

Why Don't We Give It More Support?

On August 9, 1962 a dream came another step nearer reality. Today, nearly three years later, that dream continues to grow.

And that dream is still a very long ways from reaching the goals that it has. This is by no means to say that progress on it has stood still. For it has continued to grow and move slowly forward in this period. We only say it has not been able to move ahead as fast as it could.

In any endeavor it takes considerable time and money to make it succeed. Some endeavors are rather routine and others are of a unique nature. Here in Sandy we have such an endeavor as the latter being made, and yet the support that it actually receives from here is rather limited.

In the past months the local Chamber of Commerce has discussed often what it might do to instill growth into our area. The majority of the thinking has been centered around the idea of bringing or encouraging business into the area but the central thought has been around "What can we do to help the Sandy area grow?"

We assume that the numerous civic and service organizations in our community have discussed this same thought over and over in the board and general group sessions. Each of these groups support projects of one nature or another. Hardly anyone would question that the projects they get behind are worthy ones. At the

same time no one would question the sincerity and desire of the organizations to promote and do what they can—each in his own small way—to boost our community.

Yet, there are times when a particular program or project is already underway and started right in our own backyard. And we hardly will give it a serious consideration. We mean we hardly realize that by pooling their efforts and resources among them this project would be helping tremendously a program that would undoubtedly realize growth, publicity, and benefit for the entire home area.

Of course, we are speaking of the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind, Inc. Here is a charitable institution that has not only purpose but great promise. It is making strides without seeking handouts—in the usually considered sense of the word handout—and it IS RIGHT AT OUR STEP!

We might say that we who have our eyesight are blind to the fact that this Foundation provides a tremendous potential towards growth and economic boost in our area. If the right support were given to this institution now from its hometown we predict that its presence here would more than repay the community.

It is not always the big industry that helps to build the community and Sandy's promise of landing the big one are rather slim. We need to analyze the small possibilities that loom out, too. Why don't we give this one more support?

—J.C.

Just A Good Sampling

In the past few weeks we have observed numerous activities taking place along Highway 26 near and in the City of Sandy. Most of these activities have been in relation to construction work to improve and place a first class travel route here from the westerly direction.

Wherever construction work of this nature is taking place it causes a certain amount of inconvenience to the traveling public. Also, we have seen the Main Street blocked off on several occasions as water mains and lines are undergoing changes. This is to be expected.

However, it was not until the rain descended upon us this past week did most of us realize the real mess that we are in for. On last Friday it looked much like a return to the bygone years of the horse and buggy days. About the only ingredient that was missing were the horses and buggies that have given way to the more modern mode of automotive transportation.

Had the car washing group's been aware of the circumstances that would evolve last week they would have been in for a landslide business. For, anyone driving down Main last week had

an automobile in need of washing. Before the rain descended it was the dust and dirt from digging up the street to contend with.

And with it all there were the grumblings muttered by the citizens. We had to agree it was quite a mess. Yet we want to caution you, our readers, that this is just a sampling of what we must be prepared for in the weeks and months ahead. Soon the heavier earthmoving equipment will be sent here to start a full-scale tearing up of the highway entering town from the west, as well as, Main Street.

This will be the third time in our short life to contend with such road construction right on our doorstep. Most of the time it has been a miserable situation, at other times most frustrating, and at still others almost to the point of being unbearable... however, as we look back on the past experiences we must admit the following. "My, how nice the lovely new highway and street leading to and even through our town now is!"

We're just getting a sampling now but the completed project will be worth the momentary hardships.

—J.C.

MERRY MOUNTAINEER



"Yes, Company's Coming!"

The MOUSETRAP

"Making Tracks With Jerry"

"SMILE -- Company's Coming," theme of a clean-up program to be initiated throughout the state right away. Here in Sandy it's the Jaycees who are spearheading the program and I do hope that folks will take good advantage of their offer to pick up unneeded trash, etc. Like that first word of the slogan says: "Let's get a 'smile' on our land."

"Beer cans are blooming upon a thousand hills, Billboards keep hiding the snowy mountain's thrills; Tossed cigarette butts are lighting up the scene With forest fires no one requires, to spoil our forests green;

Picnicking families fling paper plates around; You'll run into them wherever you are bound. We'd best do something, is our profound advice, To straighten out our tourists' paradise."

This poem which appeared on the editorial page of "The Oregonian" recently is more truth than fiction. It galvanized me into doing something I had been thinking of doing every since I had had an indignation meeting with a neighbor, Mrs. Lulu Winters. We were discussing the trash along our roads thrown out by careless motorists. Mrs. Winters immaculate house and grounds are a joy to behold said, "I just can't stand to look at all the beer cans and other junk so I just go out with a wheel barrow and pick it up. Then I dispose of it in a big pit that I have." A good idea, I thought so after I read the poem out I went with my little yellow wheelbarrow and in less than a mile picked up a gunny sack of beer cans, beer bottles, whiskey bottles, cigarette wrappers and various other trash. Passers-by stared at me trundling along. Guess they thought "There goes another Granny like the one in the Beverly Hill Billies" but it didn't bother me a bit. There is merit in setting a good example, I hope.

If anyone would clean up along their property, who knows, Oregon might be clean as well as beautiful.

This article written by Lillian Ten Eyck, writer of Pioneer Days in the Post in previous months, ties in quite well with the "clean up the place" and the "keep Oregon beautiful" theme. Many will scoff at the project you ladies set out to accomplish. Mousie wishes to commend your efforts.

Last Thursday afternoon I spent a good share of my afternoon with one of our county commissioners. It happened to be Darrell Jones who is a frequent visitor to our parts. The opportunity to get better

acquainted with some of our county workers is appreciated by myself. Being somewhat new to the Oregon as it has developed today -- you see, 13 years in two other states (California and Idaho) plus a jaunt in the Far East with Uncle's Navy forces -- requires a person to take a little time to become what you'd call reoriented. Besides that, I was young enough when I gave my "bon voyage" to this state that operations of government on the local levels were not too much of a concern.

Not so long ago on the telephone I asked Commissioner Jones a few questions concerning items of interest (county nature). Among them was the printing of legal notices that relate to this end of the county. It is the policy in most cases to print these items in the largest circulation papers... that being the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier and either the Lake Oswego Review or Milwaukie Review.

Now, that makes a lot of sense to a fellow who lives in the Sandy area for subscribers in either one of those publications here numbers less than 50. I had this subscription figure checked, too! In the meantime the commissioner had checked the legal status available to himself regarding publication on legal. So had I! Again we conversed via the phone on this matter and various others. Before closing this time I assured the commissioner that I was going to fight, if necessary, to get this type of information to the readers of my paper in the future for they had a right to be informed. Unless they were informed by the county, I added, then the commissioners and other county officials were partly failing this end of the county's citizens right-to-know what's happening and so was the paper.

Concluding I offered to speak to the whole commissioner committee and present by case or he might present it for me. Also a personal meeting with him to talk about other facets of concern to our territory was tentatively set. Thursday we met and after an enjoyable discussion I am sure that Commissioner Jones better understands my position and interest in this community that I am attempting to serve, too! Not only that, it gives me a better insight of our commissioner's thinking. The time was not wasted.

I hope that before many months roll by I will have an opportunity to visit with the other commissioners and county officials. In the long run it should be helpful to all of us. After all, we ought to be working as one big team to see

our county move ahead and prosper.

By the way, this newspaper has received a county legal of late that concerns us specifically. This being the request by our own city government to have jurisdiction of our town's Main Street which currently is the county's. This comes to us, I am sure, through the efforts of Jones and his commissioner co-horts, Stan Ely and Stan Skoko.

I hope you have taken the effort to read it. It is placed here for your personal information and good.

Tuesday's public hearing related to our mountain telephone company was a small crowd gathered as I mentioned in last week's column. In the neighborhood of 50 persons were on hand to view and participate in the proceedings. Of that number about one-fifth comprised commission personnel, PGE legal counsel and representatives, and the legal counsel for Hood - Land Tel. It was interesting to observe the recess session that was Each group huddled together... and before you knew it the phone company and commission personnel were discussing the matter in terms of clearing the air... then, it was PGE folk joining the huddle and bingo! I think the recess was much



An apparent mystery shrouds this two-car accident which must have occurred sometime late Monday night on Highway 26 just west of Kelso. Pictures were taken on Tuesday morning and neither the state or county police have been able to give the newspaper any information on it. (Post Photo)

closer to 45 minutes but the important part, I guess, is that it was worked out in a dignified manner.

Any who might have felt that harassment was being made towards the local phone facility is out of order. I, personally, do not believe it to be the point of the PUC holding a public hearing. Rather, if there are improper or unsafe practices being performed by any public utility service it is just as much the responsibility of the commission to check, a determination, and see that it is rectified in a reasonable time, as it is the utilities responsibility to get it corrected. This, only provides a safeguard and fair play practices for all concerned.

Still no confirmation on the Sandy Shopping Center as to whom the investors are. I did hear that the money had transferred hands. From there mums the word. Another check with the county recorder in Oregon City has revealed that the purchaser of the property is Portland Fixture Co. Still checking for more details.

Woe is me! They have sold my rented house and so I'm seeking another residence. If you'll remember my requirements were considerable the first time in seeking out a place to sit my hat, per the Snooper. However, I never have

located the Avery house along any the river banks between Sandy and Astoria. Perhaps she can snoop around for some thing suitable again.

Remember, Snooper, it has to be a three bedroom bungalow for we'll be needing a bedroom for ourselves even more now... offspring number four has an ETA (estimated time of arrival, that is) of about five to six weeks. Maybe Nell or the Sandy Scene Maker could hunt a little, too. All helps appreciated, of course.

Keep your chin up, there's better days ahead... at least, that's what my father always said. And speaking of Dads, it's Father's Day Sunday. Your a great bunch of guys you pops. I know, I didn't have to tell you--you already knew it!

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