

Highway Work Still Seems a Long Way Off

S. N. Mayhew, highway department employee, did a forthright job Monday of presenting the facts on the long-sought Gresham-Sandy highway project.

Mayhew, who is supervisor for the right-of-way division, spoke to an overflow crowd at a Gresham Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Briefly, he outlined plans for the Mt. Hood freeway from the proposed Marquam bridge in Portland to Linneman junction, and for a controlled access route from Linneman to Sandy.

Mayhew couldn't be too specific for the route from Linneman to Anderson road, east of Gresham, because the engineers haven't decided where it will go. But he laid out aerial photos of the route from Anderson road east.

We thought Mayhew did a fine job of presenting his material and pointing out just what is in the works.

But we question (a) highway department thinking on the access provisions from Gresham east and (b) their time table.

Mayhew said the freeway would come from Portland only as far as the Linneman junction area. From there east, the road would be "controlled access" with ingress and egress at a number of spots—Hogan road, Haley road, Boring road, Anderson road, Epperson road, Duncan road, etc.

We wonder if the state wouldn't be much wiser to extend the freeway right through to Sandy instead of halting west of Gresham. Mayhew said the controlled access roads have worked "very satisfactorily" but if our area grows as anticipated,

the new road soon may prove unsatisfactory if there are too many cross roads.

A better solution, possibly, might be a freeway through to Sandy with the present Loop highway carrying strictly local traffic. The new route, it seems to us, should carry through traffic, not local.

As to the time schedule, Mayhew indicated that the Gresham-Sandy work had the "highest priority." But other than grading between Epperson and Duncan road, no earth will be moved this year.

This contrasts rather sharply with statements by W. C. Williams, state highway engineer, who said last summer that "grading will start this fall."

He meant the fall of 1961. And obviously, this didn't happen.

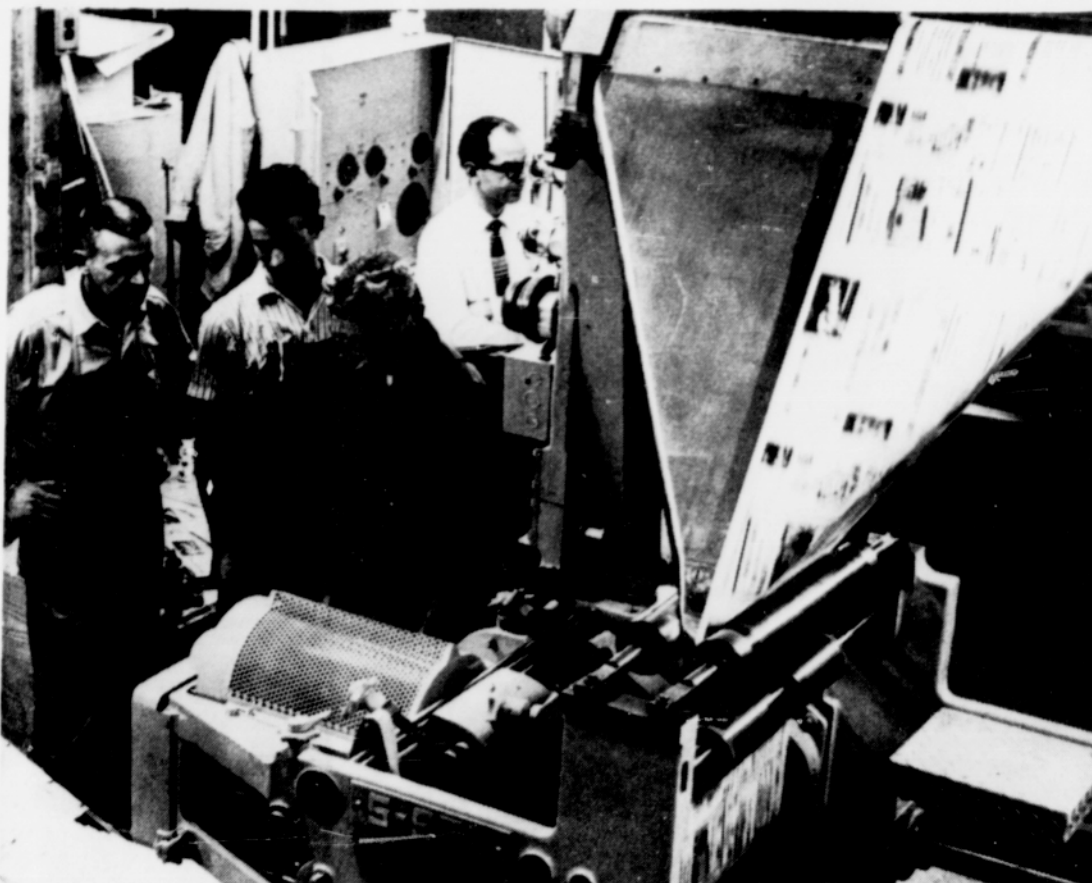
He also added that the grading contract for the entire 8.1 miles from Duncan road to Anderson road would be let in the "fall of 1961." That didn't happen either.

And finally, Williams indicated the paving contract will be let in the fall of 1962 and the new highway opened to traffic by the fall of 1963. This won't happen either.

As matters now stand, all we can definitely expect is grading from Duncan to Epperson this fall. Grading from Epperson to Anderson will take place in the spring of 1963. Paving is still in the undetermined future.

Obviously, then, Mr. Williams' remarks six months ago were considerably off the mark.

We hope Mr. Mayhew's much more realistic appraisal materializes. But meanwhile, we'd suggest continuing efforts at the local level to get the job done.



Outlook printers and Sandy Post Manager Rodger Eddy (center) watch the first copies coming off the brand new Goss Suburban web offset press which began running Tuesday.

Sandy Post will henceforth be produced on the new press which gives clearer press work and superior photo reproduction.

(Sandy Post photo)

Letters to Editor

To The Editor:

At first my \$1 invested in the Sandy Post was strictly for the grocery ads, but as I read the editorials, I soon became aware it was a profitable political investment, too!

Congrats on your article about "Metro," and its being "another layer of government."

Should warn you, however, that any hint of suppression of news on your part, and you might meet the fate of Allan J. Purvis of late "Indianapolis News" and "Sacramento Bee" fame. He tried to buck "City Hall" with his cry of "news suppression" and ended up incarcerated as a "nut." (Later released on testimony of friends.) Keep up the good work, if you dare. Newsprint and ads may get scarce, but you'll be courageous.

Mrs. Phillip J. Bernard
Sandy, Oregon

At Dover— Birthdays Come, Rambo Home

Little Jon Schenk celebrated his second birthday Tuesday. Jon is the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Don Schenk.

Andy Workinger celebrated his fifth birthday Sunday. His sister, Margie, made the birthday cake.

Mrs. George Rambo is home from the hospital. Mrs. Orval Bessant visited her one evening.

Douglas Gillum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Gillum, is getting well after a month's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nakunz and family visited with the Clinton Bogarts Friday evening. They motored to Salem Sunday to visit relatives in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Krause, parents of Mrs. Don Schenk, have moved from Damascus, Ind., to a new home in Logan.

Dover Extension class in knitting met at Mrs. A. H. Kirkpatrick's home last Thursday and will meet at Mrs. A. J. Tuttle's home next Wednesday. There was an executive board meeting at Leona Schenk's Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ruedi are riding about in a new blue and white Oldsmobile.

Miss Fern Horner spent the weekend home from Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schenk and sons spent the day with Mr. Schenk's uncle and aunt. Mr. Schenk's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Luth, who live in Vancouver, their daughter, Laurie, spent the afternoon and evening with Nancy Nakunz.

There are no tests, tuition fees or other direct costs. Certificates will be given to all those who finish the course.

Oregon is one of 15 states in which such a federally-financed adult education civil defense program is being conducted by the State Department of Education and local school districts.

Youngsters interested are asked to sign up at either the Outlook or Sandy Post offices. Fee is \$20.

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Defense Classes Begin at Sandy

Is it possible to survive a radioactive fallout? Would we get any warnings if an enemy attack came? These and other questions are being discussed in adult education civil defense classes which are under way in nine counties throughout Oregon, including Clackamas and Multnomah.

Two separate evening classes will start at Sandy Grade school, the first on Tuesday, Feb. 6, the second on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Each class will run for four consecutive weeks.

According to Leon P. Minear, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, "The primary objective of this tuition-free course in 'Individual and Family Survival' is to teach adults how to prepare now for major types of natural and enemy caused disasters."

The classes are conducted by certified teachers who have finished the 15-hour course for will meet at Mrs. A. J. Tuttle's home next Wednesday. There was an executive board meeting at Leona Schenk's Monday night.

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Council Meets, Hires Fisher

The Sandy City Council, at a special meeting last Thursday, Jan. 25, hired M. R. Fisher as water superintendent, effective Feb. 1. Fisher lived in the Sandy area until late December, 1961, when he moved to the outskirts of Estacada. His background shows his most recent work to be with Dwyer Lumber company, Estacada.

Previous to that he was with Simpson Lumber company in Forest Grove for 11 years, working as grader, cat operator and road man. Fisher stated that previous to his lumber work he was in water maintenance work in Washington state.

Don Bodley, Sandy carpenter, was appointed building inspector.

Phil Jonsrud was appointed chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, with Ivan Barker who had held this spot being switched to the chairmanship of the Water Committee, from which Jonsrud recently resigned.

The next City Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. in city hall.

Cafe Came 'Home' Four Years Ago

Practically everyone has anniversaries, but today marks the fourth anniversary of one of Sandy's favorites—Schmitz Cafe. The restaurant is known over a wide area for Frank Schmitz' juicy roasts and Mrs. Schmitz' home made pies, cakes and cookies.

The cafe, which the Schmitz remodeled from the home Mrs. Schmitz has lived in since she was one year old, has an "atmosphere" that makes every patron a stranger-but-once.

Free coffee is in order today, Thursday, to mark the anniversary.

HOME EC CLUB WILL MEET

The Sandy Grange Home Economics club will meet at Bina Perret's home Tuesday, Feb. 6. There will be a potluck dinner at noon.

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By Elizabeth Hartman MU 7-3597

Women Elect Officers

Mrs. Harold Fuller, wife of Rev. Harold L. Fuller, was hostess at the parsonage to the Women's Mission Circle of Sandy Baptist Chapel when they held their annual election of officers, Thursday, Jan. 25.

Those elected were: president, Mrs. J. Minyard; vice president, Mrs. Leland Mattox; secretary, Mrs. Errett Moore; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Chetlain.

Installation of the new officers will be held at the next evening meeting, Feb. 22. The executive committee will meet in the near future to select a chairman.

Groundhog Day Approaches

Tomorrow is the day that one of the silliest traditions of all time will be observed. News-men, supposedly old enough to know better, will station themselves expectantly in likely meadows throughout the country to await the dubious emergence of a pestiferous little rodent from a hole in the ground.

They will then report to a totally disinterested nation if the varmint sees his shadow and retreats in fright back into his subterranean shelter, thereby inflicting six more weeks of winter on a spring-hungry populace.

In case the stupid, gnawing mammal takes the air a bit, and doesn't skitter at the sight of the newsmen and the bursting of photographers' flash bulbs, this is supposed to mean that spring has sprung and we can safely take off the longjohns.

This is all pretty ridiculous as the woodchuck, (groundhog) when he awakens from his 4 month snooze is so bleary-eyed he couldn't see his shadow if it fell on him and, despite the childish faith displayed in him by the press, seldom awakens as early in the year as Feb. 2. When he does, he's no prophet.

Oldsters Lost Faith

One year, 5 days after a shadowless Groundhog Day, the mercury at Bismarck, N.D., plummeted to a frigid 38 degrees below zero. In the year 1883, sons of the state of New Hampshire, concluding that the woodchuck's weather prognosticating ability was nil and that he had no endearing qualities whatsoever, placed a 10 cent bounty on him.

This showed how little they thought of him but scarcely encouraged his eradication, and farmers continue to curse him as he busily undermines their fields, eating ravenously of their crops to gain strength to dig more holes and then digs more holes to work up still more appetite.

The only good thing I can think of about the woodchuck is that he inspired the delightful tongue twister of childhood, "Chuck, if a woodchuck would chuck wood, how much wood would a woodchuck chuck, Chuck?"

February Needs Kindness

Here we are in February, the second month of our year and I'd like to designate this as "Be Kind to February Month." In addition to being hard to spell, because of our habit of mispronouncing it Feb-YOU-ary, Feb-

ruary has been systematically kicked around by calendar buffs since the beginning of our time.

This month was not even included in the early Roman calendar, which began in March and ended in December, until the legendary king Numa Pompilius in the 7th century B.C. discovered her crying in a dark closet with another month named January.

He immediately put them in the calendar, placing January at the beginning of the year and February at its end. February was very happy for a while and enjoyed being next to December and owning New Year's Eve and all that.

Romans Move Her

However, in 452 B.C. the Roman Council, desirous of proving their authority to the taxpayers, moved February, without warning, from the last month of the year to the second. Here she remained, for about 400 years, pleased to have her 29 days and a seemingly permanent position in the march of months.

In 45 B.C. Julius Caesar, having come in contact with (among other Egyptians) one Sosigenes, an astronomer, was persuaded to change and rectify the inaccurate calendar. Rather immodestly, after instituting leap year, he changed the name of the erstwhile fifth month (Quintilis) to Julius (July).

To further the confusion, his successor, Augustus, not to be outdone, changed the name of the sixth month (Sextilis) to August. Since August had only 30 days and July had 31, August stole a day from our poor little 29 day February and added it to his month. This left her with only 28 days in which to accomplish what her sisters had 30 or 31 days to do and made her feel very sad.

Consolation Day Added

She was later consoled with the addition of an extra day every fourth year and began to feel better. She was almost happy and looked forward mightily to the quadrennial return of "her day."

Unfortunately, in the year 1582 A.D. it was discovered that the years were getting behind of the astronomical order of events and Pope Gregory instituted the Gregorian Calendar which, along with other things, provided that, in any century year not divisible by 400 February would not be given her additional day.

Since then this month has been allowed to relax, but she lies in fear and trembling, between Winter and Spring, wondering what is going to happen to her next. So please, dear people, be kind to February.

Puzzles Answered

Just in case some of you did not solve the puzzles of last week and would like to know the answers, here they are: 1. What do the following words have in common, loot, repel, straw, yard? They all reverse to spell a new word.

2. Words of four or more letters from Winter are: weir, went, wert, wine, wint, wire, wren, writ, write, inter, newt, twin, time, tire, tern, trine, twine, rein.

rent, rine, rite . . . and perhaps others.

Chatting with Guy Wilcox at the Trail Cafe in Sandy over a cup of coffee, I learned that his son Ray has been working at Mulptorpski ski area as one of the chair lift operators.

Nick Gudge and members of the Cascade Ski club off to spend a weekend at Sun Valley, Idaho I do hope the snow is good, fellows.

East Wind Howls

What a day on the mountain! Saturday, Jan. 20, was mean, zero weather and a howling east wind. Veterans of the snow slopes like Larry Bartley, Leo Burgess and Reuben Meyers could not recall a day like this one.

Lots of cases of frost-bitten toes, fingers, and noses. I got it too, right on the tip of my nose. Next day I looked like Rudolph with a red nose. At Summit the snow cat would not start. The motor that runs yellow jacket rope tow went on a sit down strike and would not work.

What a day for Everett Darr—again over 900 J.C. kids with their instructors had a lot of fun.

Joe To Wear Derby

Doggone that pretty little lass, Jean Stewart, who sells tickets in the hut at Summit. She sends all the "How do you do it," the beginners, to the guy with the red tassel cap, out there on the bunny tow. Some day I shall wear my green Irish derby and fool her.

Jean lives at Dover and commutes by Trailway bus to Portland where she attends Portland State. She writes the news for the school's paper, works at Summit Saturday and Sunday and in the vacation months works at Zigzag Ranger Station. Someday this little lass will be a brilliant school teacher.

Doughtnut Question Posed

This is the \$64 question: How many doughnuts did Ida Darr bake, over the years, for a bunch of hungry skiers? But they are good. Believe me, when the wind is howling like a mad banshee and it's colder than blue blazes it's nice to get a coffee break—go into the hut and chomp on a few of Ida's super doopers.

Perhaps at times I write too much about the ski areas, but this great outdoor sport will exist as long as there is a "white lady" or Mt. Hood. Can you imagine the amount of business this sport brings to our area or the large number of people employed up on the hill? Poor Belle—a long time ago we had a popular tune called "Yes, we have no bananas." Today, number one on the hit parade is "Yes, we have no elephants."

Collie, Labrador "Mush"

You have read of Alaskan sled dogs. My granddaughter, Catherine Jensen and Melissa Anderson, have their dogs, Regal, a collie, Ralph, a black Labrador, broke to harness, pull the girls on their sled over the snow. Friday, Feb. 2 is a very important date. Why? It's good old ground hog day. As we all know he comes out of hibernation and if he sees his shadow it means six more weeks of real cold weather.

'Sunset' Tells Mt. Hood Story

Mt. Hood and the surrounding ski areas are featured in an article in the current issue of Sunset Magazine. "Oregon's Great Snowy Mountain" is the title of the six-page text and picture presentation in the western magazine.

Government Camp and Timberline are shown, with a map of the climbing routes on the mountain itself and descriptive material and prices on accommodations and skiing costs. Some of the pictures are in natural color.

ther. We all hope he sleeps in.

"Uncle" Picks Up School Tab
Wes Maekne, employed at the Zigzag Ranger Station as an engineer, recently completed three weeks of schooling in Portland. All expenses were paid by the big uncle.

Jim Henry, owner of the Alpine Hut in Rhododendron, is dreaming of buying a dude ranch in sunny Arizona.

Home-Showers Stay Home
Mae Reick and Martha Katchell wanted to go and see the home show but it snowed and the highways got bad. They put a few logs on the old fire and stayed home.

My hat off to Neil of Neil's Notes—he believes in the old Chinese saying, "It's a wise head that has a quiet mouth." Keep on pitching, Neil.

The definition of all our small towns is
A place where one knows about everyone, then reads the Sandy Post to see if they are found out.

Old man of the mountains Le on Purdy out with his tow truck day and night during the past nasty weather—many a motorist was glad of his assistance.

Thanks to all my friends who tell my wife and myself how they like my column.

But always remember I am no writer, just an old scribbler, and still wear the same size kelly

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