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Important elections

Three elections will confront Sandy voters Tuesday.

Area residents will be voting on budget levies for both Sandy school districts and the Sandy Fire District.

High school budget cut

Those who typically cast "no" votes on school budgets until the levies are decreased in amount should note Sandy Union High School has pared \$75,000 from its original budget

Polling places are the same as for the May 7 election, and will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to get out and vote on these measures.

Statistics on Sandy Grade

The Oregon State Department of Education has compiled some statistics which area residents should consider before exercising their right to vote on the Sandy Grade School District's 1974-75 operating budget Tuesday.

Average cost per student during the 1974-75 budget year in the Welches, Boring, Bull Run, Cottrell and Sandy grade school districts was \$1,000.04. Sandy Elementary was \$191.10 below this average.

During the last year, net operating expenditures per average daily

membership at each school was as follows: Welches, \$1,106.66; Boring, \$888.28; Bull Run, \$1,270.87; Cottrell, \$949.47; and Sandy, \$814.94.

These statistics are cited to point out that even though Sandy Elementary is often envisioned as the "biggest" of area grade schools, this doesn't necessarily equate to operating expenditures and costs.

People should also know that the school district has no tax base and needs voter approval to help pay necessary expenses in addition to county and state receipts.

Remember this

If people are really concerned about their pocketbooks these days they should take heed of how the Sandy Fire Department is saving them insurance money.

Due to improvements in the department's service its efficiency rating has improved. This means

people in the district are making a 25-30 per cent savings in insurance premiums.

The department's proposed budget is designed to further improve and maintain its excellent service. Those who travel to the polls Tuesday should remember this.

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Pickers

economic disaster unless something can be done to legally avert enforcement of the law.

A proposal by Hatfield and Sen. Bob Packwood along with Sen. Robert Griffin R-Mich., asks the Senate sub-committee on employment, poverty and migrant labor to clarify the provision of the minimum wage law that encompasses the threat to berry growers.

Hope is the committee will consider an amendment to the Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act that would give the secretary of labor authority to waive the age prohibition.

A letter sent by the senators to the subcommittee said the ban "has resulted in a curtailment of a significant segment of the labor force and is preventing many of these children—who look forward to their summer jobs—from participating in harvesting some crops."

Estimates of economic loss due to unharvested berries have ranged as high as \$10 million. Parents of children who intended to pick berries this summer, as well as area growers have complained to both state and local officials.

State Rep. Ralph Groener, D-Oregon City, empathizes and explains, "it isn't just the work experience, it isn't just the

fact that it prohibits juvenile delinquency down the road... it's the fact that we are going to lose farm lands. Farmers will be forced to sell."

Groener spoke out against the eastern politicians who are hampering attempts by Oregon's legislators to alleviate the ban.

"They liken it to working in a factory," Groener stated. "Well, that just isn't right. It's more like a family affair out here."

He described the situation as a lack of knowledge and foresight by eastern legislators and said their shortcomings are going to hurt the entire world in years to come.

David Nelson, executive vice president of the Oregon Farm Bureau said his agency is exploring all possible avenues to get youngsters into the fields this summer. Similar effort is being enacted by hordes of concerned private and public agencies and individuals.

Donald W. McEwen, attorney for Kelly, the Washington County berry grower who is challenging the new labor law in court, cited figures indicating about 9,000 tons of strawberries would be lost this year in Oregon and Washington because of the loss of pickers.

Firwood group sets workshop

Firwood's Neighbors Inc. will hold a workshop meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight (June 13) in Room 48 at Sandy Union High School. The meeting has been specially called to put the neighborhood preferences of the association's five communities into finished form for submission to the County Comprehensive Plan through the Sandy-Boring Study.

Much of the information that will help to describe community ideas will come from the questionnaires that have been distributed at recent Firwood's Neighbors

Inc. meetings. All residents of Alder Creek, Dover, Firwood, Cherryville and Hillcrest who have not yet returned their questionnaires are requested to bring them to tonight's meeting as a basis for enlarging road-by-road representation.

Questionnaires will be available for any resident of the above communities who would like to join with the group in the formulation of a land use plan for the area referred to as, and bordered by Firwood's Neighbors Inc.

"THE PINCH HITTER."



LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To the Editor:

We were abhorred by the pink sheet attached to our mailbox on the eve of a recent Sandy Fire District election and would like to express the reasons for our support of the district.

We have lived in the district for seven years and last year due to the new rating our fire insurance was reduced 34 per cent. That is a considerable savings in cost while at the same time we are receiving far better protection. We were also pleased to have a fire car with two firemen drive in our long (one mile) driveway to locate us in order that they would know where we were in the event that we might someday need them.

We hope that the voters will not be misled by propaganda, but will study the facts and support our Sandy Fire District.

Sincerely,
Lee Seeger
Joanne Seeger
Boring

To the Editor:

On June 18 the Sandy Grade School budget will be presented to the voters for the second time for approval. This is an operating budget for the 1974-75 school year and since we have no tax base it must be approved by the voters each year.

Many, many hours have been spent by the administration, the school board and a budget committee from the community in preparation of this budget. There are no frills or "extras", only what is necessary to continue the education of our young people.

Please consider this carefully when you vote, and please vote on Tuesday, June 18.

Evelyn C. Anderson
Chairman, Board of Directors
Sandy Grade School

To the Editor:

The long-delayed action by the Board of County Commissioners on the appeal from a planning commission denial of the Cedar Ridge development looks, from here, like a severe case of "buck-passing", aggravated by symptoms of "face-saving".

The commissioners did not bother to explain just why the legal services of the district attorney's office are required now and were not before. A lot of time and public money have gone down the spout since Himount's appeal was signed on Dec. 17, 1973. The commissioners did, however, appear to agree that there really has been a question regarding their legal authority to approve such a complicated and far-reaching development on a "conceptual" basis.

To the informed and interested bystander—and taxpayer—there is something decidedly odd about this entire case. The county planning commission and its staff, operating under normal

authorities, denied the Himount Land Inc., application after a most thorough examination of the proposal and a finding that the request for "conceptual" approval failed to provide certain specific and required data.

The real legal question would seem to be whether the county commissioners should have entertained the Himount appeal at all. Certainly the developer's refusal to provide the required information on his application does not appear to be a likely premise for granting an appeal hearing. No ordinary citizen who had failed to completely fill out his application for even a building permit would be allowed to proceed on the basis of his "concept".

If the June 5 question of "legality" had occurred to the commissioners earlier a great deal of time and expense might have been saved. After having been roundly abused by proponents of Cedar Ridge for my reporting of that first appeal hearing, I take some personal pleasure in reminding your readers that on March 14, nearly three months ago in both the Enterprise Courier and the Sandy Post, I raised exactly the same legal question the commissioners are at long last taking to the district attorney.

Further, on May 16, nearly three weeks before the June 5 hearing, Brian McGuiness in the Enterprise Courier also warned county officials of the dangers of getting caught approving "concepts" and cited the Oregon Supreme Court decision in the case of Eagle Park in Lake Oswego's Mountain Park development in which the court ruled that construction should have followed previously approved plans.

Perhaps we should all be happy that at long last the county commissioners are asking for legal advice on the Cedar Ridge case. But oddly, I am not happy about it at all. I hope I will never be happy with any situation that seems to say to me that a lot of money, or a big corporation, or a battery of high-priced lawyers can make a difference in how applicants for similar services are treated in Clackamas County.

Bill Sanderson

To the Editor:
Firwood's Neighbors Inc. would like to announce publicly that on May 16, official recognition by the Board of County Commissioners was received in the form of a letter signed by Clackamas County Commissioners Stephani, Schumacher and Telford, and presented by Commission Chairman Fred Stephani to the president of Firwood's Neighbors.

We gratefully acknowledge that the date of the presentation, according to Commissioner Stephani, makes Firwood's Neighbors the first committee of the Sandy Boring Study to receive county sanction as a neighborhood

association.

In compliance with County Order 73-1659, which governs county acceptance criteria, Firwood's Neighbors Inc. stipulates that the boundaries and communities contained in the charter have been officially accepted, and will enjoy the privileges and responsibilities as defined in the section of the adopted county citizen participation policy dealing with the functions and responsibilities of neighborhood associations: land use, parks, zoning, open space, housing, community facilities, transportation, traffic, and other factors affecting neighborhood livability.

Boundaries for Firwood's Neighbors Inc. shall be defined as those registered with the Board of County Commissioners, stipulating that the association (Firwood's Neighbors Inc.) will be bounded on the north by the Sandy River; on the south by the North Fork of Eagle Creek; on the west by Langensand Road; on the east, by the Wildcat Creek, and will offer membership to residents of Alder Creek, Dover, Firwood, Hillcrest, and Cherryville communities.

Sincerely,
Mary-Elizabeth Blunt,
president
Firwood's Neighbors Inc.
P.O. Box 206
Sandy

Rep. Al Ullman,
c-o Sandy Post

To the Editor:

This letter is to express concern and ask that HR10294, the Federal Land Use bill not be debated on the floor of the house until extensive hearings have been conducted enabling you and other congressmen to be better able to determine how the people feel about the federal government determining land use.

The City of Portland and residents of Multnomah County voted down city-county consolidation two to one. In Clackamas County, large numbers are concerned about the inroads of CRAG.

My point of view is larger government is being pushed upon us at the city, county, and even federal level, and we want some more information and time to decide locally.

I feel federal land use is a threat to private property.
Sincerely,
G. L. Meligan

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Bike taken

A ten-speed bicycle valued at \$110 was stolen from the residence of Alex G. Merliner, 1328 NE Hogan, Gresham Tuesday, June 4, according to police reports.

The thief entered the residence through the patio sliding glass doors, according to the report.

City council sets adjourned meeting

Recommended last week by the City Planning Commission, a request to expand an existing mobile home park on Sandy Heights road now goes before the City Council at their adjourned meeting set for Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

Hearings on the abatement of three dangerous buildings are also on the evening's agenda. The buildings are located on Tupper Road, Tax Lot 300; 119-121 Main Street; and 513 Hood Street.

Martin Boatwright, city engineer, is scheduled to give a report on the Hood Avenue project, Alder Creek water project and the treatment plant concentrator.

Meinig Park clean-up planned

Want to help clean up Meinig Memorial Park?

The Sandy Jaycees, the Sandy Police Department and Fire Department volunteers are cooperating in an all-day team effort to spruce up the park.

Bill Justice, Sandy Jaycee, coordinator of the project hopes individual volunteers will come out and lend a hand. The clean-up is scheduled to get underway at 9 a.m. Meinig Park is located down the slope behind the city hall.

Speakers missing

A stereo and two speakers valued at \$100 were reported stolen from the LeRoy M. Harvey residence, 17330 SE Pine St., between June 4 and 6, according to sheriff's reports.

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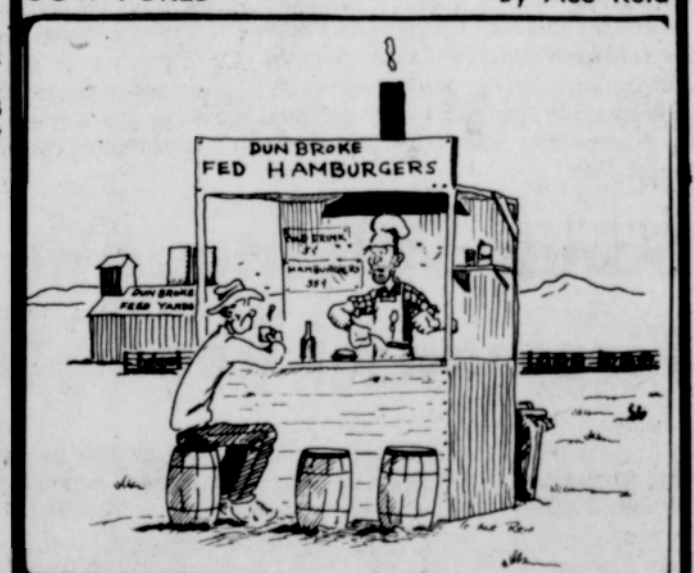
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