

In Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, per year	\$5.00	In Northwest and Pacific Coast States outside Oregon per year	\$7.00
Servicemen, any address	\$5.00	Outside Northwest and Pacific Coast states, per year	\$9.00
In Oregon, outside Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, per year	\$6.00		

Sandy Needs a Community Center

Anyway we look at it, city residents will come out ahead with the purchase and renovation of the Sandy Baptist Chapel for use as a multi-purpose community center.

Much has been said about the building's potential uses as a permanent home for the Sandy Senior Center. No doubt it would make a good one.

But our reasons for favoring the purchase go beyond supporting that excellent program. There are few times that voters are asked to approve a bond issue for the purchase of a building which would serve so many.

The renovated facility would provide adequate space for a historical display area, public

meetings, banquets for up to 100 people and meeting rooms for numerous civic and service organizations.

The time is right for a community center for Sandy, and the concept has received the enthusiastic support of such groups as the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce, Sandy Golden Age Club, Sandy Kiwanis and Barlow Trail Retired Teachers.

Financially, the purchase would be a wise one and we believe the city has a good offer from the Sandy Baptist Chapel. Add our voice to those who have come out in support of the bond issue. We don't think voters will go astray by marking their ballots "yes" to give Sandy a community center. (SAL)

School Needs More Space

On Jan. 10 Sandy voters will be asked to vote on a bond measure for a Sandy Elementary school district building program totaling \$3,485,000—the largest ever.

There is no question that the district has a space problem. Badly overcrowded now, the district faces an even worse space crunch over the four years as the student population is expected to increase from 1,471 to 1,761 by 1981. There is a definite need for the new school and the Firwood addition.

The question is whether or not the district has seen to it that this money will be spent so as to maximize its benefit to each student. We believe they have.

The elementary board began work on the problem over a year ago. They have given full consideration to the alternatives brought before them, such as construction or year-

round school, and have tried to the fullest to gather patron input on this important decision.

Even when the board had apparently decided last month to build a complete new school at the Firwood site several of its members were big enough to later admit that this decision might have been hasty. As a result, the board now favors a school built at Kelso, a site we believe better meets the district's educational needs while maintaining Sandy's "small town" school atmosphere.

For these reasons, The Post stands behind the district's bond measure and urges a "yes" vote on Jan. 10. The board and the district have earned the trust that an affirmative vote shows by seeing to it that the money will be spent in the best possible way.

(DGG)

Interesting Race Looms

Other than amongst professional educators, there usually isn't too much interest in the office of state school superintendent. There is this time.

Not only has incumbent Superintendent Verne Duncan filed for reelection, but also in the race are Dr. Ruth McFarland, an instructor at Mt. Hood Community College and State Sen. Fred Heard of Klamath Falls.

Others may file but those already in the race—Duncan, McFarland and Heard—assure a lively campaign.

If no candidate receives a majority of votes in the May

primary, the two top finishers will face each other in November.

As an incumbent, Duncan probably has an early edge. Heard, however, has been campaigning for months, has an organization already in the field, and has considerable name familiarity because of his tenure in the state legislature.

McFarland isn't as well known as the other two and faces an uphill battle. She should do well in the Portland metropolitan area, however, where most statewide races are decided.

The office of state superintendent is an important one and the early entry of three qualified people into the contest is a good sign.

Manning the Post

No magic formula seen for making resolutions

By Sue Lafky
Sandy Post editor

There may be a magic formula for making successful New Year's resolutions, but so far I've failed to learn the winning combination.

My only knowledge consists of a few ways not to ring in the new year with good intentions.

For instance one year, banking on brevity, I decided to try the "all or nothing approach." It was one of the shortest, most comprehensive resolutions ever made.

"This year I will not make a mistake."
The burden of the vow began to hang heavy just a

few minutes after midnight on Jan. 1. One slip of the tongue, one stumble and the whole year was in jeopardy.

Even my thoughts were suspect. I dared not move for fear that my good intentions would go down the drain.

Needless to say, that New Year's resolution was past tense by the time the band struck up the national anthem for the Rose Bowl game. So much for generalities.

The next year I decided that being more specific might make the task easier.

"Pick out a few things that are short term goals," advised a good friend. "Keep them realistic."

Before New Year's Eve

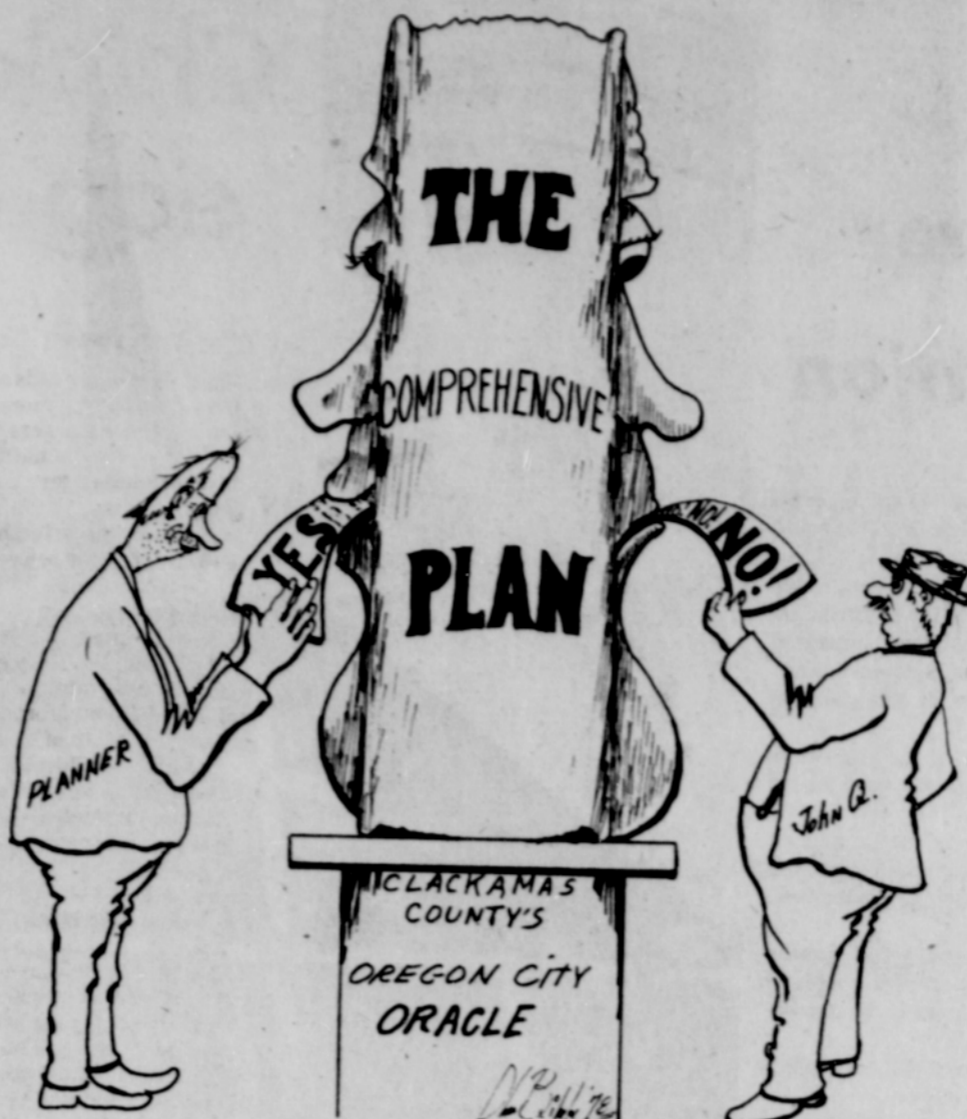
was over I had 32 resolutions. "Good grief," gasped my friend. "Even Moses only had ten commandments when he came down from Mt. Sinai."

And so it went.

This year I decided to take a fresh approach to the New Year's syndrome: I only made resolutions for other people.

So far I haven't heard how my family and friends are living up to the goals I've set for them. Rumor has it I may never hear from them.

But meanwhile, the new year is starting out just fine for me and I don't have to worry about trying to keep all those New Year's promises.



Letters to the editor

Good program

To the Editor:

I want to commend our music teacher at Welches School. He put on a very interesting and entertaining Christmas program. He seems very talented and interested in our students.

I would also like to compliment our principal on a superior job.

Being a teacher or a principal these days is a very hard and demanding job. I'm sure if many of the parents spent a couple of days at our school they would appreciate our faculty much more.

Sincerely,
Cindy Grenvik
Box 407
Brightwood,
97011

Editor's note: The superintendent-principal at Welches is Jack Callaghan and the music teacher is Tim McCarthy.

Yes for schools

To the Editor:

I heartily support the upcoming Sandy Elementary School District bond election to complete the Firwood School and build a starter school at Kelso.

Our elementary schools are badly over crowded with eight displaced classrooms. A look at the housing starts within the district, as well as the projections by state and local authorities, indicate a continued high growth rate.

Our school board has studied the problem for some time and after public input on the several alternatives, the board has concluded that the proposed building program best meets the present educational needs of the district. Let us support that decision by voting "yes" on Tuesday.

Joanne Seeger
35170 SE Hwy. 211
Boring, Ore. 97009

Vote yes

To the Editor:

At Christmas time three years ago we asked Dick Halvorson, at the Sandy Senior Citizens Center, for the name of a senior citizen who had no family and would welcome some company during the holidays.

He gave us the name of a 76-year-old lady whose nearest relative is a brother in Canada. On Christmas Eve we went to see her for the first time and were so captivated by her we couldn't wait to return on Christmas day. This was only the beginning and now she is like a member of our family. Even our dogs are best friends.

Whenever she needs something we can't help her with all we have to do is phone Dick at the Senior Citizens Center and he takes care of it. He has even cut wood for her himself, including some he brought from his own property.

Dick and his wife visit our friend and if they are going out of town always phone or

stop by to see she is okay before they leave.

My husband's mother lives in a big city in California and is blind and in a wheelchair. We have attempted to get help for her through the senior center there, including transportation to the nursing home where her husband is confined, but were unable to do so. They don't even have the Meals on Wheels program like we do here.

Our local Senior Citizens Center provides services to many who would otherwise be without help. I urge all of you to vote yes on the bond election on Jan. 10 for the purchase of the Sandy Baptist Chapel to be used as a community center for Sandy. This community center would also house the Sandy Senior Center.

I would also like to ask anyone with a little spare time and a lot of love to adopt a senior citizen. It is one of the nicest things that has ever happened to our family.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Donna Ferguson
P.O. Box 625
Sandy

many people it serves.

One must visit the center, talk and listen to people in the program to fully appreciate the many fine things the program provides—especially a feeling of belonging, caring and well being for the older members of our community.

The dedication of the staff, the work of the volunteers and the involvement of the members of the program in determining their own needs and what the program should deliver all contribute to making the Sandy program one of the best in Oregon.

The senior members of our community have earned the services and benefits the program provides. The staff and the volunteer workers have made the program the success it is.

I believe it is now up to the community to lend its support and backing in the form of a yes vote to approve the purchase of the building that will finally give deserving members of our community a home.

Bob Rathke
Fire Chief
Sandy Fire district 72

Community center

To the Editor:

This coming Tuesday the people of Sandy will be asked to approve the purchase of a building that will be used as a community center, and especially, as a home for the area's senior citizens program.

The building is suited to the needs of the community. The financial factors are favorable and it will not become a burden on the people of the city to maintain. However, I believe the most important point to consider is that it will provide a base of operations and a home for one of the most successful, useful and needed programs in the Sandy area.

Over the past few years, it has been my privilege to watch the birth and growth of the senior citizens program. I have had the opportunity to observe the program and the

Remember Spike

To the Editor:

It's not too late for 1978.

In 1956 Mr. Will and I met a gentleman in Sandy. We both admired him. He and his wife, as well as we two, were interested in our children's school friends.

We attended the dances held at the school for these kids. Our friendship with the Emersons grew and grew.

We were at Spike Emerson's home when he told us that Sandy would be his home from then on. He was an agent for Walrad Insurance after he had left the teaching field where he was principal and coach at Corbett.

He said, "I'm going to live here and we must have a park in Sandy."

He had a dream and his dream came true. Spike was

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County comments

'Citizens lose planning battle'

by Bill Sanderson

For months this column has attempted to carefully assess the unnecessary and uncalled for invasion of the personal and private rights of citizenship by the state, regional and county planning bureaucracies.

In addition, we have reported as factually as possible on where and how we citizens have been losing the battle. At times we have even been able to tell you "why" we have been losing.

Last week in a sort of an end-of-the-year summation we noted with some encouragement that there was a hardening and a stiffening of citizen resistance in all levels of state, regional and county citizenship toward the "planning" threat, and we wrote:

"In Clackamas County the so-called Rural Zoning Project has been almost brought to a complete halt and its completion date set back from Jan. 1 to March 1. Back of it all is the brutal challenge of the planning bureaucracies to seize control of the land. . . . Regardless of what the planners may claim, the people of this state have never given up their constitutional rights to be safe in their properties or to be free from the threat of unreasonable seizure—nor will they do so in 1978."

This concept of the traditional and individual rights of the citizen in his property is still held by more than 99 percent of the rural property owners in Clackamas County. Even so, the present power structure in the county is spending more than \$100,000 a month for salaries, services and programs essentially aimed at destroying or limiting some of those traditional rights.

Paying taxes to support the necessary cost of decent government is a burden that most citizens support willingly, if not too enthusiastically.

Being taxed to support the costs of one's own destruction is something else. Rural land-owners and taxpayers must look much more closely at some of the uses public money is being put to in connection with rural land-use planning.

Here is a prime example. The most potent, most often quoted tool of the planners who initiated the county's Rural Zoning Project was the county's comprehensive plan.

In nine meetings held in the primarily unzoned areas of the county, (some areas were being rezoned because their current zoning was not in "compliance" with the

comprehensive plan) the comprehensive plan was described as the "last word"—the ultimate in limitations as well as authority.

A poorly drawn, incomplete and almost worthless small map indicated a number of divisions in rural and agricultural lands.

The text further divided these lands into certain soil classifications and indicated maximum density by limiting the number of dwellings to certain lot sizes (number of acres). Planners used the text and map, in its most strict application to limit owner utilization of the land in any smaller parcels than allowed by the comprehensive plan.

For example, a minimum of 20 acres per dwelling in certain agricultural and forest designations.

However, in making their own staff proposals the planners, citing that same comprehensive plan as their authority, indiscriminately lumped parcels of all sizes, shapes and uses into the same agricultural (exclusive farm use) or forest areas!

The burning question has now become, "If a land owner cannot partition off a less-than-20 acre parcel from his farm, (exclusive farm use), how can a planner add one or a whole group of less-than-20-acre parcels to an exclusive farm use area, regardless of its size or use?"

The county planning department will no doubt have a lot of highly technical reasons for this paradox. At the moment I have none, nor do I believe that a fair, believable and legally sufficient reason will be forthcoming.

I do have one more question, however. If the answer is NOT fair and believable or legally sufficient, how far up the chain of command is this ploy used?

Certainly Mr. Mancini, acting head of the planning department, knew and used it.

Is John McIntyre, who now has the planning department under his administrative control, aware that planners interpret the comprehensive plan differently for themselves than they do for the land-owners?

For that matter, how about Extension Agent-Citizen Involvement Coordinator Ardis Stevenson, the CIACs and most of all, how about the three county commissioners? How do they justify, or explain, a double standard and interpretation of an important county document like the comprehensive plan?

They don't. Or at least they have not, as yet.

Hoodview Radio Club plan ham classes

The Hoodview Amateur Radio Club will sponsor two classes in ham radio at Mt. Hood Community College beginning Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The beginners class will be in room 1710 and will prepare the student to pass the Novice Class FCC examination. The course will cover Morse code in-

struction and basic radio theory. No previous knowledge of electronics is required.

The advanced class will be in room 1773 and will prepare the student to pass the general class examination. No Morse code instruction will be given.

Registration and fee payment can be made.



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