



CHAMBER OF Commerce president Mel Lamm looks over the new Sandy brochures just printed with Sandy Pietrzak. The brochures will be available through the Chamber and area merchants.

Miss Pietrzak is a student at Sandy high school and is working for the Chamber on a work-study program. The Chamber has a phone 668-5515 and the office is open Monday thru Friday.

(Post photo)

Scenic River approved for section of Sandy

The Oregon Highway commission has approved a scenic waterway designation for 12.5 miles of the Sandy River from Dodge to Dabney Parks.

The approval came Tuesday over objections of the Sandy River Action Committee, a group of property owners along the river organized to fight the proposal. A delegation of about 25 Action Committee members appeared at the highway commission meeting to express their objections to regulations of the scenic waterway which, they feel, will violate their rights as property owners.

Also present was a delegation favoring the waterway proposal including representatives from the Nature Conservancy, OMSI and the Multnomah County Planning Commission.

Mrs. Glenn Nelson, secretary of the Action Committee, expressed extreme disappointment Tuesday afternoon at the highway commission's action. "We don't know where we'll go next," she commented, "I guess we'll have to consult our attorneys."

The scenic waterway plan will go to the

State Water Resources Board for review and then to Governor Tom McCall.

New wording in the waterway proposal announced last week did little to soothe ruffled property owner's feelings. The wording, as announced by Robert K. Potter, scenic waterways coordinator, would allow home construction along the river's rim provided it was "largely" screened from the river by evergreens. Previously the proposal required that residences or other structure be "entirely" screened.

In a meeting last Friday with members of the Action Committee, Potter told property owners that complete rules and regulations regarding river development within the 12.5 miles would not be readied until the designation is final.

Property owners are distressed because they feel, said Mrs. Nelson, that they will have no say in what can be built on their own land. They also charge that not all Sandy River property owners were notified of the waterway proposal while conservation groups as distant as Corvallis received notification.

Community schools prove popular here

The community schools here in the Sandy-Cottrell-Hoodland area are the most popular of those being run by Mt. Hood Community College.

This year MHCC has seven different community schools operating with a total enrollment of an estimated 1500 of which over half are enrolled in one of the three in this area.

The Sandy school has 520 students, Cottrell has 200 and Welches 110. These three community schools are run by volunteers from the community as the rest of the MHCC community schools.

The college does have a supervisor who is responsible for helping the volunteers coordinate the programs run through the community schools.

Evelyn Anderson is the "head" volunteer at Sandy and she reports the Spring term classes will begin on April 9.

Sandy Action Center seeks funding

The Sandy Community Action Center is hunting for funds to help keep the center open in Sandy.

Development Opportunities, DO has been funding the program in the past, but DO will be out of funds on July 31 following cutbacks in federal spending.

The community action council in Sandy met this past month and moved to seek funding for the center through several other groups including the city of Sandy, Clackamas County and the Sandy Ministerial Alliance.

According to officers of the action center it costs about \$190 per month for operational needs of the center.

The center is located at 109 Shelley St. and the phone is 668-4746.

County building permits increase

Building permits were up in Clackamas County in January, 1973, compared to January, 1972, the University of Oregon Bureau of Business and Economic Research reported.

In January, 1973, the total was \$3,470,327 compared to \$3,442,688 in the same month the year before.

Building permits from 148 identical reporting centers in Oregon totaled \$45,297,222 in January, 1973. This was 5.5 per cent higher than the total in January, 1972.

In January, 1973, \$24,625,882 was for 1,522 new dwelling units, \$14,612,653 for new nonresidential construction, and \$6,058,687 for additions, alteration and repairs to existing structures.

For the same month in 1972, the \$42,949,398 total of permits was composed of \$25,395,048 for 1,868 new dwelling units, \$9,351,990 for new nonresidential construction, and \$8,202,360 for additions, alterations and repairs to existing structures.

Assembly questioned at Sandy high for religious material

By THOMAS TAYLOR
News Editor

The constitutional question of the separation of church and state was in the forefront of news in the Sandy area this past week.

This came about when 11 Sandy high school staff members signed a protest against a religious assembly held at the school on Monday, Feb. 26.

Following this, three of the signers were released by the district within a couple of days.

Sandy high superintendent Joe DeMarsh told the Post, the releasing of the staff members did not come about because of their signing of the petition.

"If this were so, then the district it stands to reason would have released all 11 staff members," said DeMarsh.

The district administration has stated the assembly did have religious material, although the purpose of the assembly had been to demonstrate a multi-media approach to communications.

"Our activities director pre-checked with a school that had shown the program and was assured that it was not un-American nor primarily religious program unfolded, it did contain features that failed to meet the criteria," said DeMarsh.

In their petition to the administration, the staff members stated their beliefs in

the constitutional right of separation of church and state and the belief assemblies should not be mandatory for students or teachers.

This petition was presented to principal Bill MacFarlane and was not taken through the grievance procedure policy which was established in the district just this year.

The released staff members were Judy Annis, Gary Thompson and Roseanne Adams.

Judy Annis was the only one on contract to the district. She also had asked on Jan. 17 to be relieved of her position, but the administration had asked her to continue through the winter term since her classes had already been scheduled. The school board on Feb. 12 had accepted her resignation to be effective on March 31, but she was told Feb. 28 was her last day when she picked up her February check.

Thompson was a substitute teacher in the district and he was told by the administration he would not be needed the rest of the year, while Miss Adams was a teacher's aide in the LASSIE program (Language Arts-Social Science program).

According to DeMarsh, the administration was already planning on dropping the program for next year.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon has indicated it plans to investigate the situation after it receives an

answer from the school board to a letter that it had sent to the district.

In the letter to the district, the ACLU said it "vehemently protests" the religious assembly and the firing of teachers over it.

In his answer to the ACLU letter, DeMarsh said:

"Your protest concerning religious assemblies in public schools is well taken. It is not the policy of this district nor this office to involve itself in compulsory religious offerings. We do not compel students and teachers to attend programs which conflict with their sectarian beliefs. Conversely, it is our intended policy to adhere to the State and National Constitution as it deals with these matters."

"In addition, this district through this office is on record defending the right of freedom of expression. In fact, this administration has encouraged students as well as teachers to express their views on a wide range of subjects."

Concerning the issue of mandatory assemblies DeMarsh said,

"Students that have religious or moral feelings contrary to various presentations, both in the classroom and at assemblies, have the option not to attend. These students may report to a study situation after checking in the principal's office. Students who find a program embarrassing to their religious beliefs may leave a program in session by making a

request to a faculty supervisor and proceeding to an in-lieu study area.

"It would appear that not all students are fully aware of this privilege and steps are being taken to guard against further impositions on those persons. To the best of our knowledge, no student was individually forced to attend after making an option request."

During the past week, the administration has held open discussion sessions with the school's student government and teachers. These sessions have been held seeking methods through which everyone's constitutional rights may be protected, according to DeMarsh.

Also the district is reviewing its screening procedures and questioning the district's informational guides to students to guarantee constitutional rights are protected.

Basketball changes night for board meet

The Sandy high school board will hold its March meeting Friday at 8 p.m. in the library.

The meeting date is a switch from the regular meeting night of Monday. The switch is being made to enable board members to attend the high school basketball playoffs slated for Monday night.



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Council discusses sewer, water expansion; street construction

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Questions concerning the future sewer and water projects of the city of Sandy came before the city council on Monday night.

This was the first council meeting in the downtown council chambers since the new city hall was built in 1969. The chambers still are not completed, but the furniture is on order.

The question on the sewers came from city engineer Martin Boatwright. He told the council the city was being approached by developers in the area of Highway 26 and Boring Rd. (Heidi's area) about possible extension of city sewers to service that area.

Boatwright told the council the city needs to make a decision on the total region the city's sewer system will serve

and at what cost will persons outside the city have to pay to hookup to the sewer line.

He told the council in the original planning for the system Kelso Rd. had been the boundary line. He advised not extending the line past the Kelso Rd. because that area would best be served by a treatment plant in the Boring area.

Boatwright said the sewer line could serve a proposed German style restaurant on the corner of Highway 26 and Kelso Rd. on the east side of the highway.

The city engineer is also doing a study on the water rights the city has on Alder-creek. Boatwright told the council his staff was in the process of designing a treatment plant but needed definite growth potential figures to help design the plant to best meet the needs of the future.

Boatwright also proposed to the council

that a fence be constructed at both the old sewer treatment plant and the city's present water supply springs to insure safety and health standards.

In other council business, much time was taken to discuss the problem of determining the right-of-way for S. Bluff Rd. Several landowners, including persons involved with the city, were to be effected by the council's decision.

After much discussion, the council moved to have a 60 ft. right-of-way established and described along the road from Highway 26 to Sandy Heights.

The council approved the planning commission recommendation for a conditional use permit to construct apartments known as University Square off of University Ave. The permit was approved providing a fence be constructed.

Frank Marcy received council approval to build a duplex on property in Marcy Acres and plans to construct a road in the area.

Approval was given to the name of Industrial Way for the road in the industrial tract on the west end of town.

The council was informed by city attorney Paul Biggs a suit against the city had been filed by Robert H. Montgomery and John H. Carson Jr. of C-M Construction. The suit involves the lack of sewers in Marcy Acres.

Also, the city's condemnation procedure against Walter Harms will be heard before a jury in April.

The police department reported 88 overtime hours which the council said it would be unable to meet with pay, but would try to compensate with some time off.

The bids on the construction of Proctor Ave. are to be closed on March 9 by the State Highway Commission. Following this, the city engineers will call meetings with local property owners along Proctor to set definite driveway entries.

There were several other items on the agenda, but they were delayed until the adjourned meeting tonight, March 8.

Sandy police hire patrolman

The new man on the Sandy police force is patrolman Bob Bates. He has been on the force since Feb. 1.

Bates, 29, comes to Sandy after four and one-half years as a State Police patrolman stationed out of the Milwaukie office.

He and his family will move to the Sandy area following the school year. They now reside in the Milwaukie area.

Bates joins patrolman Don Predmore and police chief Fred Punzel on the Sandy police force.

Improved protection key to issue

Improved fire protection for the Sandy Rural Fire District is the goal of the proposed \$190,000 bond issue. The election will be held on March 20 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sandy fire hall.

According to fire chief Bob Rathke, "Approval of this bond issue will give the district the amount of money it needs to make some long overdue improvements."

The \$190,000 bond will be paid over a 20 year period and will cost the district taxpayer 28 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. On a property assessed at \$20,000, this means a total tax of \$5.60 per year.

"The major goals of the bond issue will be to bring present day equipment up to present day standards; to provide necessary substations for rural areas; to provide a base from which the district can work to plan future growth," said Rathke.

Included in the bond will be the purchase of two new trucks which will replace two fire trucks which have 32 years of service already. Also, funds to complete the fire substations at Dover and Aims.

"By improving our coverage in both the city of Sandy and in the rural areas the district will have a good chance at lowering our insurance ratings," said Rathke, "this will mean savings to property owners on their fire insurance."

The key to this bond issue, according to Rathke, "is the improvement in fire protection the district will be able to give. This will be especially true in the rural areas."

Youngbluth named new councilman

Joe Youngbluth, 37, was appointed to fill the vacant city council position.

The position became vacant with the recent death of Mrs. Ruth Howeler. It will be a four year term of office.

Youngbluth is an administrator at Mt. Hood Community College and has lived in Sandy the past 1½ years with his wife Dorothy and two children who attend Sandy grade school.

Youngbluth told the Post he has a special interest in human resources and will work to see what ways the city can best meet the needs of the people in this area.



THE PRICE of food has been increasing rapidly during the past year. The cost of a typical grocery cart full of food continues to go up and no end is in sight. For more

information on how the price increase has hit the Sandy area, see story by staff writer Nancy Barker on page 15.

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