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Save local vehicles office

Sandy might lose its relatively new Motor Vehicles office with Transportation budget cuts, but not if determined State Representative Bob Shiprack has his way.

The division listed 17 possible office cuts to the state Ways & Means Committee as a way the budget could be cut \$654,000 if needed. Sandy's little office with 20,000 annual transactions on Smith Avenue costs the state about \$54,980 per two-year biennium.

Division administrator Dave Moomaw said the transportation subcommittee wouldn't recommend any cuts to the full Ways & Means Committee for two to four weeks. Sandy is vulnerable to elimination, however, because of its low volume and proximity to Gresham's office.

He noted, however, that only six of the 17 endangered offices have more volume than Sandy.

New local Rep. Bob Shiprack, D-Beaver Creek, claims to have saved Sandy's office by personal intervention with the subcommittee considering cuts. He argues the impact to the mountain area with loss of the office would hurt here too much.

He might have mentioned the inconvenience to local residents who had to wait hours on end in Gresham's overflow Motor Vehicles office prior to establishment of a local office.

Shiprack assures residents not to worry about elimination of the office here, however, since he's secured personal assurance of the subcommittee chairman that Sandy wouldn't be among offices cut.

Apparently local citizens owe freshman legislator Shiprack a vote of credit for throwing his weight around in defense of his new district. (VB)

Flower power fights diabetes war

Residents who want to fight diabetes here can do so with flowers, thanks to local florists Meri Lang and Diane Tiller.

Sandy Country Florist and The Flower Garden are selling donated bunches of daffodils this week for \$1, with all proceeds going to Oregon Diabetes Society.

The bright yellow spring

flowers were donated by wholesale growers in a statewide drive against the widespread disease that crosses lines of age, sex and ethnic heritage to hurt just about anybody.

Help combat diabetes in Oregon this week by picking up a bunch of cheerful daffodils—this week a bargain in more ways than one. (VB)

Legislator's report:

Pop tax could aid forests

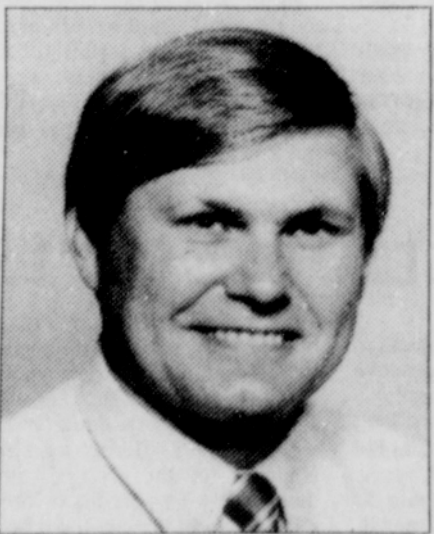
by BOB SHIPRACK
State Representative, Dist. 23

This week, there were three bills introduced that may have an impact on area residents.

An innovative proposal to modernize the Civilian Conservation Corps, started during the Great Depression by President Roosevelt to provide employment for young men in the nation's parks and forests, is under consideration. HB 2757 would create a state operated CCC program, funded by a one-cent bottle tax on soft drinks. Reforestation, conservation, wildlife habitat and road and trail maintenance are some of its goals. The bill provides for six camp sites to be located around the state, and the Sandy-Estacada area is being considered as one of these sites.

Another measure would waive liability requirements for volunteers transporting senior citizens while engaged in work for nonprofit organizations. This bill is of particular importance, because of the high degree of volunteerism in District 23. Many well-meaning people would like to volunteer at Senior Centers, but because of current law they must purchase high cost liability insurance. Passage of HB 2613 would make volunteer recruitment for transportation much easier.

A measure that we will hear a lot about is HB 2235, that requires DEQ emission certification for wood-burning stoves. New



stoves are being constructed that more efficiently burn the wood fuel and gases, resulting in fewer emissions and more heat. In Medford, the air pollution caused by wood burning stoves is so great that the DEQ has prohibited new industry from coming in. I want to emphasize that this bill will not affect those stoves already installed.

I would like any comments or suggestions on these and other bills and may be reached by writing: Representative Bob Shiprack, Room H292, State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310 (or call 378-8784).

Senator's report:

Campaign limits sought

by STEVE STARKOVICH
State Senator, Dist. 14

In recent years, runaway campaign spending has begun to threaten the integrity of Oregon's political system. The 1982 governor's race is a good example. For the first time in Oregon's history, a candidate for statewide office spent more than \$1 million to win an election.

The fact is, almost without exception, the candidate who spends the most, wins.

Candidates for political office increasingly fall into two groups: 1. Those who fund their own campaigns almost entirely with contributions from special interest groups, and 2. Those who are sufficiently wealthy to pay for their own campaigns without needing much outside assistance.

In an attempt to put a lid on the amount of money a candidate can spend for political office, I am co-sponsoring a bill to limit campaign expenditures. Senate Bill 330 has been co-sponsored by 45 of Oregon's 90 state legislators and also carried the endorsement of many citizens' groups throughout the state.

Under the proposed law, if a candidate stays within the statutory campaign spending limit, his or her contributors could claim a tax credit, as they may now. If, on the other hand, a candidate chooses to exceed this limit, his or her contributors would not be able to claim this credit. In addition, each candidate would have to file a declaration with the secretary of state, indicating whether or not he or she intended to comply with these limits, and candidates who exceeded the limit after

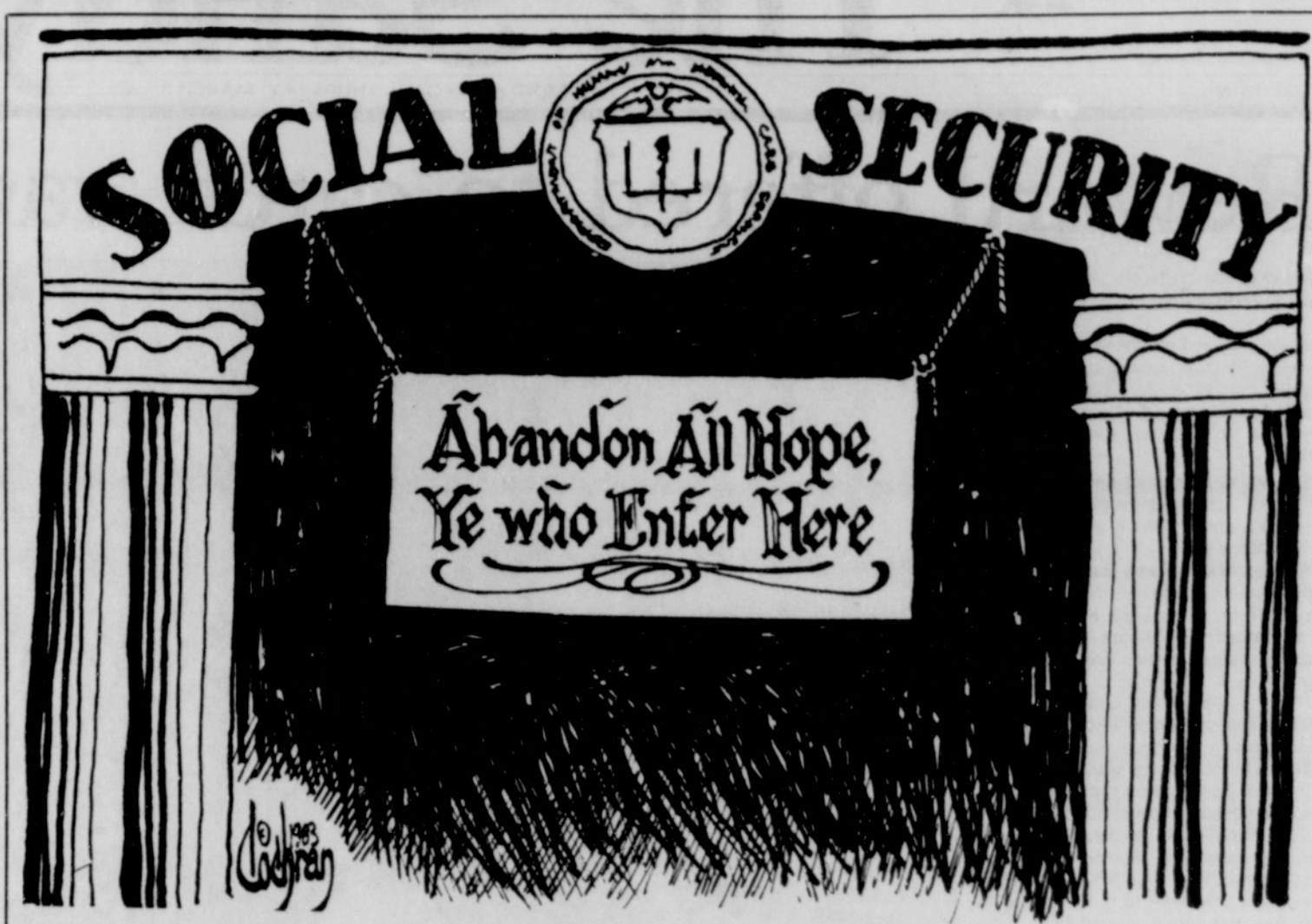


declaring they would not, would be responsible for repaying the Revenue Department any tax credits erroneously granted to their contributors.

The limits defined in SB 330, for any single election (primary or general) are as follows:

- Governor - \$400,000
- Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General or Commissioner of Labor & Industries - \$150,000
- State Senator - \$30,000
- State Representative - \$15,000

If you have any questions or comments regarding this bill, or any other, please let me know. Call (toll-free) 1-800-452-7813, or write to Senator Steve Starkovich, State Capitol, Room S216, Salem, OR 97310.



Letters to the editor:

Solon fights bank tax plan

Nix tax plan

In the last few weeks I have received nearly 30,000 cards and letters regarding interest and dividend withholding. I would love to personally respond to each call or post card but in order to conserve on mailing costs for the taxpayer, I have asked the Oregon newspapers to allow me an opportunity to respond to these letters.

As part of the comprehensive tax bill that closed tax loopholes in order to reduce budget deficits a 10 percent withholding system was imposed on individuals earning interest and dividend income. The Finance Committee's rationale focused on these three arguments:

1. Low income individuals and 90 percent of our elderly citizens would be exempt from the requirement.
2. Withholding is not a new tax, it merely speeds up the collection of tax monies owed to the government.
3. Efforts to increase revenues should be concentrated upon those who are avoiding their obligations before new taxes are raised. Thirty percent of the tax bill was targeted towards improving compliance with existing tax laws by corporations, partnerships and individuals. Interest withholding would raise \$5.3 billion by 1987 from improved compliance alone.

While these arguments make sense in theory, I am

concerned that the new law excessively penalizes honest taxpayers in order to catch the cheaters. Moreover, interest withholding is proving to be counter-productive and extremely costly to administer. The proposal is an inefficient way to raise revenue and I will support its repeal. I believe we must find other revenue measures to replace the interest withholding system.

Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

Cut costs

Our Oregon Legislature meets every two years to accept or promote a budget for the activity of the state. Our present legislature met the first of January. Has anyone heard how the budget is to be balanced for the next biennium? At the cost to the taxpayers of about \$30,000 per day, why are they stalling?

Since everyone seems afraid to recommend anything, I'll make my own recommendations:

- No. 1. Legislative pay should be cut after one month in session. (They can meet as long as they wish, however.)
- No. 2. To balance the budget, no state employee should receive more pay than the governor. (Our governor gets about \$52,000 a year. Who has more responsibility than the governor? Did you ever hear of a boss paying employees more than he makes? This is happening in Oregon.)
- No. 3. Reduce any

state salary to no more than the governor. This one action, alone, would balance the budget without raising more taxes.

Jean Roberts
Mehama

Firing unfair

It is with great concern that I write this letter and hope that you see fit to publish it, and I'd like to say thank you for publishing a previous letter on the same issue, the unfair firing of Dr. Jack Peters, superintendent of Sandy Union High School.

My great concern deals with the irresponsible decision made by the board that will cost the property taxpayers many dollars, which in some cases they simply don't have.

There has been such a lack of common sense, business know-how and proper administrative ability shown by these board members in whose hands we have placed a million dollar business, the future of our youth and the well being of our community.

Please dear readers, think long and hard about this. Recall of the board is the only solution.

Leo K. Ball
Sandy

Carnival big

Parents and friends of Sandy Elementary School came together Friday evening, Feb. 25, for their annual carnival and chili feed. The proceeds will be used to purchase a copy machine for the Sandy

Grade School office.

The carnival featured a cake walk—a top money maker—and a dunk tank, donated by the Lion's Club.

The dunk tank was the main event, with school principal Darrell Sheppard, some of the PTC board members and a few select teachers getting very wet!

As in the past, PTC relied on the help of parent and teacher volunteers plus the business community to make our carnival a big success.

Action Auto Parts helped tremendously by donating a popcorn machine plus popcorn, and Gateway Tavern graciously donated their bingo equipment for our bingo games.

This year our carnival was the biggest ever, and due to the community's enthusiasm and involvement we earned \$2,643.97.

At this time we would like to give a special thanks to the parents who spent many hours working on the carnival and to the following businesses for their generous donations to our school carnival:

Action Auto Parts, Ava's Hair Design, Back Lot

Barber, Ben Franklin S & L, Carlson Chevrolet, Clackamas County Bank,

Dairy Queen, Deckers, Dillard Nursery, Dry Dock Fish & Chips, Edgren's Jeweler, Ferguson's Saw Shop, Flower Garden, Gateway Tavern, Gresham K-Mart, Grokett Jewelry, Gordon Stones, Hairline, Harris Seeds, Heidi's, Iseli Nursery, Mrs. Jacoby, Joe's Donuts, Dr. Lamke, Dentist.

Lion's Club, Les Schwab Tire Center, Mt. Hood Body Shop & Towing, Pioneer Bulb Farm, Pioneer Chiropractic Clinic, Pioneer Realty, Sandy Animal Clinic, Sandy Auto Body, Sandy Country Florist, Sandy Office Supply, Sandy Rexall, Sandy Secretarial Sentry Market, Taco Time, Thriftway, T.J.'s, Togo's, Triple XXX, Union 76, United Bank of Oregon, Dr. Tim Ward, Warner Amex Cable, Winter Fox, Wonderview Nursery.

Thanks to your generosity, the carnival was a great success!

Debra Hoard
PTC President
Gail VanDaam
PTC Secretary

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Yesteryear in Sandy area:

Movie-makers love long for Hood

The Sandy-Mount Hood setting historically has proved popular with Hollywood film-makers.

Locals will remember interest in Timberline Lodge by movie people filming the epic of diehard Harry Truman on Mount St. Helens two years ago. About four years ago, a commercial film crew found the Sandy River east of Sandy ideal for footage of a Country Time softdrink ad. Recently, too, scary movie fans were treated to shots of Timberline Lodge in "The Shining."

But Hollywood's fascination with the Mount Hood area goes back as far as 1951.

James Stewart starred in an epic about the Barlow Trail shot at Timberline Lodge and vicinity in summer of 1951.

The million-dollar movie, "Bend of the River," was one of the costliest of the time with big-name stars and one of the first movies shot in technicolor.

Originally, the movie was to



by VON BRASCHLER

have been titled "Bend of the Snake" and shot on the Snake River. The moguls of Universal-International, however, decided to depict the old Barlow Trail days on Mount Hood. The crew of 150 shot on location here for about 20 days.

Most of the company stayed at location headquarters in Timberline Lodge, with overflow quartered at Government Camp.

The now-famous classic film tells of the trek of a large group of midwesterners to Oregon, initial discovery of gold in the area and Portland's emergence as a transportation center.

The picture is set in the 1860's and involves pioneers who brought apple seeds and cattle to Oregon.

Much of the local shooting was done in Collins Meadow just below Government Camp.

The cast included Arthur Kennedy, Julia Adams, Rock Hudson, Henry Morgan and Chubby Johnson.

One scene was an actual campsite of a wagon train on the Old Barlow Trail about two and a half miles off Loop Highway.

Technical people shooting the film complained while here, however, of not enough white clouds for filming. They had to

pay extra to dub clouds into the film. The weather generally was termed beautiful for filming a movie.

The settlers in the story came across Mount Hood to Oregon and stopped in Portland for supplies before continuing upstream to establish farms.

In true Hollywood style, wagons were built in Portland for the film and aged artificially to look authentic.

Elaborate scenes involving many wagons and period costumes made the picture one of the costliest of its day, exceeding a million dollars.

The film, by the way, still makes the circuit. Patrons of Portland's Roseway Theatre on Sandy Boulevard may get a chance to see "Bend of the River" filmed locally near Government Camp. Co-owner Dave Jones reports the movie is on his list of films to schedule at his renaissance theatre, based on high demand.