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A Moonlighters Spree

Last Friday night we observed a "Moonlighter's Spree" here in Sandy as the stores in town left their doors open until the late hours for the shoppers to roam in. As best we could tell it could be termed a successful promotion.

However, we could not rightly say it was the type of promotion that reaped tremendous financial benefits upon the merchants who participated. For a good part merchandise purchased by the "moon happy" shoppers were special sale items that were cut to the bone. In fact, a number of items placed on sale during the four-hour Mountaineer Moonlight Sale were sold at less than the actual cost to the merchant to get them into his store and placed on his shelves.

We see the word "SALE" splashed all over our advertising pages and TV screens so consistently nowadays that one does not know when to really believe a SALE is a SALE. In

many cases you wonder who is trying to convince who.

The Mountaineer Moonlight Sale in Sandy was a down-to-earth legitimate sale that in one sense of the word cost the merchants of Sandy a few nickels. But in the other sense it was the type of a sale that can do more good for the business district here than a sale to make immediate financial gain. By this, we mean, it was an EXPOSURE SALE!

The benefits to be reaped from such a promotion should carry themselves on in the days and weeks ahead as many folk who have not shopped around home for some period of time were back in the home-town stores. Many will have discovered that merchandise has been added, new business has opened up, and now, "shopping at home wouldn't be so bad after all."

We hope that this spree will lead to more sprees on the part of the customers and merchant alike. —J.C.

Honest Differences of Opinion

A 20th century dictionary states that an "opinion" is a conclusion or judgment held with confidence, but falling short of positive knowledge. In another instance it goes on to say that it can also be an estimate of the excellence or value of a person or a thing, or when unqualified and negative, an unfavorable estimate.

In the past two weeks we have stated opinions relative to a program of baseball that is carried on in our community. The comments have been made via the Mousetrap Column and are made with an honest and above board approach to the subject.

To those who are working closely with the program anyone criticizing their handling of the little league youngsters must have a "chip on their shoulder." Therefore, he must be a blockhead. To us, this reasoning is nonsense.

There is not a program or activity

in town that should consider themselves removed from the role of criticism. There is plenty of room for criticism. Not only that, there is plenty of criticism going on.

However, the majority of the criticism going on is spoken only in a group that is sympathetic with the person who is talking. This is a plain fact with Sandy being no exception to the rule.

We are not here to be a puppet, such as you expect in a communistic nation, in the editing of the local newspaper. We have a mind of our own and a knowledge of the business we have entered. We are a public servant and expect to be criticized ourselves, as well as meet with opposition to our opinions when expressed through the printed media for the entire public to see.

The important thing as we see it, though, is that our differences of opinions are honest ones. —J.C.



This late model convertible is somewhat worse for wear following an accident over the weekend east of Sandy. Official news sources were unable to furnish The Sandy Post with any information on the accident. (Post Photo)

The MOUSETRAP

"Making Tracks With Jerry"

One happy fellow in Sandy yesterday was Olin Bignall. He was grinning from ear-to-ear when we ran into him since the swimming pool vote passed.

Tuesday it was an almost different story on the fellow for her was "sweating blood" as to the outcome of the election. Olin has spent hours and hours of his time promoting the swimming pool and its need in the community. And this is just one of the many needs for the future in our area.

Olin, you're not the only fellow that's happy about the passage of the swimming pool bond issue, I am, too.

Observing those who appeared for the vote it was evident that plenty of opposition to the swimming pool, and for that matter to the school building, must have come from the elder citizens. This, of course, is only a surmise. And when one remembers that most of them are on a small fixed income you can be somewhat sympathetic with their feelings. Again, a community cannot sit still forever.

The letters to the editor are continuing to pour in on Little League baseball since I offered a few opinions on the program. Some of those arriving still are unsigned and since I feel it has been made quite clear that signed ones are desired it is my decision to print only those who care to sign their name. One letter did say that I

When Do I Do My Sprinkling?

City of Sandy sprinkling regulations were set into effect recently and in order to help residents remember the proper sprinkling hour for their district they follow:

1. Northeast area. North of the Loop Highway, east of Strause St., including Sandy Heights and North Bluff Rd. Hours, 5 to 8 a.m.
2. Northwest area. North of Loop Highway, west of Strause St. Hours, 8 to 11 a.m.
3. Southeast area. South of Main St. and east of Strause St., including Central or Business District between Loop Highway and Main St. Hours, 4 to 7 p.m.
4. Southwest area. South of Main St. and west of Strause St. Hours, 6 to 9 p.m.

These regulations cover all water usage other than domestic use and include the use of pools and car washing. Only one hose is to be in use at a time.



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—Cicero

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To the Editor:

After reading the first letter in the Post stating some things against Boys' Baseball, I thought Halleluia! someone has finally put into print what I have felt for a long time. Since poor "Mouseie" seems to be fighting the battle alone, I thought I had better put my two cents in.

After hearing many people comment on Boys' Baseball, I was pretty much prejudiced against it, but when my son wanted to play this year I thought it couldn't be as bad as all that. It has lived up to all the bad comments.

First of all, the coaches shouldn't be blamed. It is wonderful that these men would give of their time (and it does take more time than we realize). They deserve praise, not criticism.

Somehow the whole principle of the thing has been lost. It was my understanding that Boys' Baseball was started to teach young boys the fundamentals of the game, sportsmanship, love of the game, and to teach boys who might not otherwise have the opportunity to play. Maybe I am wrong in this presumption. It now appears that it was started to show that one team is better than another.

Many boys don't have the opportunity to play with and learn from their Dads. Unfortunately my husband is in a position where he must work from 12 to 16 hours a day in the spring and summer. I am sure many other parents are in the same situation. Does this mean that our boys should not be allowed to play because they aren't as good as a boy who is fortunate enough to have a father who has the time to work with him? Maybe I misunderstood the purpose of the thing. I thought it was to give all boys the opportunity to play, not just those that are good, or experienced. After all, how can they become good, or experienced unless they have the opportunity to play?

Competition seems to be the key word. The new inexperienced boy has little chance to learn, as the good players are usually used because, "We are in a tough league, we have to shape these boys up to win." Competition is important in the world today, but they get in school, they will get it when they are older, in their business, and all the rest of their lives. Can't we let them just be kids, and play for the fun of it? Sure it's a thrill to win, that's the object of the

game, but it is just as much fun to play for the enjoyment, to hit a good ball, to make a good play. Can't we remember how much fun it was just to go out and play ball in a vacant lot? Children are so organized in everything they do anymore, now they are under pressure even in their play. It was a wonderful idea to get boys together and teach them, and give them the opportunity to play together, but something went wrong somewhere, as far as I am concerned.

I am not talking so much about the older boys, as those from 7 to 10. Most of them hardly knew the fundamentals, or had even the opportunity to bat or play positions more than a few times before they were hauled here and there to play boys who didn't know any more about it than they did. The coaches didn't seem to have time to teach them or let them get experience enough playing games with each other, because they have to get out and play games to win. I have yet to talk to anyone who does not think it is ridiculous to take inexperienced 8 and 10 year olds as far as Scappoose, a three-hour roundtrip!

Why couldn't this young group be divided and play among themselves, so that all of them would get the opportunity to play all of the time. As it is now, part of them sit on the bench most of the time, and some of them were told they didn't make the team, and can't play at all.

Also, I have heard many examples of poor sportsmanship, especially among the adults. Since I have not seen any of these myself, I will not repeat them, although they were numerous.

Let's stop and think if Boys' Baseball is serving the purpose that it should be. If it is not, perhaps it is the fault of all of us, as adults, for putting too much emphasis on winning in our lives today. I, for one, would like to know who we should talk to, or what we can do to change a few things to make it better for the children, so that all boys would be able to play and enjoy the game.

That is my two cents' worth, although it looks more like a dollar's worth. You asked for opinions, Mouseie, and you really got one. I hope that others will express their ideas, pro and con, and perhaps we can all help to make Boys' Baseball the wonderful game that it should be.

Marilyn Rowell

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As a general rule I do not enter into controversial subjects by mail, however, it would seem there should be exceptions taken to some of the statements made in the July 8th, issue of the Sandy Post regarding Little League Baseball.

First let me point out the reason my son signed up with the group was for instructions, as I pointed out to the Coach before he signed up. I was informed he would receive the necessary instructions. Due to age and restrictive physical condition I was unable to engage in that type of physical exertion.

The letter over the signature, Noddy Towel, states he was sent out for someone else

to show him how, well Mr. or Mrs. (as the case may be) Towel, just what is Little League, all seasoned professionals, or, are they in the League to learn the fundamentals of baseball.

The time and effort put forth by the Instructors and Coach is appreciated and I deeply regret that I am unable to engage in type of thing, BUT, that does not excuse the fact a few of the Boys do not receive the necessary instructions or the opportunity to play. In regard to the gasoline used and the cost of same, it was no small item for us either as we had some 20 miles to drive just to the practice field and we offered the use of our car for transportation to the games and practice field whenever needed,

that was something we could do to help, the offer was not accepted.

Above all things I do not wish to imply my son is or ever will be a ball player, but, he did want to learn and under the present set-up there was little or no opportunity to do so. I do believe under instructions by those charged with this guidance, he could have succeeded the same as any others have or will. In the event, bringing this out in the open, may perhaps help just one Boy to gain the knowledge needed to play baseball or to be a good sportsman and citizen, I am confident the effort was not in vain.

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