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The light approach

Early next week Sandy will finally have its traffic lights in operation, although there will surely be some bugs that need to be worked out in the first days the lights work.

With patience motorists and pedestrians in the city will soon have an easier time of getting around Sandy, especially during the weekend up and down the mountain scramble.

There have been dire predictions that cars will be backed up to Shorty's Corner on Sunday evenings as traffic waits for the red light at Meinig Avenue. More likely, local residents who have been dreading trips to the grocery store or even having to cross Proctor Boulevard will now have at least an even chance against the highway traffic.

The four lights, one at each end of the one-way couplet and two on Meinig Avenue where Highway 211

intersects with the one-way sections of US Highway 26, probably will cause a few inconveniences for drivers used to snaking into tiny gaps in traffic. But for those drivers who want a little more leeway and for pedestrians, the lights will mean a safe break in that almost constant stream of vehicles.

There could be additional benefits for city residents when the high speed mountain traffic has to stop for a red light. Many drivers now don't even get close to the 30 mile an hour speed limit, but most are more inclined to obey a solid red light.

Be careful during these next few weeks and watch out for the motorist caught unaware of a changing light where he is not used to even seeing a light and soon we all should have a better time getting from here to there in Sandy.

Just Who's Confused

Laughter of the year has to be the Land Conservation and Development Commission statement that Coastal residents "don't understand" what's being proposed for the Coast.

A series of hearings has just concluded on the LCDC Coastal plan and following the hearings, implementation of the program was delayed for six months (from July 1, 1976 to Dec. 31). This, the LCDC said, was because of objections by Coastal residents based on "confusion and misunderstanding."

The Vanishing Voter

Along with a lack of candidates this country faces an even greater shortage . . . voters.

Our record of participation in presidential elections is bad and getting worse. In 1960, some 64 per cent of registered voters turned out to elect John Kennedy. In 1964, the figure dropped to 61.8 per cent, in 1968 to 60.6 per cent and in 1972 to 55.7 per cent. During the off-year elections in 1974, only 38 per cent voted.

All projections indicate 1976 may be the worse yet. We're close to having the world's poorest voting record.

Why don't people vote? Legal reasons of one kind or another ac-

We think if anyone is confused, it's the LCDC. Coastal residents knew exactly what was happening and when they refused to accede to the LCDC, the agency beat a hasty, if tactical, retreat.

The LCDC wants total control over land-use decisions on the Coast, and few but rabid environmentalists think that's necessary. We doubt if the six month delay is going to sell many more Coastal residents on the LCDC program.

count for 26 per cent but a huge 43 per cent of those who don't vote say they're just "not interested."

And why aren't they interested? For many reasons, the major perhaps being the decline in influence of political parties. It has been said that when political parties do not function well, things go badly for America.

Further, people simply see elections as of no interest to them, there is widespread disillusionment that "my vote doesn't really count."

As the Christian Science Monitor said recently in an article on voting trends: "Voting is a barometer of the vigor of democracy. There is reason for concern today."

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Redland students accepted

bringing in the Redland students, the superintendent said, "I would have to take exception to polling district employees. Teachers are employees of the district and this board has to answer to the public."

DeMarsh said that the high school had sufficient lockers for the Redland pupils and that the number of food machines in the cafeteria had been increased recently.

He told one parent that if Sandy accepted the Redland students now, the state could not later force Sandy to continue to take them if this school became overcrowded.

When asked if the Redland students might bring additional problems into the Sandy school he replied that school officials in Estacada had indicated no major problems in the past. "There would always

be some problems with certain individuals.

Board member Wayne Johnson said he thought that with the growth in population in the Sandy area that the high school would "come into our own in about two years."

He recommended that the board vote to have the contract reviewed in February 1977 to decide if it should be renewed for another year or cancelled.

"I feel that this is going to add to our program rather than detract from it," acting board chairman Ted Wright said.

Board chairman Earl Meier had suffered a heart attack last Thursday and was recuperating in a hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Republicans to meet

The Clackamas County Republican Central Committee will hold a general meeting Wednesday, March 31, in Judge Bradshaw's court room on the second floor of the court house in Oregon City.

State Sen. Wallace Carson Jr. of Marion County will be the speaker. Sen. Carson, a Salem lawyer, has served in the Senate since 1967. County chairman Dave

Cargo urges all precinct committee people, including those who have newly filed, to attend. There will be state precinct training and door-to-door seminars.

'The Right-Of-Way'



letters to the editor

Wrong slant

To the Editor:

Just for the record, I wish to state briefly, that the March 12 issue of the Mt. Hood Community College publication SLOPE carried an article and an editorial on page 2 that erroneously criticized what they called 'the Forest Service plan.' There is no such plan . . . period.

There is instead, a plan which has been formulated by the Mt. Hood Planning Unit with information gathered by Bureau of Land Management, CRAG, the State of Oregon, Clackamas County, Hood River County, plus many specialists and a Citizen Advisory Committee of some twenty individuals. This plan is a culmination of nearly three years of work and reflects the possibilities and limits of the Mt. Hood area to provide sound public benefit. It has accepted and utilized a considerable amount of material and information taken from well publicized public meetings, where individuals and/or concerned groups were free to comment, suggest, criticize or give testimony. Public involvement has been sought in numerous ways.

A three-fold summary of the Mt. Hood Planning Unit's efforts is currently being circulated and workshops have been scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at the Welches Community Center (Women's Club Hall) on the Salmon River Road from 2 to 5 p.m. and at the Mt. Hood National Forest Service Supervisor's Office, 195th and SE Division, Portland, at 7:30 p.m. on April 6.

The SLOPE editorial presents a faulty, uninformed opinion by an equally uninformed young student. I suggest he attend one of the aforementioned meetings and acquaint himself with the facts.

Beth Baker

Member of the
Mt. Hood Planning Unit
Citizen Advisory Committee

Appraisals due

To the Editor:

According to Joe Guttridge of the Clackamas County tax assessor's office if you live in the part of the Sandy School district that is known as Tax Area 6 this year your property

came within the Jan. 1 deadline for the county's six-year reappraisal cycle, which includes your one-acre homestead, and any improvements you may have made to the home or other buildings on that homestead, that have not been reappraised during the past six years.

Exclusive Farm Use appraisals must be completed by May 1, but according to Guttridge, the county's farm appraisers have not yet been sent into this area to check qualifications for the newly-in-place farmland tax exemption. Most of the area lying east of

Sandy city limits will be examined by farm appraisers to check qualifications for the \$480 per acre rate for irrigated land and \$380 per acre assessment for dry land that applies to most of this area's "Class 1 Hill" tax category for "that land under continuous agri-use for at least two years prior to exemption."

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Absences protested

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To: Mr. John Uskowsky, Board Chairman
Cottrell School District No. 107

We, the undersigned group of school district residents, calling ourselves the Cottrell Concerned Citizens, request that you take one of the following steps in regard to board member Wayne Johnson's conduct since July of 1975.

1. Request his immediate resignation and advertise for a new board member to fill the position.

2. Declare his position on the board vacant and advertise for a new board member to fill the position.

Mr. Johnson's actions regarding attendance as required per O.R.S. No. 332.030 has not been satisfactory. When he has made it to the board meetings, on numerous times he has been late. His actions on the board do not show a positive concern for the welfare of the district, and we feel the district would benefit from his replacement.

We also take a very dim view of the entire board's actions regarding the way the board handled the matter after going into executive session on Feb. 18, 1976. The excuse that Mr. Johnson did not know about the above mentioned law, and he will not do it again doesn't make up for the past. When a board member or a citizen runs for election for the school board he knows he is obligating himself to the district for that period of time he is in office, and the only reasons permissible for missing any type of board meeting are those stated in the above law.

We feel that you, as chairman of the board, are required also to fulfill the O.R.S. law requirements by vacating his position. This letter is submitted as a request. If positive action is not taken our only alternative is to re-call Mr. Johnson.

We feel that you, and all other board members, should familiarize yourselves with the state, and local laws regarding school board actions to prevent similar problems in the future.

Cottrell Concerned Citizens

Editors Note: The original letter was signed by 17 members of the Cottrell Concerned Citizens Committee.

Board responds

To the Editor:

The recall action planned by the Cottrell Concerned Citizens' Committee against two Cottrell School Board Directors, Wayne Johnson and Ralph Stone, is one requiring factual information not given in the article printed in the Sandy Post, March 18th.

Mr. Johnson was appointed to the Cottrell Board in August, 1966, when Mr. Dwight Wilkinson resigned. During the nearly ten years of service to the Cottrell District, Mr. Johnson has dedicated many hours of meetings and planning to the community. A record of his attendance at meetings has been made for the 1974-75 year and for the nine months of the current 1975-76 year. During the 1974-75 year, Mr. Johnson's attendance at the regular monthly meetings was 91.7 per cent, which indicates that he was absent at one regular monthly meeting. Starting in July, 1975, and counting the nine regular meetings held through the March, 1976 meeting, Mr. Johnson has a 78 per cent attendance record, missing the November meeting when his father had open-heart surgery and the December meeting when he was at Clackamas Community College taking a final examination. Mr. Johnson notified the school office before both of these meetings and explained why he would be absent. According to board minutes, Mr. Johnson's attendance was discussed at the regular board meeting in February and the explanations as stated above were accepted by the board. On Wednesday, March 17, Mr. Johnson notified the school office that he would be unable to attend the regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 1976, as he will be attending the National School Board's Convention held in San Francisco as a member of the Cottrell School, too, as he is planning to attend meetings for small schools as well as the high school.

Mr. Ralph Stone was elected to the Cottrell School Board in May, 1968, and officially took office in July, 1968. According to the statement printed in the Sandy Post Thursday, March 18, 1976, Mr. Stone is up for recall "based on alleged improper financial transactions with the district." Exactly what this refers to has never been defined nor even discussed with the board. This recall action against Mr. Stone was unknown and had never been presented at a board meeting, not even the most recent regular meeting held Wednesday, March 10, 1976.

John A. Uskowsky,
Chairman
Ralph R. Stone
William H. McCoy
Wayne R. Johnson
Judith Lenchitsky
Supt. Jean Lundy

Keeping Posted

Community school registration begins

MONDAY, MARCH 29
Registration for classes in the Sandy, Cottrell and Welches community schools opens

today. Courses in the three areas will begin April 5.

The Clackamas County Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. in the county courthouse in Oregon City. Included on the agenda is a request for a conditional use permit allowing the construction of a nine-hole golf course in the Boring area.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30
The Sandy Chamber of Commerce meets at noon in the Foothills Inn.

The third of a series of public meetings on the Sandy Rural Fire District's comprehensive plan will start at 7:30 this evening in the fire hall. The plan will cover expansion of the district's main station, new equipment, personnel, volunteers and first aid policies.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31
The Citizens' Advisory Committee for Cottrell School will meet in the east school at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
The Annual Sandy Women's Club Silver Tea will be held in the city library from 2 to 6 p.m. The public is welcome.

Spring classes set

Spring classes begin at Clackamas Community College next week.

Open registration for any student who has not yet registered is this week in the Community Center Building. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and no appointment is necessary during open registration. Open night registration is from 5:30 to 8 p.m., starting Monday and ending Thursday, April 1.

Counselors will be available during registration hours, college counseling director Art Hames notes.

Persons taking non-credit community education classes may contact their Community Education Center for information about dates and times of pre-registration. Under the family plan, the second family member enrolling in a non-credit class at the same center pays one-half tuition. Senior citizens 62 or older may attend college credit and non-credit classes free, if they have gold cards.

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