



He's a stubborn old cuss

Kaye Barton photo

TUESDAY WAS the opening day of the Clackamas County Fair at Canby, and everyone seemed to be sprucing up an animal to show. Two boys who want to give their sheep a bath discover that donkeys aren't the only stubborn beasts around.

Several Sandy 4-H members entered prize-winning animals in the annual competition. For more photos on the fair, see section 1, pages 8 and 9.

100 pounds

Pot is seized in police raid

Law enforcement authorities seized more than 100 pounds of marijuana and arrested three Mexican men on drug trafficking charges Tuesday at Sandy Ridge School.

Undercover work by a Multnomah County sheriff's deputy led to the seizure, with assistance from Clackamas County deputies and Sandy police.

Lodged in Clackamas County jail were Zataras Martinez, 29, a Warden, Wash., farm laborer; Luis Lopez Portillo, 29 and Tomas Martinez, 33, both Sandy laborers.

Zataras Martinez was charged with delivery of a controlled substance, menacing, attempting to commit a felony while armed and attempting to use a dangerous weapon.

Portillo was charged with delivery of a controlled substance, while Tomas Martinez was charged with delivery and possession of a controlled substance.

Bail for Tomas Martinez was set at \$10,010, Zataras Martinez at \$6510, and Portillo at \$5005.

According to deputies, a Multnomah

County agent reportedly set up the raid on Monday, negotiating a deal with Tomas Martinez over the telephone.

At 7:55 p.m. Tuesday, the Martinezes allegedly drove into the Sandy Ridge School parking lot and met the deputy. They opened the trunk to reveal plastic bags of marijuana, he reported.

The deputy said he then gave a "bust signal," and Multnomah and Clackamas county deputies and Sandy police, who had been hiding in the school and other places, converged on the scene.

In the scuffle, deputies said, Zataras Martinez is reported to have pointed a .32 automatic pistol at Clackamas County deputy Gene Hanners but dropped the gun, as two deputies approached him from behind.

Deputies then drove with the Martinezes to the home of Tomas Martinez and Portillo at 34500 SE Highway 211, where they arrested Portillo and seized a kilo of marijuana and stolen firearms.

Deputies reported the deal was worth an estimated \$20,000 for the 100 pounds of marijuana, which was reported to have been from Mexico, Hanners said.



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School Board doesn't go for 'free' federal lunch program

by JOHN KLINE

If you are a high school student and looking for a free lunch, Sandy High is not the place to go.

The school board Monday night did not formally reject the idea of applying for available federal funds for free and reduced price lunches for students. But they indicated the chances of going through with it are slim.

"I don't think we need to promote another welfare program," said Boring board member Earl Meier.

The subject of applying for the federal program was brought up by business manager Jim Smith who stated that he believed the board should consider the proposal before making a decision on it.

"There are a lot of kids in this district who would be eligible for the program," Smith said.

The board delayed action on the matter until figures can be compiled on how many students the program would affect and what the possible ramifications might be to the district. The board will take the matter up again at its September meeting.

Under the program, students from families with low incomes would be

eligible for free or reduced price lunches. How much, if any, a student would pay for the meal would depend on the number of children in the household and the total income.

Smith pointed out that the majority of students in the school would probably be able to take advantage of the program if it were offered.

Board members were skeptical of the program from the start. In addition to the possibility of contributing to another "welfare" program, they stated that keeping track of the tickets at the cafeteria line would create problems and that other students not eligible for the program would possibly take advantage of the situation by buying up the lunch tickets.

"We'd end up giving half of the tickets to those who need them," said Sandy representative Ginny Brewster. "Then they would sell them to the other half. Then everybody would be getting a free lunch."

Paul Tucker said he believed students could pack a lunch cheaper than the federal government could serve it. "Anybody can afford to make a lunch and bring it with him," he said.

Under the program, the district would be reimbursed 83 cents for each free meal served and 73 cents for reduced a price lunch.

One major problem the district would have to face to provide the meals is the installation of a hot serving line in the commons. Students now purchase meals at hot and cold vending machines.

In order to be eligible for the program, the school must include three of the five basic food types in its lunch serving. The vending system provides that minimum.

District superintendent Jack Peters also expressed his skepticism over the plan. "I don't know that the (federal) subsidies would offset the total cost of the program," he said.

The school does have a program for students who come from families with low incomes to work at odd jobs during school hours to help pay the costs of the vending machine lunch.

Back to the drawing board

City budget levy goes down

The Sandy city budget levy went down to defeat for the second time this summer Tuesday but the margin of defeat was half that of the first election.

With a turnout of only 19 percent of the registered city voters casting ballots, the levy was defeated 137-87. Voters rejected a three-year rate levy June 29, 1973.

The city was seeking \$134,000 in the

election for city operations, \$3,000 less than it asked for in the June 29 vote. The figure translated to a tax rate of \$3.92 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Included in the city's tax bill this year is \$2.13 per \$1,000 in general obligation bonds to pay for the new Alder Creek Water System and the Community Center.

The city is currently operating on

carryover funds from the last fiscal year. Council passed a resolution last month which allowed the city to expend no more than 50 percent of anticipated income to run the city until a budget is passed.

Council meets in an adjourned session Monday night at 7:30. The earliest possible date for a third election would be Sept. 12.

Senatorial candidates on the stump

Sen. Mark Hatfield and his Democratic opponent in the Nov. 7 election, Vern Cook, will be in Clackamas County in the next few days talking to the voters.

Hatfield will make an appearance at the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce potluck picnic Saturday at Wildwood Park.

The public is invited to attend the potluck which will be held from 3 p.m. to dusk. Hatfield is scheduled to be there from 5-5:30.

Cook has scheduled an appearance at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby today (Aug. 17) beginning at 10 a.m.

City hall squabbles result in job dismissal

City Maintenance Superintendent Ken Burdick was fired from his job by City Manager Paul Helton Tuesday for refusing to move his office from city hall to the city shops.

The firing is the result of a long period of squabbling between Helton and Burdick over areas of responsibility in the city's public works and maintenance departments. Members of city council at various times have taken sides with Helton or Burdick in the dispute.

Burdick was placed on a year's probation by Helton in February for insubordination. At that time, he was transferred from the position of Director of Public Works to Main-

tenance Superintendent.

Dennis Peoples, who has been performing some of the duties as city engineer, was promoted to Director of Public Works when Burdick was transferred.

However, Peoples' position is due to be filled by a certified engineer later this year. The position has been budgeted for in the current fiscal year.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that council has voted to replace Helton as city manager by Sept. 15.

Burdick is expected to ask for reinstatement by council at its adjourned meeting Monday night in council chambers at 7:30.

Eagle Creek airport battle postponed

by JOHN DEAN
County reporter

The controversy over Cindy Gay's airstrip at Eagle Creek, which is home base for a parachute school, will go to trial next month.

The trial was postponed Monday, as Roger Wallingford, Gay's attorney, had scheduled a vacation for the second half of August.

Clackamas County is seeking an injunction against Gay to prevent her from using her land as an airstrip. The county has charged that the airstrip is a public nuisance, as it violates the county's exclusive-farm-use ordinance.

The ordinance allows the use of farmland as a "personal use airport," subject to approval by the board of county commissioners.

Ralph Hatley, an Oak Grove carpet salesman, operates the parachute school on the airstrip.

Beth Mason, county counsel who is handling the case, declined to comment whether a parachute school constituted a "personal use."

Clackamas County Hearings Officer Richard Crist ruled July 27 that parachuting is a legitimate use of farmland under the exclusive-farm-use ordinance.

Neighbors of the airstrip have complained that the airplane noise disturbs them and their farm animals. "I have had so much pollution from (airplanes) that I'm sick of it," complained resident Quinton Cook at a hearing on the parachute school.

"A cannot enjoy myself on my property when I have (airplanes) flying over me. I'm continually harassed from early morning until late at night."

Ninety-three Eagle Creek residents signed a petition asking that the parachuting be banned.

As if their trouble with the county weren't enough, Gay and Hatley may soon have the state of Oregon after them.

State Aeronautics Administrator Paul Burket said Hatley and Gay have not requested approval of their site from the State Aeronautics Board or airspace approval from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Both approvals are necessary for operation of a personal-use airport for commercial purposes, Burket said. Burket said he has turned the matter over to the state attorney general's office for pursuit through the courts.

Burket feels the issue involves more than two pieces of paper. Since the Gay airstrip is adjacent to the Shady Oaks

airport owned by Walt Wier, Gay and Hatley must work out compatible flight patterns with Wier, Burket said.

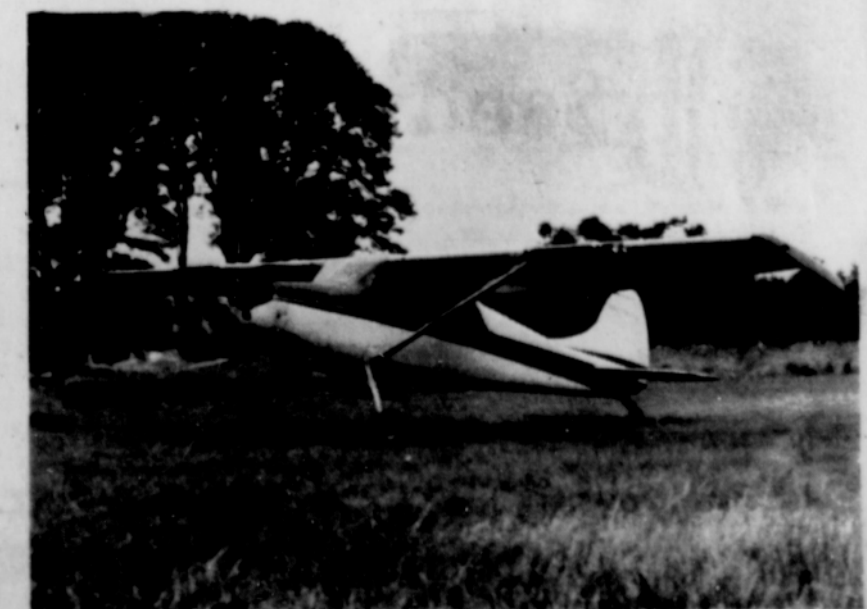
Wallingford has argued that a "grandfather clause" exempts Gay's airstrip from the requirements of state law.

A provision in the state aeronautics

code exempts airports that were in existence prior to July 5, 1947.

Wallingford has argued that since Wier's and Gay's land were at that time one lot which was used as an airstrip, the grandfather clause applies to the Gay airstrip.

"That was not ever an airport," said Burket.



Plane sits quietly at Eagle Creek airstrip

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