

Volunteers elect first president

Bob Gulvin has been elected as the first president of the Sandy Rural Fire District volunteer organization. Gulvin was elected at a meeting held Saturday.

Previously the district fire chief has been the acting head of the volunteers, but now under regulations recently passed by the fire board the volunteers will have their own president.

Gulvin has been on the Sandy force for the past eight years and is a captain on the volunteer force.



BOB GULVIN

Volunteers show support for fire chief, board

Editor's Note:

The following are two letters sent to the Post this week from several members of the volunteers of the Sandy Rural Fire District.

To the Editor:

With deep regret, we submit this letter to the Sandy Fire District No. 72 Board. You must understand that we have hoped that things would be solved without an action. This letter does not contain any vicious intent nor was it written in hate. Many nights of thought and soul searching has gone into the decision of such action.

We condemn letters of this type, but we find ourselves forced into the condemnable. But we feel that the silent majority has been silent for too long and they are the victims.

The main purpose of belonging to the Sandy Fire Dist. 72, is to reach out a helping hand to people in the mist of disaster. This is why we have great pride in our department. But with undo tensions created within the department, we feel the efficiency of the department is being destroyed. This friction could create a situation that could cost the life of a fireman or civilian. We can not ask any man to work in a situation with this added hazard nor can we ask taxpayers to support an unhealthy department.

Only time will tell if we have made the correct decision. We pray we have.

We, the undersigned members of Sandy Fire Dist. No. 72, feel that the time has come to show our support of Chief Rathke. We believe that Sandy Fire Dist. 72 has made many advances in the areas of leadership, training, planning and relationships with mutual districts. Chief Rathke has shown that he is a man that thinks and plans for the expansion of the Sandy area.

In the best interest of Sandy Fire District 72, we hope that the Sandy Fire District 72 Board will take action against any member who acts in any way that may jeopardize the unity of the department.

Thank you; Don Armintrout, Gary Connolly, Don Chaney, Michael Nicholson, John Johnson, Mike Chesnut, Wayne Taylor, Mike Braet, Tom Bennett, Allan Fleschman, Jeff Yeager, A. J. Bisenius, Ken Hadley, Gary Roberts, Stan Mitchem, Glen Bennett, John Day, Richard Hagenbaugh and Robert Gulvin.

To the Editor:

In the past several weeks much has been said in the Sandy Post about the Sandy Rural Fire Protection District. The Sandy Post has published letters sent to the editor and

statements made by the Assistant Chiefs who have recently resigned. The majority of the volunteers feel that it is time they were heard. We do regret that the three Assistant Chiefs resigned. We would like to make it clear that there are no hard feelings between the volunteers and these men. Their years of service were greatly appreciated.

The volunteers feel that the community does not know much about the functions of the Fire Department and what goes on except that it is there when they need it. The men who are presently volunteers feel this is their way of extending a helping hand to the people living in the Sandy area. They are not in the organization for the pay. A remuneration of \$2.00 was set up in the Department some time ago under the former Chief Lyle Seaman. This was to cover gasoline and be a token of appreciation for the men volunteering their time all hours of the day and night.

The majority of the men feel that our present Chief Bob Rathke is a very qualified man for the job. He is backed wholeheartedly by the majority of the men on the department. He has done much to improve our department and drills. He has a good working relationship with the Chiefs from other districts in the area. We do not feel that the fire Board and the majority of the men can be wrong about the present situations. The volunteers recognize the need for change and also recognize that change often meets with resistance. Change is essential as technological advances are made and as the population of the Sandy Fire District grows.

There have been rumors around Sandy that there is not enough manpower to respond to calls and that the volunteer organization is about to fold up. This could not be further from the truth. All calls coming in will be handled as they always have been. There are times when men leave the Department for various reasons but we are constantly receiving new applications from men wanting to join the Department. In the past three months the records show that the majority of the men who have been responding to calls are still with the Department. The men feel we have a good working relationship with the Chief and the Board. We feel this letter is our way of expressing the other sides to the story which has been published over the past few weeks.

Sandy Volunteers
Bob Gulvin
President

Seven volunteers resign, seek better protection

The three assistant chiefs in the Sandy Rural Fire District who resigned from the district last week have been joined by four other volunteers.

Jerry Swails, Ken Burdick, and Bud Fischer resigned both their offices and from the volunteer force over conflicts with Sandy fire chief Bob Rathke and the fire board.

This past week they were joined by Louie Conn, Earl Dibble, Jesse James and Gary Sandblast who all submitted resignations to the board from the volunteer force.

The combined years of experience for the seven men is over 86 years in the fire business, according to Burdick.

Those who have resigned told the Post Tuesday night, they are hoping the public will become involved enough to look into the problems in the fire district and to pressure the board to make decisions which they feel are needed to improve the fire protection and morale in the district.

"We feel enough questions were raised in our letter to the board which listed 29 complaints against the chief and the board that the public should become concerned," said Swails.

Among complaints the group has are: too much power is given to the fire chief in the new rules and regulations; lack of

Figures indicated growth of trucking industry

The trucking industry in the United States has been growing at a rapid pace the past few years. This includes Sandy's own trucking firm, Sandy Truck Lines, Inc.

This week is National Transportation Week and it also marks the 56th year of Sandy Truck Lines. The firm has been owned by Ted Garlock, Jim Patrick and Marguerite Kehrli for the past three years.

In 1965, there were but 1,400 trucks in the country; by 1960 the total registration had risen to slightly more than 11 million.

In 1972, truck registrations totaled an estimated 19.5 million, according to figures compiled by American Trucking Associations (ATA). Figures for the latest available years show that trucks carried more of the nation's goods than ever before. By illustration, the motor carrier industry handled 90 per cent of the sand and gravel, 73 per cent of crushed stone, 79.7 per cent of Portland cement, 47 per cent of anthracite coal, and 39.7 per cent of refined petroleum products.

Task force slates meet

The Clackamas County Senior Citizens Council Task Force, which is charged with developing a comprehensive plan for senior services in Clackamas County, will meet Thursday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m. in the Barlow Board Room at Clackamas Community College.

Dr. Robert Davis, Ph.D., Director of the Clackamas County Mental Health Clinic, and Judy Smith, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Director, will give presentations about their programs.

The Task Force, which consists of representatives from various agencies and senior citizens from around the county, will also listen to and discuss several committee reports.

Task Force committees include: Health, Multi-purpose Senior Centers, Legal Aid, Nutrition, Transportation, Communications, Housing and Employment. Citizens interested in joining any of these committees should contact the Senior Council offices in the Clackamas County Courthouse at 655-8578.

Consumer Report

Marilyn Lunner
Oregon State University Extension Agent

Know the Roof Repairer.

This is the season when homeowners who need repairs to their roofs due to winter damage may get caught by roof repair "specialists" who collect-then disappear. The Portland Better Business Bureau already reports one such "specialist" who traveled across the state knocking on doors and presenting his business card. Although he told the homeowners his work was "guaranteed" and his firm "bonded," he left a trail of complaints. Work that was paid for in advance was never done. Or, when some repairs were done, the homeowners now find that their roofs leak as badly if not worse than before.

Before paying any money for home repairs, always check out the reputation of the business firm you will be dealing with. Call the Better Business Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, law enforcement officials, or building contractors' association for information on the firm.

tremendous gains in hauling agricultural products and livestock. Virtually all poultry, hogs, and cattle were shipped by motor carriers in 1971, and 50.6 per cent of all foodstuffs were moved by truck. Deliveries of sheep and lambs to market by truck rose from 67 per cent of the total movement

in 1960 to 95.3 per cent in 1971. Motor carriers also play a key role in transporting manufacturing goods.

Statistics on the revenue distribution among regulated freight carriers illustrate the predominant role of motor carriers, which in 1963 surpassed the railroads in terms of

gross operating revenues. By 1971, the motor carrier industry was receiving more than half of all transportation revenues, accounting for \$17-billion, compared with \$12.2-billion for railroads. Water carriers, pipeline, and airlines made up the balance. ATA estimates 1972 motor carrier revenues

topped \$19-billion.

Another measure of the trucking industry's contribution to the nation's economy is the sizable outlay for wages, equipment, fuel, and other goods and services which in 1971 exceeded \$92.8 billion. With the rapid growth of suburbia and changing

business patterns which accompany that growth, only trucks are able to provide a direct service to many areas of the country. Trucks traveled an estimated 140.3 billion miles over main and local highways, and 84.3 billion miles over urban roads and streets in 1971.

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Ted Garlock

Jim Patrick

Marguerite Kehrli

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