

New City Hall Need Discussed

Ed's Note:
Beginning with this issue, the Sandy Post will present a series of articles dealing with the new city hall proposal. Advantages and disadvantages of plans and sites will be discussed. Building cost and method of financings will be presented. Particular attention will be given to the plan now proposed by the city council.

While we are definitely in favor of a new city hall and do not see how the city can function efficiently without one -- our purpose is not to sell any particular site or plan to the voters. We hope to merely present the information so that individuals will be better prepared to make their own decisions. Conscientious voters will want to weigh all factors.

If some facts are omitted -- it will not be intentional. We will welcome additional information or correction. Comments pro and con on any and all aspects of the subject will be appreciated and readers are invited to express themselves.

The City of Sandy, incorporated in 1913, has a city hall older than the city itself. It is a city hall that, like Topsy, "just grew," and which, after its first years was never quite up to the times.

Not built, but contrived from an original unit moved to the present site and enlarged (somewhat) it was at least adequate for the small community it served. At one time, the building even contained a set of jail cells. (Early minutes of council meetings show that these were frequently used for incarceration of roistering drunks until they were sober enough to be fined and released.)

Since 1913 the city has grown at a slow but steady pace. No records are available on the exact population of Sandy at the time it was incorporated, but 97 votes were cast in the first official election. Census records for later years point up the growth pattern -- the decade of the forties being the one of greatest population increase.

Official census figures for Sandy are:

1920--242
1930--284
1940--473
1950--1003
1960--1147

A certified census in 1966 numbers the population at 1390 and it is presently estimated to be 1507. True cash value in 1968 is \$7,507,132.00. In 1920 it was \$61,606.68. Still, the city continues to do business in a city hall that was old before most of us were born.

During the years of World War II the city began to suffer from growing pains. However, shortage of materials and labor precluded any thought of a new city hall. As goods began to return to the market after the war, citizens began to demand increasing services and Sandy found itself facing problems of upkeep and maintenance on every side. The water system was inadequate, the sewage plant below standard and city streets required grading and paving. There was no money or time to give a thought to a new city hall.

Successive city councils took steps to correct these lacks. New streets were built, old ones repaired and surfaced, storm drains installed, sewage facilities improved, and the water system completely overhauled and enlarged to meet the every-expanding demands of modern household use.

As the city grew and utility companies extended their services local schools became overcrowded and had to be enlarged. Everything grew and improved -- and cost money. And the little city hall with its one bench, two chairs and no parking space remained forlornly on its little side street. Everyone recognized it was inadequate -- but there was so much else that needed doing!

Finally the need for more space in which to conduct the city business became so acute that in 1962 money for a new city hall was budgeted and approved by the voters. Architects were hired and plans were drawn. Bids on construction were asked and received. Yet, nothing happened. Why?

People began to argue about the project. Should it be built on the old site? Was \$1000,000 too much to pay for a road easement? Should we spend this much? Should we spend more? Was it big enough? Was it too small? In May of 1962, an editorial in the Sandy Post commented as follows:

"As Sandy's new city hall comes closer to reality, the building seems more and more foreign.

Any town should put its best foot forward with its city hall, Sandy isn't.

Our economy is dependent on timber. We are located next to some of the finest and most beautiful trees in the world. Lumber can be one of the most beautiful -- and enduring -- building products. . . . But Sandy's city hall will be concrete block and stucco. It just doesn't fit.

The building's location is sandwiched between other buildings. Space here is not yet at such a premium that ample ground for landscaping and expansion, as well as for parking, cannot be found. A city hall need not be located in the heart of downtown.

Sandy's city council is made up of men trying to do their best in the most economical way. But they should be looking farther ahead. Sandy's present city hall served a half century, and plans for the new one should be on a half-century basis. Sandy is small town today, but in 20 years will be a small city. But we're building a small town city hall.

Perhaps the best hope is that when the new building becomes inadequate in 10 years that Sandy will be able to sell the building as a commercial structure. Then perhaps a better and more appropriate building can take its place."

As the argument continued and construction bids turned out to be higher than anticipated, the project was delayed . . . and when the city became occupied with the decision on the highway hook up through town . . . it was forgotten.

The decision nearly caused a local civil war and no one cared a whit about the fate of the city hall plans. Highway proponents at one side or the other frequently debated so passionately that, like the gingham dog and the calico cat, it seemed each might consume the other in the heat of their arguments. Should the highway be a one-way loop? . . . or one road split into double lanes? Should we have four lanes each way? . . . or six lanes one way? How would we cross the streets? What about parking? Etc., etc.

It's a matter of history that the city and the populace survived the battle and, when it was done, everyone agreed the one-way couplet was about the best thing that had happened to Sandy in years.

Now, the city hall is back in the spotlight. A dedicated mayor and city council have made the project a major issue of business. The decrepitude of the meager, ramshackle building can no longer be ignored unofficially -- or officially. The building has been condemned by the State Fire Marshall (visitors might wonder if it should not also be condemned by the Board of Health) -- the city must move out -- and soon.

Sandy voters must put down their hunting rifles and fly rods long enough to take a serious look at the situation and make some realistic and lasting decisions on construction of a new city hall.

Mayor Harold Edes and his city council have studied the subject in detail for almost a full year. As a result of these studies they hired an architect and plans were drawn for a proposed city hall. It will soon be up to the people to vote on these plans.

Next: Discussion of proposed city hall site.

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Measles Clinic Due in Sandy

Physicians and nurses will contribute their services free of charge and various volunteer organizations will handle other details.

Children who should not receive the measles vaccine are those being treated for certain chronic diseases such as leukemia, cancer or tuberculosis. Children taking certain drugs which may make them more susceptible to infections, and those allergic to eggs or egg products. Children who have had a convulsion within the past five years. Children who have a fever of 101 degrees F or higher on the day of the "Mop Up Measles" Clinic. Such youngsters should receive measles vaccine only on the special advice of their physician.

Sunday, March 31, will be

"Mop Up Measles Day" in Sandy and in many other parts of Oregon.

On that day, children from one through 12 who are still susceptible to this disease are invited to receive immunizations without charge. An adult over 21 must accompany the child.

The Sandy clinic will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sandy High School. A voluntary 50 cents contribution for each child will be accepted, but is not necessary.

It is estimated that children will be in and out of the clinic in five minutes if parents fill out the required registration form in advance. For your convenience one is printed in this paper on Page 1, section 2.



SUHS MUSICIANS will display their combined and individual talents to public at Friday night Spring Concert.

Spring Concert Friday

The Sandy High School Concert Band and Stage Band will present a concert in the high school cafeteria Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m.

Among the selections that will be played by the concert band are "George Washington Bicentennial March" which will be directed by Carol Clement, band president; "Django" a jazz number, and "Second Suite for Military" band.

The Stage band charts will offer "Jig for Ghost" featuring Mike Lindsey. Steve Christensen on trumpet and Brian Boothby.

Admission will be .35 for students, .75 for adults and \$2.50 for family tickets. Tickets may be purchased from any band member or Friday night at the door.

Finances Scuttle Morgan

Ross Morgan's bid for secretary of state founded Tuesday for lack of finances.

The Gresham Democrat announced, reluctantly, that he would not file for the May primary. A statement released by Morgan said he had originally planned to enter because he assumed adequate funds would be available.

"But these were not available and since I can wear no man's collar, I have decided to remain in the Senate."

Morgan still has two years to run in his Senate post. Morgan said he had received only token support from the business community and added that "Labor has said it will support only Clay Myers."

He did say that he would support the Democratic ticket

CCC Bond Issue, Levy Win Okay

Clackamas Community College won a permanent home on Tuesday's vote on the bond issue for campus construction on the already approved Molalla-Beavercreek site.

The \$5,000,000 bond issue was passed by a vote of 3,504 to 2,465, while district voters gave the college's annual operating levy about the same margin of approval with 3,291 "yes" votes and 2,444 "no."

Sandy Grange Lists Talent Show, Youth Benefit Tomorrow Night

Youth groups from the Sandy area will assemble at Sandy Grange Hall at Kelso tomorrow night, March 22, to participate in the Grange's annual Community Program.

Local Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cubs will join in the presentation of the free Talent Show and Jamboree and invite the public to attend and join in the fun.

The program will be opened at 8 p.m. with the flag ceremony by Jr. High Tam-Lo-Nah Camp Fire Girls.

The program includes: Accordion and Songs -- Debby Hite and Betty Jo Amstad; Vocal Solo -- Kay Hashagen Skit, "The Bold and Brave" -- Cub Scouts; Piano Solo -- Sonja Friberg; Two Comics -- Earl Eldridge and partner; Dance Number -- Connie Eldridge and Teri Martin; Piano Solo -- Nancy Malar; Song -- Girl Scouts; Skit -- Edna and Adolph Amstad; Melodrama -- and everybody sing! During the evening refresh-

ments will be sold and homemade cakes and assorted goodies will be sold from booths operated by the various youth groups.

Funds raised will be used by the boys and girls to support their camp activities.

Sandy Grange reminds everyone they are invited to attend and to bring the whole family. Admission is free.

NOTICE

An important meeting of Truman Road property owners will be held Sunday, March 24, at the Lions Club, Wemme. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. All Truman Road owners are urged to attend.

LWRAP Elects Edmonds

Byron Edmonds of Boring was recently re-elected chairman of the Lower Willamette Resource Area Planning Association at its second annual meeting, recently at Wilsonville.

Speakers at the meeting were Homer Chandler, of the Columbia Regional Assn. of Governments (CRAG) and Wesley Howe, executive secretary of Council of Governments (COG).

Other officers re-elected were: Roy Rutschman, Silverton, first vice chairman; Robert Epler, Forest Grove, second vice - chairman; Adrian Inlay, Sublimity, treasurer; and Charles Liles, Salem, secretary.

Sheriff Files For 4th Term

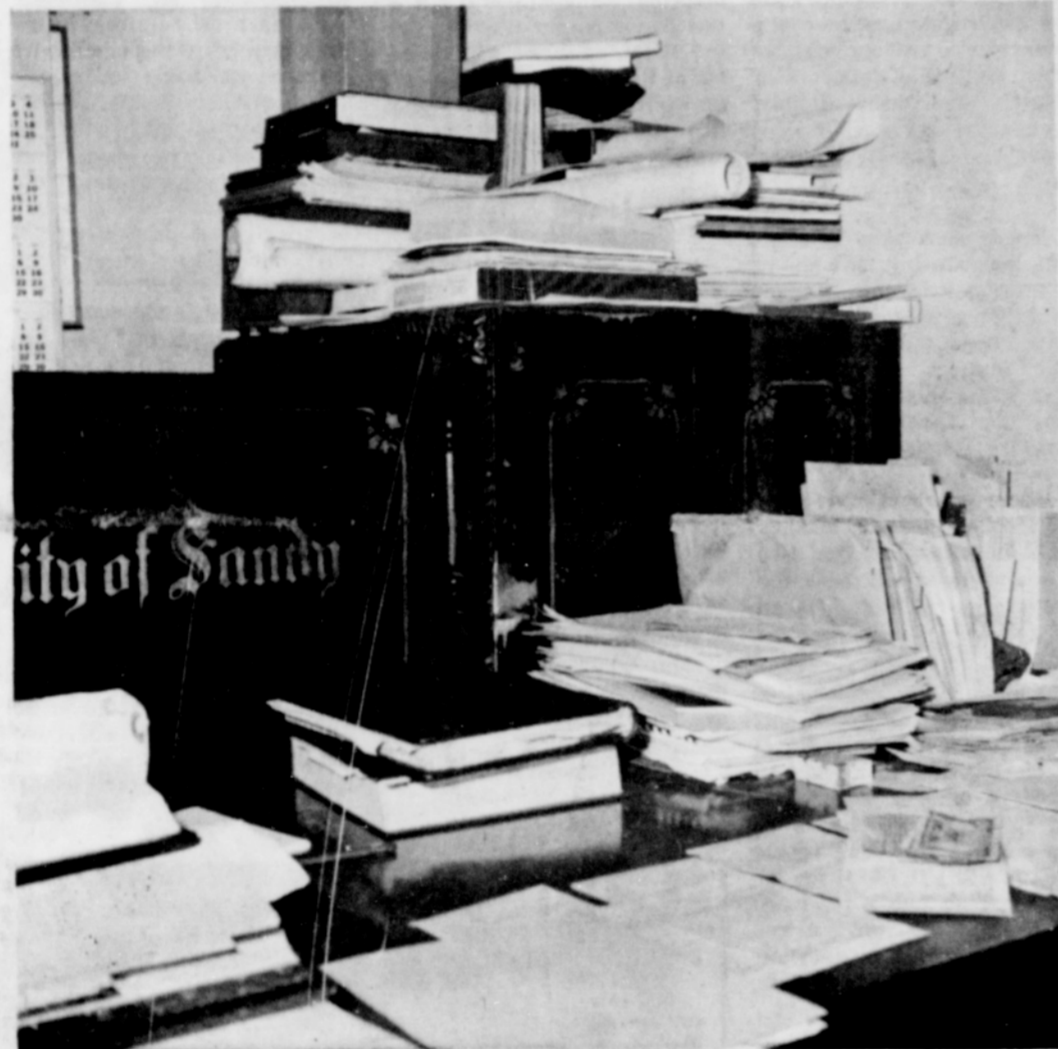


Sheriff Joe Shobe filed today for re-election. Shobe, who is a Democrat, is serving his third term as Sheriff. He has twenty-seven years of service in the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, having served as Field Deputy and past Chief Deputy for the late Sheriff Reakeker.

Shobe points with pride to the modernization of the Sheriff's Department and the County Jail, which is pointed out as a model jail throughout the State, as the Tax and Civil Departments.

Sheriff Shobe is a life-time resident of Clackamas County. He is married and has three grandchildren. He was with the Army in World War II, Past President of Oregon State Sheriff's Association, Past State Director for the National Sheriff's Association and is now serving on the Board of Directors for the National Sheriff's Association. He is Past Exalted Ruler of the Oregon City Elks and is serving on numerous committees for the up-grading and improvement of law enforcement throughout the state.

His slogan will be "There is No Substitute for Experience."



CRAMPED FOR SPACE is a mild way to say that the recorder's office in the city hall has hardly room to turn around in. Books, records, bills, charts, receipts, etc., fight for space. (Post photo)

WEATHER			
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Mar. 14	55	41	.16
Mar. 15	57	45	.10
Mar. 16	50	44	.33
Mar. 17	55	40	.25
Mar. 18	56	41	.10
Mar. 19	57	33	.00
Mar. 20	63	39	.00

The Troutdale station weather readings are made by 5:30 pm.

Hoodland C of C Will Host Firemen

The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce annual dinner meeting and election of officers will be held tonight (Thursday, March 21) at the Zig Zag Inn. Members and guests will pay special honor to the men who have served with the Mt. Hood Volunteer Fire Department.

A social hour at 7 p.m. will be followed by a steak dinner, which is complimentary for chamber members. Guests are welcome. Entertainment will be provided by the "Hungry Four" following the election of officers.

Darrell Jones will be master of ceremonies and will introduce the men who have contributed time and effort to the community through the Volunteer Fire Department. They are: Ed Cook, Milt Fox, George Bistorious, Chuck Hickey, Tom Day, Dave Howe, Merle Hill, Dewey Monaghan, Bill Swanson, Ken Walker, Buster Annis and Joe Woodlee.

Men from the Forest Service who have aided the fire department will also be guests of the chamber. They are: Dick Buscher, Bob Gilmore, Jim Rieck, Bill Opfer and Wes Moehnke.

Stan Skoko Files For Re-Election

Stan Skoko, who is completing his third term as Clackamas County commissioner, filed Tuesday on the Democratic ticket to retain his Commission Post No. 3.



Skoko said he will continue to support the comprehensive planning program he helped to provide for the orderly development of Clackamas County. The need for such planning, Skoko says, is most essential because of the unprecedented population growth, industrial explosion and agricultural needs in Clackamas county.

Skoko asserted he will continue his efforts to maintain quantity of quality water in streams and the control of air pollution. He has also pledged continued efforts in providing urgently needed recreational, sanitary and other services to suburban areas.

Skoko is vice chairman of the

Claims Office To Close Here

With employment picking up during the last few weeks, the Department of Employment has announced it will discontinue its itinerant claims service at Sandy after Friday, March 29. Sandy claimants are asked to report to the Oregon City office at 506 High St., beginning April 5.

He represents Clackamas county as an executive member of the Columbia Region of Associated Governments and is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Oregon County Officials.

He is the Commission member of the Clackamas County board of Health and has served as Chairman of the County Board of Equalization and County Budget Committee.

Skoko is 53 years of age and has resided at his Clackamas home since 1921.

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SURE SIGN of Spring is the hum of the lawnmower and this week's warm weather enabled eager gardeners to mow and trim to their hearts' content. (Post photo)