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Nell's Notes...

And once again I ask you what are you doing to make the world brighter and better this lovely day—Have you seen VIRGINIA SEAL'S pictures of Doodle-bug — MRS. HAROLD KELLEY called here on a sad mission from Washington, D. C. —VIRGIL WATERMAN has returned to these hills he loves so well—IRMA BARTLEY planning a busy day in the busy city — MRS CHARLES SHOBLUM very ill — MARION BARTLEY home with the flu—BESS ROGAN'S sotto voice being overheard amid gales of laughter—AGGIE BARKER getting IRENE PETERIE all confused by showing up at the Pow-Wow luncheon — BOB SMITH enjoying his Valentine — California here they come for a brief visit, that is the G. G. BROWNS who have been making their home with the FRANKS this past winter—MRS. WILLIAM DRIPS home from Iowa and BILL DRIPS back from Corvallis where he lectured and from Eugene where he visited his son.

DR. NOEHREN hurrying to the dentist only to find he was one day late for his appointment

Sandy Grade Team Tops Unbeaten '5'

By David Winchester
The Sandy grade school basketball team pulled out of a two game losing slump Friday night and topped an undefeated Molalla five 29 to 25. Sammy Grey racked up 10 points while Mick Lawson accounted for nine. The Sandy girls, with three regular players out of the lineup, went on to win 38 to 11. They have only to win from Canby on the home floor Friday at 2 p.m. to clinch the league championship and the trophy.

—MRS. C. FABRI to North Bend to be a few days with her husband whose boat leaves for Korea this week—PAPA FRANKS just busting with pride over his new cow. ADA the AYRSHIRE better look to her laurels — GRACE METLER visiting in Portland — The CLYDE SAUNDERS are returning home after a visit in the south.

God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience. Eddy

SANDY CATCHALL

By Martin Clark

THIS NOTE CAME IN THE MAIL last week: "Might be interesting reading for Sandy Post Catchall readers. Very few know, and Ivan Barker never tells, of one trip he made back to his navy base during World War II. He had made a trip home to visit Maw and the twins, Doug and Dan. He caught a train this time from Portland instead of a plane, so he could catch up on some shuteye. So Ivan crawled as deep as he could in his navy pea coat, his head pillowed on the soft part of the window ledge, and slept the sleep of the just until he was awakened by a severe pain and a dead weight on his outermost side and shoulder.

"On awakening and sitting up he beheld the most beautiful—call her what you will, Ivan would never give out—anyway, she was curved where she should curve and bulged where she should bulge, and with such a rude awakening was a little shaky and squirmy.

"She informed Ivan that it was quite alright as she was on her way to Seattle to be married the next day. So Gob Barker, always the gentleman with the ladies, assured her that everything was quite alright as he had been married thirteen years already. And Maw Barker, trusting wife that she is, still believes him."

You don't know what gems you're missing when you don't read some of these 4-H reports the 4-H kids send in. Here's an excerpt from one that appeared in The Post a week or so ago:

"The Sandy Woodchucks are on their best projects now. On February 11 the popa woodchuck got lost in George Meeker's blueberry patch so the young woodchucks chucked wood without him.

"After the meeting was called to order by President Marvin Farmer we sang nearly all the songs in the 4-H book. We liked "How Do You Do" so well that we sang it to every member present and for Mr. Meeker who wasn't present." See what you've been missing?

HOW'S THAT AGAIN? Marion Foust of West Coast Telephone was locked out of her apartment one night and, get this, had to get a key from Jim Kohnen . . . Bet I never DO get Gresham, now.

George Beers, the earth merchant, tells me that in the old days a stranger came through Sandy looking for a healthy locality to settle in.

"This is the healthiest place in the world," said George.

"Where's your cemetery?" asked the fellow.

"We don't have any cemetery," explained George, "I've been here all my life and we had only one death in that time."

"Who was that?" who'd the stranger.

"The doctor," said George, "he starved to death."

George swears that's the way it happened, word for word.

Speaking of the longevity of Sandyites, how about sending in or phoning in your nomination for the liveliest youngster over 70 of either sex living in the Sandy-Mt. Hood area?

Wonder if Model is really going to marry Junior? . . .

NEVER LET IT BE SAID the Post staff is not always there. Florence McGlade tells me that Millie—pardon me, Mildred—Stewart, our esteemed bookkeeper, was over at the post office (that's the federal post office) one day and thought she would save the busy postal clerks a little time by weighing her own package. She was busily balancing the scales getting nowhere fast when Florence came over and stood watching her.

"What're you doing, Mildred?" asks Florence.

"Trying to weigh a package," says Millie.

"It might help," says helpful Florence, "if you put the package on the scales, Mildred."

Uh huh, Millie was still holding it in her left hand.

SANDY SIGHTS: Helen Loundree, with offspring, in the Sandy drug bemoaning the loss of the family auto now that hubbie Junior has gone to building houses. Third grade Judy and pre-school Larry couldn't be bothered less . . . Harry Reed's tonsorial salon (barbershop to you, Med—Buster) getting a new trim of its own, fresh green paint . . . Dr. Harvey Schneider saying he'll get a breather for the first time in five years . . . Finally caught "Bend of the River" at long last and whom should plank himself down in the next seat but THE Carl The Hoffner and that good-looking blond, his spouse. Some beautiful shots of Mt. Hood and other Oregon country, but after two hours of shootin' and killin' injuns and no-good white trash was plumb wore out.

Remember that scene where Jimmie Stewart saves this guy Kennedy from being strung up? The one that was described in such minute detail in a Catchall column last summer. We spent a whole afternoon watching them shoot that scene, and if I'd blinked I'd have missed it in the film.

"WELL I'LL BE DURNED"



LEAP YEAR

"Yea, this is the way it all started . . ."

You see, my girl friend Gladice (who's really not dumb at all—just likes to act) . . .

"Anyway, Gladice finally got around to reading a January 1 newspaper the first part of February . . . happened to notice that according to the ridiculous code of ethics set up by the W.C.H.U. (Women's Catch Husbands Union) she was allowed to pull, push or carry me up on the altar. If she wanted to (which she did), and if she could (oh Brother!).



"Then Valentine's Day came along. She was persistent. I was steadfast. She was still persistent. I was still single. I decided to go hunting (short for get out of town—nothing to hunt these days, anyway). Took my "car" and headed east. Broke down just this side of Rhododendron.

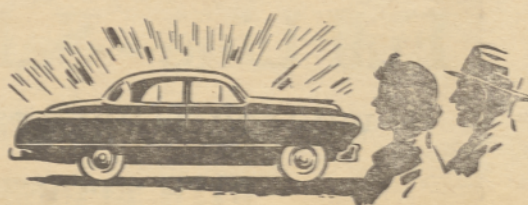
"Well up pulls Gladice in the nicest lookin' and runnin' '38 Dodge I've ever seen. Where'd you get the car, I says? Same place you're going to get ours for the honeymoon, she says. Well I wanted a ride back to town, so I didn't say anything. Back she drives to Gresham. Pulls up in front of that big Used Car Lot at 247 East Powell. Hops out and opens my door for me. Before I know it I'm sitting in a '48 Plymouth.



"This is a Gordon Swan car," she says, "2,300 miles, clean inside and out, and it'll take you past Rhododendron without any strain at all, and Swan will give you \$650 for your car on a trade-in. But Gordon and I made a deal. You get it only if . . . you know what!"



"Well, now you know. Yea, that's me standin' up at the top there, and that's Gladice, too. Been about a week now since the picture was taken. Marriage isn't bad at all, and that Plymouth is a honey. Ah, Salesmanship."



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