



Treasure Days Saturday

LOCAL PIRATE Barbara Smith guards the treasure chest at Sandy Rexall Drug that last month contained prizes worth nearly \$300 during the first of four monthly "Treasure Chest Days" sponsored by Sandy merchants. This Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 local stores will offer shoppers a chance to pick the key which opens the treasure chest that contains prizes held over from last month plus new prizes, for a booty worth ap-

proximately \$500. There is no purchase required to try one's luck, and participants may try the lock in each store in a search for the true treasure chest somewhere in Sandy. Only one of 10 chests will contain the treasure, and the first person to pick the key that opens the treasure chest wins everything inside.

Stores offer treasure chest of prizes

Sandy merchants dressed as pirates will give away a treasure chest of prizes in a city-wide sales promotion downtown this Saturday, Sept. 9.

The lock on the treasure chest — one of 10 chests throughout town, went unopened last month in the first of four monthly Treasure Days. So \$250 in

merchandise prizes are added to the booty this month in a give-away that totals some \$500 in merchandise prizes.

Ten stores throughout Sandy offer treasure hunters a chance to pick the locks on their in-store chests Saturday during regular store hours. Only one of the chests, however, has the actual treasure.

Shoppers may try their luck at selecting one of 100 keys in Treasure Chest grab bags in each of the participating stores. There is no cost to enter, and no purchase or sign-up is necessary to try one's luck.

Treasure hunters may select one key in each of the stores to maximize their chances of opening the treasure chest. Location of

the actual treasure chest is kept secret from even store personnel. The real treasure chest last month was located at Sandy Rexall Drug where fully costumed sales clerks stood guard over a realistic chest girded with heavy chains.

No one opened the drug store's treasure chest, although at least five other chests throughout town were opened by treasure hunters who won in-store booty prizes in most cases.

At Carlson Chevrolet last time, the first person to reach into the store's grab bag of keys came up with the key that opened the chest.

by JOHN DEAN

OREGON CITY — Clackamas County's case for a third District Court judge is getting better and better.

Unfortunately, that means the situation is getting worse and worse as far as the judges and court participants are concerned.

Court Administrator Mike Maier said he will meet with Arno Denecke, Oregon Supreme Court chief justice, and a legislative committee on courts this month to discuss the possibility of adding a judge to the District Court, at least on a rotating basis.

"We want to have someone by the beginning of November or sooner," Maier said.

Cases filed in District Court have increased nearly

threefold since 1971, from 13,592 in the first six months of 1971 to a projected 36,062 through June this year. This increase is proportionately greater than the increase for any other large county in state, Maier said.

However, Clackamas County still has two judges in District Court to handle the case burden, the same number it had in 1971.

The result is a tremendous backlog of cases in the District Court, the worst in the state, Maier said. "It takes six months to get a small claims case through," he said.

Lane County District Court has increased its judge panel from three to five in the same span, Maier said. Washington County has gone from two judges to four, and Multnomah County from five

to 13.

Last week's decision by the Sandy City Council to close its municipal court only aggravates the situation, Maier said. The District Court will now handle those cases, which amount to 50 to 60 per week, or more than 2500 per year.

The city of Milwaukie is considering the same move, which would have an even bigger impact on the county courts. Milwaukie is roughly eight times the size of Sandy.

Behind the talk of elimination of courts lies the threat of Ballot Measure 6, the 1.5 percent property tax limitation. Cities could lose anywhere from half to two-thirds of their property tax revenues if the measure were to pass and beat out any alternative.

Sandy, in fact, would be the least affected of any tax-leaving city in the county, losing only one-fourth of its property-tax revenue in one allocation of revenues drawn up by the state.

Thus, it would appear that municipal courts in other cities might face the ax as well if Measure 6 passes.

If that happens, District Court Judge Robert Burns is quoted as saying, "the

backlog in our cases, which is already enormous, would become absolutely staggering."

Fortunately for the county, cities face two problems if they close down their municipal courts: they lose the revenue in fines they would otherwise collect, and their police must spend working hours waiting to appear in Oregon City.

But the chest was empty.

The \$500 in prizes are donated by participating stores in an effort to show how much they value customers and shoppers. The prizes include free groceries, clothing, automobile maintenance certificates, motorcycle equipment, jewelry, paint, home decorator items, and camera equipment.

Participating stores are Decker & Scales Store, Sharon's Food King, Sandy DeCor, Sandy Rexall Drug, Foxy Bottoms, Inc., Gifts of the Earth, Carlson Chevrolet, Blushing Zebra, Sandy Cycle Center and Groggett Jewelry.

More information on Treasure Days is available at the participating stores.

Labor Commissioner charges job agencies

Labor Commissioner Bill Stevenson announced he has signed five consent orders and issued three notices of formal charges providing that private employment agencies pay penalties totaling \$12,117.

Penalties were assessed against five of the eight agencies charged with violations. These five agencies have agreed to sign consent orders — administrative devices allowing payment of penalties without admitting guilt, and avoiding the formalities of a public hearing.

Three other private employment agencies contested the findings of the bureau's investigators and will appear at public hearings on the alleged violations cited in the formal charges prepared by the attorney general's office. If the charges against the agencies are substantiated at the hearings, penalties are subject to adjustment upward or downward.

Charges against one agency were dropped when a bureau investigation found insufficient evidence to support the alleged violations.

"Vigilant enforcement of this law protects the rights of job seekers using private employment agencies and the rights of those private agencies that continuously do business within the law," Stevenson said.

The following are agencies which signed consent orders, the alleged violations and the amount of penalties imposed: Reese Personnel,

Those agencies contesting the alleged violations are: Snelling and Snelling, Portland, false advertising, misrepresentation and no job referral document; D. Brown and Associates, Inc., false advertising, misrepresentation, no job

referral document, no job order; Tower Personnel Recruiters, collect fee without a contract.

Hoodland Happenings

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by RENEE JENKINS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, Sept. 9 — Pre-School Car Wash, Women's Club (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Monday, Sept. 11 — Women's Club Meeting (8 p.m.)

Tuesday, Sept. 12 — Senior Citizen Potluck & Social (11 a.m.)

Wednesday, Sept. 13 — Lion's Auxiliary Dinner Meeting, Zigzag Inn (7 p.m.); Lion's Club Meeting (8 p.m.)

The Mt. Hood Pre-School is offering the bargain of the month — a sparkling clean car exterior for only \$1! Proceeds will be used for needed equipment and scholarships, so let's all get out and support them.

Hoodland Women's Club meeting will feature speakers from Sandy High and Welches School to discuss upcoming bond

issues. This is an important subject to all of us, and should be an interesting and informative meeting. Membership is open to all women over 18, and visitors are welcome.

Keith Thurkill of the Forest Service will present a program at the Senior Citizen Potluck. Social Hour starts at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

The Lion's Club served their delicious chuck wagon breakfast to approximately 800 people last weekend, and thank everyone who helped, or just enjoyed eating, for the great support.

The Fire Department responded to six emergency medical calls, a fire call and a public assist between Friday morning and Monday night. The medical calls included a stroke, heart attack and automobile accident.

If you think you've been hearing more sirens lately, you are right. As of the end of August 1977, the department responded to 119 calls; in the same period this year, the number was 246. Quite an increase. The new EKG Strip Writer recently donated by the Lion's Club was used five times in the last week alone.

Mark your calendar ahead for Tuesday, Sept. 19, when the Chamber of Commerce will hold a public meeting featuring Roger Deaver of the Forest Service to explain the RARE II program. See the article elsewhere in the Post (p. 5) for more information on this important subject.

This column will be devoted to all organization, club and community news. Anyone with information to contribute is welcome to call me at 622-4671. It is your community — get out and get involved!



Lots of Sausage

RAY THORNBURG rolls the sausages at weekend. The Lions served over 800 the Hoodland Lions' Club semi-annual hungry people Saturday and Sunday chuck wagon breakfast this past mornings for the fund raising event.

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