



Column writing has one great bug-a-boo! Some weeks there doesn't seem to be a thing to write about while other weeks there is no end to usable items! Last week my "Short Shots" were cut to a bare minimum due to a lack of space and I will try to re-insert them this week. There's only one problem - this happens to be another week with far more

to talk about than space allows.

First of all I'll end your concern about trail-rider Bob Kleemann. Although, his donkey, Buddy, slipped and fell down, hurting his leg, he was able to make it to Government Camp. After a night's rest at Govie the leg was in pretty good shape and in two days they made it to Tygh Valley. From there they went on up to The Dalles where, according to Bob, they were "treated like royalty". He was met at the city limits by representatives of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce and The Dalles Windbaggers Club. The Portland Chamber of Commerce had written ahead to The Dalles Chamber to be on the lookout for them.

The horses, donkey and dog (Big Bill, Buck, Buddy and Beau) were taken to a private stable and Bob was put up at the Oregon Motor Hotel. He was also furnished with a brand new Ford pick-up by The Dalles Ford agency to drive while in town. He was made an honorary member of the Windbaggers Club at a breakfast meeting, was guest speaker at a Rotary luncheon and guest of honor at The Dalles Livestock Show. After another nice pause in his journey, he left The Dalles Monday morning in the direction of Pendleton which will be his next mail stop in case anyone wants to write to him. He hopes the many friends he has made along the trail will keep in touch with him via the mail stops.

After the excitement of the recent primary elections we must not forget that we have a very special election of our own coming up next Wednesday, June 12, the election for the withdrawal of the Welches area from the Mt. Hood Water District.

Since I have not previously been actively involved in this matter it required a great deal of research on my part before I could make any attempt at discussing the subject. Therefore, I would like to thank several people for giving so generously of their time and knowledge to bring me up to date.

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Hood-Land Happenings

By the SNOOPER



THREE CHARACTERS in costume caught during rehearsal of Arsenic and Old Lace are Juanita Hagen, Jen Mortimer (pointing finger) and Charlie Sperr. Play is being presented by the Mountain Players at new Pavilion Theater at Wemme.

withdraw and because he is one of the owners of the D&R Water System along with Gene, Keith and Bruce Bowman. I also spent an hour discussing the subject with Gene Bowman. I spent another two hours with "Uncle Miltie" Fox whom I always rely on for any information regarding the serious issues in Hoodland. (He can be counted on to see two sides to every issue!)

I spent another two hours with Charlie Augustine who is a member of the Mt. Hood Water District board of directors and he was kind enough to show me maps, etc. Besides talking to these gentlemen I read all the back issues of the Mt. Hood Log and the Sandy Post that contained articles, column comments and letters to the editor pertaining to the matter.

I have talked to the Forest Service Fire Control officer, Bob Gilmore, to people who are in the water district and to people who are not - but would like to be.

I have listened to facts and I have listened to rumors. (One of the latter I would like to squelch at this time! Only because it is unfair. In the Sept. 21, 1967 issue of the Mt. Hood Log News, photo - copies supplied by the Court House were printed. One of these was "Detailed Requirements by Fund Form LB-31." The amount of \$2400 was listed for "Personal Services Clerk." Actually, the Clerk received \$100 for her services to the board last year and is being given a very minor raise this year.

Since in this case the Clerk is also a member of the water board and cannot legally be both - the check for her services is made out to her husband. Which should also squelch the rumor that "he is also being paid by the water board for dubious services". It is true, however, that if the Welches area withdraws, two members of the present board will have to resign their position and this will include the Clerk. (But keep in mind this is a big job -- and who else wants it!)

Now if I can just figure out a way to abbreviate what I have to say - I'll have it made! Actually, there is a definite disadvantage when you can see both sides of an issue. And in this case the question is: should we allow the withdrawal of the Welches area from the Mt. Hood Water District or should we vote to keep them in?

As much as I abhor sounding "wishy-washy" -- I have to admit at this point, I personally, am still undecided. There is no doubt that the withdrawal of the Welches area would seriously affect the tax - base of the Mt. Hood Water District. At the same time these people have a right to avoid a tax load that will be of no benefit to them at this time. They have a more than adequate water supply which is fairly inexpensive. Although this might be a shortsighted and perhaps selfish view point on their part - who can really blame them? As a heavily laden tax-payer myself - I certainly can't! (And if they are allowed to withdraw at this time - they can always petition for re-entry into the district.)

I'm sure another factor that prompted the people of the Welches area to withdraw had to do with their "not wanting

to be involved with a Mickey-Mouse type set-up such as the Mt. Hood Water District." And let's face it this is a pretty good description of what it has been in the past.

However, as one who hopes to eventually have a unified water system (in conjunction with the fire district) for the entire Hoodland area, I still have an optimistic view regarding the future of the water district.

We all know the Mt. Hood Water District was founded in 1939 and laid dormant until a couple of years ago. That the original boundaries are still in effect is ridiculous! This should have been one of the first considerations of the water board since some of the people with serious water problems are not included in the district.

Then there was all the fussing around about Cheney Creek, etc. and the attempt to rush us in to a bond election before we even knew where the water supply was to be.

However, there are mistakes made during the "birth" of any new organization and in this case it is the "re-birth" of the Mt. Hood Water District that has been the cause of much controversy. If, in their eagerness to establish a fine water system for Hoodland, the board was guilty of rushing things or perhaps getting the cart before the horse -- who can really blame them? The important thing is that they seem to be back on the right track at the present time. They are currently exploring a Deep Well site (with funds they have on hand) that promises to be a good source of water. There is also the possibility of the water board working hand-in-hand with the owners of the Welches water systems to make use of their over-abundant water supply.

According to Alan Jensen the D&R Water System has offered the board the opportunity to work with them in an effort to get water to people in dire need for a minimal amount of money. This is an offer that should be seriously considered.

Now, in case I got too "wordy" - let me break it down for you. Where the future of the Hoodland area is involved - I want the very best! And if it involves a lengthy waiting period - so be it! But when there are people in dire need of water - let this be the first consideration! Get water to them in the speediest manner possible even though it might alter the plans for the over-all system. At the same time, areas that are not included in the present boundaries of the water district should petition to be included. NOW! Don't let anyone tell you this is impossible in this - or any other - time! In case the Welches area is allowed to withdraw - all the more reason to do it as soon as possible. (Extended boundaries would at least help a little bit to make up for the loss of Welches.)

Only those who have resided within the boundaries of the Mt. Hood Water District for over 90-days are eligible to vote in the June 12 election! (Read the letters by Walt Bladell and George Kaye in this issue. They might affect your decision.)

Last but not least I hope you will all bear in mind - as I am - that we selected the members of the Mt. Hood Water

Board. They have worked diligently on our behalf and have donated many hours in the effort to fulfill our dream of having a unified water district in Hoodland. They deserve our support far more than they deserve our "brick-bats!" So let's give them a chance!

Several weeks ago I promised to give you details regarding a project that was in the preliminary planning stage which will be developed in the North Brightwood area on the Len Fuller property. This will be a \$1.8 million vacation home development spread over 125-acres and it will be known as "Timberline Rim." There will be 410 lots with a minimum size of 8,000 square feet. There will also be a community club complex that is estimated to cost \$100,000 and a large community beach area on the Sandy River.

Key figures in the Timberline Rim Development at Brightwood are Jack Brown of Kallispell, Mont, his son, Scott Brown and Bill Shela of Seattle and Kip Crockrey of Portland. Brown is the one who developed the Fishhawk Lake Estates between Longview and Astoria. He is "planning this second venture in Oregon because the Fishhawk project was so successful."

Prices will range from \$2,000 to \$7,000 for homesites and Brown expects to be "sold out by spring of 1969."

Please do not miss seeing a performance of Arsenic and Old Lace presented by the Mountain Players at the Mt. Hood Lions new Pavilion Theater at Wemme. Tonight, Thursday, June 6, is the debut performance at 8 p.m. Other performances will be Friday, June 7, Saturday, June 8, Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15. If rehearsals are any indication - this is definitely a "must see" event! Tickets are \$1.50 and are available at the Sandy Post Newspaper office in Sandy, the Barlow Trail Inn and the Zig Zag Inn on the mountain. They will also be available at the door - but don't wait till the last minute or you might be out of luck!

The play is directed by Milt Fox and the cast includes Juanita Hagen, Jen Mortimer, Penny Gilmore, Keith Schnare, Charlie Sperr, Roy Carothers, Charlie Augustine, Merle Hill, Joe Wohlfiel, Yancey, Don Vandenberg, Roy Houghton, Nils Arneson and Bob Gilmore. With a cast of characters like this it can't help being the most hilarious version of Arsenic and Old Lace ever presented!

This weekend promises other fun things besides the play. There will be an Old-Fashioned Street Dance in "downtown" Government Camp Saturday, June 8, from 8 p.m. to midnight! Live music will be provided by George Sinko and the Metros. There will be hot-dog, soft drinks and popcorn concessions. The dance is sponsored by the business community of Government Camp and will tie-in with the Far West Kandahar - Golden Rose Ski Tournament festivities. Co-chairmen of the event are Marvel Hebert and Glen (Hot-Dog) Thompson. (If you go to the play Saturday night you can make a complete evening of it and head up to Govie for a dance or two afterwards!)

For you ski-buffs: U.S. Ski Champion Judy Nagel will race in the Far West Kandahar, this weekend, along with Kiki Cutler of Bend and Jere Elliott of Colo. (Looks like we'll have a terrific influx of tourists this weekend!)

June 27 is the deadline for those who wish to be included in the new Map and Business Directory Brochure which is being prepared by the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce. Chairman of the brochure committee, Al Moore, and his committee will try to contact each business in the Hoodland area but in case you are accidentally overlooked - or if you want further details - contact Al at the Mt. Hood Shopping Center at Rhody. (622-4652) The last brochure we had was in 1962 and I'm delighted we are going to have a new one!

SHORT SHOTS: Gloria and Tom Swanton took Shoo-Fly to the Horse Show in Salem and won a Blue Ribbon (1st Place)! ... Congratulations to Judy and Alan Jensen who are the proud parents of Christopher Martin Jensen! "Chris" arrived a few days before the Baby Shower for Judy on Thursday. (To anyone who is in a hurry for the arrival of a baby: I suggest you contact Petty Bowman to arrange a shower for you. This is the third case of the "baby-beat-

ing-the-shower" at Bowman! in recent months!....Birth greetings to my spouse whom I seldom see these days as he is either working at the Lions hall or is at play rehearsal. (He'll see my greeting, though, as he always finds time to read the Sandy Post. He has told me to see if I've managed to keep myself out of hotwater for another week!)
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by KEN BATEMAN

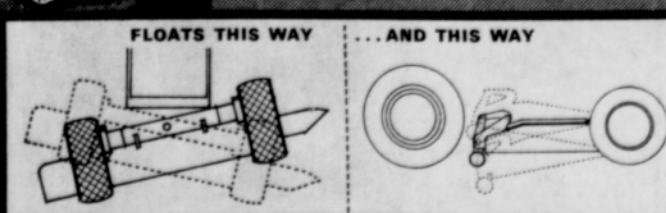
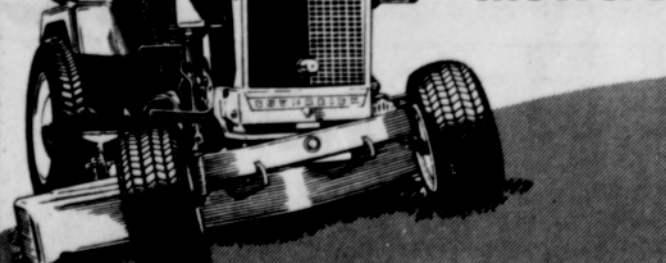
This is a true story. . . . Unpaid pledges caused a financial problem for a church. A business man member accepted an assignment to try to collect what he could on pledges from 25 regular absentees from church worship. Before the year was over, TWENTY-THREE of the 25 paid up!

First, he called on each of the 25 people personally. He did NOT mention money. Instead, he told them they were missed and invited them to resume church worship. He then mailed a hand written post card to every one of them on Thursday and continued to mail similar cards every Thursday. Each card mentioned the sermon topic for the next Sunday and stressed he would be waiting for them on the front steps to greet them. Never a word about money.

Three weeks went by with no response. ELEVEN people showed up on the 4th Sunday! He continued the post card campaign for six months. One by one, he welcomed 12 more absentees as they came back to church. He accomplished this with simple reasoning. He told these people they were missed and kept on telling them . . . week after week. The idea works for churches as well as in business.

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