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Sutherland Tribute Well Deserved

A well-deserved tribute was paid to Sandy citizen Clyde Sutherland at the Sandy Senior Center last Friday afternoon. A surprise luncheon honored the 71-year-old retired educator turned volunteer. It was attended by more than 100 of his friends and co-workers. Many of those who couldn't attend sent letters of congratulations.

Sutherland has made many friends in the area and has contributed much

to the growth of the community. His hard work and vision are particularly praiseworthy in the establishment of the much needed Sandy Senior Center. And he played an important role in the building of the pool at Sandy Elementary School.

Sandy is fortunate to have many service-minded residents and efforts by civic-minded citizens such as Sutherland should not go unnoticed. (SAL)

The Mudslinging Has Started

The mudslinging has already begun between Democrats and Republicans in preparation for the November presidential election. And we're sure that the bulk of it will come after the Republican National Convention.

It doesn't look like the Democrats are going to let Watergate due during the campaign. And recently, the Republican National Committee has

been spending loads of money in sending newspapers, such as the Sandy Post, copies of clippings from as far back as 1955 which cast Carter in a poor light.

It isn't a clear cut case of either right or wrong on the part of either party. But the arena is being set for a real knock-down, drag-out fight before the victor emerges. (SAL)

Merit Selection Plan Needed

At this time Oregon's appellate judges are chosen in statewide public elections. The Oregon Judicial Conference plans to submit to the Oregon State Legislature a plan calling for the selection of these judges by merit system. The conference also submitted a similar plan which was unsuccessful in the 1975 biennial session of the legislature.

We would support the plan proposed by the conference. The Oregon Judicial Conference is comprised of all district, circuit and appellate judges in Oregon. These judges are aware that most voters are ignorant of what to look for in marking a judicial ballot. There are several reasons for this, not the least of which is that these candidates for judicial positions do not talk about the

same issues which are expounded upon by other candidates. Any political statements by judicial candidates are generally considered unethical because such statements could reflect on a judge's lack of objectivity for a future case. Not that judges don't have their biases — but that is our present system of justice.

We would favor the election of appellate judges if we believed this would make judges more responsive to public needs and if we thought the public were more in tune with who are good and bad judges.

Unfortunately, there is very little information available to the public about a judge except his prior work experience and educational background. We feel the proposed merit plan would upgrade the quality of Oregon's appellate judges. (SAL)

A National Flower

Much publicity has been generated this summer in the search for a national flower.

We have a national bird, a national anthem, a national "uncle", but somehow we missed on a national flower.

A florists group sponsored a contest and the rose came out an easy winner ... 39 per cent of those voting.

But there were a whole lot of other—and we think better—suggestions. Daisies finished second, apple blossoms trailed. There was only minor mention of one of our

favorites, the chrysanthemum, and none at all of our real favorite ... the trillium.

The rose already is England's national flower so why copy the English? Moreover, roses are much more indigenous to Asia than to America. Fully 80 per cent of known rose varieties come from Asia, 15 per cent from America and the remainder from Europe and north-west Africa.

A rose is a rose is a rose but we would have preferred a trillium.

Too Young To Put Out To Pasture

There's a sign in the Gresham post office lobby which says, "Ability is ageless."

It's all the more appropriate this presidential year when, if we were to adhere to the typical retire-em-to-Social-Security-at-65 routine, half the candidates would be eliminated.

Pres. Ford, for instance, is 63, and if re-elected, couldn't even serve out the balance of his term. Hubert Humphrey and Ronald Reagan both

have reached 65, and would have been dumped earlier. Henry Jackson is 64, nearly 65 and he, too, would have been ineligible.

What we're saying is that if a man is capable of running the biggest government in the world (after 65), he certainly should be able to hold a work-a-day job. Mandatory retirement at age 65 is making less and less sense all the time



Weary Willie: "I just wish the Sorehead who mutilated this paper knew that I don't give a hoot which one it was!"

letters to the editor

Word twisting

To the Editor:

What made America a great land was that each person was required to take care of himself. The land had natural resources that people not the state could convert into needed products. It was his responsibility to take care of himself or starve.

In Texas they do not have a Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management. All of the land belongs to the taxpayer. Oregon's constitution read the same as Texas in that the state was not suppose to get any of our land, but we did not enforce it. Laws are being passed that will not allow the average man to use our natural resources. A masterpiece of word twisting is being used to blind us while the state robs us of everything of value that we have.

Everyone should take "How They Vote" Box 3256, Spar-tanburg, S.C. 29302. Then they would know how their representatives are really voting on issues that affect you. You will find that what they say they do and what they really do are not the same thing.

Massachusetts has a very tough gun control law. Whenever a person without a

criminal record has a gun without a permit, he must serve a year in jail. The courts were not to take into consideration that no harm was done, but if a criminal had a gun without a permit they weren't even accused of the gun control violation. The word twisters that got this law in used crime control to do so.

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Natural rights

To the Editor:

As an individual concerned with the continuance of this great country of ours, I would like to share some broad personal concerns with you. With the emphasis on our Bicentennial celebration, it would do well to remember the basic premise that the individual has the right to life, liberty and property.

Our founders believed in the natural right of man, who is more important than government! To them the only justification for existence of government was to the end that the state might be able to serve the individual so the individual could enjoy the right to life, liberty and property. The

government exists for the people, not the people for the government.

In the age where small business provides 65 per cent of the employment and 50 per cent of the gross national product, it is high time we protect our foundation so that the state does not fail.

We all agree in theory to a better social environment, but it has costs as well as benefits, and these costs must be shouldered by the public. Our constitution guarantees the right of pursuit of happiness and property, but does not guarantee happiness and property. We need to foster our freedoms and protect them with desire, pride and love.

Power creates the desire for more power and when you get more power you often overlook others' rights. Our government is limited by the will of the people and our constitution. It is now important that the givers are heard and protected and the takers get the backseat until our country gets back on its feet.

We can help ourselves by remembering what made our country great.

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Keeping Posted

Sandy police to speak at Chamber meeting

THURSDAY, AUG. 12

Oregon Trail Coffee hour will begin at 7:30 a.m.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 13

Members of the staff for Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) will be meeting in Sandy with city managers from the metropolitan area. The afternoon of meetings will be highlighted by a tug-of-war contest between the two groups in Sandy's Meinig Park at 4 p.m. The public is invited to view the competition.

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MONDAY, AUG. 16

The Sandy City Council will meet for an adjourned meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

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The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce Board will meet at noon at Babe's Big Pizza Parlour in Sandy.

TUESDAY, AUG. 17

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at Foothills Inn at noon. The Sandy Police Department will be in charge of the program.

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

The Barlow Trail hikers will put on a program in the Sandy Meinig Park at 6:30. The progress of the hike will be discussed and entertainment will be provided. Judge George Howeller will be playing banjo. The public is invited to bring a picnic dinner and attend the presentation.

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The Sandy Civic Center Committee will have its fourth meeting at 8 p.m. in the council chambers.

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The Sandy Area Merchants will meet at 6:30 p.m. at T.J.'s.

Boring schools set registration

First grade students and students new to the Boring Grade School District who have not yet registered for the 1976-77 school year are asked to register on Aug. 25.

Registration will be in the district office in the Naas Grade School from 8 a.m. to 4

p.m. Parents are reminded that immunization and health records as well as verification of age are necessary before enrollment can be completed.

The school year will begin on Sept. 1.

SUHS registration scheduled

Students new to Sandy Union High School district will register for classes Monday - Thursday.

Registration will be held for any student who did not attend the high school during April and May of last year.

On Monday, Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. there will be tests for incoming freshmen not tested last spring at Boring, Bull Run, Cottrell, Redland, Sandy and Welches schools.

On Wednesday and Thursday there will be scheduling with counselors from 2:30 p.m. - 8

p.m. All SUHS students have been requested to pick up their schedules during the week of Aug. 23-26. Students are also asked to pay fees when picking up schedules.

Schedules will be distributed from the office of SUHS Principal Bill MacFarlane. On Monday and Tuesday of that week, schedules will be given out from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. On Wednesday and Thursday, schedules will be given out from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and from 6 - 9 p.m.

Appeal brochure ready

The Oregon Department of Revenue is now offering a brochure titled "Appeal" which explains the process of appealing what a landowner feels to be a high property value.

The brochure uses cartoons

to get its message across and recently was given an award from the Oregon Press Women. Copies of the brochure are available without charge by writing Publications, Oregon Department of Revenue, State Office Building, Salem, 97310.

Burglary reported

Two sleeping bags and a radio were among items reported missing from a trailer owned by Harvey Schneider, Sandy, on Monday night.

Schneider told the Sandy Police Department the trailer was parked in front of a garage on Scenic Ave. Police say the burglary is under investigation.

County population to jump 60% in 25 years

Clackamas County's population is projected to jump nearly 60 per cent by the year 2000 but the rate of increase will not be as great as that experienced between 1970 and 1975.

The county's 1975 population of 202,900 will increase to an estimated 323,000 by the turn of the century, according to a recent study by the Portland State University Center for Population Research and Census.

But the growth rate, measured in five-year intervals, is not expected to approach the 22 per cent in-

crease in the county for the 1970-75 period. In that time the population jumped from a federal census figure of 166,088 to 202,900, based on a PSU estimate.

Ed Semprevivo, research analyst for the PSU center, attributed the more modest 25-year projection to two trends: a slow-down in the general migration to Oregon and a similar slow-down in the population shift from Portland to the suburban areas and communities.

Semprevivo said PSU researchers recently found the occupancy rate on living units

in Portland higher than two years ago, indicating a less dramatic movement from the city.

Broken into five-year intervals, the study projects the population in Clackamas County to jump to 233,000 by 1980, up about 15 per cent. By 1985 the projected rise is 10 per cent to 256,300; by 1990, up 17.3 per cent to 300,800; and up 4.6 per cent by 1995 to 314,900.

The growth rate in the county for the final five years of this century will have dwindled to about 2.5 per cent, with an estimated population of 323,000 in the year 2000.

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Local Representative

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