



Heading for the slopes

EVERYBODY'S HEADING for the mountains these days to enjoy the fine skiing winter snows have provided. Most of them, of course, drive through Sandy on their way to the slopes. Post photographer Douglas Gantenbein takes a look at these seasonal migrants in the End Zone, on page 12

Sandy teachers sponsor forum on education and law

This Saturday, Jan. 21, a forum sponsored by the Sandy Elementary Teachers Association and the Sandy Education Association will examine various aspects of the law and its impact on education.

The special seminar will begin at 9 a.m. at Sandy High School, when Oregon Association lawyer Robert D. Durham will speak on "Legal Problems Facing Teachers."

After a mid-morning coffee break, Durham will again address the forum, this time on "Available Legal Remedies" which will cover such legal courses of action as binding arbitration and collective bargaining.

While the morning session is designed primarily for teachers, anyone at all involved in education is invited to hear the afternoon's opening speaker, Donald H. Marmaduke, talk on "Rights

of Students and Parents."

Marmaduke is a former OEA lawyer and a member of the Lake Oswego School Board.

Wrapping up the day's activities will be Grant Mills of the Teacher Standards and Practice Commission of Oregon. Mills will talk on "Certification Responsibilities: District Teacher."

Several districts have experienced certification problems in recent years as teachers are asked to instruct classes in which they are not certified.

SEA president Don Tucker said the forum "should be beneficial to parents, teachers and administrators. I hope people who wish to ask questions will make themselves available."

"There are going to be some powerhouse men speaking," Tucker concluded.

Mt. Hood levy bid set at \$2.5 million

Mt. Hood Community College voters will be asked to approve a \$2.5 million levy in the March 14 election.

However, Bob Scott, business manager at MHCC, said the tax rate would remain at an estimated \$2.20 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation even though the request is \$1 million more than voters approved last year.

"In order to achieve this goal, we plan to return to the taxpayers \$2.68 million in state allocated construction funds," Scott said. The funds will be used to pay off bonds that are outstanding and callable Jan. 1, 1979.

Scott said by paying off the bonds, the district will save an additional \$1.4 million in interest that would have accrued over the 10-year payoff period.

The \$2.68 million is part of \$5.9 million allocated to the college last year by the Legislature. The money was to reimburse the college for construction costs incurred over the years. However, it cannot be used for operational expenses.

Within the \$2.5 million levy request, there is a \$300,000 allocation that would be put aside by MHCC as an unap-

propriated revenue source for 1978-79, Scott said.

The business manager said there are no new programs in the levy request, but there will be a shift in emphasis of some programs. He said that the budget already has been trimmed before it was presented to the board Wednesday.

"Our budget request came in over \$750,000 more than we could plan on," he said. "We have trimmed in excess of a half-million dollars from the original department requests."



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Lyle Seaman, 73, dies

Funeral for retired Sandy Fire Chief Lyle Seaman was held Wednesday at the Sandy Assembly of God Church. Seaman was 73.

The former chief and mechanic for Smith's Garage died Sunday at Gresham Community Hospital.

Praises for Seaman's work in the community poured forth from his fellow firemen and Sandy residents upon learning of his death.

"He was a fantastic man," said Hoodland Fire Chief Don Armintrout, who worked with Seaman before his retirement in 1972. "It's a great loss."

"He was a super individual," noted Sandy fireman Don Blair. "He did so many things for the fire department. He devoted his life to the Sandy Fire District."

Seaman's dedication to the community earned him the Outstanding Community Service Award in 1972, the Fireman of the Year Award in 1966 and a Senior Citizen's Award presented by the Sandy Chamber of Commerce in 1966.

Born in Avon, Mont., Seaman moved to Irrigon, Ore., in 1910. After completing high school in Irrigon, he began schooling in the automobile repair business.

He married Winifred on Oct. 20, 1923. The couple lived at Irrigon until 1936 when they moved to Sandy. In Sandy Seaman was shop foreman at Smith's Garage.

Soon after moving to Sandy he

became involved in the volunteer fire department. He rose to the rank of chief after 1940.

His community activities were not limited to the fire department and he served as past noble grand of the Sandy Odd Fellows Lodge, a board member and president of the Volunteer Ambulance Association, and was a member of Sandy Civic Services and the Sandy Golden Age Club.

After retiring from the garage in 1968 and later in 1972 as fire chief, he kept active doing repair work at the Odd Fellows Hall, working part time at Sandy Coast-to-Coast and Smith's Garage.

Survivors include: his wife, three sons, Vern of Arizona, Garland of Spokane, Wash., and Thomas of Roseburg; and two sisters: Freida Dakan and Margaret Smith; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Interment was at the Scandinavian Cemetery and Sandy Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Odd Fellows Lodge in Sandy.

Hoodland Fire Department plays catch-up

The Hoodland Fire Department is playing a game of catch-up, according to Chief Don Armintrout.

"And we have quite a ways to catch up," added the man who recently replaced Bob Fry as head of the volunteer department.

More area residents and more emergency calls are forcing the Hoodland Fire Department Board of Directors to take a hard look at district priorities, Armintrout said.

Gradual growth was predicted for the area, but has been, in the chief's words, "far from gradual."

There was a 43 percent increase in calls in 1977 over the previous year. The department's monthly responses averaged somewhere between 11 and 13, Armintrout noted. But in December

the response rate shot up to 32 calls.

"We're already up to 15 (responses) for this month," said the chief. "We've blown the average for January."

The fire district's board of directors is eyeing expansion of the present fire hall at Zig Zag and has approximately \$16,000 set aside in a building reserve fund. Armintrout estimated that \$20-25 thousand would be needed for the work.

"The station is half the size it needs to be," Armintrout reflected. The former Sandy fireman cited cramped day and apparatus rooms and lack of area for equipment maintenance as shortcomings of the present facilities.

"The addition is going to include office, receptionist and a sleeper area," Armintrout said.

The board has discussed the ad-

vantages of having a sleeping area for up to three men. The men could exchange a living arrangement for work.

"A lot of our volunteers aren't married and it would be an excellent situation," Armintrout explained. "In the nighttime it would be like having three paid men for the district."

At the board's last meeting on Jan. 9, discussion also centered on plans to switch from the dispatch service at Boring to the Clackamas County communications network. The Sandy Fire Department recently went to the C-Com system.

Armintrout said the department would improve service and save money under the C-Com system.

"The number one thing is cost," he

said. This year the department paid \$8,100 to the Boring dispatch center and that cost is scheduled to soar to \$11,000 this year.

In comparison, cost of C-Com service would be \$5,000 for the year, Armintrout said.

Armintrout predicted that the Hoodland Fire Department wouldn't go with the C-Com system until next December. He first sees the need for a detailed map of the area ("the district has almost zero mapping"), a task currently being undertaken by Rick Peterson of Boring.

"I don't think we can go to C-Com and have them do the efficient job they can do without providing them with the material to do it," Armintrout said.

A Great Pyrenees dog named Luke saved his friend's life

by Douglas Gantenbein

Adversity creates unlikely heroes.

On a cold December night a few weeks ago adversity forced the role of hero on Luke, Dan Rockway's nine-month-old Great Pyrenees dog.

And Luke responded nobly. There is almost no question that Luke saved Dan's life.

But this is supposed to be a suspense story, and that gives the ending away.

The story begins the day after Christmas, when the 23-year-old Rockway started a day hike under crystal clear skies meant to take him from the Ramona Falls trailhead to Timberline Lodge, where friends would pick him up for the ride back down.

"It was a beautiful day," Dan recalls of the hike up to the Pacific Crest Trail, where he planned to cut to Timberline. "There wasn't a cloud in the sky."

By mid-afternoon Dan and Luke had gone about seven miles, but their progress was slowed when the trail was lost in the snow and Dan had to resort to map and compass to stay on the route.

And there was still a long way to go. "I knew then that I couldn't make it (to Timberline) before dark," Dan said.

Rockway tried to take a shortcut up the Reed Glacier, kicking holes in the snow for himself and Luke. The map showed that the route should work, but before the two could make the ridge top

thick ice on the snow forced them back.

"The ice was getting thick and it was wearing me down fast," Rockway said. "So we headed down - we never got to the ridge."

Rockway and Luke reached Ramona Falls cabin at around 3:30 p.m. It was there that Dan admits he made an error of judgement.

"I still had three ridges to go over," he said. "But instead of staying in the shelter I still had it in my head I could make it."

The sun was falling and the mercury dropping, but Dan decided to make one more go at reaching the lodge.

He headed out along the approximate route of the trail, which he knew well from summer hikes, but had just gotten down one ridge and about half way up another when fatigue and cold finally forced him to halt.

Equipped with only a hunting knife, Dan began hacking a cave into the steep, snow covered slope.

Digging in perpendicular to the slope, he was able to burrow through the snow and far enough into the soil as to keep his torso off the snow.

Dan then crawled in, pulled Luke in on top of him, and prepared for a long, long night.

A native of Illinois, Dan spent hours at work and play in temperatures of 10 degrees and lower, and said it "was every bit of that" when he and Luke came to a halt. With a gusty wind

blowing, too.

"I knew I had hypothermia," he said. "And I was scared to go to sleep. I stayed up the whole damned night."

Although cold and shivering himself, Luke resisted the instinct to curl and laid quietly atop Dan. At about 100 pounds and with thick white fur, he was quite a blanket.

"Luke was just unbelievable," Dan said of his pup, whose breed was created for mountain rescues. "The things bred into them are unbelievable. They just seem to know what it takes to survive."

But even with Luke draped over him the cold was severe, and Dan's feet hurt so much from the cold that at one point he removed a boot and placed a especially cold foot against Luke's fur until it warmed up a bit.

A more insidious threat made its appearance as well, as around 4 a.m. Dan began to imagine things, and thought he could get to the lodge if he left then.

"Fortunately, I caught hold of myself. That would've been disastrous," he said.

But eventually the dawn broke to find Dan and Luke still huddled in their little cave. "That was a long night," said Dan. "Longer than I care to spend again."

At about 7:30 a.m. the two again

struck out for the lodge, and after six hours of plodding along they finally reached their destination.

Dan knew that people would be worrying about him by then, so he went inside to place a phone call. As pets are not allowed in the lodge he left Luke outside with his pack.

Worried for his master and probably disoriented by the crowds of people enjoying the holiday skiing, Luke bolted back down the trail. Dan thinks Luke was looking for him.

Then began another story as Dan spent two weeks looking for his pet. Finally, some members of the Columbia Cascade Great Pyrenees Club offered Dan the use of a sure-fire method for corralling a wandering male Great Pyrenees—two female Great Pyrenees.

Sure enough, the cure worked and after a few days of tracking with this new bait Luke came bounding out of the woods to be reunited with Dan, 17 pounds thinner but not otherwise the worse for wear.

Was Luke glad to see Dan? Enough to knock him over with his enthusiastic greeting.

As for Dan, well—he was pleased to find his big, furry friend too. He owes Luke a lot.

"There's no doubt about it," Dan said. "Luke saved my life."



Dan Rockway and Luke