

Movement For Street Signs Begun

A movement to provide Sandy with new street signs and Sandy homes with residence signs was officially launched Wednesday night.

A Chamber of Commerce committee comprising President Ralph Richardson and Ken Frederickson met informally with members of the City Council to discuss the sign situation. Although no definite commitments were made, Council members said they would determine the costs of the street signs and meet again with Chamber of Commerce representatives.

It was estimated that approximately 150 posts will be needed for street signs thru out the city. Chamber of Commerce members estimate it would cost approximately \$300 to obtain and place the signs.

In seeking to have numbered signs on all residences and buildings in the city, the Chamber representatives predicted the day is not too far in the distance when Sandy will get mail carrier service, and when that time comes it will be essential to have all buildings properly numbered. The cost for house numbers was placed at around 50 cents per building.

Members of the City Council indicated the city is hard pressed for any available surplus cash and they were hopeful that some method of obtaining the street signs could be worked out without placing any financial burden on the city.

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Road Ditching Work To Start

County road equipment will be in the Sandy area starting next week to begin ditching operations on Bluff road at the southern end of the city and on Langersand road at the northern city limits.

The ditching operations will provide proper drainage for these areas. The work was promised a year ago by the county court.

The Sandy City Council recently urged the county to get busy on the project prior to the spring run-off, and Commissioner Darrell Jones gave assurance that the work would be started at once.

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County Bridge Work Near End

Work is progressing satisfactorily on construction of the new county bridge on the Boring-Carver road, according to a report this week from the Clackamas County Court.

The county bridge department expects to have the bridge completed so that travel over this well-traveled road can be resumed by the latter part of March.

TELEPHONE COMPANY SEES UPPED RATES FOR SANDY AREA

While Sandy area telephone subscribers were conducting an unofficial poll to determine whether or not they wanted toll-free extended telephone service to Gresham or to both Portland and Gresham the West Coast Telephone company today (Thursday) announced it is asking for an increase in telephone rates.

In a statement issued by L. E. Cross, district manager for the West Coast Telephone company, subscribers were notified that the company today filed an application for an increase in rates with the Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner.

The proposed increases would affect Sandy area telephone subscribers as follows: One-party business services would be increased from \$8.40 to \$9.50 per month. Two-party business services would be increased from \$7.15 to \$7.95 per month. One-party residence service would be raised from the present \$5.80 per month to \$6.55 per month. Four-party and suburban service would be increased from \$4 to \$4.30 per month.

In the unofficial balloting conducted by the Sandy Telephone Users Association under the leadership of George Howeler, 24 ballot boxes have been placed at strategic points throughout the Sandy area. The boxes were installed more than a week ago with sufficient ballots available for all who wished to vote.

The balloting will be completed by Saturday evening of this week, at which time the results will be tabulated by the sponsors of the movement. Subscribers have been asked to state their preference for three proposed plans. These are for toll-free service to Gresham only, toll-free service to both Gresham and Portland, and for leaving the telephone service as it is at present.

Howeler said Wednesday that the committee would like to have subscribers write in any comment they might have at the bottom of the ballots in order that the committee might obtain a complete expression of public opinion.

The committee has estimated that toll-free service to Gresham alone would cost approximately 70 cents more than the regular local rate, while toll-free service to Portland would cost \$2.50 per month more than the regular Sandy area rate. For one-party and two-party service the charge would be proportionately more.

At the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday noon the telephone question came up for full discussion but any definite expression by the Chamber was postponed. The members expect to continue the debate next Tuesday.

Members this past Tuesday appeared to be about evenly divided on the question. While some felt that toll-free service to Gresham particularly would be advisable, others were strongly opposed to any change in the existing structure.

Opposition to any extended toll-free service was led by John Mills, who insisted that many residential subscribers would be forced to discontinue their telephone service if the

higher rates were put into effect. He declared that he, for one, refused to take any part in seeking toll-free service at the expense of many residential subscribers who could ill afford the extra charges.

In a statement issued Thursday by District Manager Cross, the West Coast Telephone company claimed that

Phil Hitchcock Addresses Club

Between 30 and 40 persons heard a talk by Phil Hitchcock at a meeting of the Sandy chapter of the Oregon Republican Women's Club Monday afternoon at the Woman's Club building.

Hitchcock, who is opposing Congressman Walter Norblad for the first district Republican congressional nomination, gave his views of the political situation and his reasons why he believes he should receive the party nomination.

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Pioneers Trim Rangers Again

The Sandy High School Pioneers soundly drubbed the Estacada Rangers for the second time in league play Tuesday night, 63 to 39, in a game at Estacada. The Pioneers are now in third place in the Willamette Valley League.

Ed Hoffman was high point man for Sandy, with 24 markers, with Wally Miller tossing in 15 to lead Estacada. Coach Ken Servas said that the back board play of both Ed Hoffman and Bill Henselman was outstanding.

The Pioneer Jayvees defeated Estacada 68 to 27 in the opening game.

higher wages, together with increased state and local taxes had added more than \$550,000 to their annual operating costs since the last rate increase was filed with the Public Utilities Commissioner.

"Our taxes alone during 1957 showed an increase of 24 percent over 1956," Cross said.

"According to our present plans we shall spend over \$3,000,000 in the state during 1958 for new construction," Cross said. "We must maintain adequate earnings if we are to attract investment capital. A financially healthy company means more and better telephone service for everyone."

Cross further said that at the close of the second world war the company's plant value was about \$3,700,000, while today he places the value at more than \$20,000,000. He insisted that a rate adjustment at this time will mean a more and better service in the future.

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Closing Told Of Theater

SANDY — The Sandy Theater was closed temporarily this week by Mrs. Charles Gillmore.

The theater, which has been in continuous operation here since 1948 locked its doors following the serious illness of its owner and subsequent surgery.

Although no definite plans have been made to reopen the theater, according to Mrs. Gillmore, there is a possibility that shows would be featured upon the recovery of Gillmore.

Local Civic Groups Form Clothing Relief Corps

The first meeting of a newly formed community-wide clothing relief group was held Wednesday afternoon in the Presbyterian church annex.

The group consists of representatives from churches and organizations in this area and interested persons in the community. The group will establish a central depot for collecting used clothing and distributing it to those in need. The emphasis is on community-wide participation.

Through the efforts of Agnes Barker and George Pullen, the clothing relief group has received permission to use the vacant building space adjacent to Pullen's store as a clothing depot. This depot will be open on specified days and hours as soon as the clothing and the building can be readied for use.

Used clothing and shoes

are needed at this time. Temporary receiving centers are the Richfield service station at the east end of Sandy and Swails' plumbing and heating building on the corner of the Estacada highway and Main street. Especially needed are boys jeans and school-age children's shoes.

The group selected as its officers Helen Swails, chairman; Rachel Wright, vice-chairman; Alice Befus, secretary-treasurer and Marjorie Frederickson, Joan Parker and Ginger Edes as directors.

Any group or individual wishing additional information may contact one of the officers or directors.

Those who attended the meeting were Joan Parker, Rosa German and Goldie Sandblast, Kelso Helpers; Kay Oldencamp, Marj Frederickson, Virginia Hames and Alice Befus, Presbyterian church

Women's Guild; Marie Drew, Firwood Extension; Ginger Edes, Violet Markwell and Rita Bolin, Women's auxiliary of the Fire Department; Helen Swails, American Legion auxiliary; Donna Vedder, Sandy Ridge Women's club; Esther Wewer, Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies Aid; Marilyn Rowell, Mariners; Rachel Wright, Sandy Business and Professional Women's club; Margaret Richardson, Sandy High School Mom's and Dad's club; Aileen Thompson, Sandy Rebekah Lodge, 193; Fern Goff, Sandy Grade School PTA; Clyde F. Sutherland, Sandy Kiwanis; Arleigh Hall, Sandy Women's club; Agnes Barker, Eastern Star; and Reverend Don Livesay, Sandy Presbyterian church.

The Women's Guild served coffee and cookies to the group.