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Highway 26 Hazardous

Again this year the condition of Highway 26 from Alder Creek to Brightwood has been left in terrible condition.

During the last few years since the construction to improve and widen the highway, it has been left each winter as a hazard to driving.

Large holes are common along the strip from Alder Creek to Brightwood. Local drivers are learning where they are and are trying to avoid them, but it does not always work.

As the skiing crowd continues to make use of the road more and more adding to the hazards of the highway, local residents are wondering if they ever plan to get the road finished.

We feel something must be done to correct the terrible condition the road is in now before it gets any worse. Also we ask that the road be given top priority next summer to get the Alder Creek to Brightwood section completed.

The Mt. Hood Lions Club is currently in a campaign to put

pressure on the highway department to get the road repaired this winter so it is not a complete driving hazard. Another group is also working to solve some of the traffic problems on the road.

This group is the Mt. Hood Recreation Association. They will work a trial shuttle ski bus during the Christmas holiday season from the Welches area to Government Camp and Timberline.

The move to try the shuttle bus is done by the association with the feeling that it has to come sooner or later.

All areas already report traffic jams every weekend both in the mornings and the evenings as skiers rush to the areas or rush to go home.

Association members have stated that if the shuttle bus system can economically be run, it will be the answer to many of the traffic problems in the area along with the improvement of Highway 26.

We agree with this and will be watching closely to see how this trial run does.

A Kings-X Contest

In the parlance of the sports page, a "Kings-X" contest is a non-counting, non-league game. It's like Oregon playing San Jose State. If the Ducks win or if they lose, it's no big deal.

That's the way Mt. Hood Community College looks at the annexation election in Wasco and Hood River counties last week.

No one likes to lose, but it was strictly a non-conference contest. The election was ordered by the State Board of Education and even though Mt. Hood did its best to win, the loss

came as no great surprise, no great blow.

We don't think the outcome indicates any lessening of support for Mt. Hood. After all, the people involved were in no way a part of the college constituency.

We would hope, however, that the College can live within the 6 per cent limit this coming year. The climate just isn't right for tax issues and the College will make a lot of friends if it can trim its sails so that no special levy will be necessary next spring.

A Notable Night/A Worthy Cause

The Portland Symphonic Choir is one of the finest musical groups in the Portland metropolitan area.

The MeRe Center here in Gresham is one of the most-worthy charities in the same area.

Put these together and you have an evening worth remembering. That's next Tuesday, Dec. 21, when the Symphonic Choir presents its version of the "Messiah" at the Gresham Union High School auditorium.

There will be no admission charge but a free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds, of course, will go to benefit

the MeRe Center.

This is the Choir's 27th season but next Tuesday's performance will be its first in Gresham. The Choir is coming of course, to help the MeRe Center obtain funds with which to continue its program for the trainable mentally-retarded.

The opportunity to hear the Symphonic Choir and at the same time benefit the MeRe Center should mean a banner evening.

Remember, it's next Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Gresham High auditorium.

Food drive ends Dec. 21 with assembly

Sandy High School is holding a Key Club assembly Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 2:55 p.m. in the gym. The public is invited to find out which class has collected the most number of cans for the annual can food drive for the needy.

Cans are coming in as of the date of Dec. 14-21. The Key Club is striving to collect more than 4,010 cans which was last year's record. Only commercially canned foods can be accepted.

Hillsview sets

An evening of Christmas song and narrative readings is scheduled Sunday, Dec. 19 at Hillsview Covenant Church.

The program will be presented by the church choir and Sunday school starting at 5 p.m. and the public is invited. The church is located on Borges Rd., between Hogan and Regner Roads.



JERRY STRATTON, Key Club president, shows the trophy which a class at Sandy High School will win. The winning class will be judged on the amount of canned goods brought to the school.

(Post photo)



HARD TIMES

LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

The letter which follows was written by the Mount Hood Lions Club to Governor Tom McCall concerning the condition of Highway 26:

Dear Governor McCall: At the recent meeting of the Mt. Hood Lions Club, the following points were discussed and resolved, that, you should be advised of these conditions.

We wish to call your attention to a deplorable and dangerous situation, existing on the Alder Creek to Wemme section of Highway 26. Many of us drive this highway daily, also many of us have Wives, Teenagers and friends, who drive it every day, we are most concerned with their safety.

While we recognize the limitations, necessary with new construction, the safety of the Public should still be paramount, please note the following list of serious hazards.

1. Just east of Alder Creek, a large dirt fill has been made which towers above the present roadway. During heavy rain, water and mud wash over the roadway and down the Hiway, causing a very slippery condition and limiting visibility to practically 0'.

2. Near Wildcat Creek the hiway has been moved north to the bank of the Sandy River. At this point the shoulder slopes away alarmingly at the edge of the blacktop some six to eight feet to a drop off to the Sandy River. There is no guardrail here nor, any warning light, this is always an icy spot in winter.

3. The pavement itself is in poor condition, with numerous chuckholes 2 to 4 in. deep. During construction a number of waterline cuts were made and most of the patching is extremely rough and breaking up. Most of the way the shoulder drops about 5 or 6 in. below the pavement—enough to throw a car out of control, no warning markers are present.

4. At the junction with the East end of Sleepy Hollow Road there is a low spot where water 'lays' and tends to throw a car out of control, this is also on a curve of poor visibility.

5. To all this add the fact there are very few reflectors on this stretch of road. At night, in rainy weather, with oncoming car lights in your eyes it is almost impossible to determine the course of the hiway.

Mr. Walter Blaisdell of Wemme, has contacted several of the Highway Dept. people (Mr. Stoval, Mr. Cameron and Mr. Query of the Commission) and has been advised that the Department is trying to get the Contractors to do something, however we feel that this action is not enough, what we need is action.

We fully realize the Contractors and the Department has problems, but the fact remains that a neglected danger exists and an accident victim or the Widow and her children are going to have one hell of a bigger problem.

action on this matter or a personal visit to the area along with your Engineers, time is most important.

The above statement was authorized by the full membership and ordered to be carried to a conclusion by the Board of Directors, Mt. Hood Lions Club.

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To the Editor:

I appreciate the confidence shown in me by being re-elected to the Hoodland Planning Group as a Zig Zag-Fabian-Lolo Pass representative. In the future, as in the past I will work towards making Hoodland a good place in which to live and visit.

Thanks to all
Dick Kithil
Zig Zag

To the Editor:

Friday Dec. 10 the Hoodland Young Peoples Organization (HYPO) put on a dance for the adults of Hoodland.

It was well organized and well advertised. There were soft drinks and popcorn and a good live band. (not a rock band)

A friend of the Hypo group was contacted and the parking lot was cleared.

Everything was great, except only 10 people showed up. These young people were disappointed and embarrassed. I was just plain mad and disgusted.

The damage done to the relationship of these young people and the adult community is irreparable.

It was easy to see why they look sideways at the establishment. What is our answer?

Jerry Redding
Brightwood

Post office open Saturday

The Sandy Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon Saturday, Dec. 18th, for the mailing of packages and Christmas cards.

No money order service will

be provided. Use airmail for those late packages.

Cutbacks small at Hyster

No drastic cutbacks in work force is anticipated at Hyster Technical Center, 4000 NE Blue Lake Road, Harry Crandall, manager of test engineering, told the Outlook Monday.

The manufacturing division of the company in Portland, and over the world, has been making heavy cut backs in the work force. The reason is said to be the recession which has reduced the demand for Hyster weight products.

However, a Hyster spokesman said the company has been gaining on its share of the business.

Crandall said the work force at the Hyster Technical Center was now about 75 which is down from about 80 during the summer when the company hires college students.

Driver hurt

A Troutdale woman received minor injuries Dec. 9, when the car she was driving left the road and hit a telephone pole at SE Stark St. and 212th.

Sheriff's reports said Kathleen Mae Van Horn, 21, of 100 Maple, Troutdale, was cited for failing to maintain reasonable control of her vehicle.

She was taken to Gresham Community Hospital where she was treated and released.

Phone contract

General Telephone Company announced from its Everett, Wash., office Tuesday that it had reached an agreement with Local 89 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The new contract extends for 28 months from Dec. 11, 1971. Approximately 2,800 workers in Western Washington, Oregon

and Northern California are covered by the agreement. This includes the workers in the Gresham area.

talks stall

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The board did not agree with the selection of Brown and now the State Superintendent must appoint a mediator.

According to the Attorney General's opinion, the cost of the mediator must now be born equally by the Sandy High School District and the teachers association, said Mrs. Wolf.



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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Ole hoss, I jist don't know who's the biggest fool. Her fer jumpin' or us fer holding onto her."

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10:36

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