



Book benefit slated

MEMBERS OF the Sandy Upper Grade Audio-Visual Club will raise money for club activities with a book fair on April 12-13. Students will have a choice of 187 titles during the fund-raising event sponsored by club members, who will be helped by library assistant Judy Berger. Members of the PTA

are also helping with the sale. The Audio-Visual Club will earn 20 percent of the total volume of sales. Last year the club earned \$120 dollars—enough for an end of the year party and the purchase of a globe for the library. Pictured here are club President Gordon Urban and member Patty Gray. (Post photo)

Oral bidding supported by Rep. Ullman

Congressman Al Ullman, (D-Oregon), says the U.S. Forest Service is moving rapidly on regulations that will "restore order" to timber sales procedures in the West.

"The return to oral auction on federal timber sales will ease considerably the potential of economic disruption in timber-dependent communities," Ullman said.

The 2nd District Congressman said proposed regulations will go into effect after the necessary 30 days for comment. Ullman has discussed extensively with the Agriculture Department and the Forest Service the need for quick action on the new regulations.

Congress recently approved legislation which provides the Forest Service flexibility in determining just what bidding method should be used in the sale of federal timber. A 1976 law required sealed bidding on some of the sales.

"Oral auction is vital in those communities where mill operations are primary employers and the foundation of the local economy," Ullman said. "It gives local mills the opportunity to meet the competition and obtain the raw material necessary for continued operation."

Oral auction was the bidding procedure used throughout the Pacific Northwest before the 1976 law.

Ullman, in a speech to the Chamber of Commerce in Redmond, said Congress will be giving careful study in the next year to the controversial 160-acre limitation. A recent court order assured a delay in the efforts of the Interior Department to enforce the 1902 law limiting users of federal project water to 160 acres of irrigated land.

"The court order makes legislation for a one-year moratorium unnecessary," Ullman said.

"I will be working in the months ahead for legislative changes recognizing modern farming requirements; making distinctions on the basis of what the land can produce and validating existing contracts."

Don't till wet soil

The sudden onset of spring has many people jumping the gun on gardening.

"Most rich river bottom soils are workable now, but backyard garden plots aren't likely to be ready yet," said Gray Thompson, OSU Extension home gardening agent for Clackamas County.

The soil needs to dry out before it is roto-tilled or spaded. The best way to determine when soil is ready

to be worked is to pick up a handful and squeeze it. "If it stays in a mudball, it is too wet," Thompson noted. "If it crumbles in the hand, it is dry enough."

Thompson advised gardeners to get manure and other soil amendments, such as leaves, compost and straw, ready. However, don't spread them over the garden plot or they will hold in the moisture and delay planting even longer.

Ullman introduced the measure which allows disaster and deficiency payments received early this year for 1977 crops to be treated as 1977 income. The problem arose because of a drought-induced paperwork backlog in the Agriculture Department.

Money distributed

The political contributions checkoff on this year's Oregon income tax return has yielded the state Democratic party \$60,895 and the Republican party \$23,904, state revenue director John J. Loddell said today.

This is the first year Oregonians have been able to

designate a \$1 contribution to individual's tax liability or choice. The contribution does not increase an individual's tax liability to reduce the amount of any refund. Contributions are drawn from the state General Fund.

Monies received from the checkoff can be used by the

parties to support any candidate in the general election, but the funds can't be used to reduce a candidate's campaign deficit after the general election. Today's payment to state Republican and Democratic party treasurers was the first of four payments they will receive during the calendar year.

Error

The Post erred in a story saying that the Clackamas County Hearings Officer on March 16 approved, in its entirety, an application by Fred Wickersham for a non-farm use.

The story should have read that the officer gave Wickersham approval on one of three requests to subdivide property into parcels. He proposed to construct a residential dwelling not in conjunction with a farm use on each of the 2.02 acre parcels.

The property is located in the Firwood area.

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