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A Lively Race For Mayor

There will be no shoo-in in this year's mayoral race, so at this early date we're not about to predict a winner. We will, however, venture the opinion that it will probably be one of the most interesting races the city has seen in years.

Sandy city government, in the past, hasn't often evoked an outpouring of enthusiasm and interest on the part of area residents. It's possible that city residents were generally satisfied with the workings of the city's management and remained quiet. It's also possible that the city's recent growth has brought to light some city problems which have hit a nerve with some who live here.

At least two of this year's candidates have entered the race because of what they see to be lackings in the system: one quite possibly because of dissatisfaction with the relationship between city hall and the police department, the

other because of the way he perceives the city's policy toward growth. Both situations would benefit from some lively discussion and debate during the next few months.

Starting in the summer, we think it would be valuable for the candidates to hold a monthly debate in the city council chambers on topics such as city services, growth, the police department and possible solutions to the city's downtown parking problem. Other topics, of course, would also make debatable material.

We would like to see this campaign become issue-oriented. The candidates don't need to spend a lot of money or inundate voters with signs and buttons. That's not needed in Sandy. What is needed to gain our support is some strong answers to the problems that this city is facing. Nothing less will do the job. (SAL)

Too Many Elections

Secretary of State Norma Paulus thinks we have too many elections here in Oregon.

She doesn't mean that too many issues are given to the voters, rather that we have to go to the polls too often. If everything was to be combined into one or two elections, the turnout might be substantially greater.

We agree with Mrs. Paulus. In an area such as ours where we have seven school districts, three fire districts, water districts, etc., it's even difficult for The Post to keep track...and that's our job. Mt. Hood Community College had an election last month, last week some school districts sub-

mitted their budget levies. Come May 23 we'll have the primary election plus tax base elections for Mt. Hood and the Hoodland Fire Department. Later this summer, Boring Fire will seek approval of a levy. Etc., etc., etc.

Mrs. Paulus suggests that these many elections should be combined. Better turnouts inevitably would ensue, and taxpayer's money would be saved in the end.

It's up to the legislature to change election laws. Recent legislatures have, in fact, reduced the number of elections—but they should go even further. We hope Mrs. Paulus pursues her suggestion.

Ballot measure topic of Firwood group

A ballot measure proposing the merger of the Columbia Region Association of Governments and the Metropolitan Service District will be the topic of discussion at a Wednesday, April 19, meeting of Firwood Neighbors.

Speaking in support of Ballot Measure No. 6 will be Dr. Ronald C. Cease, director of the masters program in public administration at Portland State University and chairman of the Tri-County Local Government Com-

mission. Clackamas County Commissioner Robert Schumacher will speak in opposition to the measure which will go before voters on May 23.

Also on the agenda of the 7:30 p.m. meeting at Firwood School is a report on a five acre zoning application and election of officers. This is the annual meeting of the Firwood Neighbors.

For more information call Walter J. Dennis, president, at 668-5756 or 620-9160.

Nine hole group play planned

The Mt. Hood Golf Club Ladies group has decided to include a nine hole group play for ladies day. Ladies day is held beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursdays.

The decision was made at the group's yearly

organizational luncheon meeting at Obie's Restaurant in Portland on March 29.

Beginners are welcome and introductory group Those interested may Those interested my

contact Jim Skaugstad, the golf professional at Bowman's, before April 20. Junior golf lessons will be available in June. More information will be available later, according to a club spokesman.

Corrections noted

The Post apologizes for inadvertent errors last week in a story about the proposed Tickle Creek local improvement district.

The City of Sandy does not seek annexation of any property involved in the proposed LID. The city's annexation policy is voluntary and only upon the request of the property owner if the area can be served by city facilities.

Actually, only the Metropolitan Local Boundary Commission, upon petition by involved property owners and support of the city, could annex any areas into the city.

The city seeks right-of-way approval for a 12-inch sewer trunk line from Emile Rich, Myron Tupper and Rubin Hoffman, three property owners outside city limits, who would be affected by the project.

The Rich, Tupper and Hoffman properties are relatively undeveloped large tracts, and the owners may be asked to pay a reduced participatory amount based on the total amount of the project at the time of the construction.

The council seeks procedural alternatives from the city engineering department, and a new assessment roll for all in-

involved parties will be introduced at next regular council meeting May 1.

The present sewer treatment plant serves a population of about 2,500, but is designed to service 5,000. Completion of a phase II of the sewer treatment plant will increase maximum service to 12,500 population.

The Tickle Creek line would provide for development on Wewer Road, but would end at Highway 211, not Shorty's Corner as reported. Shorty's Corner is out of the urban growth area, as currently established by the CRAG Framework Plan.



County comment

A young man's fancy

by Bill Sanderson

There may be no legal or even provable connection between the "spring" of the year that brings in the time for primary elections and the "spring" in which a "young man's fancy turns—etc. etc."

But there is a certain relationship between the unusual shennigans of our political friends and those of the young men in the adage as the witching season for courting and politicking draws near.

Witness the case of our freshman county commissioner, young Ralph Groener, who, with less than half of his first term as a Clackamas County Commissioner served, has

become a candidate for the position of state commissioner of labor.

Of course, at his age, young Ralph qualifies for both the young men in the adage and as a politician, and so the advent of spring may be doubly upsetting for him.

And then—when he turns up for work with a "black eye" (sometimes the visible badge of differences between both young men and politicians who have carried their spring strutting rituals into the arena of fisticuffs) you may be sure that the magic of the season is working.

In attempting to test public opinion regarding Com-

missioner Groener's rapid scramble across the political fields in search of new worlds to conquer or better paying jobs to do the conquering with, one runs into a surprisingly wide variety of opinions.

They range from: "Who is Ralph Groener?" to "Oh, you mean that state senator from the Milwaukie area?"

Obviously, these questions do not make a very good basis for opinion forming and so I turned to my one infallible source of considered public opinion, my octogenarian neighbor, Phinias P. Crotty. Mr. Crotty considers everything and he just happened to be walking by.

After we had rescued our littiest kitten from the earnest attempts of Mr. Crotty's irascible little mutt to do said kitten great bodily harm, we exchanged the following greetings and pleasantries.

Me: "You ought to have that nasty little beast on a leash!"

Mr. Crotty: "Well, you ought'a have some tall trees around here so that puny little cat could get up outta th' way!"

I explained my problem about not getting any real answers to my questions about Commissioner Groener's newest political goal. The only thing the oldest seemed to be interested in was that Groener had gotten a "shiner" in a fight.

"Who was he fightin' with?" he asked, and then

without waiting for an answer. "An' did he lick 'im?" He was obviously disappointed in me for not knowing more of the interesting details. He was not, he said, much in favor of those who resorted to violence. "But," and here a wicked gleam came into the old fellow's eyes, "if he'd a licked the tar outta one of the other commissioners or officials around that courthouse that's been raisin' all the h-l about zoning and hiring a whole new gang of high-paid burycrats, I'd vote fer 'im in a minute!"

"But since he didn't?" I prompted gently.

"Ha'nt made up my mind yet," the old man grumbled, calling his dog and starting for home. And that's my public opinion poll on the matter as of now.

letters to the editor

Prompt action

To the Editor:
I want to express our thanks and appreciation to the Hoodland Fire Department for their swiftness and efficiency in putting out the fire at the Welches School Sunday night. Also our thanks to the Sandy Fire Department for their assistance.

Without the prompt action and efficiency of our local fire department, we could have lost part or all of our school. When one takes into consideration the distance some members must travel just to arrive at the scene of a fire, and then watch the excellent job they did on our trailer fire, we should be grateful to have such a wonderful group of fellows.

Thanks again fellows for a job well done.
John M. Callaghan
Superintendent
Welches Elementary School

Thanks

To the Editor:
Many, many thanks to the dear friends and neighbors, the Rogers for the telephone calls and the transportation to Rockwood, and to the Clackamas County Sheriff department, Sandy Fire Department and Alpine Ambulance for the wonderful services they performed.

Thanks to the many friends and relatives of George Naragon who passed away April 5, 1978, of a heart attack.

Anna M. Naragon and Earl Gibson
4804 SE Coalman Road

New member

To the Editor:
As a newly elected school board member of Welches Grade School, I wish to thank all those who voted for me

and those who worked so long and hard on my campaign. Thank you for your efforts. Now that we are successful, we must get to work. Please know that I will welcome your suggestions and thoughts.
Leah Behan
Rhododendron

Pleased

To the Sandy Post staff:
Please know that I am very pleased with your newspaper. I read it faithfully and feel more and more a part of the Sandy community through it. (We live in Aims.)
I also appreciate your responsiveness to suggestions I have had.

Peggy West
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Keeping posted

Librarian to speak

THURSDAY, APRIL 13
Oregon Trail Coffee Hour
will start at 9:30 a.m.

The Welches School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. for a regular meeting. Items of discussion include the rebuilding of the music program after Sunday's fire, discussion of the district's levy election on May 23, and a report from the building advisory committee.

MONDAY, APRIL 17
The Sandy Union High School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the reference

library. Agenda items include discussion of the recent budget defeat, a report on classified employees prepared for the district by an outside agency, an analysis of the district's general fund revenues and expenditures, food service and a school calendar.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
Richard Tuffli, director of the Clackamas County Library, will address the noon session of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce at T.J.'s Restaurant.

Fines waived

This week is a dream come true for library patrons with overdue books.

As part of National Library Week activities April 2-8, the Sandy Library is accepting any library's books and won't charge a fine. The books will be routed to their "home" libraries, according to Sandy librarian Margaret Crownover.

Elementary board gives go-ahead to school

The Sandy Elementary Board Tuesday night gave the green light for the drafting of final construction documents on the district's \$900,000 Firwood School expansion project.

A call for bids on the six-room addition will be made in late June.

The board voted to seek further information on the design sketches for a 12-room school for the Kelo area.

Superintendent Clark Lund said that while the board was "very favorably impressed" with the overall design as presented by architect Heinz Rudolph, there was some question as to the economic feasibility of a building length skylight in the sketches.

The board also questioned the architect's angled siting of the building. The overall design shows a compact, two-story building set slightly off-axis

to take advantage of views to the west and north.

A belfry over the school's front entrance will house the old, original Kelo school bell. The cafeteria and gymnasium are placed to the south of the school's 12 rooms to help protect them from the sun.

The design also allows the classrooms to receive indirect lighting. The building is designed to accommodate another two-story 12-room unit at a later date, raising the total capacity of the structure to 600 students.

The estimated price tag on the new school is \$2.4 million.

Lund said that the board will review the modifications on the structure at their May meeting.

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