

Voters set to go to polls

Next Tuesday, March 26, will be the day that Sandy voters go to the polls to vote on projected operating levies for Sandy Union High School and the Sandy Rural Fire Protection District.

No tax rate increase will be necessary for Sandy Union High School district voters if the proposed 1974-75 operating budget is approved.

Voters will be asked to vote on a \$1,024,597 budget (outside the six per cent limitation).

School support from the state level and increased property valuation within the district has helped keep the tax rate down according to Sandy High School Superintendent Joe DeMarsh.

This happened even though monetary requirements are up slightly over the current year, he added.

Projected needs for the 1974-75 school

year include staff wage adjustments, additional vocational curriculum, additional buses and higher utility and fuel costs.

Sandy High School budget committee members are Jim Turin, Welches; Howard Berger, Sandy, Matt Shields, Boring; Wilmer Buhler, Bull Run; and Dave Timm, Cottrell.

Sandy Rural Fire District is asking voters to approve a \$10,986 increase in their proposed operating budget. The total proposed levy outside the tax base is \$66,981.63.

The purchase of the "Dahrens property" on Bruns and Proctor next to Mt. Hood Cleaners is a major influence on the proposed fire district's budget increase.

The lot, which cost \$5,200, will provide for future expansion, including parking facilities for the volunteer fire force. The

department's present location offers no room or space for such expansion.

Fire Chief Bob Rathke also said that budget reserve accounts have been allocated for the possible need of more substations required by the district within ten years. He added that the need for such expansion depends on several factors, including population growth and land use planning.

Budgeted money will also go towards the purchase of a new command car and needed fuel storage tanks.

Three positions on the Fire District's board of directors are up for grabs on March 26.

Ronald Krebs and Jerry L. Lawson are both running uncontested for the two regular four year terms. Bill Richardson and Ted Yeager are vying for position number four, the two year unexpired term.

Land owners dislike plan

Most of the 100 people who attended last week's hearing on the Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan at Sandy High School criticized the plan's agricultural land use classification and proposed density per acre.

Addressing their remarks to the County Planning Commission, Fred Stefani, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and County Commissioner Tom Telford, cited restrictions placed on land indicated for agricultural use as unrealistic and unfair.

Due to a prior conflicting engagement, Commissioner Robert Schumacher did not attend the meeting.

As defined in the Clackamas County Plan, agriculture is land "where public water and sewers are not available, land is generally suited for production of food crops, and the maximum density allowed is one dwelling unit per 20 acres."

Maximum density proposed by the plan for forest land is also one dwelling per 20 acres.

Most of the land in the greater Sandy-Boring area is designated for agricultural

or forest use under the plan.

This classification is based on the plan's stated "urban containment" philosophy as suggested by the Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG). Area residents took verbal issue with the agricultural aspects of the county plan on several counts.

Many persons stated land indicated as agricultural land by the plan is, in fact, not conducive to farming.

One man explained his property, marked for agricultural use by the plan, is not really agricultural land at all. He pointed out his land can not even provide hay to feed his cows.

"My land is my investment for the future, and now you're telling me what to do with it," he exclaimed.

"Our furthest intention is to subdivide," a lady told the planning board and the commissioners. "But we do want to be able to leave parcels of land for our children."

She explained that under the plan's proposed land use provisions she couldn't do this.

Rural land owners who have held their property as investments to someday either be sold or be divided among members of their family, oppose the county's proposed 20 acre minimum division.

One area resident suggested the county come up with a comprehensive plan especially for farmers and their needs. His remark was punctuated with heavy applause from the audience.

Some persons at the hearing said they agreed with the overall objectives of the plan, but, they too, indicated a need to redefine the areas indicated as agricultural, and the 20 acre minimum division ruling.

Criticism of the county plan's treatment of rural land also focused on an apparent economic injustice.

Only the wealthy, who can afford to buy the large 20 acre pieces of land, can benefit from such a stipulation, stated a man at the hearing. "Under your plans, the

conglomerate farmer can make out okay, but the small farmer can't," he added.

In closing the hearing, Commissioner Telford explained the Board of County Commissioners reserves the right for the final say on the plan.

"We must now determine if the plan is sound," said Telford.

He pointed out the county plan must also conform with Senate Bill 100 and the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Concerning CRAG, the commissioner noted that CRAG's plan is without teeth in Clackamas County until the Board of County Commissioners adopts their resolution.

The Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners are holding public hearings throughout the county to gain input on the county comprehensive plan before the commissioners officially adopt its policies.

City council approves comprehensive plan

In politics, movements often end with either a bang or a whimper.

However, last Monday evening's Sandy City Council meeting ended with applause as the council passed a resolution adopting the Sandy Area Comprehensive Plan.

The plan, which was prepared under the auspices of the Sandy City Planning Commission, describes the commission's recommendations for future growth and development in approximately 30 square miles of land both inside and outside the city limits.

The adoption of the plan, which stands out as a landmark in some 18 months of work, was made with a few changes at the Monday meeting.

The changes that were made will be printed in a final copy of the plan which will be forwarded to the city prior to the final printing for review.

The planning commission approved the comprehensive plan for the area with the understanding that it shall review the plan and recommend to the city council whatever they consider necessary in December of 1974 and every year thereafter.

In a resolution adopted by the city council, the group said that "a comprehensive plan is necessary as a legal basis for zoning, advance planning and subdivision regulations."

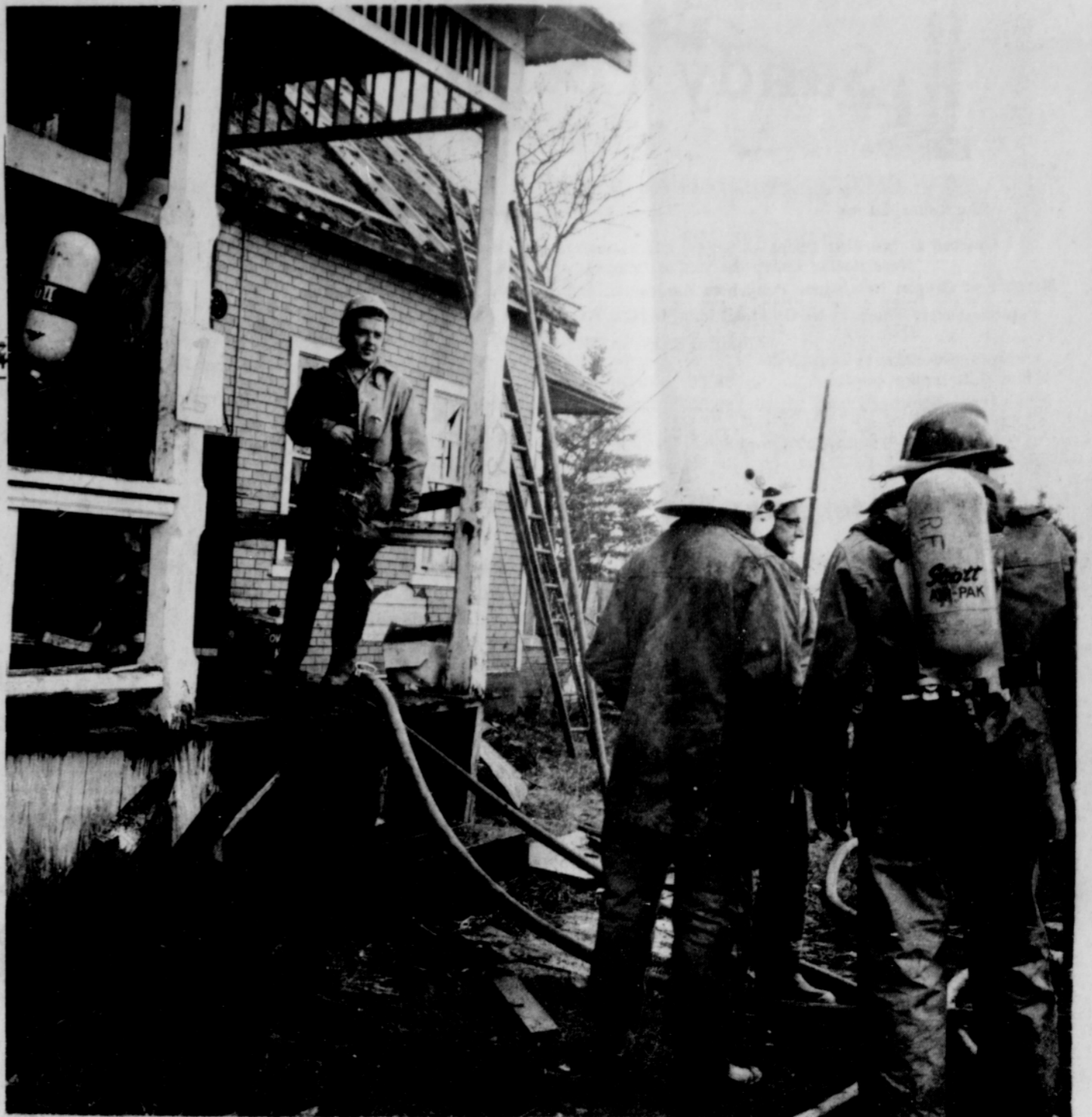
The council has requested that other public agencies adopt the plan so maximum coordination of planning and development may be secured.

The council also requested that the Planning Commission and Board of

Police continue investigation

The Sandy Police Department is continuing its investigation of the March 10 robbery of \$871 worth of goods from Sharon's Pantry at 101 Main in Sandy.

According to police reports, the thieves took sugar, cigarettes, turkeys, sausage and other items sometime between the time the store closed in the evening and opened in the morning.



THESE VOLUNTEER firemen receive last minute instructions before starting to practice fire fighting skills in Sandy last

Saturday. Instructors set fire to the house at the end of the day, so students could practice putting out a fire.

(Post Photo)

Like a house warming party???

House burning climaxes drill

The old adage that too many cooks spoil the broth apparently doesn't hold true for firemen and fires. At least that's the way it would seem to an observer watching last Saturday's firemen training drill in Sandy. Some 40 volunteer firemen and 15 instructors from the Estacada, Clark, Hoodland and Boring fire districts participated in an all day drill that ended with the burning of the old Bruns homestead in Sandy.

"This drill was one of the best we've had

in the area," said Sandy Fire Chief Bob Rathke. The Sandy firemen last participated in a training drill in Estacada in 1970.

Firemen had been preparing for the drill for five weeks before the Saturday drill in a training program.

"We wanted to simulate a house fire and demonstrate the safe way to do things," said Rathke.

The firemen obtained the house on the corner of Sandy Heights and Bluff Road from Baker Realty.

"They wanted to get rid of the house and we wanted to use it," continued Rathke. "It is very seldom that you get a house like this one to practice with."

The drill included ladder, ventilation, search and rescue operations and the actual putting out of fires within the house.

Don Blair, Sandy Fire Department training officer, conducted the day's drills.

"We try to teach our guys to do as little damage as possible to the house," said Rathke. "Sometimes water damage can be more extensive than fire damage and it's amazing what a little bit of water will do."

Rathke added that he felt that the realism of the drill would give the men more confidence in their own fire fighting skills.

According to Rathke, the men practiced the various operations of fire fighting and attempted to coordinate these operations like they would in an actual fire.

"In a real fire there are a lot of different things going on at once," he said.

For instance, sometimes before the search and rescue crew can go into a building to look for people, another crew has to get ladders to the roof so firemen

can cut a hole in the roof to ventilate the building.

During Saturday's drill, firemen went through search and rescue operations with dummies and practiced cutting holes in the roof for ventilation.

Rathke said that the entire training session for the men will not be over until the men view the video taped segments of the drill which were made and analyze their actions.

"It was a heck of a long day and a lot of work for the men," said Rathke. "The guys were here at 6 a.m. and the last guy left at 6 p.m."

During the day approximately 100 slides and eight rolls of movie film were taken to help firemen put together a training film to be used in the future.

"This was really a cooperative effort between all the departments," stressed Rathke. "One department couldn't have put on a training program like this alone."

Rathke also praised the Sandy residents for their cooperation during the drill.

"I'd just like to thank them for putting up with us," he said. "It really went great."

County libraries have plan

Copies of the 1974 Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan are now available at each library in the county's public library system.

Mrs. Jane Putnam, director of technical services at the Clackamas County Library, has also announced that the new county plan public hearing schedule is available at libraries within the county.

Nippert honored

Sandy basketball star Al Nippert was recently named to the Oregonian All-State lineup second team.

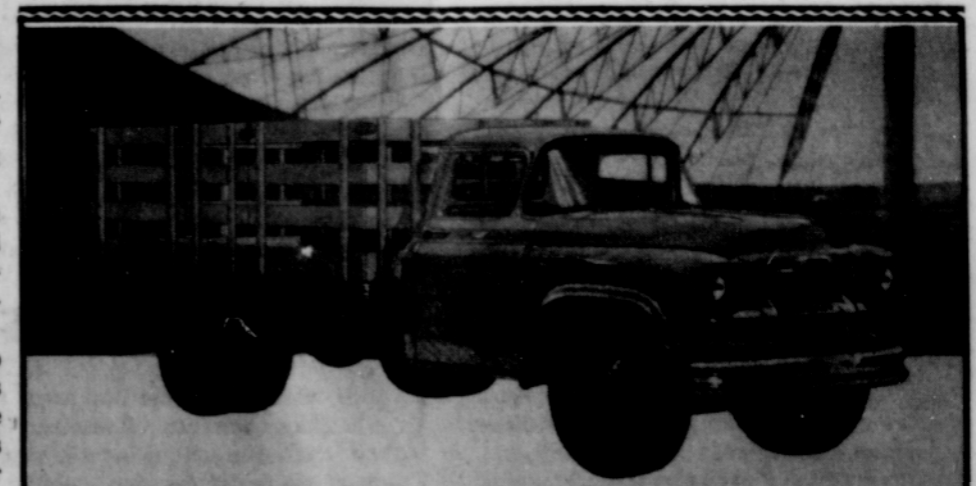
The 6-5 senior has averaged 20.7 points a game for Sandy High School this past season.



WAITING FOR PAPER... This Kiwanis Paper Truck located near the Sandy Oddfellows Hall off Proctor is open 24 hours a day for local residents to deposit

paper for recycling. The proceeds from the recycled paper go for the development of the Kiwanis Youth programs.

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