

## This Is the Town You Made

If you have lived here in Sandy more than a year or two, this is the town you made.

At least in part it is the town you made.

Towns are only one thing: THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THEM... And that means you.

Sure, other people built the town were born in or moved into.

And at that time, those other people should be blamed for what we didn't like about that town, or given credit for what we did like about it.

But after we have been a part of the town for a few weeks or a few months, we are a part of it. Our opinion begins to count. How we vote makes a difference. How we act either helps or hurts the town.

The town becomes ours. WE are the town. And, WE can't deny our presence.

We can't say "They" are to blame if there is something about the town we don't like. Nor can we say "they get credit" if there is something about the town we do like.

This applies to all of us. Not just the presidents of civic clubs, or members of the city council or other civic groups. Those people are merely elected representatives—elected by you and me. We put them there. So, share their credit or blame. And that's true even if you never voted once in your life. Because by not voting, you changed the vote total.

You can't escape your responsibility for the final total merely by saying you looked the other way.

This town is yours. No, somebody here made it the way it was when you came. And, you made it the way it is. —J.C.

## Look Before You Leap!

Most of us are cautious enough to be sure there is water in the pool before we take the plunge.

In other things, however, we may not be so careful.

When we need some particular merchandise or service, do we always look before we leap?

Price is important, to all of us. But, if we're wise, do we make up our mind on price alone?

Here again, most of us probably think of other important things. Where merchandise is concerned, for instance, we want to know who made it, if it is guaranteed, if service will be available if needed.

In other words, we look at the total picture.

When we do, most of us realize why folks say it's wise to trade at home. Local merchants offer quality products, at the fairest prices (this includes a fair and reasonable mark-up, or profit, above wholesale cost to him), backed up by the manufacturer's guarantee—and the retailer's reputation for satisfied service.

When we suggest you "Look Before You Leap" from here to do your trading it is not with an "eye" towards hometown loyalty. But rather, with an "eye" towards community progress. —J.C.

## Red Cross Disaster Relief Program Explanation Given

The American Red Cross Western States Floods Disaster Relief headquarters report there is an apparent low trend of the families in Oregon requesting assistance. According to C. Milton Jackson district director for Oregon, "Most of the people here are unaccustomed to large-scale disasters." They are also unaccustomed to looking for outside help he stated.

The kind of do-it-yourself spirit in evidence everywhere in the state is highly commendable, Jackson said, but he stated the Red Cross does not want any family to exhaust its resources and tax its future to the point of unnecessary hardship.

In order to better acquaint readers of the Sandy Post with the efforts place forth by local Red Cross authorities the following information is printed.

Experience and knowledge quickly. This happened following the Alaskan earthquake and foundation for the Red Cross tidal waves of last March, the relief program in behalf of June floods in Montana, and Oregon flood victims which is again in the current catastrophe.

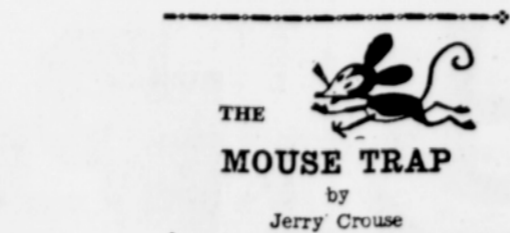
The West Coast Christmas Trained national Red Cross week flooding was the third disaster relief specialists from major catastrophe to strike many parts of the United States Red Cross Western Area were rushed to flood areas in ritory in 1964 -- highest num- Oregon, California, Washington in any one year, and the ton and Idaho to work along- most severe since the Califor- side Red Cross chapter volun- ber in 1955 teers in meeting the needs of the needs of the Red Cross ex- families and individuals. More pended \$8.6 million in relief, than 35,000 persons were Similar relief cost for help- housed and fed in 50 Red Cross ing families in the current dis- shelters in the four states at aster are expected to run flood peak. Arrangements were around five million, about two made for hundreds of other ref- million of that to be expended uees to stay in motels or homes.

Providing disaster relief for Normally, the mass care of needy families has long been emergency phase of a disaster- a top priority job for the Amer- relief operation is over in a ican Red Cross. The program matter of days, but such is not dates back 83 years to the time the case this time. Many re- when Red Cross founder Clara gions have been completely is- Barton aided victims of the olated by washed-out bridges, Michigan forest fires. Then in and by disrupted highway and 1905 the Red Cross was chart- communication facilities, ered by Act of Congress and This necessitates continuation charged with the responsibility of temporary housing and feed- ing of "... mitigating the suffer- ing for much longer than usual. lings by pestilence, famine, fire, Again, the Red Cross is paying floods, and other great national for food and maintenance, calamities..."

Whenever and wherever disaster strikes, the nation's official relief agency for helping families regain normal living conditions moves into action

### New Street Maps

New street maps for the City of Sandy are now available through the Oregon State Highway Dept.



## THE MOUSE TRAP

by Jerry Crouse

Lay-T-ies and Gen-T-lemen, the fan mail of The Sandy Post's newest column writer has just started to pour in... my literary ego has been inflated (now I didn't say de-flated).

With this opening I invite you to feast your pea-pickin' pupils -- that has something to do with those two slits just below the forehead called "eyes", at least, that's what I thought my health teacher was saying but I couldn't be sure cause I was dozing in class most of the time -- on The Snooper's reply to last week's remarks. Oh yes, before I forget it, please tell the local optometrist to forgive me if I happened to name the portion of the eye's components... maybe he'd correct me and I could use another letter next week. Anyway, read this:

Dear Mousie,  
Gee thanks for the letter, Mousie, it was very nice. I think?

I thought you'd like to know that I read last week's Post from cover to cover. When I finished it I "wiped my brow and sighed 'phew', he made it through the first issue and he's still intact!"

It wasn't too bad. In fact it was a pretty fair issue. You might even say it was very good. That is, somebody might say it. I wouldn't, of course, because after all I did tell you of my superstitious nature and you did go right ahead and have your picture on page one. I told you how I consider this to be very bad luck. But just between you and me, Mousie, I wouldn't be at all surprised if you are able to overcome this handicap. I sure do hope so cause you said, "if I go any farther, I'll end up in the drink." And it just isn't seemly for editors to drown!

Thank you for having it "put-on-the-record" that you "intend to stick around." It did ease my mind and I like people with good intentions.

I've been looking all over for a house for your family, but your requirements are making it kinda hard to find something suitable. Do you and your wife have to have a bedroom? All to yourselves? But just to show you I'm on the ball, I did find you a lovely place. It has plenty of bedrooms and even a swimming pool! The owner, Don Avery, said you can have it "rent free" -- providing you can find it! He suggests you start looking some place between here and Astoria.

Say what'd ya mean, the people in Idaho wonder "where in the world is Sandy?" Gee whiz, Mousie, everyone knows where Sandy is! But who ever heard of "Payette"??? Is it a suburb of "Payola"??? They must not even have a chamber of commerce there.

Well I guess I'd better get busy, as there is a lot of snooping around to be done. And since you're gonna be "busy sneakin' around the area too," I'll sure have to keep on my toes, as it would never do to have you catch me goofin' off.

Bye now--The Snooper

P. S. Come to think of it, where is "Idaho?"

Well, Snooper, you named it pretty well when you asked if Payette is a suburb of "Payola"... cause they have a "Payola Day" every Saturday at 3 p.m. and when I left town they had \$600 in the kitty just waiting for someone to claim. Really, I thought they'd be willing to part with at least a portion of that to get me out of town -- like a plane ticket or somethin', you know, "the faster the better!"

Also, Payette is what you'd call the hub of Treasure Valley and has a populous of 4451 in town. Idaho? Now that's the last real "frontier" in the Northwest that bears discovery. Yes, it's filled with primitive area and sagebrush and many of the people still wear cowboy boots and hats... didn't see any Injun scalping while there, though!

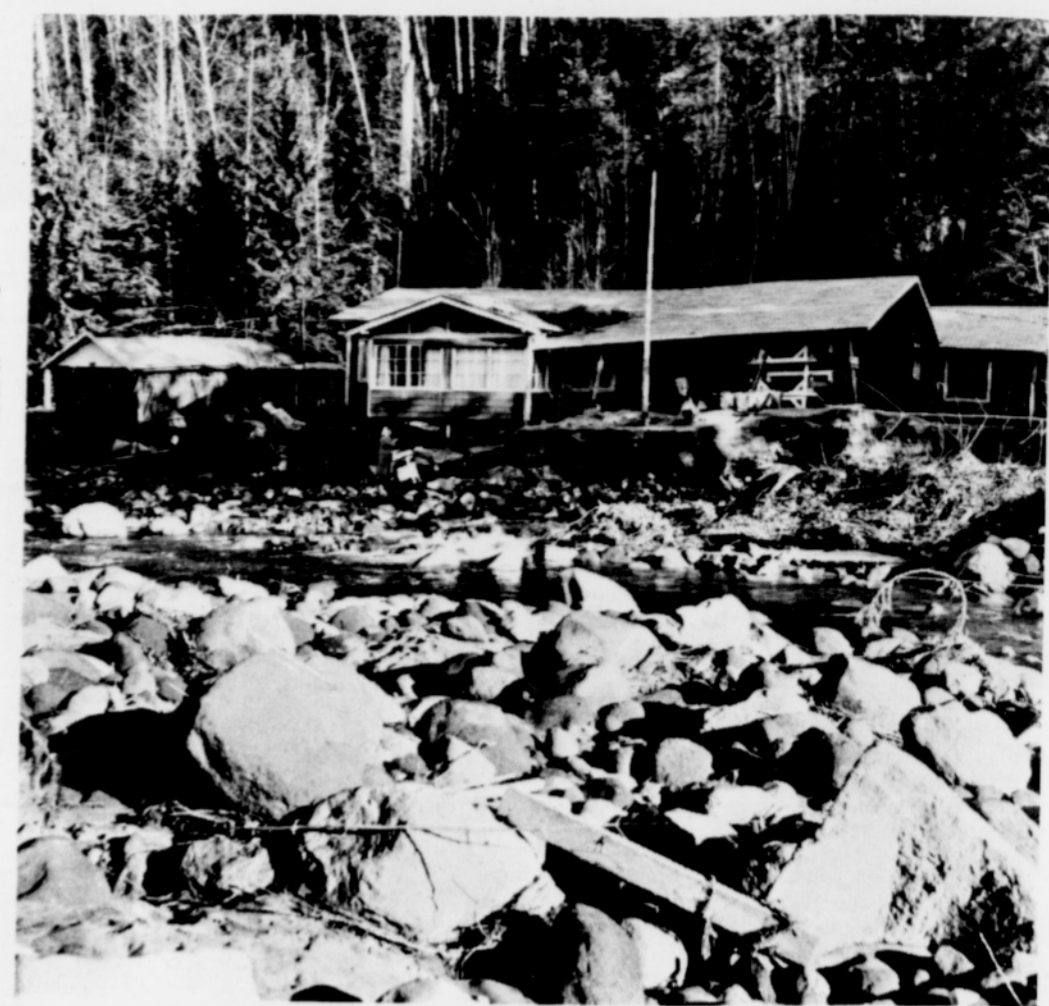
And now you dear hearts and gentle people this little "spoke" better begin "beating the brush" or a bigger "wheel" will be "cracking... the Whip!"

## Letters

To the Editor of the Sandy Post, We, the neighbors of Wildcat Creek, want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who were so kind to us during the flood, especially the Firemen, Hiway men, and ambulance girls, who helped us to evacuate and fed and cared for us in Sandy. Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith took us and the Flemings into their home and treated us like members of the family and all the rest were equally cared for in different homes. Thanks again.  
Mrs. Charles Rubbert

To the Editor,  
We who live at Mt. Hood all or part of the time would like to offer our appreciation to the intrepid workers who labored so hard during the Christmas flood to protect lives and property, and who kept on laboring after waters receded. Such vital things as repairing destroyed water systems and roads were done under extremely adverse conditions. We who are on the Welches water system, for example, owe thanks to Alvin Eri and Duane Knapp of Firwood Veneer company in Sandy for lending a crew headed by Morrie Scholten. These men packed pipe over log jams and snow up the side of a mountain to restore water service. They were Glen Sheppard, Ken Loomis, Roger Caba, Leroy Anderson, John Scholten, David Schawd, and Jim Brewster.

Likewise, Portland General Electric company crews waded streams and overcame other obstacles to restore electric service quickly, and Jerry Lymp, head of the Clackamas county road department's Mt. Hood area, and his men also performed spartan duty during and after the emergency. These happen to be the folks whom we personally saw react to the flood emergency. No doubt the scenes were repeated around the state hundreds of times. We can be thankful that we're Oregonians for two reasons-- firstly that such disasters are rare visitors in Oregon, and secondly-- that when they do strike, so many valiant Oregonians are ready and willing to be counted "present" when the hard and dirty work must be done. The losses that many of us suffered are softened by the firsthand knowledge that so many people did everything humanly possible to help.



This photo demonstrates a familiar scene along the Sandy river near Brightwood. Noticable in the picture is a lady as she looks at the floor which has dropped out from under the main structure. In the foreground huge boulders swept here by the flood waters are visible. The water represents a channel dug out by the rampaging river that wiped away many homes and huge portions of land. (Post photo)

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Sincerely,  
John Stein  
Rodger Eddy  
Welches, Oregon

## Aliens Urged to Fill In Report

District Director Alfred J. Urbano of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reminded aliens in Oregon today that Saturday, Jan. 30, is the deadline for filing address report forms as required under provisions of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act. The Immigration official urged aliens who have not yet filed their address reports to do so no later than Jan. 30 to avoid possible penalties.

## Record Run-Off During Flood

Portland General Electric engineers report a record amount of water run-off over the dam on the Clackamas river was measured during the recent flood.

The record flow, 93,000 second feet, lasted for one and a half hours during the height of the flood before subsiding. This run-off was equal in magnitude to the amount of water in the Columbia river during normal low ebb.

## Begins Training

Seaman Recruit Daniel L. Rathman, USN., son of Mrs. Edna Rathman of Route 2, Boring, Ore., began nine weeks of basic training Dec. 21, at the Recruit Training Command, Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

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