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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

I should like to reply to an article in the Sandy Post captioned, "Commission Says Criticism Unfair."

Commonwealth, Inc. offered its services to obtain an option on certain property in Sandy which, it was felt, might be proper site for a Retirement Village under the aegis of the Episcopal church. This option was obtained, but was not exercised prior to its expiration.

So far as I know, the failure to exercise the option was in no way a reflection on the City Planning Commission. Actually, the City Planning Commission went out of its way to offer to cooperate in every way possible.

Apparently Mr. Kozlovski got the impression that I now represent the Episcopal church project. This is not correct. As I understand it, the Board of Trustees for the Diocesan Retirement Homes has final authority for such projects and has made it a firm policy that any such project must be approved by the local Rector or Vicar, in this case Rev. Father Rene Bozarth, who is also a member of the Board of Trustees.

You will note that I am sending copies of this letter to Father Bozarth and to the City Planning Commission. I would appreciate your correcting the error.

eous impression that may have resulted from your article.

Sincerely,
Thorburn Reid

Vice President

MRS. ORAL B. HULL

Mrs. Oral B. Hull of Rt. 2, Sandy, returned to the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital on Oct. 23 for a needed rest prior to undergoing a series of physical examinations.

Before leaving for the hospital Mrs. Hull, donor of the land for the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind, asked the Sandy Post to express her gratitude to the Sandy Lion's Club for the "many, many nice things" they did for her at the dedication of the Oral Hull Park, and to "the Gresham Elks, especially Mr. and Mrs. Pete Zandell, and to Ellen Steffl of Sandy, for their many kind and generous acts."

Mrs. Hull also wishes to thank the boys who live on her road, her "little darlings," for "their work and goodness in bringing in her wood," and "members of the Oral Hull Foundation for their help and kindness, and all the wonderful, wonderful neighbors who have helped so much."

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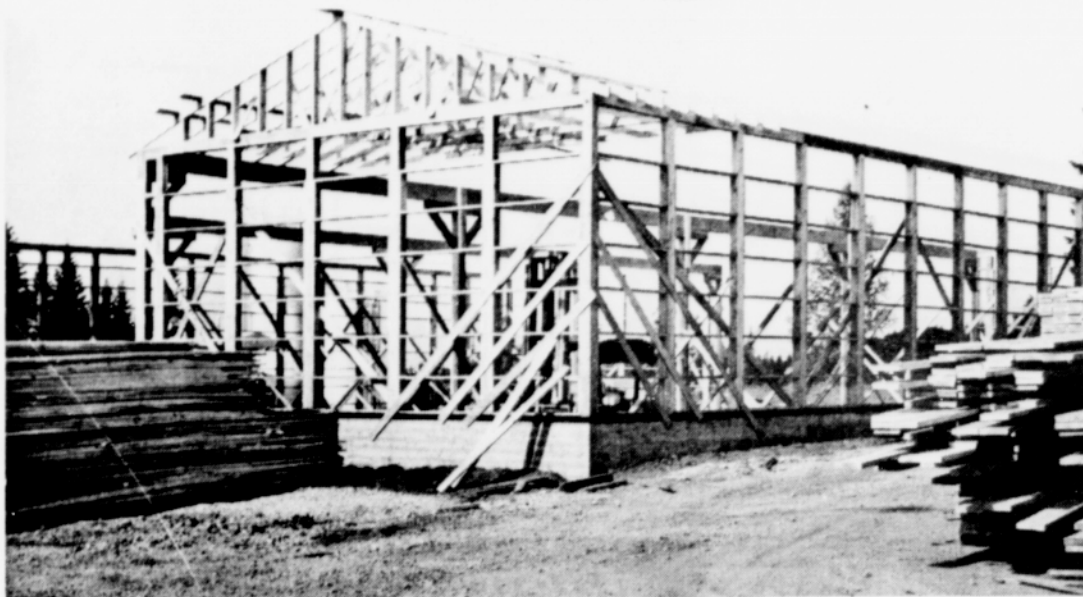
Gerow Finance Changes Name

The name of Doug Gerow Finance Co. has been changed to National Thrift Corporation, it was announced this week by Bill Louderback, Gresham branch manager.

He said the name reflects the expansion of the company to more than 175 offices in 16 states. "We want to assure our friends and customers we'll continue to offer them the same consumer

credit service," Louderback said. The Gresham office is located at 505 NE 2nd St.

POST DEADLINES
News deadline each week is 4 p.m. Monday. Deadline for ads is 12 noon Tuesday.



New facilities for lumber storage under construction at Oja Lumber Co.'s planing mill on Loop Highway. (Sandy Post photo)

BARTON NEWS

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lots of hot coffee and punch. All carnival committees have been busy to make carnival day, Saturday, Oct. 26, a big success. Grades 1 through 3 will have a jack-o-lantern contest. Grades 4 through 6 will have a poster contest. A winner will be picked from each grade. All entries should be turned in between Oct 21st and 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller were members of a hunting party that traveled to the desolation area near Pendleton last weekend. Four of the five member group were able to fill their tags.

Pack 248 to Meet

Cubmaster Don Senner, of Pack 248 announces the Pack will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. in the grade school activity room.

All cubs, leaders, parents and prospective members of Pack 248 are urged to attend this important meeting.

The Pack executive board will meet Thursday, Oct. 24, at the home of Bud Hazelwonder at 8 p.m.



Gene Madison helps to guide his new sign into place. The store on Main St. in Sandy

was formerly Pullen's Market.

(Sandy Post photo)

Dialing Damascus

At the recent Damascus Grange meeting, Standing Committee reports were made by V. H. Sipe on agriculture. He reported filberts were about 1/3 of normal crop. He also stated the southern states have a bumper crop of pecans, almonds and Brazil nuts are plentiful.

Mrs. Erna Batcheller reported the broccoli crop is past its peak.

Mrs. O. E. Peterson gave Home Ec reports and Mrs. F. E. Gergen reported on health and welfare. Charles Drake thanked Grangers for cards and wishes during his recovery.

Helen Schubert reported Mrs. Mae Humphrey, a past master of Damascus Grange, is in Hawaii and planning to stay an indefinite period.

Lecturer's Program consisted of "America" sung by entire group.

Readings were given by Mrs. Henry Snyder, "Pickles"; "A

Mans' World" by Mrs. Erna Batcheller; "Do It Yourself" by Mrs. Jake DeYoung and "Winning" by Mrs. Charles Drake.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderreg of Redland and their daughter Janice, who is lady assistant steward of Oregon State Juvenile grange.

Charles Steiner, also present, and Fred are both County Grange Deputies.

Steiner spoke on cooperation, and mentioned the Grange credit union. The display table was outfitted with dolls and other articles made by grange ladies.

Mrs. Lillian Young entertained the Lloyd Sloop family on Sunday evening, at a birthday dinner, honoring Karen Sloop.

Mrs. Dell Pottruff returned home this week from a few days visit with friends in Vancouver, B. C.

UP and DOWN the MOUNTAIN

By JOE KIEFER

Tales rich with human interest that dead men cannot tell and the few living pioneers have forgotten are wrapped around Summit Meadows and the old trading post.

Thousands came and went. All classes, all kinds, intermingled there as civilization swung coastward over the mountain pass. Campfires glowed, there was sickness, death, birth, every phase of life was lived and every emotion experienced that is felt today, yet out of it all there came forth the vast development that is Oregon.

Soon winter winds will scream a tragic song through a large pine in a small lonely cemetery on the slopes of Mount Hood. Within this small plot of ground in Summit Meadows lies the mortal remains of the first man assassinated on the mountain. Beside him rests the body of a tiny infant boy unable to make his way up through early day hardships.

The man was Perry Vickers, the infant, Baby Barclay. The babe's spirit has undoubtedly flitted its way to the land where all are like children and happy, but not the man's. Somehow, as you stand beside the cedar picket fence which surrounds this tragic spot, it seems that the spirit of Perry Vickers still lingers; for his was the heart of a sturdy mountaineer and he lived the hillman's life.

In 1868 Perry Vickers built a cabin and trading post which he called Summit House. For many years it was a convenient stopping place. Vickers made money, and always had plenty but would give generously to anyone in need.

Many stories have been told of his having buried money, but searchers could never find it.

Perry Vickers was a fine man, if he liked you, it is said; if not, look out. He had much of the good and some of the bad in him. He would shoot at the drop of a hat if he felt an injustice was done him.

One time a fellow refused to pay for supplies, so Perry pulled out a pistol and shot twice through his hat--Vickers was a crack shot--and the man paid.

An old friend of Vickers says he remembers Perry taking climbers up Mount Hood, saying he never charged for it because he was too big-hearted for that.

In 1882 John McIntyre and Perry Vickers were deputized by Pears Rook, then Justice of the Peace at Powell Valley, to assist in the arrest of a man who gave his name as Steele, but his real name will never be known.

Steele, a stranger, had been working for Adam Fisher of Columbia slough and had stolen Fisher's shotgun, then, as it was learned, had gone over the Devil's

Backbone to Philip Moore's and traded the gun at Moore's for a Sharps rifle. Then he made his way up Laurel hill and over to White river.

Rook, McIntyre and Vickers caught up to the outlaw at White river about midnight and spied the man lying by a fire. It had been agreed beforehand that all three men would close in to make the arrest, as Steele was a desperate man. But Vickers dashed ahead and was shot by Steele while one leg was still in the stirrup, though Vickers emptied his Colt as Steele ran.

Everything that could be done was done for Perry Vickers, but he died a little after break of day. However, he was able to talk and requested that he be buried by the side of a little immigrant child that had died a short time before.

Steele was never captured, but a man answering his description was shot and killed a few years later in Eastern Oregon for stealing horses.

Many summer suns have kissed this spot in Summit Meadows where a mountaineer and a tiny infant lie in rest.

Many wonder why somebody does not place a marker at this tragic spot to give recognition to the first settler at Summit Meadows, and the first guide on Mount Hood.

After Vicker's tragic slaying, Horace Campbell, a religious eccentric, nicknamed "King David" rebuilt the Summit House. He constructed in the rear a building in the form of an Indian teepee, conical in shape with a central fireplace and a smoke hole at the peak.

Today every trace of Perry Vickers' trading post and "King David's" teepee have disappeared. All that is left of the old log Summit House is an old gate, the entrance to what was once a corral. This gate stands today as a lonely memorial of one of the most important locations in early Oregon history.

I wrote this story for someone I always admired; someone I was proud to call a friend; someone I am going to miss a great deal, Mrs. Elsie Creighton, who passed away Wed., Oct. 9th.

May God rest her soul in peace. Amen

BORING

Mrs. George Lane spoke on missionary work at a meeting of the Women's Society for Christian service last week in Boring Community Methodist church.

Mrs. Olivene Cowan presided and Miss Edith Anderson read minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. John Hegstrom and Mrs. N. E. Glover were hostesses. Members plan a bake sale for next month.

Delos Glover came up from California and spent almost two weeks with his mother, Mrs. N. E. Glover this month. They also visited his brother Jack in Portland and sister, Shirley Carroll in Washington. ***

Candace, daughter of the Paul Ackermans, was home from College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, this weekend. Ken Naas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Naas, was home from Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, where he is a freshman. Shirley, daughter of the Willard Borings was also home from OCE where she is a senior.

The Elbert Davises' young preschool son caught his arm in a wringer Monday and was taken to the hospital. First and second grades at Boring school took their field trip Friday and went to the Portland Zoo where they saw Dino and the new seals, among other exhibits. Teachers who took them were Mrs. Lois Jones, Mrs. Anna Ehr, and Mrs. Anna Olds. ***

Much home improvement is going on along Haley extension road with the Jerry Hale home displaying a plastic roofed carport and the Gerber property across the road excavated for a basement over which two buildings will be placed alongside each other to make a large home.

The new gymnasium at Boring school is completely finished, and only lacks curtains and stage hangings. Monthly potluck dinner will be Sunday at the Boring Community Methodist church. The roof of the structure has been completely repaired by Leonard Jackson, according to M. R. Bader.

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