

Confab for blind visits Oral Hull



JUDGE GEORGE Howeller, Sandy, and Mrs. Claire Belsher stand in front of the Oral Hull Booster Cabin, which houses caretakers Joe and Marie Webb.



GUIDE DOGS are led to a bowl of water located outside the Gardens of Enchantment, but seem more interested in getting to know each other.



THE GARDEN of Enchantment are comprised of five distinct gardens which can be appreciated by both the sighted and the blind. There is a touch section, taste

section, smell section, sight section, and even a sound section complete with chimes and a fountain.



DAVID SCHRIBSTEIN, New York, reads one of the braille information plates which are located around the garden. Tape recordings are also available in the garden for blind visitors.

Approximately 250 American Council of the Blind convention goers from over 34 states visited the Oral Hull Foundations for the Blind Park located near Sandy last week.

The convention was held July 5-8 at the Portland Hilton Hotel. According to Judge George Howeller, Sandy, the purpose of the organization is to advance the interests of blind people.

The trip to Oral Hull Park provided a break from the convention routine with a tour of the Gardens of Enchantment, a barbecue chicken dinner, which was sponsored by the Parkrose Lions' Club, and entertainment by the Twilighters, a group of blind musicians.

The Gardens of Enchantment is a "five senses" garden, which is constructed so that the blind may enjoy the beauty of a garden in a park which has taken their special needs into consideration.

Audio tapes are stationed throughout the garden and tell of the highlights of the special sections of the garden. Braille markers further assist in identifying plants and a tree exhibit which was prepared by the U.S. Forest Service.

Five distinct gardens actually comprise the Garden of Enchantment. There is a touch section, a fragrance section, a taste section, a section for sighted garden visitors, and even a hearing section, complete with a fountain and wind chimes.

The idea for the garden originated with Claire Belsher, of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, who saw a clipping about a "five senses" garden in a magazine. Funds for the garden and the park have been obtained by donations.

An outgrowth of the garden is the Touch and Grow Garden Club for the blind. Oral Hull Park consists of a 22 acre tract of land set along the Sandy River with the garden, a fish pond stocked with trout, a bicycle ring, camper and travel trailer facilities for eight units, a stove shelter, and a caretaker's cottage.

Future plans include an orchard of dwarf fruit trees which will provide new experiences for many who have never before picked their own fruit fresh from the tree. There are also plans for a rose garden and a garden pavilion, which will accommodate up to 50 people.

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AMERICAN COUNCIL of the Blind convention goers who met in Portland July 5-8 visited the Oral Hull Foundation for barbecue chicken dinner and tour of the gardens.

Pioneers set annual picnic

The annual picnic of the Sandy Pioneer Association will be held on Sunday, July 30, beginning at 1 p.m. at Pioneer Park, corner of Highway 26 and Duncan Road.

There will be special music and the speaker will be Mrs. Claire Belsher, who will talk about the Barlow Road.

The Pioneer Associations is working with the Sandy Centennial Committee in preparing for 1973. The committee plans to publish a book of ap-

proximately 150 pages on the history of Sandy.

Stories, family histories, or pictures for publication in this book should be brought to the picnic or given to Marie Schwartz.

Coffee will be furnished, but tableware, plates and food should be brought by individuals attending the pot-luck dinner.

It is raining, the picnic will be held at the Masonic Building on Main Street in Sandy.

Log scalers keep busy



LOG TRUCKS pull up beside this log ramp at the Sandy Scale Station to be measured before they go to their various destinations. Station manager Rocky Smart says that the logs go to over 29 destinations after leaving the station.

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Smart said he learned how to scale from a district ranger who took him out to examine logs, a scaling manual, and lots of experience.

Control scalers come around periodically to check the scalers and the scalers also visit saw mills regularly "to see if we're estimating right."

"We have to find out if a person is taking enough off for a certain kind of defect or if he is giving too much," Smart said.

When the trucks are coming in during the peak season, the scalers are sometimes working from 6 a.m. until 6 or 7 p.m.

"If you listen to those things all day," said Smart as a log truck pulled into the station, "you about hear them in your sleep at night."

"See that yellow sport over on that Hemlock," asked Smart as he pointed to a log, "That is rot. If a log is less than one third sound, we call it a cull log."

About the only thing a cull log is good for is pulp or chips, he added.

Smart estimated that approximately 80 per cent of the logs that the Sandy station scaled were either Douglas Fir or Hemlock.

"However, we do get some White Fir, White Pine, Western Red Cedar and a half a dozen other odds and ends," he said.

The length of the trees that come in vary, but Smart estimated that most are between 34 and 40 feet long. "It depends on where the material's going and what the base length is," he said.

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