

# Sandy Post

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## How About School Unification?

The growth of the Sandy-Hoodland area is having a direct affect on the future of our school systems.

The obvious affect is the need for more classroom space in all the districts. Both Sandy Grade School and Cottrell Grade School districts are in the expansion stage and Sandy High School district is getting a building bond issue ready for this fall.

Also, Welches Grade School district will be making use of a trailer to house its music classes this year.

Boring Grade School and Bull Run Grade School districts are the only two districts which seem to have enough space to meet the increasing student load for the next few years.

Last week the high school board held an open meeting to discuss alternatives for its plan to expand.

One of the issues raised in the meeting by a resident, was why the high school and grade schools did not move into a junior high school program to meet the expansion needs of all the districts at once. He questioned the need for each district having its own expansive building program.

The answer to this question is it can

not be done without unification of the school districts into one large district.

The unification issue is one which has been pretty well avoided here in the past. But whether area school districts move to unify in the future or not, it could happen through a bill from the state legislature.

Again in this session, the legislature entered a unification bill onto the floor of the House. For the first time ever, this bill had the support of the education committee and was passed by the House. It then died in committee in the Senate after being introduced onto the Senate floor.

It is time for the issue to be explored and given serious thought by area school officials and residents.

Two important considerations should be: does unification provide better education for our students; and does it enable the better use of all current school facilities now in use by the six area districts.

It would be better for everyone concerned if unification came as a result of thorough study and work by area people and school administrators, than by a mandate from the state legislature.

## The Power Shortage

It should by now be abundantly clear that the Pacific Northwest is facing a critical power shortage.

Interior Secretary Rogers Morton warned over the weekend that if we don't start saving on power now, the situation will be even worse next winter or spring. His warnings have been echoed by Dan Hodel, Bonneville Power administrator.

The problem is primarily due to the long drought afflicting the Pacific Northwest. Unusually heavy fall and winter rainfall could save the situation, but probably won't.

The only solution is sharp cutbacks in power usage. Here are some suggestions on which all of us can act:

★ Turn off your television set, especially if it's color. One color TV uses as much electricity a day as an average American household did 30 years ago.

★ Turn down your heating thermostat, wear a sweater if necessary. If it's air-conditioning, set the con-

trols for a few degrees warmer.

★ Take fewer showers, turn off unneeded lights.

★ If you're in business, switch off unattended machines, cut down on lighted outdoor advertising.

★ Operate your dishwasher only on full loads, use hot water sparingly.

These are just a few suggestions. If we don't save on power now, a prolonged crisis may be inevitable. Industry will be cut back first but the average homeowner inevitably will suffer too, if not in use of electricity, perhaps in his job.

Perhaps 1,000 persons have been laid off already because of power shortages and if the situation gets any worse, thousands more will be without work.

Unlike some other shortages, this is one over which we can have some influence. Very simply, save on electricity wherever and however possible.

## Paper Shortage Causes Cutbacks

You may have noticed changes in recent editions in the Sandy Post and we want you to know why.

Our supply of newsprint has been sharply reduced. We face a situation similar to that felt by the gasoline stations owners this summer—the demand exceeds the supply. The inability of newsprint manufacturers to meet this year's needs has been a problem for the past few months. Also, strikes in the newsprint manufacturing industry have caused us a loss of paper that we will never be

able to recover.

It is our aim to provide the same amount of news coverage as we have in the past. However, stories will usually be shorter, pictures may be smaller, and some pictures may not be used at all.

We are here to keep the public informed with news and advertising messages, and we will continue to do so during this emergency period. We will appreciate your understanding and support until the newsprint shortage is over.

## Your Effort Needed

The next time you take a Sunday ride in the Sandy area notice all the tansy ragwort weed growing in the fields.

This poisonous weed is a menace to both man and animals alike. If not brought under control, it will continue to spread.

The key to controlling the weed is

the responsibility of each individual who sees the weed growing on his or her property.

It does no good for you to try to control the tansy ragwort on your property if your neighbor lets it flourish on his.

Let's all work together and rid this area of this poisonous weed.

## "The Reminder"



"A sign of the times."

## Interest rates may stay high

Interest rates for home building are not likely to go down soon.

That is the opinion of Jack Mahaffy, East County home builder, after his return from an executive board meeting of the National Association of Home Builders in Quebec recently.

Mahaffy is 12th regional vice president of NAHB and past president of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland.

The NAHB executive board members picked up some international views on housing problems in a joint meeting with the executive board of the Home Builders Association of Canada.

"The outlook everywhere is that interest rates are not likely

to come down for an appreciable time," said the Portland builder. "In Canada and in Europe they're paying much more in interest rates than we've been accustomed to paying and they also put a much larger percentage of their spendable income into housing."

Disappearance of available land for housing in the United States is repeating in many areas what has become standard in many European countries—the virtual elimination of the single family dwelling.

"That's why I say the fellow who waits for lower interest may never get a house, because

the time is coming when one family on one lot won't be possible except for the very wealthy," said Mahaffy. "The way the cost of good buildable land continues to escalate we can see the day coming when we'll be as much into multi-family housing—condominium, townhouses or apartment complexes—as they are in Scandinavia."

U.S. airlines are expected to increase their fleets by 1,000 aircraft to about 3,600 within the next decade, say government experts. The number of American pilots will grow from 762,000 today to 1,208,800.



A FIVE YEAR old Boring boy was killed Monday in a two car collision at 185th Ave. and Division St. Dead on arrival at Gresham Community Hospital was

Cameron Ray Bergen, son of Linda M. Bergen, Rt. 4 Box 1358, driver of the car at right.

## Future Farmers ready for fair

More than 2,000 Future Farmers of America will take part in FFA activities at the Oregon State Fair Aug. 25-Sept. 3, according to Raymond Rhodes, FFA division superintendent.

Almost 50 Vocational Agriculture instructors will be serving as superintendents and assistants under Rhodes, who is agribusiness Specialist for the state Department of Education. Mike McNulty of North Marion will supervise these instructors.

The State Fair is the

highlight of the year for Oregon Future Farmers. They exhibit their beef and dairy cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, wool, agricultural engineering projects and crop projects.

Numerous special events also are scheduled. On Tuesday, Aug. 28, the State FFA livestock judging contest, dairy cattle judging contest and dairy products judging contests will be conducted. Winning teams in these three events will represent the state in the National contests in Kansas

City, Missouri, this October in connection with the national FFA convention.

Normally, about 500 federal employees retire each month, but when there is a cost-of-living adjustment the Civil Service Commission and agencies are bombarded by retirement applications.

## Clackamas county denies development

The Clackamas County Commissioners denied a bid by Bonnie Lure Development Group for a development in the Natural Rivers corridor along the Clackamas River.

The commissioners took the action last week. The group has been seeking to develop a 100-acre recreational park.

The unanimous decision of the board to deny the request was made when Deputy District Attorney Robert Burns reported the development as proposed, "would constitute a trailer park."

The Clackamas County Natural Rivers Act as approved by county voters in November, prohibits the construction of mobile home parks, and trailer courts or parks.

Burns found the proposal did not constitute a mobile home park.

The Bonnie Lure group was seeking to construct facilities for 500 camping units on property located near the confluence of the Eagle Creek and the Clackamas River.

## Damascus School enrollment jumps

A full day of classes is scheduled for Damascus-Union Elementary School Sept. 4.

School will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run through 2:30 p.m. for grades 1-3. Grades 4 and up will run through 3:20 p.m.

Buses will run the same routes as last year. Principal Vernon Lang said enrollment at the school has risen from 660 students last year to 720 this fall.

"This area is growing by leaps and bounds," he said.

Construction of another elementary school has been approved by voters, though no

completion date has been set.

New students should report a week before the start of school at the office of principal.

Students can also register the first day of school. Price of milk will be 75 cents for the coming year. Lunches will be 35 cents.

Three new teachers have been assigned to Damascus-Union this fall.

They are: T. Swaney, seventh grade science; and H. Helsby, vocal music.

This will be the first full vocal music program available at Damascus-Union.

## Boy dies in collision

Cameron Ray Bergen, 5, Rt. 4 Box 1358, Boring, was killed Monday morning in a two car collision at the intersection of 185th Ave. and Division St., according to sheriff's reports.

The boy was a passenger in a car driven by his mother, Linda M. Bergen, 26 Mrs. Bergen's vehicle was traveling along when it collided with a car driven by Helen M. Andrews, 45, 2044 SE 185th Ave.

The Andrews vehicle was attempting to turn onto Division when the collision occurred, according to sheriff's reports.

Mrs. Andrews and a passenger in her car, John Q. Mundorff, 52, 2029 SE 185th

Ave., were both injured in the mishap.

Mrs. Bergen and daughter, Michelle, were also taken to Gresham Community Hospital.

Investigation into the cause of the collision was continuing early Tuesday. No citations had been issued.

## HAVE FUN!

Guess the Coming Day Attendance Figure (Aug. 23-24) At The 1973 OREGON STATE FAIR

Closest Guess Wins 4 FREE TICKETS To The Fair

Clue: Past years attendance figures appear in our Clackamas Section. Send your guess, name, address and phone number to: State Fair Attendance Contest, P.O. Box 1000, Salem, OR 97309. Entries must be received before Aug. 23. Prizes will be notified.

## COW POKES

By Ace



"Hey, Jake, it's them necks on hosses that you suppose to ropel!"

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KAWASAKI Northwest Amateur Motocross Championships/Aug. 29 & 30/Noon-4pm  
Professional Motorcycle Races-AMA Sanctioned/Labor Day/8:30pm

GATES OPEN 10 AM DAILY

HELEN REDDY Sat., Aug. 25  
All Seats Reserved \$5, \$4, \$3

JIM NABORS Sun., Aug. 26, 7 & 8  
All Seats Reserved \$4, \$3, \$2

MERLE HAGGARD Sat., Sept. 1, 7 & 9:30pm  
All Seats Reserved \$5, \$4, \$3

RICH LITTLE, Republic of China Revue and Oriental Fireworks Show/Sunday, Sept. 2, 8pm All Seats Reserved \$3, \$2, \$1

Admission: \$1.75 Adults  
.50 Children 16-12