

To remodel chapel

Community center seeks appropriation

On Jan. 10 Sandy voters will vote on a \$137,300 bond for the restoration of the Sandy Baptist Chapel for use as a community and recreation center.

The facility would provide meeting space for up to 230 people and banquet space for about 100.

In addition it would provide room for a historical display area, City of Sandy public meetings, the Sandy Senior Center and other civic and service organizations such as the Sandy Jaycees and the Sandy Pioneer Association.

The cost to taxpayers for the bond would be 55-60 cents for each \$1000 of true cash property value. However, due to the continued growth rate of the city, the Sandy tax rate per \$1000 would not show this increase, and the increase in assessed valuation for the city would absorb most of the costs to the taxpayer.

Also, City Manager Paul Helton points out that the renovation of the chapel would be a sound investment for Sandy.

"This would be a tremendous investment on the part of the community," Helton said. "Regardless of

the usage it should gain in value, and if we decide to for a civic center it could act as a down payment.

Helton was referring to long-range city plans that call for the construction of a full scale civic building, something the city will probably need after another five years at the current growth rate.

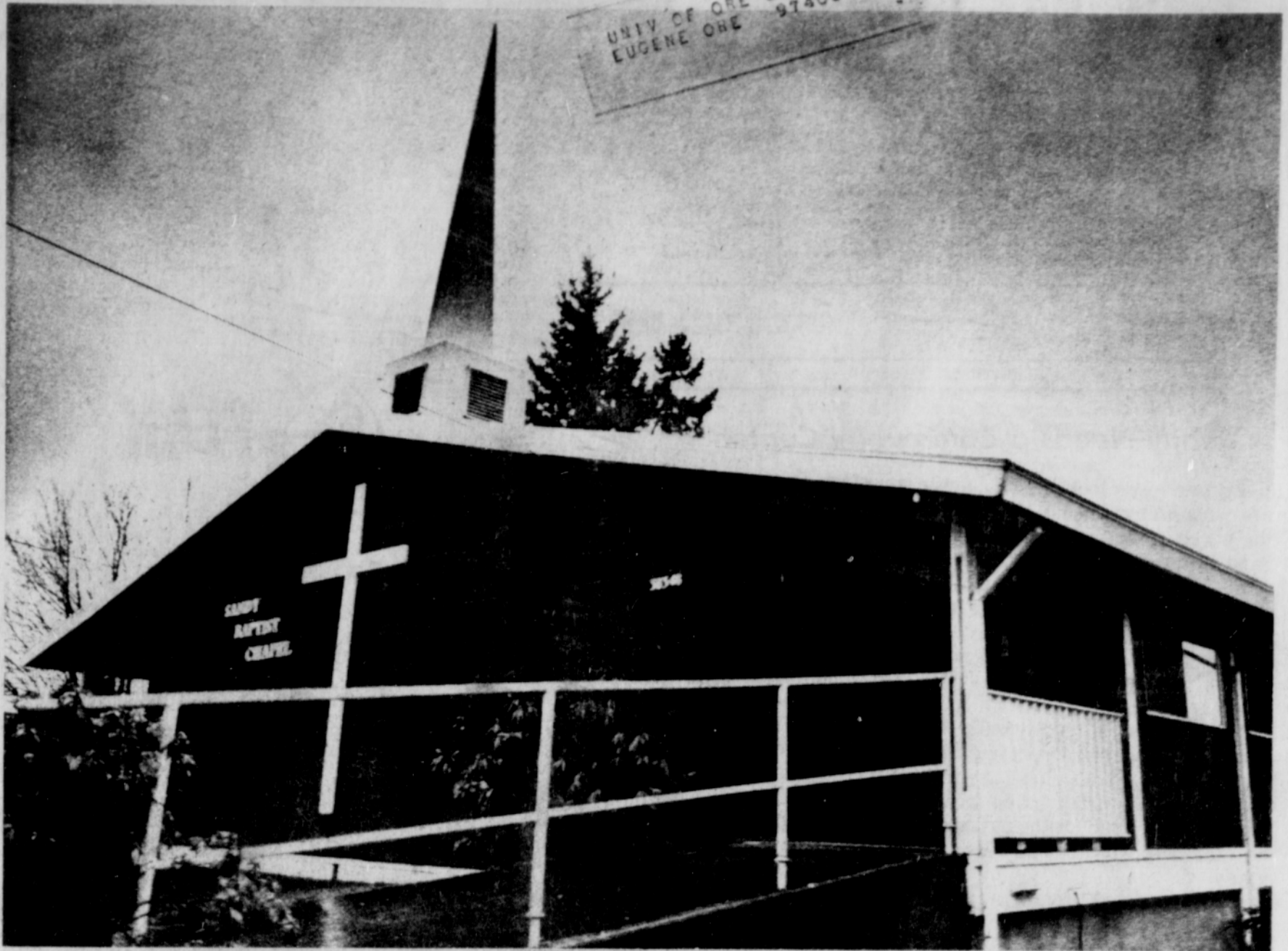
But Helton feels that for immediate needs the chapel "will do a good job for the city."

"It will take care of the immediate needs of Sandy service organizations as well as the Sandy Senior Center," he said.

In addition, the chapel would save the city \$2,700 annually in rent currently paid to the Odd Fellows Lodge for the senior citizen program.

Voting for the bond will take place Jan. 10 at the Sandy city hall.

Absentee ballots are available by contacting the elections department of the county courthouse in Oregon City. Those people using an absentee ballot must allow time for the ballot to be sent in by 8:00 p.m. the day of the election, and the ballot request must be presented in writing or in person.



THE SANDY Baptist Chapel will become a multi-purpose community center if voters approve a \$137,300 bond measure Jan. 10.

Expansion of elementary school subject of Jan. 10 bond

This Tuesday Sandy voters will decide a \$3,485,000 bond issue for the expansion of Sandy Elementary facilities to meet a rapidly worsening space shortage.

The bond will be used to finish the current Firwood School building and construct a complete starter school. The elementary board has voted to build the new school in the Kelso area barring unforeseen complications.

Superintendent Clark Lund said that at the present time the district is badly overcrowded and is currently in need of eight additional classrooms. As a result of the overflow enrollment several classes have been juggled between the various school buildings.

The current enrollment at Sandy Elementary is 1,471 students. This is expected to increase to 1,761 by 1981.

If the bond is passed the district would begin construction on the Firwood addition this spring, with a completion date set for March of 1979.

The Firwood addition would provide the district with five additional classrooms, including facilities for music classes, special education and a multi-purpose indoor play area.

For the new starter school, the decision to build a complete facility caps almost a year of work by the board to determine the best course the district could take to meet the demands of a growing population. Among the alternatives discussed but not adopted was the year-round school system.

In deciding to build at the district's Kelso property, the board has chosen a "neighborhood centered" concept in which schools serve a local area, rather than a specific age group from the whole district.

While some school needs, such as food service, are less efficient in such a school the district will save a considerable amount on transportation, one of the most expensive items on the budget.

In addition, the board was leery of developing a "super school" at Firwood and destroying its unique educational atmosphere. It also was felt that a school in the Kelso area would strengthen the bond between patrons and the school in that area.

The new school would probably be completed, sometime during the fall of 1979.

In presenting his district's plans to the Sandy Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, Lund noted that while final approval on the Kelso site has not been given by the county planning commission the district's architect's firm had been in touch with county officials and had come across no opposition.

Lund said that although final plans for the Kelso school had not been drawn up, the board and the architects had come up with what he felt was an accurate cost figure by computing population, space and equipment needs. The elementary superintendent emphasized that the district would not

spend any of the bond measure that was not used in the construction program.

Lund told the chamber that the bond would mean approximately two additional property tax dollars for each assessed thousand dollars value. This would translate into about \$60 for a \$30,000 home.

However, the assessed value for the greater Sandy area is expected to increase by at least eight percent in the years to come, which would mean a reduction in each year's property tax on the bond due to the increased tax base.

Interested patrons will have an opportunity to discuss the bond measure with Lund at an informal coffee hour to be held at the Firwood School Thursday night. The meeting, sponsored by the Firwood PTA, is set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. the same evening Lund will address the Sandy Kiwanis concerning the bond measure.

Polling places for the election are as follows: Cottrell School: precincts 402 and 404; Firwood School: precincts 372, 374 and 382; City Hall: precincts 101, 102 and 371 and Sandy Union High School: precincts 373 and 375.

In addition, absentee ballots are available by presenting a written or in-person request at the county courthouse in Oregon City. Absentee ballots must be received by 8 p.m. the day of the election to be counted.

Two Portlanders injured when truck cliff-dives

The truck was destroyed in the crash. "Luck was on their side," said a spokesman for the Oregon State Police. "Most of the time people don't make it

when they go over that cliff."

The curve has been the site of several serious accidents during the past few years.

Deputy clerks to assist with voter registration

Two deputy clerks have been appointed to assist with voter registration in the Sandy City Library.

The deputies, Margaret Crownover and Susan Newlands, are regular employees of the city and are providing this as a public service, said Clackamas County Clerk George D. Poppen. Their assistance will be available during their normal office hours.

"While deputy clerks may assist voters in filling out registration forms, their main function is to issue certificates of registration," said Poppen.

Certificates of registration are issued to everyone who registers or re-registers after the poll books have been printed for any election. These certificates must be turned in to the election board at the polling place before these voters can receive their ballot.

"Having deputy clerks in Sandy should make it easier for people in this area to register at the last minute," Poppen noted. "These deputies will be able to direct the voters to their assigned polling place. This should ease the last minute rush at the county courthouse on election day."

Poppen said publicity surrounding the primary and general elections causes many people to register at the last minute to vote in these elections.

"Deputy clerks will be especially helpful during the large elections, but will be able to assist for every city election and special district election as well."

Poppen said those who have moved, changed their name or intend to change their political party must register to be eligible to vote.



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After debate

City council elects planners

After two votes, the Sandy City Council Monday night named Bill Sundin and Ben Salisbury to the Sandy Planning Commission.

The second vote was taken after the first resulted in a tie between Sundin, Salisbury and Joe Cejka.

In an executive session before Monday night's council meeting and then in open meeting, Councilman Jim Duff expressed concern that the Sandy Planning Commission was becoming heavily weighted with business people.

"I'm not anti-business and it's nothing against their judgement," said Duff, who teaches at Sandy Elementary School. "I would have complained just as much if there were five teachers or five anything else on the commission."

Duff said he believed the planning commission should get representation from the business as well as non-business sectors of the city. "We have 2,482 people in the community and somewhere around 150 in business. I wanted a little more representation from the other people in the community."

Sundin is a pilot for Hughes Air West and resides at 16840 Hoffman Lane. Salisbury is owner of Baert's Metals in the Sandy Industrial Park and lives at 39565 Scenic Avenue.

Others considered for berths on the planning commission included Howard Berger, 38015 Jonsrud Lane, a retired banker; Meri Lang, 39430 Gary Street, owner of Sandy Country Florist; Gary Davidson, 14931 Bluff Road, teacher; Tom Window, 19040 SE Bornstedt, insurance salesman; and Cejka, 36326 Biotano Road, owner of the Sandy Coast to Coast Store.

Both Cejka and Window live outside the city limits and the others live within the city limits.

Going on record in opposition to Duff's remarks were councilmen Warren Decker, Bruce Cook and Vern Richards.

"You're casting aspersions (against businessmen) that are unwarranted," said Richards, who cited several examples of businessmen who had made decisions that went against their business interests.

Cook said Duff's remarks challenged the credibility of the business people.

"The members of the planning board who have served since I have been a resident of the city have done the job to the best of their ability," said Richards. "They've done a conscientious job and they should be commended for their unselfish efforts on behalf of the city."

Richards said the fact that businessmen are more interested in serving on the board than the average non-business resident should not be used to keep businessmen from serving in public office.

"As publically elected officials we have done our best to appoint members who we felt are willing to serve," he added.

The Sandy Municipal Codes says at least five members of the seven member planning commission must live in the city limits and that only two members may be non-residents within the Sandy Comprehensive Plan.

Right now there are six residents on the planning commission and one non-resident member. On the commission are Bette Herzog, Ron Norquist, Stan Wright, Ken Hallgren and Marion James. Of those persons, all are in business in Sandy with the exception of Mrs. James.

Sundin and Salisbury were appointed to fill vacancies created after the resignations of Tom Sullivan and Kay McCurdy. The two new commissioners were sworn into office Wednesday night.

Fires fewer in 1977

The Sandy Fire Department has reported a 37 percent decrease in the number of domestic house fires during 1977.

Overall, fire department calls rose from 595 in 1976 to 641 in 1977.

Assistant Chief Don Armintrout credited much of the decrease in house fires to the department's two-year-old fire prevention program, which seeks to educate area residents in ways to prevent fires or reduce their consequences.

Armintrout, who acts as the department's fire prevention officer, said that the program utilizes such things as school and public education programs along with smoke detector sales.

Armintrout said he was available to any group at any time to discuss fire prevention.

Two Portland residents were injured, one critically, early Monday afternoon when their rental truck slid across Highway 26 near Government Camp and plunged down an approximately 300 foot cliff.

Other area media reported the truck plunged 2,000 feet down the embankment. However, those at the scene of the wreck said those reports were erroneous.

The two were identified as David John Bowles, 24, and his wife, Susan Lynn Bowles, 25, of 645 SE 46th Ave., in Portland.

A spokesman for Alpine Ambulance in Sandy said Mrs. Bowles suffered from four fractured neck vertebrae in the crash. A spokesman for Gresham Community Hospital listed her condition as "critical" on Wednesday.

Oregon State Police said the accident happened at about 2 p.m. when David Bowles was driving down from the Mt. Hood area and rounded a "big, sweeping curve," near Milepost 52.

When Bowles attempted to stop on the ice his brakes locked and the truck went over the guardrail and down the cliff. His wife was thrown from the truck as it tumbled down.

Bowles walked away from the accident with minor injuries, according to Alpine Ambulance.



Don't forget!

THE SANDY Fire Department has a new phone number for emergency calls in the Sandy area, 668-7474. This number will hook you in to the ultra-modern C-Com Clackamas County Communications System. For people with Estacada phone numbers the fire number is now 638-4141. If you haven't gotten a phone sticker in the mail, they are available by contacting the Sandy fire Department.