

Commentary

Legend contends white elk haunts Lost Lake

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When Mt. Hood shook and hurled forth stone and fire, the Indians living in the surrounding forests observed the phenomenon and incorporated the events of the eruption into their lodgefire myths. Also, events that pertained to their own people, be it an act of bravery or an unusual occurrence, were also cherished tales to be remembered. Stories of the Indians were passed down from father to son, mother to daughter, and from the grandparents to the young, which preserved the events of both the mountain and the tribe. Although the years of oral storytelling helped to preserve the texts, some of the details were lost. This was especially true with the coming of the pioneers, who misinterpreted geographic locations where certain events actually occurred. One story in which the location may have been misinterpreted concerns the legend of the white elk, which reportedly haunts Lost Lake, west of Lolo

Pass in Hood River Valley. Long before the coming of the white fur trappers and explorers to western Oregon, the elders of the tribes who inhabited the Clackamas County and Hood River regions told this story. These tribes included the Cluckamas (now called the Clackamas), the Molallias, the Smacshop (the Hood River Indians), the Cayuse, the Wasco, the Celilos and a number of other smaller bands. These tribes spoke the "Kikic" or upper Chinookan dialect, which were oral languages. During early times the Indians called Lost Lake, "Knoeksamach." The translation has been lost. On a clear day the waters of the lake reflected the beautiful mountain peak like no other. Also, the forest surrounding the lake was said to be of equal grandeur and served as a habitat for wildlife and big game. It was here, along the lake, that elk were said to be abundant. They fed more at Knoeksamach than anywhere else on the mountain's slopes. An Indian trail that was heavily used ran by the

lake. Because it extended as far west as The Dalles, and as far east as Walker's Prairie in Bull Run, it connected the mountain's north and south slopes, and many bands of Indians went there to hunt. Among the many hunters was one known as the greatest elk hunter of them all. The hunter's totem (an animal said to be related to a family by blood) was said to be that of a white elk, who accompanied him on all hunts. The sacred white elk was said to be the hunter's charm of death, and allowed him to shoot the swiftest, the straightest and the most accurate arrow. In addition, the elk gave him the sense of the elk themselves, allowing him to read their signs better, even if they had passed without leaving a trace. The "totem" was believed by many to have guided him to the fattest of all the elk bands, for he always had the largest and the greatest number bagged. One year, as the exploits of the great hunter spread, another hunter of considerable skill challenged him to a hunt.

The evening before the great hunt the challenger climbed up a steep cliff and called upon the "gods of the chase," asking them to give him stronger medicine in order to find the best of the feeding bands of elk. The two rival hunters spent a few hours the next day competing against one another, wastefully killing great numbers of elk. In the course of the slaughter, the challenger surpassed the champion. The champion hunter grew very angry and blamed the white elk for his defeat. In his rage he turned upon the sacred beast and planted an arrow deep into its heart. Knowing that it had received its death wound, the white elk plunged into the lake and swam out to the middle, where it sank into the deep bowels of water. When the mighty hunter realized that he was about to lose the white elk forever, he jumped in an attempt to save it. As the rival hunter watched the defeated hunter struggle with the sinking beast, he too realized that its powers must be saved at all costs. So he too jumped

in to help rescue the white elk. The two hunters fought against the depths of the lake, but finally their struggles ceased. The braves, who watched the ordeal from the shore, saw the three vanish into the seemingly-bottomless depths of the mirror-like waters. That night the sleep of the hunting parties was disturbed by the haunting calls of two loons that lived in the reeds by the side of the lake. Then, as the moon appeared over the horizon and cast its reflection on the lake, the loons' cries grew louder and more intense as they made their way to the middle of the lake. There, a white shadow-like figure floated above them, just beyond their reach. From then on—as related in the legend—few Indians would go near the lake for fear of this haunting. The loons are supposedly the spirits of the two hunters looking for the white elk. As for the senseless slaughter of the elk for the sake only of competition, all the Indians were punish-

ed as the elk numbers were depleted far less than before. Today, if one goes to the lake, it is said that one can still hear the calling of the two hunters disguised in the calls of the loons. And in the moonlight, if one observes closely, there above the lake will be the figure of the white elk.

Oral storytelling presents problems

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The haunting of Lost Lake in Hood River Valley is a good example of location problems that arise when trying to track down stories of an oral tradition. Often the exact location of an event is lost due to confusion of geography or corruption of the site's Indian name. In the case of the Lost Lake legend, historical records indicate that the lake was discovered by whites and originally named "Blue Lake" by Joe and John Divers, early-day pioneers of Hood River. On Aug. 18, 1880, E.L. Smith of Hood River organized a search party of twelve, which set out with hopes of locating the lake mentioned by the Divers

brothers. On Aug. 20 the searchers located the lake near an ancient Indian trail and christened the body of water "Lost Lake." According to reports of that time, the party gave the lake that particular name because of the difficulty they had in finding it, due to the confusion in routes and the ruggedness of the country. Early maps not only referred to it as Blue Lake, as it was called by the two brothers, but also identify it as Steelhead Lake. Further exploration of the area's surroundings and similarities in geography, however, raises even more questions concerning just which lake was referred to in the legend.

Public Notices

SECOND NOTICE OF SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the governing body of Welches Elementary School District No. 13, County of Clackamas, State of Oregon, will be held at Welches Elementary School on the 17th day of May, 1982 at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of discussing with interested persons the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982 and ending June 30, 1983. The First Notice of Budget Hearing and the Financial Summary were published in the Sandy Post on April 29, 1982. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained at Welches School between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Attest:
K. C. Blackburn, Clerk
Leah Behan, Chairman
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5-13-82

Commission will offer for sale at public auction a modified rectangular-shaped parcel of residential property located on the north side of Old Mt. Hood Loop Highway (Cherryville Drive) across the road from 50700 Cherryville Drive. Description: A parcel of land lying in S1/2NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 2 South, Range 5 East, W.M., Clackamas County, Oregon and being that property described in that deed to the State of Oregon by and through its State Highway Commission, recorded in Book 248, Page 152 of Clackamas County Record of Deeds. The parcel of land to which this description applies contains 6.00 acres, more or less. THE SALE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 10, 1982 on the premises at 11:00 a.m.
TERMS OF SALE
The minimum price that will be accepted is \$32,000. For cash sale, buyer must deposit 20% on date of sale and pay the balance within 60 days. For contract sale, a down payment of 20% of sale price is required on the date of sale. The balance must be paid over a 10-year term. The interest rate for a contract sale is 12% on approved credit. Credit approval is required on all contract sales. Successful bidder is entitled to possession of property when entire purchase has been paid on cash sale; when the down payment has been received, the buyer's credit approved and the signed contract returned to the State on contract sale. Interest on contract purchase commences on date of sale. First contract installment due first of month following contract execution by both parties. Taxes, if any, to be prorated as of date of sale. The State reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Sale subject to special assessments, existing restrictions, reservations and easements, if any. This sale subject to the following: (A) the Oregon Transportation Commission's use restrictions on all types of junkyards.
INFORMATION
Regional Property Agent,
9002 SE McLoughlin Blvd.,
Milwaukie, Oregon. Phone
653-3123 prior to date of sale,
weekdays 8 to 5. (File 4612,
Solo No. 67)
P582-8
5-13
5-20
11:00 a.m. 5-27
The Oregon Transportation

NOTICE OF DISTRICT BOARD VACANCY
SANDY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
Position 2 - 4 Year Term
Each candidate for an office listed above must file a declaration of candidacy or petition for nomination for office with the Elections Department of Clackamas County, Oregon, not later than 34 days before the date of such election, the deadline for such filing being 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 1982. The necessary filing forms may be obtained at the district administration office or at the Clackamas County Elections Department, County Courthouse, Oregon City, Oregon 97045. Questions should be directed to the district or the Elections Department at 655-8551.
Attest:
George D. Poppen
County Clerk
5P582-3
5-13-82

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on June 1, 1982 at 7:30 a.m. at Cascade Ski Club. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982, as approved by the Government Camp Sanitary District. Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained free of charge at Secretary's residence between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The budget was prepared on a basis of accounting constant not constant with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below.
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	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 81-82	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 82-83
ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS		
Total Personal Services	3,600.00	3,600.00
Total Materials and Services	46,680.00	45,880.00
Total Capital Outlay	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	46,981.89	51,385.50
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS	102,221.89	105,865.50
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
Total Revenues Except Property Taxes	9,335.74	92,824.86
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	8,286.15	8,040.64
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	102,221.88	105,865.50
ANTICIPATED TAX LEVY		
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	8,286.15	8,040.64
Plus: Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received	251.14	243.95
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	8,537.29	8,284.59
TAX LEVIES PARTIALLY FUNDED BY STATE OF OREGON		
Levy Within Tax Base	2,854.27	3,025.53
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base		
Serial Levies		
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX TO BE PARTIALLY FUNDED BY STATE OF OREGON	2,854.27	3,025.53
TAX LEVIES TOTALLY FUNDED BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS		
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base		
Serial Levies	5,683.02	5,259.06
Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt		
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX TO BE TOTALLY FUNDED BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS	5,683.02	5,259.06

TYPE OF DEBT	DEBT OUTSTANDING		DEBT AUTHORIZED, NOT INCURRED	
	This Year as of July 1	Next Year as of July 1	This Year as of July 1	Next Year as of July 1
Bonds	186,000.00	169,000.00		
Interest-Bearing Warrants				
Short-Term Note				
(Other)				
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	186,000.00	169,000.00		

	BUILDING		
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 80-81	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 81-82	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 82-83
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)			
Total Materials and Services			
Total Capital Outlay	2,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	2,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Expenditures and Requirements	2,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Resources			

	GENERAL		
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 80-81	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 81-82	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 82-83
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	2,400.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Total Materials and Services	33,597.36	46,680.00	45,880.00
Total Capital Outlay			
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	35,947.36	50,280.00	49,480.00
Total Expenditures and Requirements	35,731.80	47,511.35	46,545.24
Total Resources Except Property Taxes	2,760.86		
Property Taxes Required to Balance		2,768.65	2,934.76
Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received		85.62	90.77
Total Property Tax Levy		2,854.27	3,025.53
Levy Within Tax Base		2,854.27	3,025.53
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base			
Serial and Continuing Levies (Operating)			
Serial Levies (Capital Construction)			
Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt			

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on June 8, 1982 at 7:30 a.m. at HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT MAIN STATION. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982, as approved by the HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT #74. Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained free of charge at HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT MAIN STATION between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The budget was prepared on a basis of accounting constant not constant with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below.
CLACKAMAS (County) HOODLAND FIRE (City) 5-1-82
Gary Cleland-Chairman (Chairperson of Governing Body)

	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 1981-82	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 1982-83
ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS		
Total Personal Services	160,228	156,181
Total Materials and Services	75,025	76,595
Total Capital Outlay	67,767	38,165
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	23,000	92,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS	326,020	362,941
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
Total Revenues Except Property Taxes	38,020	61,025
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	288,000	301,916
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	326,020	362,941
ANTICIPATED TAX LEVY		
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	288,000	301,916
Plus: Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received	30,000	35,164
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	318,000	337,080
TAX LEVIES PARTIALLY FUNDED BY STATE OF OREGON		
Levy Within Tax Base	-0-	-0-
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base	-0-	-0-
Serial Levies	-0-	-0-
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX TO BE PARTIALLY FUNDED BY STATE OF OREGON	318,000	337,080
TAX LEVIES TOTALLY FUNDED BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS		
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base	-0-	-0-
Serial Levies	-0-	-0-
Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt	-0-	-0-
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX TO BE TOTALLY FUNDED BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS	318,000	337,080

TYPE OF DEBT	DEBT OUTSTANDING		DEBT AUTHORIZED, NOT INCURRED	
	This Year as of July 1	Next Year as of July 1	This Year as of July 1	Next Year as of July 1
Bonds	131,712	160,228		
Interest-Bearing Warrants	72,683	75,025		
Short-Term Note	107,010	67,767		
(Other)	8,000	23,000		
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	319,405	326,020		

NOTICE OF ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, May 18, 1982, a special election will be held in conjunction with the statewide Primary Election in and for the district given below. The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. The following is a facsimile ballot for said election containing the measure to be submitted at said election:
10 OFFICIAL PRIMARY NOMINATING BALLOT, NONPARTISAN, CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON, TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1982. 1-K005

SANDY UNION HIGH SCHOOL
MEASURE 3-10
Submitted to the Legal Voters of Said District
SANDY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 TAX BASE MEASURE
QUESTION: Shall Sandy Union High School District No. 2 establish a tax base of \$3,566.965, to become effective July 1, 1982?
PURPOSE: The purpose of this measure is to increase the tax base of the Sandy Union High School District from \$313,853 to \$3,566,965. It is submitted in accordance with Article XI, Section 11, of the Oregon Constitution.
The School Board is proposing the tax base to meet the financial needs and provide funds for operation and maintenance of our District and continue the educational program adopted by the District for the students. Under the provision of the 1979 legislature, the full amount levied each year within the tax base is reduced by approximately 30 percent of the qualified homeowner tax paid by the State of Oregon.

	YES	NO
POLLING PLACES		
* Sandy City Hall 39250 Pioneer Blvd. Sandy	101	
* 7th Day Adventist Church 17150 University Ave. Sandy	102	
Bull Run School 41515 S.E. Thomas Rd. Sandy	371	
Firwood School 42900 S.E. Trubel Rd. Sandy	372	
Sandy Elementary School 38755 Pleasant Ave. Sandy	373	
Sandy Lutheran Church Loop Hwy & Pleasant Ave. Sandy	374, 376	
Kelso Elementary School 34651 S.E. Kelso Rd. Boring	375, 404	
Wemme Lions Club Wemme	381, 382	
* Cottrell Grade School 36225 S.E. Proctor Rd. Boring	402	
Hollyview Baptist Church 14095 S.E. 257th Ave. Boring	403	
* Boring Grade School School Ave. Boring	406, 407	

ATTEST: GEORGE D. POPPEN
COUNTY CLERK