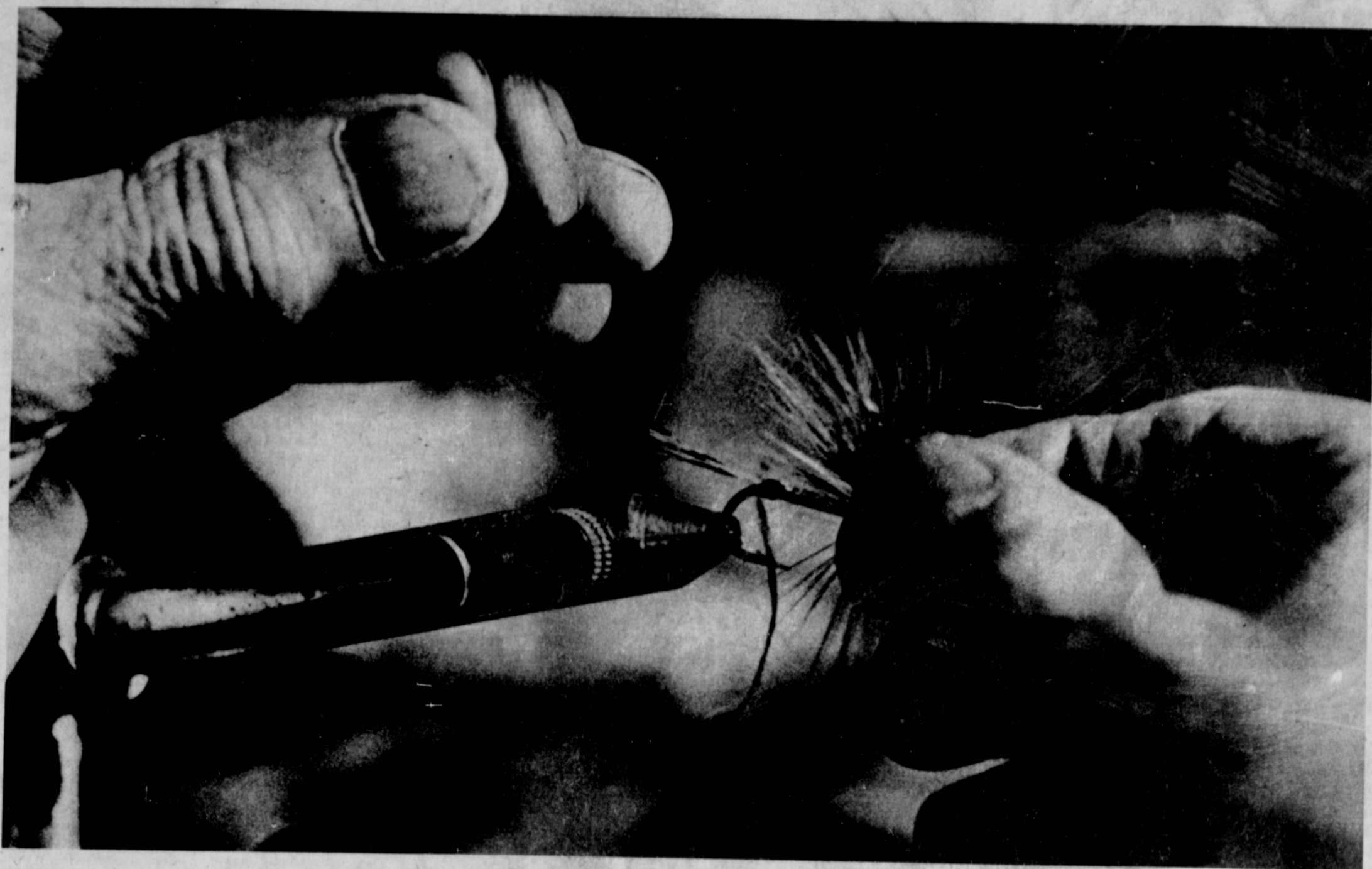




Steelhead, beware!

WHILE MANY area fishermen have undoubtedly met with success with his flies, few have a chance to meet their creator, Roy Davis of Rhododendron turns out up to four dozen flies a day for sale in sporting goods stores. His wit, wisdom and fly-tying secrets can be found on page one of the second section of today's Sandy Post.

(Photo by Douglas Gantenbein)

Postal service responds

Sandy's plea for a new post office has been heard by Portland Postmaster Ben Luscher.

The Postal Service last week sent a letter to Sandy Mayor Melvin Haneberg saying officials have recognized Sandy as one of the rapid growth areas in the Portland metropolitan area and have programmed the postal facility for replacement.

"Currently, this project ranks tenth on our facility replacement lists in the Portland Sectional Center," the letter said. "Under the circumstances, it may be necessary to re-evaluate the situation in your community and re-establish priorities to accelerate this replacement."

The Sandy City Council wrote a letter April 6 citing the need for a new postal facility for the city due to the increase in population.

"As you are aware, population growth has been phenomenal over much of the Portland area these last few years," Luscher wrote back. "As a result, many postal facilities serving these growing communities are faced with severe space deficiencies and have become overburdened. Such is the case in the City of Sandy."

SUHS board reviews levy election 'disaster'

Sandy High Superintendent Jack Peters, still disconsolate over an April 4 levy defeat for the district, told school board members Monday night that the election was a "disaster" due in part of a "poor game plan."

Peters said that most of the feedback he had gotten prior to the election had been favorable, leading him to believe that the measure would pass.

The \$1.419 million levy was defeated, 531 to 467.

With a tax base election coming up May 27 and the specter of still another levy vote in June should the base fail, Peters voiced still another concern.

"I don't know if the public knows how much it costs to put on an election," he said. "That's money that ought to be

spent on the kids."

The high school superintendent said he would feel "more comfortable" with a new tax base than with the present need for annual levy votes.

In regards to the tax base the board passed a resolution to seek approval on a \$1,987,853 base, up from the current base of \$248,600.64 which has not been increased in years except for the annual six percent limitation.

If the tax base passes, it would eliminate the need for another levy vote both this year and for the next two or three years.

"This type of approach allows for more planning," said district business manager Jim Smith of the proposed tax base.

"An increase in the tax base would not change the amount of taxes to be levied. Only the budget determines that," Smith added.

Smith also pointed out that the present tax base finances only about 15 percent of the district's financial needs.

A potentially hot issue passed quietly for the board as they discussed their decision last month to deny teacher Dave Apple a contract for the upcoming year.

Apple indicated at the time that he planned to appeal the decision, but Peters said he had failed to give written

notice of his request within 10 days of his dismissal letter as is the board's policy.

Peters said that Apple's attorney had submitted a hearing request 15 days after the district's letter.

"Unless Apple submits an affidavit requesting the 10-day limit be waived, the board's decision not to renew his contract will remain."

"Without any request (for waiver) the board policy will stand. We'll be all through," said Peters.

Sources had indicated that a group consisting of area patron's students and Apple's attorney had planned to protest the drama teacher's dismissal.

The board also heard the first draft of a proposed change in the organization of the classified employee staff.

The proposal, the result of a study by Barbara Barrie, who was hired by the district to do the survey, is aimed at eliminating some of the confusion in job descriptions and standardizing work assignments.

The board will discuss the proposal again next month before acting on it.

The board also reviewed its policies on board member travel and named Ginny Brewster to represent the school in coordinating activities with the City of Sandy's Recreation Department.

Fisherman's feast set for Saturday

The Sandy Fire Department will hold its annual and always popular Fisherman's Breakfast this weekend in salute of trout season's opening day.

The breakfast, featuring big portions of pancakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee will begin Friday night at 6 p.m. and run through noon Saturday.

Proceeds from the feed will go towards the department's volunteers' fund.

A small admission price will be charged at the door.

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District budget released by Sandy Elementary Board

The Sandy Elementary School District has published its proposed budget of \$3,430,492 for the 1978-79 school year.

Of that amount, \$1,662,360 will be put before district voters in a June 23 levy election, said district Superintendent Clark Lund.

However, Lund added that that amount would be reduced by about \$250,000 before the actual tax is collected due to state school support funds that will be applied as a tax credit to the levy before tax bills are sent out.

The levy will peg local homeowner's taxes at about \$10.40 per \$1000 of assessed property value, Lund estimated. The current rate stands at \$9.72 for every \$1000.

The actual operating levy for the district is \$2,227,960, \$26,006 less than

last year's. But a higher debt service due to the district's building program boosted the levy to its \$1.6 million level.

The total budget includes several additions over this year's allocation, such as the addition of \$24,015 in state and district funds for an able and gifted child program.

The budget also allows \$43,000 for the purchase of two new school buses.

One of the biggest allocations is for building improvement and remodeling. Lund said, with \$30,000 used to re-roof and repair the intermediate grade building, a project begun with a similar amount last year.

Another \$8,800 has been earmarked for the replacement of some of the multi-pane upper windows in the intermediate building.

Lund said the current windows,

which waste heat, will be replaced with insulated panels.

And in another energy-saving move \$7,686 will be put towards the replacement of some of the upper grade building's 500 watt incandescent lamps with more efficient 40 watt fluorescent lights.

One cluster of four fluorescents will be used in place of each incandescent bulb, yielding a better quality of light at an energy savings of over 50 percent.

Copies of the budget will be available in the district office until May 9, when a final open budget hearing will be held during the school board's regular session.

"That's the time for the patrons to come out and express their views on the budget," Lund said.



Teachers file labor charge

Negotiations between the Sandy Elementary School District and the Sandy Elementary Teacher's Association have apparently broken down as the teachers have filed an unfair labor practice charge against the district.

SETA officials claim that the district unilaterally changed a regular holiday, a violation of bargaining procedures.

"The Association is determined to protect the collective bargaining process set up by state statute for public employees," said SETA president Mike Jarrett in a prepared statement

Monday.

At stake is Lincoln's Birthday, which was removed from the list of days off at the request of a committee consisting of school representatives and administrators.

The move cut back the teachers' contractual work days from 191 to the more traditional 190, such as the high school.

District superintendent Clark Lund said that the decision was made entirely in accordance with the current contract, which says that the school calendar "will be recommended by a committee consisting of building

principals and a teacher representative from each building."

Lund says this was all done, and it was entirely legal.

Jarrett and the SETA say it isn't, and that since work holidays are being talked about at the bargaining table the district's move is "inconsistent with the employer's duty to negotiate in good faith."

Under Oregon law, a hearing will be held on the SETA's charge sometime during the 20 days following the filing.

Bob Higgs has been assigned by the State Conciliation Service.



Winds down power lines

STORMS RIPPED the Sandy area Wednesday afternoon, resulting in scattered power outages and downed roadside trees, as pictured here on Lusted Road near the bridge. While the downed trees caused few traffic snags, the effects of the storm on electrical services were felt throughout portions of the Dodge Park area, Coleman Road area and Batty Road area, as well as other isolated instances.

(Post photo)