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SUHS Voters Pass Budget; Elect Butler

School Plans for Many Improvements by Fall; Heavy Vote Recorded

Sandy high school will have a covered athletic field grandstand, new agriculture shop, a foul weather ramp between buildings and two new busses next fall, the school district's voters decided at their annual meeting last Wednesday.

By a count of 76 to 28, voters approved their school board's request for a 1948-1949 budget of \$149,235, which is \$55,971 in excess of the 6 percent limitation.

V. Dell Butler, Bull Run, was re-elected to the board for a 5-year term. The only other candidate was Joe Vaeretti, Bull Run. The vote was 66 to 47. The turnout of 113 voters was the heaviest in at least 14 years in Sandy.

Chairman Re-Elected

Following the five hours of balloting, the board met and re-elected Mr. Butler chairman for the coming year. Mrs. Elsie Creighton, Welches, was chosen vice-chairman. Other members are Fred Wagner, Cottrell; Ed Herz, Kelso, and Richard Mudrow, Dover. Brenton Vedder of Sandy was reappointed clerk.

The board plans to go ahead this summer with improvements authorized by Monday's election in order that they may be ready for the students next fall.

Besides the principal improvements to the school plant, the budget allowed salary boosts to the superintendent, teachers and other employees and provided for increased cost of school operation.

Eagle Creek Road Opening Due Soon

Aided by warm, clear summer weather, construction progress on the six-mile section of state highway 211 from Sandy to Eagle Creek indicates its early completion.

Ace Heintz, of the R. A. Heintz Construction Company of Portland, estimated this week that the section will be open to traffic by July 30.

The contractor said that he believes grading of the highway will be completed by July 10 and that the company's 17-man crew will complete gravel topping by the end of July, when the road could be opened. He estimated a completion date of August 15 for oil surfacing the road.

Oscar Norberg, resident engineer for state highway commission, is more cautious. This week he said he expected the road to be finished not later than the end of August and possibly sooner.

Graveling Begins Soon

Rough grading is nearing completion on the Sandy end and graveling will start next week. Graveling probably will start at the Eagle Creek end, he said.

The \$287,000 project includes grading five miles and oil surfacing that distance plus an additional mile.

Designed to shorten the mileage between the two towns and to cut out a number of curves, the construction job was started in April 1947.

In charge of Monday's election were Mrs. V. Dell Butler, election board chairman; Mrs. William Siedel, first judge; Mrs. Edward Herz, second judge, and Mrs. Will Bell, clerk.

Child Hurlled From Careening Car Able to Coo and Play Next Day

Although thrown from the open window of an automobile as it overturned twice, Larry Bittner, 4-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bittner, Tuesday evening escaped serious injury.

The infant was hurled a dozen feet from the careening car, and his parents were unable to find him until he started to cry. The child suffered bruises and was treated by a Sandy physician, but by Wednesday was able to coo and play again.

Landed in Fems

The child's mother was bruised and cut and her spectacles were broken and Mr. Bittner's leg was bruised, but neither was seriously injured in the accident.

The child's grandmother, Mrs. Lena Bittner, said she believed

Laurel Hill Rhododendrons in Full Bloom



Rhododendrons and squaw grass are now at the height of their bloom on the slopes of Mt. Hood and are attracting many tourists along the Loop. This view was taken on Laurel Hill last Sunday by a Post photographer.

Sandy Post Campaign Won by Legion Group, Mrs. McPaul

The Sandy American Legion Auxiliary nipped the Brightwood Grange by one subscription to take high honors among organizations competing in The Sandy Post's subscription drive which closed Wednesday at 5 p. m.

Proceeds from the drive swelled the Sandy Memorial Hospital fund by \$84.50.

The Sandy Ridge Women's club finished a close third followed by the Boring Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Eagle Creek Community club.

Sandy Lumberman Leases Lead Mine In California

Sandy Lumberman Roy Tupper is extending his operation to other fields.

His latest activities are centered around a base metal mine tucked away 9,000 feet above sea level in the High Sierras not far from Yosemite National Park, California.

The mine near Fish Camp, is expected to produce quantities of lead and zinc at least enough to last for 50 years of operation. A price of \$350,000 has been set on the mine and Mr. Tupper has a lease with option to buy.

If exploratory tests prove satisfactory, a mill will be constructed at the mine and ore concentrate shipped. The mine was opened many years ago, but because of primitive methods and equipment it could not be worked profitably and was closed down.

Mr. Tupper has spent the last two weeks down in California, and returned to Sandy last Friday.

Sick and Injured Taken to Hospitals By Sandy Firemen

The Sandy Fire Department ambulance made two runs Saturday, two runs Monday and a run Wednesday to transport sick and injured persons to hospitals.

Fred Simmons, Boring, was taken to the Portland Sanitarium Monday with a broken leg suffered in an accident at the Valberg Mill.

Edna Gunderson, Sandy, was taken to Emanuel hospital in Portland Monday.

C. W. Monroe, Manzanita, Ore., was taken to Good Samaritan hospital in Portland Saturday when he was injured in a car upset near Government Camp. He was bruised and shaken up.

Dorothea Nimmo, of Portland, injured in an automobile accident in the Alder Creek vicinity, was taken to Portland suffering from a possible skull fracture.

George Bistorious, Sr., was transported to the Portland Sanitarium Wednesday.

The ambulance is one of the activities supported by the Rural Fire Commission now seeking donations.

Sandy Hatchery Closed by State

Relocation Planned in Fiscal Year 1949-50

Reed White, superintendent of the state fish commission's salmon hatchery on the Sandy river for the past three years, was transferred this week to the commission's North Santiam hatchery near Stayton, where he will help liberate spring Chinooks.

Mr. and Mrs. White and their four children, Eddie, Janis, Larry and Margaret left for their new station Monday. Larry and Margaret were students at Sandy grade school.

No replacement will be sent to the Sandy hatchery, located at Marmot dam six miles east of Sandy this year, according to Arnie J. Suomela, state master fish warden. The spring hatch from the Sandy station has been liberated and personnel from Bonneville will take care of fall work, he said.

New Hatchery Planned

The fish commission intends to relocate and expand the Sandy river hatchery, probably during the 1949-50 fiscal year. A new \$175,000 Sandy hatchery is part of a six-year joint program planned by Oregon, Washington and the U. S. Fish and wildlife service.

Present Site Unsatisfactory

The commission has considered the Marmot site unsatisfactory for several years because the Sandy river deposits silt there. Previously, Mr. Suomela has said that the new site would probably be on a clear-water side-stream feeding into the Sandy.

"If the Portland General Electric Co. power intake flume at Marmot dam is screened, we may locate the new hatchery above the dam," Mr. Suomela said, adding that there is not

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New Motel Mill Begins Operations Next Month

Otto Motel of Sandy announced this week that his new sawmill on the Loop highway one-half mile east of Kelso will begin cutting by approximately July 15. He estimates capacity of the new mill at 25,000 board feet per day.

Mr. Motel has been in the logging and lumber business in the Sandy area since 1929.

Farmer Breaks Bull to Work in Harness With Horse

By Rod Fox

With the help of a bull and a horse, Frank Zastera is farming a mountainside eight miles south-east of Sandy as he learned to do in his native Czechoslovakia nearly three-quarters of a century ago.

With a patient 24-year-old horse and a not-so-patient 2-year-old bull hitched together, Mr. Zastera, almost 75, tills the ground of the farm that has been his home since 1905.

The bull, Billy, and the horse, Sam, and a friendly dog, Shep, are about the only company he has at his remote home hidden at the end of a rutted wagon track beyond the McCabe road.

He owns five colonies of bees, five rabbits, two cows and their calves and a pig, too, but his last chicken was stolen by a wild animal last week.

Mrs. Zastera died in 1938 and since then he has lived by himself in his little mountain-side house. "I'd be lonely if I lived anywhere else," he said this week. "I'm not lonely here because I have plenty to do."

In addition to the chores around his place, Mr. Zastera is busy with many memories. He recalls his boyhood in

Czechoslovakia where he was born in Svratka and how he came to the United States in 1902. He recalls his first years in America when he lived and worked as a blacksmith in Iowa and Illinois before he came to Oregon in 1904.

With zest he talks about the wonderful wilderness that was Oregon when he came here to live, and of many summers spent working in the woods.

He recounts how he met the girl who became Mrs. Zastera in 1905. It was Mrs. Zastera who had filed a claim in 1889 on the land which is still his home.

Remembers Great Fire

One of his most vivid memories is of the great fire that in 1910 swept across the mountain and destroyed their home. Mrs. Zastera drove their cattle into a clearing and then together they fought to save their buildings, but the flames swept around them and they saved their lives only by lying down with their faces close to the earth for an entire night. The cattle in the clearing suffered burns but lived. Fire had swept the place once before in 1893.

Billy the bull started his harness job only three months ago.

Rangers Stop First Forest Fire of Year

Hangover-Lightning Blaze South of Government Camp Now Under Control

ZIGZAG—Forest Service fire-fighters were mopping-up the Mt. Hood National Forest's first forest fire of the year eight miles due south of Government Camp Thursday afternoon.

The blaze covered from 15 to 25 acres before it was controlled by a 25-man crew from Bear Springs ranger station.

Rangers believe that the fire, located in an old burn next to green timber near Jackpot meadows on the east slope of the Salmon river, was a hangover-lightning blaze which had been smoldering for at least two weeks. Fire-fighters found a lightning-struck tree in the area.

Col. Hartwell Palmer, of the Timberline Lodge staff, spotted the blaze from Timberline at 3 p. m. Tuesday, according to Zigzag ranger Jim Langdon.

The suppression crew found the fire a hard one to clean up because of down-logs and dense underbrush in the old burn.

In charge of fighting the fire were Larry Jolley, assistant supervisor of the forest, and Wayne Gurley, Clackamas Lakes district ranger.

It was Oregon's first sizeable forest fire of the season.

Rangers report that the woods are drying out now and ask fishermen and other visitors to the high timber to observe all safety precautions.

Bids Sought Again For Improving Timberline Road

Bids are being sought again for grading and straightening the new 3-mile Timberline road in the Mt. Hood National Forest, according to W. H. Lynch, Portland, U. S. Public roads administration engineer.

Contractors' bids will be accepted by the PRA until 10 a. m. July 13, at its Portland office. The job will involve 203,000 cubic yards of excavation, 21 acres of grubbing, laying of 2306 feet of culvert pipe and building small concrete culvert inlets.

Last November the PRA advertised for bids on the road improvement project but rejected all offers because they were considered too high. At that time J. N. and M. J. Conley, Portland contractors, were low with a bid of \$285,310.

Sandy to Observe July 4th and 5th

Sandy will observe July 4th on Monday, July 5th, too.

The U. S. Post Office in Sandy, the Clackamas County Bank and most Sandy business houses will be closed all day Monday, according to Ray Beeson, president of the Sandy Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Beeson urged Sandy residents to take advantage of the holiday in such a way that the tragedies from fires and accidents can be avoided.

"Let's not mar a day set aside for fun and celebrate with death and disaster," he said.

City Ponders How To Sell Sewage Bonds

Construction Work on New Plant Delayed by Lack of Purchasers

Construction of Sandy's sewage disposal plant was set back at least a month because nobody bid on the \$42,000 bond issue offered for sale by the city Friday.

City council members this week are discussing the probability of re-advertising the bonds for sale.

City attorney Cliff Schneider said Thursday he planned to recommend to the council at its next meeting Tuesday evening that the bonds be re-advertised. A feeling on the part of some banks and bond houses that the bonds might be fairly large in relation to the assessed valuation of property in Sandy might be a factor in keeping them from bidding on the issue, Mr. Schneider said.

One Other Bond Issue

He pointed out that Sandy's only other bond issue, one for water improvement, is being retired as fast as payments come due.

The plant to be financed by the bonds is part of a \$92,465 sewage system planned for Sandy.

The city plans to finance approximately \$50,000 worth of mains and laterals by property assessment as authorized by the Bancroft act.

Boring Asks Bids For School Again

BORING—Bids on construction of an 8-room Boring schoolhouse have been re-advertised and will be opened in the fire hall here July 23.

Construction of the building will be delayed because no bids were received June 25 when officials of the Boring grade school district asked for them.

Thomas D. Telford, who designed the building, said the huge amount of building in the Portland area probably is responsible for the lack of interest on the part of contractors.

Total cost of the building is expected to be approximately \$85,000.

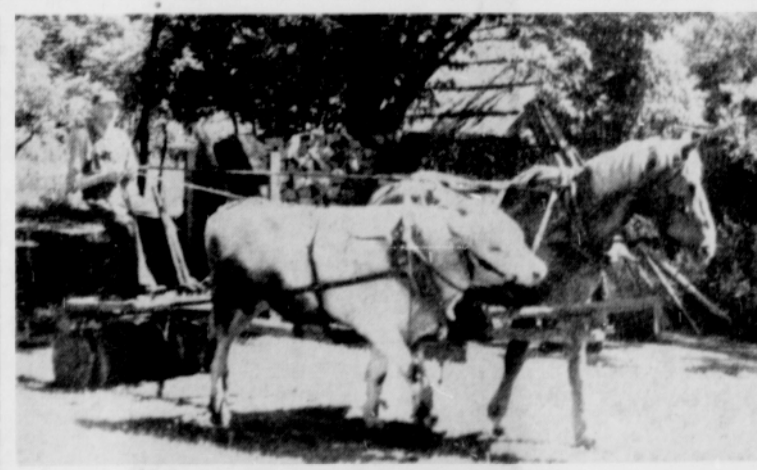
Clackamas County Budget Approved

OREGON CITY—A \$1,619,320 Clackamas county budget was approved at the annual public budget hearing at the court house Friday.

The budget, which provides for the July 1, 1948, to June 30, 1949, period, exceeds last year's budget by \$306,907. Much of the boost results from increases in salaries of county employees.

However, the budget still is about \$50 under the 6 percent limitation provided by Oregon law.

Total estimated expenditures are \$759,800 for the general fund, \$576,800 for the general road fund, \$75,000 for market roads, and \$207,720 for county schools.



Frank Zastera drives Billy and Sam through the barnyard gate as they go about their work. Mr. Zastera said he lives alone on the farm with his animals and his memories "because I'd be too lonesome any other place."

Mr. Zastera had lost three horses and needed a teammate for Sam, the horse.

Mr. Zastera recalled that he had started to work his present farm with a cow and a horse and that once since then he had broken a team of steers. He recalled that in his native land the use of cattle as work animals is common.

the 160-acre farm.

Billy and Sam are kept in a comfortable barn down the slope from the little house that was built after the forest fire. The house yard is neatly mowed and a few flowers bloom there. Through the trees in the front yard shines the great white peak of Mt. Hood. The bee colonies stand near the open well from which water is drawn with a rope and bucket.

Mr. and Mrs. Zastera had no children, but nephew Frank Linhart, lives on a nearby farm and visits him. Monday Mr. Zastera rode into Sandy with Mr. and Mrs. Linhart.

Hears From Prague

Though he has been so long away from his home country, Mr. Zastera still hears from a sister in Prague. "I had a letter just before Christmas, but she didn't say anything about conditions there," he said. "I think she was afraid."

Mr. Zastera said he doesn't like the way things are going in the land of his birth.

"We Americans complain a lot, but we don't know how lucky we are," he said. "I'm glad I came to the United States."