

"Making the Sandy Scene"

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A Christmas wish always seems a bit merrier when it comes unexpectedly from long distance. So it was for me last Sunday evening when my phone rang. It was my friend, Tom West, calling his Christmas message from Kingsville, Texas, where he is stationed with the U.S. Navy.

Want to know what Tom wants for Christmas? "A Ton of Snow!" He is a bit homesick for a real old-fashioned White Christmas, and lots of good skiing. When he phoned Sunday, it was 70 degrees in Kingsville and that was "a pretty cool day" for the southern tip of the U.S. He mentioned the possibility of getting in some skiing at Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the next month or so. He also told me he meets Mike Fischer occasionally, since they are stationed on the same base.

It was fun bridging the miles between Sandy and Kingsville via long-distance telephone wires!

And now, from Tom, in Kingsville, a very merry Christmas wish for all his friends here: and I know his friends join me in sending a warm holiday greeting back south to Tom in Texas.

Happy Birthday today to Lois Polivka and Joan Griffin!

Here's a new one -- heard this week: "Do you know what H.H.H. AND L.B.J. stand for?" "Ho Ho Ho and Let's Be Jolly!" and what did you think?"

Kari Suzanne Ellis, 19 inches long and weighing 6 lbs. 9 1/2 oz., made her arrival at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis, on December 13th at 2:57 a.m. She is the first child for Jim and Pat Ellis. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Coleman of Sandy, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ellis of Corbett. She also has two great-grandparents: Mrs. Josephine Clark of Sandy, and Mrs. N. E. Butler of Gresham. Congratulations to the new parents!

In mention of the 30-year reunion of the SUHS class of 1936, I neglected to mention Alice (Wilcox) Roberts. Glen and Alice Roberts, married in 1937, have 3 sons and live at Shanko, Oregon, where they operate a Texaco Service Station. Glen is State Highway Maintenance Foreman, and Alice was recently appointed Acting Postmaster of Shanko. My apologies for leaving her name out of the reunion!

Carol Craig, E. Alt, Steve Vermaas and Charley Griffin

OBITUARIES

CLARENCE POTTS

Clarence B. Potts, Rt. 2, Box 30, Sandy, died in Sandy Dec. 11 after a short illness. He was born Oct. 25, 1886, in Zanesville, Ohio, and came to the Portland area after being discharged from the army after World War I. He worked in Portland and Eastern Multnomah county as a cook for many years before retiring and moving to Sandy eight years ago. He had no known relatives. Services were held Thursday, Dec. 15, at Bateman Funeral Chapel with interment at Willamette National cemetery.

JAYNE EMILY POND

Jayne Emily Pond, 46, of Box 38, Government Camp, died at her home Dec. 12. She was born Jayne Emily Matheson, Feb. 20, 1920 at San Francisco, Cal.

The early years of her life were spent in San Francisco, where she attended school. She attended the University of California at Berkeley. For many years she lived at Palo Alto, Calif. For a long time she was a clerk in the Bank of California. She also was a nurse. She was a member of the Grace Lutheran church of Palo Alto.

In 1963 in New Mexico, she married William B. Pond. They came to Oregon in 1964, and have lived on the slope of Mt. Hood, at Government Camp, where her husband was employed.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, Mrs. Hattie Matheson of San Francisco; four children, Lance Corporal Bruce A. McKannay of San Diego, Miss Suzanne McKannay of Portland, John K. and Frank McKannay of Government Camp.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 17 in the chapel of Carroll Funeral Home. Rev. William Hoffines offered the services and Mrs. Jane Bishop played the organ.

Final interment will be in San Francisco.

all celebrated birthdays Dec. 21st.

Carroll and Kathy (Hatley) Baylink (both 1957 SUHS graduates) and their two children, Todd and Tracie, live in Summerville, Oregon. They are now in the process of building a house in the 10 acres of pine trees they own in eastern Oregon. They hope to move into their new home in February. Coming home from Portland on the Trailways bus last Friday I met Gloria Mitchell, a cousin of Celeste and Judy Kalama of Sandy.

Heard that "Butch" Edes was in a night club in Thailand when he happened to see another serviceman that "somehow just looked familiar." He hurried after him, determined to find out why, and thereby discovered he wasn't the only serviceman from Sandy over there. The "familiar face" was John Cannon, also stationed at the U-Tapao Air Force Base in Thailand!

Speaking of our servicemen overseas and those stationed in the United States unable to spend Christmas at home this year: May you have an especially good Christmas, wherever you are, and may you know that all of us here at home send you the very warmest holiday greetings. May 1967 bring an end to indifference, hatred, bitterness and prejudice of every kind,-- that all mankind will walk together as brothers, and that every path may lead to peace!

Seen in Passing: Wayne Splawn and Sue Perkins celebrating birthdays last Sunday.. Christmas lights aglow on most Sandy homes. . . The Sandy Kiwanis Club once again enjoying its Christmas Basket project for those less fortunate (herein lies the true spirit of Christmas). . . Diane Conn one year older on Monday -- likewise John Fischer on Tuesday. . . Lyman Morrison's grandchildren unexpectedly marching into

NHS Inducts 16 Students

The National Honor Society inducted 16 Sandy students into membership in ceremonies at the high school last month. Dr. Ray Mahaffey, head of the speech department at Linfield college, spoke at the annual assembly on the importance of good character and honor in life.

The five seniors and 11 juniors who were inducted each received an official NHS membership card from President Carol Houston and a pin from his parents. Names of the inductees, which include five seniors and eleven juniors are: Seniors: Celeste Kalama, Myrna Richey, Melva Richey, Diane Stewart and Steve Root, Juniors -- Mardell Belcher, Connie Berger, Linda Brook, Marilyn Madison, Carol Clement, Signe Hagen, Jane Hubbard, Robert Carlson, Mike Nelson, Jennifer Ruegg and Ron Verdoorn.

Service Lines

Aviation Boatswain's Mate Third Class Lonzo E. Pope, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burdick A. Pope of Rt. 2, Sandy, is off the coast of North Vietnam aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga, patrolling in the Gulf of Tonkin.

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his home singing "Happy Birthday Grandpa" last Sunday. . . tomorrow is a birthday for Pete Sulzbach, Joyce Burdick and Glenda Linn. . . Christmas around the corner. . . Jan McLain home for Christmas.

And so I close this Christmas column with my wish to all Sandy Post readers (expressed in the words of Henry Van Dyke):

"I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness. And tomorrow, because it will be the day after Christmas, I shall still wish you happiness. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away or we may be very busy. But that makes no difference -- my thoughts and my wishes will be with you just the same. Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad. Clear through the year -- I wish you the spirit of Christmas!"



Jack Strong, of Gresham's Holly Strong, displays some of his company's holiday wreaths.

An important message to our Customers and to our Employees from the West Coast Telephone Company

The Union member employees of the West Coast Telephone Company have gone on strike against the Company in spite of what we sincerely believe to be a completely fair and realistic contract that includes substantial wage increases and additional fringe benefits. In view of current economic pressures, we find the Union's position difficult to understand, especially since the Company's proposal compares favorably with contracts accepted this year by other unions across the country. Consequently, we believe the following facts should be presented to our customers.

WEST COAST TELEPHONE COMPANY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FAIR WAGES

Wages received by our employees compare favorably with wages paid throughout the telephone industry, particularly for cities of comparable size and economic conditions. We have continuously improved wages and fringe benefits during the past twenty years. In fact, West Coast Telephone employees have received 20 wage increases during the past 20 years.

OUR EMPLOYEES ENJOY OUTSTANDING FRINGE BENEFITS

West Coast employees now get many benefits not enjoyed by other telephone company employees or workers in other industries including hospitalization and major medical insurance, paid vacations and holidays, liberal sick leave, group life insurance, pension plan, and special training programs for career improvement including tuition aid for additional education.

WEST COAST TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS NEGOTIATED IN GOOD FAITH

The Company's negotiation committee has met with the Union's committee since October 24, 1966. We have given thoughtful and serious consideration to every demand presented to us. We sincerely believe that the offers we have made have met every test of fairness both within the telephone industry and for other industries in our service area.

THE COMPANY'S FINAL OFFER INCLUDED SUBSTANTIAL WAGE INCREASES AND OTHER BENEFITS

Along with wage increases, the contract offered by the Company offered an additional paid holiday, upgrading existing job classifications and additional fringe benefits. There would be a continuation without change of all existing "differentials," including "shift differentials" paid for evening or night work. The new contract would run for two years and contains the following provisions:

1. Wage increases in the Plant department that range from 8 to 25 cents per hour the first year. The majority of plant workers would receive 14 cents per hour the first year. The second year calls for increases of from 12 to 14 cents per hour with the majority of the plant employees receiving 14 cents per hour increase.
2. Increases in the Traffic department ranging from 10 to 16 cents per hour the first year with the majority of the employees receiving 13 to 16 cents per hour. All traffic employees would receive a 10 cents per hour increase in the second year.
3. Increases in the Clerical group ranging from 10 to 18 cents per hour with the majority of the employees receiving 10 cents per hour. All clerical employees would receive 10 cents per hour increase the second year.
4. An additional paid holiday to be taken on the employee's birthday, effective Jan. 1, 1968. This makes a total of eight paid holidays per year.
5. Upgrading to a higher salary classification of some employees in the Clerical and Plant groups.
6. Provisions for a permanent "working foreman" differential.
7. Shortening of Clerical and Traffic wage progression schedules.
8. Modification of the present method of "job bidding" for employee promotion.
9. Changes in plant and clerical hours of work and traffic work rules to permit better scheduling.

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Dec. Workshop Held For Meat Inspectors

Sanitation in the meat slaughter plant and of the meats moving to the consumer was stressed at a workshop session in mid-December of the meat inspection staff of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The session, held at the Portland Public Health Building, stressed the cleaning operations in a slaughter plant and bacteria in meats.

Attending from this area was Ralph Fenton, meat inspector at Sandy for the department.

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Season's Greetings

We're wrapping up a package of holiday wishes for you, with our warmest thanks for your loyalty and good will.



SANDY SPEED WASH

THE COMPANY'S POSITION ON "SENIORITY"

The Union had said the Company was trying to "do away with seniority." The Company has repeatedly explained their proposal was not intended to do away with seniority, but rather to insure that experienced personnel would be present on all shifts. The Company stated that an individual with more seniority might have to be rescheduled so as to provide experience on all shifts, but that such a rescheduling would take place in accordance with the rules of seniority. The need for this type of scheduling of experienced personnel was explained as part of the Company's obligation to its customers of providing a uniformly high grade of service at all times. In fact, this very same proposal was just accepted by this very same Local Union No. 77 in a recently negotiated contract.

THE UNION HAS REFUSED THIS CONTRACT

We have made every possible effort to avoid a strike. We attempted to prevent a work stoppage in a number of ways. We urged the Union to consider an extension of the terminated contract both before and after the December 1 deadline so employees could continue to work while negotiation continued. The Union refused. We made the Union the very best offer we were able to make and the largest in terms of wage increases in the history of the Company. We asked the Union to take our final offer back to the membership for a vote. The Union did not comment on our request. Both parties then recessed indefinitely.

WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR EMPLOYEES AND ALSO TO OUR CUSTOMERS

We recognize our responsibility to pay our employees fairly, to provide good working conditions, to provide job security and to provide as many additional benefits as possible. However, we have an equal responsibility to our customers.

We must provide the finest possible telephone service at fair rates. We believe the contract offered is consistent with this responsibility. We believe that the wage proposals offered meet all standards of fairness to both our employees and to our customers.

WE ARE CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN YOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE

We sincerely regret this action by the Union. However, we are also doing everything possible to meet our responsibilities to our customers. To that end, our supervisory personnel are continuing to provide your telephone service.