



THE SUNSET Theater in Sandy may have played its last show. Owner Gary Sandblast closed the theater on Jan. 22 and has put the business up for sale. Sandblast has operated the theater since June 1971 and since October 1972 he has been losing money and thinking about closing.



THE EMPTY SEATS pretty well tell the story of why Gary Sandblast has closed the theater in Sandy. Sandblast told the Post he needed at least 60 persons per show to break even, but had not come close to averaging that many customers since this past summer. With the closing of the theater, Sandy now has lost two of its recreational facilities, the theater and bowling alley, during the past year. (Post photo)

Landowners fight river users over scenic river designation

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Most river property owners are against the act, while most river users favor it. This is how it seems to stack up after the recent public hearings on the proposal to place a 12.5 mile stretch of the Sandy River under the scenic waterways act.

The State Highway Commission study committee held hearings last week in Portland and Sandy on the proposal. The meeting in Sandy was held at the Odd Fellows Hall and over 150 persons attended.

Almost everyone, including the landowners along the river, commented in favor of the objective of act to maintain the natural beauty of the Sandy River but the landowners complained about the controls the highway commission would have on their land along the river.

Many landowners expressed the opinion the people (state) should be willing to pay a fair market price for the private land along the river if it plans to make the area a scenic waterway.

"Because under the act, the landowner is unable to do anything with the land even though his taxes on it keep rising," stated one landowner.

The portion of the Sandy River under consideration is between Dodge Park and to Dabney State Park.

Many users of the river including boaters, students, teachers, hikers, fishermen, campers, and swimmers told the committee they favored the designation for this portion of the Sandy River.

Also, several expressed the desire for more of the river to be included under the protection of the act.

The landowners who spoke told of "policing problems" which now exist along the river. They stated by placing the

river under the scenic waterways act they felt these problems would increase as the use of the river increased.

"This proposal does not contain anything for the protection of the private landowners against trespassers," said Mrs. Ralph Griffith. "We have a large problem already with trespassers."

Property owner Ken Ross hit the proposal because it would restrict the landowner in use of his property and the state would not purchase the land. He also voiced concern over the ability of the highway commission to govern the waterways act.

Sgt. Tom Cutsforth of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department represented sheriff Joe Shobe at the meeting. Cutsforth stated the sheriff voiced concern for the act because of the boating on the river.

"The sheriff's office is against any kind of boating on the Clackamas County section near Dodge Park," said Cutsforth. "Except for experts, the river along this stretch is too dangerous for boating."

Cutsforth, co-ordinator of the search and rescue in this area for the county, said he had "dragged many bodies from the river."

He also commented on the problems of rescue work along the river because of the lack of access roads.

Several persons in the audience who said they had boated the Sandy River agreed with Cutsforth on the need for more rescue work, but they also stated they felt the river was one of the best in the state for boaters.

Harold Barr of Gresham asked the study committee to be concerned with the access road to Ox Bow Park as part of the scenic waterways study. He stated the road was unable to safely handle the traffic that used it.

Mrs. Grand of Madras told the audience she was against the proposal because it

"gives control of the land to the state" and already there is over 68 per cent of the land in Oregon under some form of government control and off the tax roles.

Several other persons including a representative for the Northwest Steelheaders favored the proposal and said they would be willing to help police and clean up along the Sandy River.

Following these hearings, persons have

until Feb. 6 to send in statements or comments concerning the proposal to the State Highway Division, Parks and Recreation Section, Highway Building, Salem.

Then, the proposal and public testimony will go to the Water Resources Board and to Gov. Tom McCall for approval before it could be placed in the Scenic Waterways Act.

City administrator takes office here



Carl Hatfield

As of today, Thursday, the city of Sandy has a city administrator. Carl Hatfield Jr., 38, is the city's first

city administrator and he moved into city hall today after accepting the position in mid-December.

Hatfield has been attending city council meetings during the past month to help him get ready for his new job while he completed his work for the Agri-Business Council of Oregon.

He graduated from Long Beach State College in public administration, then did graduate work in same at the University of Southern California.

While an undergraduate, Hatfield interned in city government, two days a week, for the city manager of Anaheim, Calif. After graduation, he stayed on with the city of Anaheim for seven years as assistant to the city manager, and public relations director.

In the field of public relation, Hatfield's experience also includes two years as editor and publisher of the Orange County Magazine, and two years as public relations director for Chiat Advertising, as well as the five years with the Agri-Business Council.

Hatfield, his wife and son, have a home on the Sandy River.

Sandy Chamber starts membership drive

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce has a goal of 100 members during the Centennial year celebration.

The Chamber in 1972 had a membership of 59 members and will begin a campaign on Feb. 6 to up this total to the goal of 100 members.

According to the membership committee spokesman, there will be a

Chamber sponsored breakfast on Feb. 6, 7:30 a.m. at TJ's to kick off the membership drive campaign.

According to Chamber officials, there are over 150 businesses in the greater Sandy area which will be contacted for membership during the campaign.

Jim Patrick, chairman of the drive, said "During the Centennial and Barlow Road Days celebration in the area it is important that the Chamber play a major role. This can best be done through a strong and large membership. This drive we hope will gain many active members."

Centennial beard contest plans set

Have you been waiting to grow your beard for the Sandy Centennial and Barlow Road Days celebration now going on in the Sandy-Hoodland area? If so, wait no more.

The Sandy-Hoodland Jaycees are sponsoring the contest which will judge both beards and mustaches. According to a Jaycees spokesman, the contest will be divided into two categories; those who started before Jan. 1, 1973 and those who start after Jan. 1.

The final judging will be done during the big celebration and parade in August.

In order to enter the contest, a pre-registration will be held several times throughout the year. The Jaycees will announce soon when the first registration is slated.

Sandy high group set to perform

The singing group at Sandy high school known as the Pioneers will perform on Feb. 8 at the state capitol building in Salem.

The students will give a lunch hour performance and then will spend the rest of the day visiting the legislature.

Hogan road work

The Clackamas County Commissioners have given their approval to the relocation of a portion of Hogan Road near Boring.

Their request for the project was made by the county public works department. The request was made to provide a more efficient thoroughfare for the flow of traffic, to eliminate dangerous curves and to provide for better traffic safety and control.

Also, an increased amount of traffic flow is anticipated for the road in the next few years.



STATE SENATOR Ken Jernstedt, center, is seen talking over Centennial and Barlow Road Days plans with Vern Richard's left, and Joe DeMarsh. Jernstedt told the two Sandy residents on their trip to Salem last week that Secretary of State Clay Meyers will be able to attend the dedication

ceremonies set for Feb. 11 in Sandy. Jernstedt is also planning to attend along with hopefully several other legislators. DeMarsh has headed up the Chamber of Commerce committee which has planned the dedication day.

(Post Photo)

Juveniles involved in fires

Two 14-year-old boys were reported to have been responsible for the setting of two fires over the weekend near Sandy. One of the juveniles has reportedly turned himself in to the police.

According to Sandy fire chief Bob Rathke, the juveniles were involved in fires at the R. Ziemer residence at Rt. 2 Box 655, Sandy and at the Alysworth Nursery on Highway 26 east of Sandy.

The fire at the Ziemer home on Sunday was a barn fire. Ziemer had about 12 tons of hay in the barn which was estimated a total loss because of fire and water.

The fire at the nursery was in a vacant house which is used only during the growing season. The fire was started after fuel oil had been spread throughout the living room of the house and then lit, according to Rathke. This fire was spotted by

Sandy Volunteers returning to the Dover substation and was after fighting the Ziemer barnfire.

The fire was brought under control within five minutes by the firemen, according to Rathke. Considerable damage was reportedly done to the house. No estimate of the damage was available at press time Wednesday.

In other fires on Sunday, the barn owned by the Lacis family of Rt. 2 Box 686, Langensand Rd. was a total loss. The fire started from sparks blown on the roof of the barn from a grass fire.

In other calls during the past week, the Sandy station answered four first aid calls and responded to four accidents.

Also the department responded to one illegal burning call.

County plan awaits possible mid-March public hearings

The comprehensive plan for Clackamas County which was started in June 1969 is slated for its first public hearing in mid-March.

The Clackamas County Planning Commission has tentatively set March 19 as the date for the hearing. The plan was published in August 1971 and has been undergoing continuing revisions within a sub-committee of the planning commission.

The public meeting on the plan will be the first step in possible revision and final adoption by the county planning commission.

The comprehensive plan will be a general guideline which the county will follow until more in-depth planning is done in the different areas of the county, according to Jim Hall county planning director.

Hall said plans, like the one currently underway in the Hoodland area and the one planned for the Sandy-Boring area this summer, will be more in-depth than the general county plan and will take precedent when and if they are adopted.

The comprehensive plan now being developed for the city of Sandy is separate to the county plan.

Car accidents claim one, injure several

Car accidents claimed the life of a Sandy man and sent several other persons to the hospital during the past week in the

Sandy-Hoodland area.

Gifford U. Hoffmeister, 66, Sandy, was pronounced dead on arrival at Gresham Community Hospital after a head-on collision Friday.

The driver of the other vehicle Corrine A. Crombie, Estacada, was also taken to the hospital. She was cited for failure to drive on the right side of the road by Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies at the scene of the accident.

The accident happened two miles north of Sandy.

Also in Gresham Hospital with undisclosed injuries from another accident were Sarah Burgess and Donna L. Steitz, both students at Lewis & Clark College. Miss Burgess, a passenger in the Steitz vehicle, was described as in serious condition and Miss Steitz as satisfactory.

Witnesses to the accident, which occurred Friday on Highway 26 east of Sandy, said a car driven by Claybelle S. Thomas, Portland, appeared to go out of control on the icy surface and crossed the centerline into the oncoming traffic lanes. Thomas reportedly was injured in the accident and taken to Gresham.

In yet another accident in the Sandy area, vehicles driven by Floyd E. Batman, Portland and James K. Hamilton, Estacada, collided Saturday morning.

Hamilton was reported in satisfactory condition in a Gresham Hospital with undisclosed injuries.

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