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Fire Situation Serious

Fire and water.

Two of the basic elements on the earth to the medieval mind, they have also come to have new significance for the people of Sandy in this summer of '77, a summer that will not soon be forgotten by the local populace.

Called upon two weeks ago to meet a crisis in the city's water supply, residents now need to respond to a potentially even more serious situation: the threat of fire. Tinder dry forests, brush and houses pose a potential time bomb as long as the hot, dry weather continues.

In an attempt to publicize the severity of the situation, local fire chiefs met Tuesday to discuss the fire hazard and ways to combat it.

A topic that came up several times during the meeting was what one chief referred to as "apathy" on the

part of the public. While they expressed confidence in their men and equipment, the firemen fear that public refusal to appreciate the current danger could negate their best efforts to protect lives and property.

We hope that the people of Sandy and Hoodland recognize the need for extreme caution until conditions improve. One fire chief pointed out that "it only takes one person" to start a fire, and we encourage everyone to cooperate with the fire departments in their outdoor burning ban, keep dry grass and shrubbery to a minimum and maintain access roads.

As the people of Santa Barbara so painfully learned last month, fire is a terrifying and destructive thing. Let us hope the cooperation and care taken locally will prevent a similar lesson from being taught here. (DGG)

Metric System Sidetracked

The Federal Highway Administration, which usually does just about what it darn pleases, has withdrawn its proposal to install metric speeds on the nation's highway signs.

The reason? Mammoth public objections to the proposal. More than 5,000 letters were received, 98 per cent of them opposed. Not since air bags has there been such public interest in an FHA proposal.

Congressional reaction also was less than enthusiastic and the FHA has, as a matter of fact, withdrawn its proposal altogether.

Another Way To Collect Taxes

If your boss furnishes a parking place for your car while at work, better watch out. Big Brother is looking at you.

Latest proposal is that so-called "fringes" be considered income and thus subject to taxation.

That parking place, for instance, should be worth about \$2.50 per day which figuring your work about 240 days per year, would total up to \$600 per year. Uncle Sam would like to tax that income.

There are lots of other fringes

A New "Panama Canal"?

The ink hardly is dry on the new Panama Canal treaty and yet Pres. Carter is said to be considering another canal.

At least seven other routes are under consideration... three in Panama, two in Colombia, and one each in Mexico and Nicaragua.

It's entirely possible that talk of a new canal was aimed at softening the earlier demands of Panamanian strongman Gen. Omar Torrijos Herrera. His monetary demands were, as a matter of fact, sharply scaled down in the just-announced treaty.

However, the talk about a new canal is not just political in nature.

Another Government Survey

Wisconsin Sen. William Proxmire awarded his "Golden Fleece Award of the Month" for July to the U.S. Postal Service.

Proxmire was "honoring" the Postal Service for its \$3.4 million Madison Ave. campaign to urge Americans to write more letters to one another. That plus another \$775,000 to measure how the campaign was going.

Proxmire observed that people write letters for lots of reasons, but hardly ever because the government asks them to. Moreover, should a

government agency, he asks, be in the business of trying to drum up more business for itself?

Especially since USPS says it already is losing money on first-class mail... along with most other classes. If first-class already is unprofitable, why make it more so?

Postal experts, Proxmire says, thus far have been unable to tell if the program is working. So they may spend another \$1 million next year to find out.

How can the taxpayers be so lucky?



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CETA hirings urged

The city currently has a \$13,000 grant from the Land Conservation and Development Commission to revise the city's comprehensive plan and then rezone areas to conform with that plan by June 30, 1978.

To accomplish that feat in the allotted time, Helton said the city "should have a lot of staff input."

Right now the city planning consultant, Eldon Edwards, lives in Wilsonville and is "split nine different ways" because he provides services to more than just the City of Sandy.

"His time is spread out," Helton said, and a city planning assistant would be able to work with him and provide necessary background work to the city planning commission in revising the comprehensive plan. Helton said he was not criticizing Edwards' planning ability but wanted to provide him with the local support to get the job done.

An in-house planner would also speed up

the time that builders presently need to get approval for subdivisions and other building requests in the city, Helton said to the Chamber.

Helton said other business at the Monday night council meeting will include a public hearing on assessments to property owners for Local Improvement District 2 near McCormick and Wolf avenues.

Helton said two "housekeeping measures" will be the topic of a public hearing at 8:45 p.m. on Monday. Those involve zone changes for two areas recently annexed into the city.

That land includes the Anderson property, 2.81 acres directly west of Shalimar Avenue on the north side of Kelso Road, and the Clayton-Henry Property, 11.67 acres southwest of Meinig Road and south of the Frank Converse property and the Trimble subdivision.

The Sandy City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Manning the Post

The Kitchen Complex

by Douglas Gantenbein
staff writer

Although it's fairly common knowledge that Jim Kitchen was the third choice for David Douglas's head hoop coach position, I can't help but think they just got lucky having to go that far down the list.

Anybody who can take a team from 2-20 to two state tourney berths in the few years that Kitchen spent at Sandy must have the right formula.

I only worked with Jim for a few months, mostly while he was coaching the school's men's golf team. I never failed to find him anything but friendly, amiable and willing to help out but may lightning strike my typewriter dead if interviewing Jim Kitchen wasn't like putting socks on an octopus.

The problem is that Kitchen is such a nice, modest fellow that I don't think he ever really thought that what he had to say would be worthwhile, which was simply not the case.

The fact is that some of the best quotes I got all spring at the high school came from Jim Kitchen.

Take the story on a Forest Grove match, for example. True, Sandy lost so one would expect the coach to be a bit reluctant to discuss the matter, but I knew it had been raining heavily (Remember? The wet stuff?) and I asked him if the weather had been much of a problem. "No, not really," he replied, quietly studying his sneakers.

Stumped, I stared at notes, wishing I'd been sent to Gettysburg to cover Lincoln. Talk about quotes! I was trying to think of a way to ask the same question again when the phone rang and Jim picked it up.

Jotting down scores, I wasn't paying much attention to the conversation when I suddenly realized that a new voice was speaking. It was still Jim Kitchen, but now it was Jim Kitchen, Superquote.

"Hello..."
"Yeah, we lost. Got clobbered."

(Aha, I said to myself.)

"The weather was rotten. It just poured."

(Writing furiously now.)

"It was so wet they couldn't hang onto their clubs."

(With that, my story was saved.)

About a month later, the sophomore class at the high school was nearing the end of its record-setting volleyball marathon. I had popped in and out on them a couple of times over the previous two days, and although I had all the photographs I needed, I knew the hammer was about to come down if I didn't get some stuff to put in type.

They were just about finished playing and I was desperately trying to think of a lead for my story when suddenly I heard a

voice somewhere off to my left. It was Kitchen, talking to another coach.

"This just proves," he said, unaware of any eavesdropper, "that the human body always holds something back."

Boom. Instant lead paragraph.

So to David Douglas High School I say: Congratulations, you're getting a good man. But to the Oregonian or Journal writers who will be interviewing him now that he's in the Big City I make this suggestion: When you show up to talk to Jim, arrange for someone to call him on the telephone so you can take notes from that conversation.

Some reporters apparently have never solved the Kitchen Complex, and have had to resort to somewhat unsavory tactics. Over the desk of a former Post editor was a letter from Kitchen sent after the season was over.

It read: "Thanks very much for the fine coverage. The quotes I read sound more like me every week."

We'll miss you Jim. Good luck to you always.

Women's group meets Friday

"It's in the bag Bag" is the theme of the Sandy Christian Women's Club meeting on Friday, Aug. 19, at Oral Hull Park in Sandy.

The meeting will feature a

sack lunch party for mothers and school-age sons and daughters and will begin at 11:45. Those attending are asked to bring their own food in decorated lunch sacks or boxes.

Welches dates set

Students' new to the Welches Grade School District will have an opportunity for pre-registration during the week of Aug. 22.

Welches Supt. Jack Callaghan said pre-registration will take place from 9 a.m. until

4 p.m. each day.

Children must have proof of immunization before enrolling in school, Callaghan said.

For more information call 622-3165 and ask for Peggy Hergert.

Keeping posted

Square opening, Crazy Days Saturday

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

The Oregon Trail Coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

The Tickle Creek Five—a group of musicians led by trombonist and Sandy businessman Dale Nicholls—will perform during the Pioneer Square grand opening. The festivities are slated from 12-5 p.m. and will include ten businesses. Pioneer Square is the city's newest business area and is designed to offer area residents a one stop home service center. Tickets for door prizes are available at participating businesses.

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Youngsters ages 5-14 are invited to the Sandy Recreation Department's Crazy Days at Sandy's Meinig Memorial Park from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Games, entertainment and prizes will be featured.

MONDAY, AUG. 22

The Sandy City Council will

meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Agenda items include two public hearings concerning rezoning land recently annexed into the city, as well as whether to apply for CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) employees to assist with duties in the city.

TUESDAY, AUG. 23

This is "city month" at the Sandy Chamber of Commerce and Police Chief Fred Punzel is due to address the noon meeting at Foothills Restaurant. The public is invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24

The Sandy Chapter of Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the basement of the Sandy Community Action Center.

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Sandy Area Merchants (SAM) will meet from 7-8 a.m. at T.J.'s Restaurant. Interested merchants are invited to attend.

Registration slated

Registration for new students in the Boring Grade School District will be Aug. 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an abbreviated first day of school Sept. 6 when classes will be dismissed at 11 a.m.

The first full day of school will be Sept. 7 with grades one through three attending from 8:40 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and grades four through eight from 8:40 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served for 45 cents with applications for free or reduced lunches available at the district office.

First grade students must

have their immunization records complete prior to entering school.

Information on bus schedules also can be obtained from the district offices.

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Eiffel Overshadowed
France's Eiffel Tower, completed in 1889, was the world's highest structure until 1931, the year New York City's Empire State Building was opened after a record-breaking construction period of 14 months.

Open forests goal

A campaign to "Help Keep the Woods Open" is being launched by federal and state forest fire protection agencies in Oregon and Washington.

The effort is being kicked off with distribution of a brochure that points out ways the public can help by taking positive actions to prevent man-caused forest fires. The brochures will be available from all federal and state forest fire prevention

agencies in the Pacific Northwest.

In recent days, there have been dozens of forest fires each day in Oregon and Washington. While about 85 per cent of these fires were caused by lightning, public cooperation is needed to reduce the number of man-caused fires.

Trained fire fighters are spread thin and too many more fires could lead to the forests being closed to public use.

Dahlke graduated

Air National Guard Airman Lawrence M. Dahlke, whose grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Webb of 43233 SE Oral Hull Road, Sandy, has graduated at Lackland AFB, Tex., from Air Force basic training.

The airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

Completion of this training earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Dahlke now goes to Chanute AFB, Ill., for specialized training in the aircraft equipment maintenance field.

The airman is a 1976 graduate of Sandy Union High School.

to the editor

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To the Editor:
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relatives for their many acts of love and kindness during our recent bereavement.

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