafting those often is as time-consuming—or more so—than hammering out the legislation itself. In this state an average of 50 new rules and regulations are proposed each month.

One thing is certain. The 90-day delay was not conceived to give lawmakers plenty of time to get out of town before the new laws they passed became effective. In the early days as is the case today, a legislator is bound to get more heat about new laws from constituent

homefolks than in the relative sanctuary of the capitol city.

Removal for art explained

If goblins decorate your windows this Halloween, you can make the cleanup job easier by beginning with a razor blade rather than water.

According to Marilyn Lunner, Oregon State University Extension home economist for Clackamas County, the first reaction upon finding witchy art work usually is to get out the hose and a brush.

If you know the spook used soap, hot water is the best cleaner. Hot water and soap just make suds, and the cleanup may actually help get some fall cleaning done.

However, if you use the same treatment with wax, you will have a real mess. Mrs. Lunner cautions that sometimes it is difficult to tell the difference between soap and wax.

Why not use hot water on wax? "Because hot water causes wax to melt and spreads a thin wax coating over the glass," Mrs. Lunner said. "This thin covering is more

difficult to remove because it streaks and runs into window ledges or sills. Wax coating on a car window, for instance, can cause the window-opening mechanism to stick."

Though it is never a treat to clean up this mess, a single-

edged razor blade, preferably in one of the holders available at a hardware store, should do the trick of peeling the artwork from the glass. Then wash the window in hot sudsy water and rinse clean, Mrs. Lunner advised.

Courses cover dyes, coats

Persons will learn to dye fabrics with native Oregon plants and make winter coats in two programs to be offered by Clackamas Community College.

Fall Natural Dyes is the topic of a one-day workshop to be held Monday, Oct. 24, beginning at 9 a.m. The program will be offered in the college's Community Center Building, room 101.

Sue Heise is the instructor. Making winter knit or woven lined coats is the objective of a class to be held at the Mill End Store in Milwaukie beginning Nov. 2. The class will meet Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The instructor is Grace Smelser.

Information about the programs is available from the Clackamas Community College Community Education office 656-2631, ext. 320.

Orientation set

A 4-H new leader orientation is slated at Sandy Union High School at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20. For more information contact the Clackamas County Extension Office at 655-8631.

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Oct. 4, 1977

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Wemme Flwrs.	11	9
Cat's Meow	10	10
Glos Ford	10	10
Log Lodge	9	11
Thornberg Const.	6	14
Barlow Trl.	5	15
Carlson Chev.	3	17
Ruby Langlois	231	
Shamrock Motel	784	
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RICK SCOTT

Rick Scott has assumed the position of manager of the Hoodland branch of the Clackamas County Bank. He began his banking career as a teller in 1969 and has held various positions including assistant manager of an independent bank branch office in Portland. He is a 1977 graduate of the Northwest Intermediate Banking School.

Rick and his wife, Colleen have a 10-month-old daughter and are looking forward to moving into the mountain area. They enjoy many of the activities that this area offers.

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