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Keep County Zoning

It would appear that there is ample justification for the opposition to the county zoning and building codes. The arbitrary and cavalier manner in which complaints, questions and petitions for variance by residents have often been handled by the County Planning Commission is justification enough.

The angry and noisy protests heard at the Nov. 4 meeting at Colton High School, when 1200 anti-zoning citizens gathered to elect officers and a steering committee to head their fight, were largely against the high-handed and dictatorial tactics of the County Planning Commission.

We hope the group, now known as the Zoning Adjustment Modification Organization (ZAMO), will be able to temper their anger with reason and present constructive suggestions for improving and altering the pres-

ent county zoning regulations rather than try to abolish them.

For we need zoning in Clackamas County and we need it now. Not in ten, five or even two years—but right now. Let us first try to understand what our present program tries to do for us rather than to us and then change, improve and perfect it; for, imperfect as it may be, it is far better than nothing.

Like it or not, the do-it-yourself frontier of this county is a thing of the past and we may as well face it.

It is said that one's personal liberty stops at the end of his neighbor's nose . . . in Clackamas County, as everywhere, that neighbor is becoming more numerous and his nose is getting closer every day. His rights and ours must be protected while there is still time.

Japan, Topic at Baptist Missionary Society Meeting

Mrs. Kim Kaiser and Mrs. Helen Murahaski were the Japanese guest speakers at the WMS (Women's Missionary Society) of the Crestview Baptist church, Nov. 8.

Mrs. Kim Kaiser has been

in the U.S. for 5 years, and Mrs. Helen Murahaski was born in this country. They showed slides of Japan, wore their native dress and told of Japanese culture.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. D. Allen, who is a personal friend of the guests. Mrs. Allen had a Japanese luncheon including chopsticks. Four members of the WMS prepared the menu: Tempura, Sukiyaki, Cucumber Salad, and Teriyaki Chicken.

Future meetings of the WMS will be every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10 a.m. For more information contact Mrs. Don Castle, Mrs. Oscar Guthrie, MU 7-3815, Sandy.

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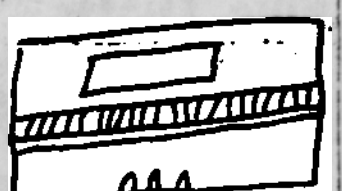


AIRMAN C. A. JENSEN

Airman Catherine A. Jensen, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Kiefer of Rhododendron, has been selected for training at Sheppard AFB, Tex., as an Air Force communications specialist.

The airman, a 1966 graduate of Sandy union high school, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Michael Leonard, Brightwood, is now serving aboard the Coast Guard cutter Campbell. The Campbell operates from St. George Base, Staten Island, New York.



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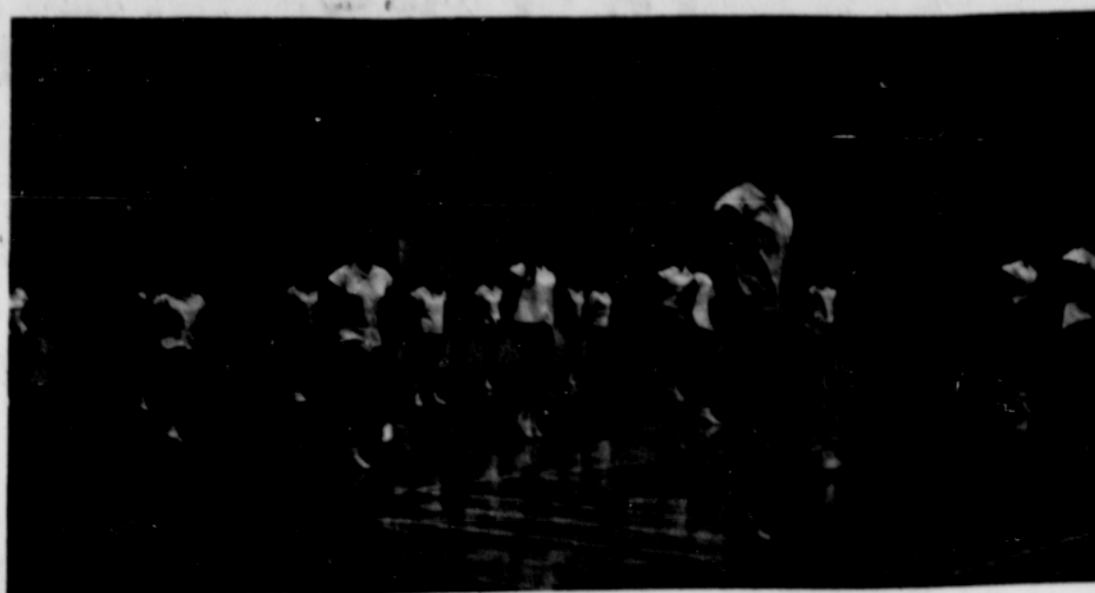


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Letters to the Editor

Readers are invited to make use of this column to express their opinions on issues of the day or any other matters that may be of interest. Letters should be clearly written or typed and signed with full name and address of the sender. We will withhold names upon request but the letters must be signed. Although we do not insist letters be limited to a certain length, please keep them as concise as possible. Letters should be sent to the Editor, Sandy Post, Box 68, Sandy, Oregon 97055.

To the Editor,

The Oregon City Enterprise Courier of Nov. 7 reported on the heated, or perhaps better termed "rowdy" meeting held at Colton High School on Friday evening, Nov. 4, on the matter of zoning regulations applicable to the rural areas of Clackamas County. At this meeting a 15 member steering committee for the protesting group was selected. The organization formed is to be known as Zoning Adjustment Modification Organization (ZAMO).

I am sure we will be hearing more of this organization as there is a sizeable group of citizens in the Sandy area who are in opposition to the zoning measure now in force.

Earl Smith commented on the matter in his letter to the editor in the Nov. 10, issue of the Sandy Post. I hope there will be more letters on this subject. I thoroughly agree with Commissioner-elect Fred Stefani's statement at the Nov. 4 Colton meeting that "the problem is one of communication."

About two years ago the Sandy area was zoned. There was no apparent attempt made by the County Commissioners or Planning Commission to educate the people as to the significance of this action. All efforts on my part to obtain information from them resulted in the same answer, "If you are going to build anything come down to Oregon City and we will tell you whether there are restrictions."

Although I was not planning to build anything at the time, for my future reference I still went to the Planning Commission in an attempt to find out more about zoning regulations.

"For what do you require a building permit?" I asked.

"On any structure," was the reply.

"What is a structure?"

"Now you are being ridiculous," they said.

After assuring the chief planner that I was definitely attempting to find out information he permitted me to ask if for their purposes a structure could be:

"A fence?" answer: "Technically, yes." "A grape arbor?" answer: "Technically, yes." "A moveable pig feeder?" With this question (certainly a legitimate one, I felt) I was very nearly thrown out of the office.

Another man then took over and from him I did get some meager information. Later on, I was told that if a structure had a value of \$25 or more a building permit was required. However, I am still not sure what is meant by "technically required" nor what the Planning Commission's definition of a "structure" really is. Now, personally, I am very much in favor of zoning. I rec-

ognize the difficulty in defining those things which are offensive to the eye -- or the nose and are destructive to our economic well being.

The individual, depending upon his background and immediate economic interests, will interpret each differently. Until 20 years ago a consensus of thought would probably have been that it is each man's right to use our public streams as a common sewer. Now we are paying millions of dollars in an attempt to clean up the damage. If we were to permit our beautiful new highway between Sandy and Gresham to be defaced with signs and road-side businesses, would we ever see it restored to beauty? The answer is obviously, no. It never happens.

The Utopian answer to our problem would be:

1. For the local community to develop a plan for land utilization.

2. Place the plan in effect by popular vote.

3. Hold firm to the basic concept in granting variances. The result would be a beautiful community in which to live, work and play. But no individual or group in this community has the leadership ability, money or time to put such a program across.

Therefore I believe it is the responsibility of every community organization to find out what the elements of good community planning are; of the County Commissioners to inform the people what they are attempting to achieve through planning and of all parties to work together for beautiful and livable communities.

The planning problem is too important to be permitted to flounder on such issues as the "rights of the individual" and "procurement of Federal funds". As an immediate approach, I would suggest that the County Planning Commission have a representative hold office one day a week in such outlying localities as Sandy, Rhododendron, Colton etc.

I.S. Hartman
Sandy, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Since it is impossible for me to personally thank each of the voters of Clackamas County who expressed their confidence in me by electing me as County Commissioner, I wish to take this opportunity, through the press, to publicly express my thanks and appreciation. I assure you that I will do my level best to accomplish those things which I advocated in my campaign.

From studying the election returns it seems clear to me that the matter of zoning regulations was certainly one of the major issues that influenced voters in the election. Strict, and, in many cases, irrational

regulations governing the zoning of rural areas must give way to a reasonable view point, keyed to the nature and necessities of the area involved. A thorough review of regulations will be the first order of business after I assume office and I am sure that Commissioners Ely and Skoko will be as anxious as I am to implement the expression of opinion by the voters.

The matter of economy in County Government, particularly through a system of centralized purchase of equipment and supplies for the County at a competitive price (responsibility of the Board of Commissioners) and a return to a priority system of road repairs and improvement based upon use and condition are also foremost in my thoughts and I will strive to implement them.

My promise to you to discuss with the voters the problems of County Government (a people to people program) will be kept and implemented. I invite your comments and suggestions, your approvals and criticisms, even before I take office.

Again, my sincere thanks to all of the voters of Clackamas County. I intend to work for all of you to the very best of my ability.

Sincerely yours,
Fred G. Stefani

Sunnyside Opens House

An Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 has been announced by Sunnyside Telephone Company at its new headquarters and administration building, 16400 S. E. Sunnyside Road.

Lambert D. Miller, president of the independent telephone company serving 21 communities and cities in western Oregon, issued the invitation to the Open House to the public.

Sunnyside has just completed the landscaping and parking areas for the new building which is a part of the Sunnyside complex of buildings that represent an investment of nearly \$500,000 in the North Clackamas County location. They have also recently completed an addition to the exchange building and installed additional dial switching equipment. The exchange on Sunnyside Road furnishes telephone service to the Sunnyside, Carver and Damascus areas of North Clackamas County as well as long distance calls to other areas.

New "Touch Call" telephones will be on display and visitors will have an opportunity to use these instruments and watch their calls going through the automatic exchange equipment.

NEED OFFICE HELP?
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SALLY'S ALLEY

News from Eagle Creek

By SALLY SEYMOUR 279-6368

Norman Shaw has really had a run of bad luck lately. First he breaks his arm so badly that he has to have it in a cast for three months and can't work, now he was starting a go-cart for his kids and the knot on the end of the starting rope flew back and hit him in the eye. At least that's the reason he gives for that badly bruised black eye. On a happy note, Shaw's nephew, Daniel, from Hot Springs, Montana, is staying with them to complete his senior year at Estacada high school. He'll be a big help, starting go carts and things.

News from the Frank Hulka family is that their son Paul, a spec. 4/c in the army at Fort Riley, Kansas, has been home on a ten-day leave before reporting back to Fort Riley for assignment overseas.

For everyone that is wondering what the big white building is on Oliver Hagar place, the news is in: It's a chicken coop! The Hager's built it all themselves which is something to brag about, considering that he works six days a week in Portland, getting up at 4 a.m. to milk cows and get the chores done. In two weeks they will be in the broiling chicken business, with the first shipment of chicks. It's a good thing they were both raised on farms, because they are really in the business. Good Luck!

Shirley Hackerott reports that the first aid course in Sandy is really great and should be a "must" for all mothers. She also had some interesting news about the kindergarten Sunday school class at the Eagle Creek Church. She and Ruth Potter, and Mrs. Darymple, went to a Portland church to study their new way of teaching the 2-5 year olds. It seems they have a special play period, where the teacher goes to each child and works the lesson in with whatever the child is doing in a way that it is easily absorbed. This is just one of the new things they learned about that they hope to put in practice at Eagle Creek. Don't forget, Sunday School starts at 11 a.m.

I enjoyed a nice chat with Mrs. Edward White. It seems their family is really doing its part for their country. Son Ron is home on leave from Edwards Air Force Base, where he is a crash and rescue specialist. He is awaiting assignment elsewhere. Daughter Nikki gave a farewell party Sunday night for her husband, Mike Guthrie. He went to the induction center Monday. Whites had just returned from Rollins, Mont. where they were called because of the death of his uncle, Harold Stevens, who lived at the Flathead Lake.

It seems as if everybody, I talk to, has a son or a brother or a husband in the services or Viet Nam. I really admire the women who have to stay home and wait and undergo their own mental anguish privately.

Injury Sidelines L & C Athlete

Carl Sandstrom, former Sandy high school star athlete, is recovering in Providence Hospital, Portland, following surgery for a shoulder injury received in basketball practice at Lewis and Clark College.

Sandstrom, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Sandstrom, Rt. 2, Sandy. The injury to his left shoulder has sidelined him for the rest of the season as doctors report he will be wearing a cast "indefinitely." He will, however, be able to continue his studies.

SELECTING BROCCOLI

Young homemakers, are you pondering which head of broccoli to select at the market? These tips from Mrs. Velma Seat, Extension food marketing specialist at Oregon State University will help you get a good buy.



Mr. Charles Craven's Modern Problems classes combine to hear a talk given by Nancy Duncan, 21-year-old daughter of U. S. Representative Robert Duncan.

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