

CHRISTMAS PARADE, 1976



John Public: Merry Christmas, all you people!

letters to the editor

Quick rescue

(Editor's note: The Post received a copy of this letter addressed to the Sandy Rural Fire Department.)

Dear Friends:
 On Dec. 3, 1976 we and our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Beach and their four-year-old daughter Deanna, traveled through Sandy on our way to Central Oregon. About four miles outside the town of Sandy our friends were hit by the empty trailer of an out-of-control log truck.

Our friends were very seriously injured and pinned inside their vehicle. Their daughter was in shock and had head wounds.

Within 10 minutes or less your fire department and paramedic squad were on the scene and released our friends from their crushed vehicle. The medical aid and the fantastic equipment available at the scene to free our friends from what was left of their truck, was just marvelous.

My husband and I can never thank you enough for the quick response to calls for help, the kindness and wonderful assistance given to our friends and to us, even in collecting all available valuables from the wreck.

You have a very special and wonderful group of men in the Sandy Fire Department and Police Department. Thank you all so very much for saving our friends and their daughter. They may not have made it without such quick and efficient help.

Jerry and Glenda Raney
 8645 SE Roots Road
 Clackamas 97015
 P.S. With added thanks from the Roy Beach Family and Ray Table Family.

Sensible act

To the Editor:
 On Dec. 13, the Clackamas County Commissioners reserved their action of 1974 and changed the comprehensive plan to permit building in the floodplain under controlled conditions.

This is a very sensible act, and by being willing to change, the commissioners reflect credit upon themselves. Also deserving of credit are the citizens who attend the hearings on this issue and demonstrated that the people's voice can still be heard.

The planning commission and the commissioners now

face the task of modernizing the 1971 Floodplain Ordinance to comply with, but not be more restrictive than, the new Federal regulations.

My thanks to the commissioners and to the aroused citizens—between them they continue to prove that democracy can work.

John Schaumburg
 3410 NW Luray Terr.
 Portland

Dinner success

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Dec. 18, a spaghetti dinner was held for the benefit of the Bill Lukens family. Over 150 dinners were served. It was termed a complete success by everyone who attended.

Special thanks for their contributions to their help at the dinner must go to:

Mt. Hood Lions Club,
 Mt. Hood Sentries,
 Hoodland Park Thriftway,
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turin,
 Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith,
 Jack Callaghan,
 Mike O'Dea,
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Erickson,
 Hank Dalpez,
 Mayrose Godsey,
 Hoodland Volunteer Firefighters,
 Bill Steinbarger and Judy Jensen.

Once again the people on the mountain proved that the Hoodland area is the finest place to live anywhere.

Alan Jensen
 Wemme, Oregon

Need table

To the Editor:

I have an apology to make to the Retired Teachers Association (Barlow Unit) for omitting them in my last letter, it was an oversight. We are very grateful for all the food we received and also want to thank the Camp Fire Girls for their donation.

We also want to thank

Thriftway for the apples that were given. If I have missed any one I am sorry.

If anyone has an old useable table sitting around we sure could use it. Thank you.

Merry Christmas from The Volunteers of the Sandy Community Action Center.

Astri Torbergson
 Coordinator of the
 H.E.L.P. Volunteers
 Sandy Community Action Center

Generous people

To the Editor:

Many times our Highway and Road Departments are criticized for pot holes in the roads, money expended, etc. etc. We often think in terms of bureaucracies, "The Road Department," rather than in terms of the individuals that comprise that bureaucracy.

Our Clackamas County Public Works Department is comprised of some of the most caring and generous people in this county. This fact was demonstrated on Dec. 15, 1976 at the County Wide Christmas Party for Head Start children. Each Head Start child in this county was treated to lunch, presents of toys and a jacket as well as an opportunity to meet with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

For many of our Head Start children, this party will be the brightest spot in their Christmas.

The energy, dedication and effort put into this party to make it such a success needs to be applauded! Hurray for Clackamas County Public Works Department and all of the individuals and businesses that contributed to the party for making this Christmas a very special time for 92 children!!!!

Peggy Jo Mihata
 Director
 Clackamas County
 Head Start

Keeping posted

City Hall to close for holiday

THURSDAY, DEC. 23
 Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will begin at 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24
 The Sandy City Hall will be closed today in honor of the Christmas holiday.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25
 Christmas Day.

MONDAY, DEC. 27
 The Clackamas County Commissioners will discuss the proposed Switzer's Mill on Mt.

Hood development at their 9 a.m. meeting.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28
 The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at Foothills Inn for a noon lunch. It will be an open meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29
 A meeting of the Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) group will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Boswell, 21421 Firwood Rd.

Alien registration forms due soon

The annual alien address report program usually causes a sharp rise in the number of applications for naturalization, according to Lyle H. Dahlin, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The law requires all aliens in the United States, with few exceptions, to report their addresses each January. Throughout the United States, almost 30 per cent more applications for naturalization are received during the months of January, February and March than are received during other months. Mr. Dahlin attributes this sudden rise to the Alien Address Report

Program. Aliens not required to make this report are diplomats and certain international organizations.

Forms for making the reports will be available to aliens at all Post Offices and Offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service during the month of January. Mr. Dahlin indicated that aliens desiring information concerning naturalization or similar matters should obtain the forms at an office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service where personnel trained in these fields will be available to answer inquiries.

Closures announced for Sandy pool

Sandy Elementary School aquatics director Mark Smith has announced one additional change in the previously announced vacation schedule for the pool.

On Monday, Dec. 27, the pool will be closed to the evening adult swim because of the "Second Annual Alumni vs. Sandy High School Swim Meet." Sponsors say there has been much interest expressed in this meet which will bring

together past high school swimmers with the current high school team. There is no admission fee and the meet begins at 7 p.m. with the public invited to attend.

The pool will be open on Monday for the public from 1-4 p.m., as it will be each day during the vacation.

Vacation closures are: Friday evening, Dec. 24, from 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 25; Friday evenings, Dec. 31, and Saturday, Jan. 1.

Hoffmann announces Farmers' float

Agent Walt Hoffmann, Sandy, of the Farmers Insurance Group of companies, has announced that his organization's "When Knighthood was in Flower" float will be in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade.

The parade, which will be held each year on New Year's Day, will be the second float in

the parade and the fifth unit in the line of march. The parade will be telecast on CBS, NBC and Metromedia.

In keeping with the tournament theme of "The Good Life," Farmers' float will portray characters from King Arthur's court in Camelot Castle.

Counseling offered

Teenagers to retirees—the question is the same—how do I choose a career, what kinds of things do I like—how does that relate to my life's work?

For the ninth year the counseling department of the Division of Continuing Education-Portland State

University offers ongoing vocational counseling for women and men.

Counseling is available by appointment only, and those interested are invited to call 229-4825 for further information.

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We Wish You a Merry Christmas

It's time again to wish all our subscribers a Very Merry Christmas.

This has been a good year. Our area has grown, business is good. Other than the single exception of Mt. Hood Community College, our schools are operating minus the financial problems common in so many other areas.

We live in an area most favored by

nature in terms of climate, geography and environment. This is a good country.

All these things, however, are material. We are even more blessed in terms of the spiritual. The freedom to worship as we choose, to observe the Christmas season as is our wont. Merry Christmas!

Tri-Met Rides Again

The operator of the Vancouver-Portland Bus Co. recently decided he just couldn't make it any longer financially and announced plans to close down his operation.

So Tri-Met steps in to provide service.

That's great for Vancouver people who want to commute to downtown Portland. However, let's read the fine print.

Bus fares will pay only a part of the cost. What about the balance? It will be divided between the City of Vancouver and Clark county (60 per cent) and Tri-Met (40 per cent).

Which is a nice, cozy little arrangement.

What it really means is that Tri-Met will take over another unprofitable operation and finance it

with public monies. But why should Oregon tax money be used to subsidize an operation in the State of Washington?

Tri-Met, you'll recall, is financed by a widely-disliked payroll tax on employers. Tri-Met really has no concern whether or not an operation is profitable; the good old payroll tax can be manipulated to take care of any deficit.

But what possible good can a merchant in Gresham or Sandy or Tigard get from bus service to Vancouver? Why are Vancouver's bus problems taken out of our pocketbook?

Who knows where Tri-Met will stop? Today Vancouver, tomorrow the world?

Not Enough Water

To anyone who lives in the Pacific Northwest, it's difficult to realize that over half the world's population has only contaminated water to drink, if even that.

Here and in most countries of the Western world, all we have to do is turn on a water faucet. We have all the pure water we want, instantly.

But people elsewhere—mainly in Africa and Asia—simply do not have enough clear water, they sometimes do not have enough water at all.

Estimated cost to provide safe water for everyone in the world by 1990 would be around \$125 billion. That amounts to about 30 cents per person per year for residents in the so-called "rich" countries. It also compares to \$100 per person per year

being spent on arms by the same nations.

But even the United States may be running out of water. The water table is sinking in most places and a just released study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicates the Columbia river system no longer has any water to spare.

That which we do have is fully committed for power, irrigation or fisheries. Future irrigation needs are such that the amount of water held by dams may decline sharply. And to this must be added the continued interest by the Pacific Southwest in water from the Columbia. People in Southern California and Arizona haven't given up.

'No fines' days slated

An amnesty, of sorts, for Sandy Public Library patrons with overdue books, will last until Dec. 25.

Sandy librarian Margaret Crownover said the library will waive fines for any overdue books brought in until Dec. 25.

Mrs. Crownover said the no fine days were made as a Christmas gesture of good will, as well as to get books back for use by other library patrons.

A book drop is available for those who

cannot return books during the library's regular hours.

The Sandy Public Library, which is located in the Sandy City Hall, is open Monday through Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The library is closed Thursdays and is open Fridays from 2-6 p.m. Saturdays from 12 to 6 p.m. The library will be closed Dec. 24 and 25.

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Port seeks county man

A successor for Wendell Wyatt, former U.S. Representative who is resigning from the Port of Portland Commission, is being sought by Gov. Bob Straub.

Guidelines governing the Port Commission indicate the successor for Wyatt should be a resident of Clackamas County, where Wyatt makes his home.

Straub announced the resignation recently, adding

that he was accepting it with regrets.

Wyatt's term was to have expired Jan. 10, 1979, but in a letter to Straub, he said he was resigning because he does not have the time to devote to Port work, his family and his law practice. The resignation is effective at the end of December.

Straub's office said that since receiving Wyatt's letter on Dec.

5, the governor has been talking with Port personnel and others about a replacement. There have been vacancies on the commission in the past for several months.

State law states that the Port Commission should be composed of residents of the counties in the Port district which includes Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties.



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