

Shelter honors Spike

L.M. "Spike" Emerson, a Sandy resident and devoted civic leader before he passed away in 1969, was remembered by family and friends Sunday in a dedication ceremony for the octagonal-shaped shelter named for him in Meinig Park.

A group of 30 friends and family members, including his wife, Florence, who came down from Bellingham, gathered at the shelter for the dedication ceremony.

Rev. Lindsay Warren gave an invocation and George Burg, Jim Duff and Mayor Mel Haneburg recalled the work done by Mr. Emerson clearing the land for the park in the late 1960s.

Burg recalled that Mr. Emerson spent nearly all of his free time with crews of boys who were sent to him by the courts to work off their sentences at the park.

"Spike got the project going when everyone else was just talking about it," Burg said. "He was committed to making the park a place where people could come and enjoy themselves."

Mr. Emerson cleared out brush in the heavily wooded park area, built picnic tables and provided foot trails. He died of a heart attack in Estacada while loading wood for construction in the park on Feb. 11, 1969.

The shelter named for him was designed by city engineer Dennis Peoples. City work crews built the shelter over the summer in time for use at the Sandy Mountain Festival.

Mr. Emmerson was a former teacher, coach and principal at Corbett High School before becoming an insurance salesman for Walrad Insurance Agency.



L.M. 'Spike' Emerson



Spike Emerson Memorial Shelter in Meinig Park.

Sandy enrollment picture differs from last year's

Enrollment at Sandy Union High School is expected to reach 1,467 students this year, an increase of 128 over enrollment at this time last year.

But at Sandy Elementary, enrollment is down 55 students. A total of 1411 students are registered at Firwood, Sandy Ridge and the upper and intermediate grade schools.

The low enrollment surprised superintendent Clark Lund who expected the figure to be significantly higher. The school bases its projections on studies by the Oregon School Study Council.

A small class of first-grade students was the main reason for the lower than expected student population. There

were 181 first graders registered on the first day of classes last year while 148 were enrolled this year.

Also contributing to the lower enrollment, Lund reported, was a larger than average class of eighth graders which graduated last year.

Other area schools which showed a decline in enrollment are Cottrell — 238 students, seven lower than last year; Boring — 448 students, 79 below last year; and Eagle Creek — 227 students, seven below last year.

On the mountain, Welches School has an enrollment of 323 this year, 13 above last year's figure.

Bull Run School has enrolled 92 students, seven more than last year.

Riprapping approved but delayed till bids in

The Clackamas County Hearings Officer approved the application Aug. 31 of several landowners in the Zigzag and Rhododendron areas to have erosion prevention devices built on their property.

Several sites were named in the application which property owners submitted to protect their Zigzag River banks from a recurrence of last years high water, caused by excessive rains and rapid snow melt.

The Hearings Officer had also approved the request of three property owners on the Sandy River last month to have similar devices built.

Before any construction can begin, the Soil Conservation Service will have to open the project for bid-

ding. Bids will include the work at Zigzag, Rhododendron and the Sandy River as one project.

The opening of the bids is pending final approval of federal funding, made available under the Emergency Watershed Protection Act.

Meanwhile, several of the owners, especially Jim Kitchen, fear that the bad weather season is ap-

proaching too rapidly for any work to be done. His home on the Sandy River of Dodge Park stands precariously atop the bank.

"I don't know what's next, I haven't heard a word," Kitchen said. "The money is supposed to be awaiting the president's signature."

"But it's getting to be the critical time of year," he added. "I'm afraid nothing can be done before the high water."

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Armed robbery suspect sought by city police

An armed robber escaped with \$71 in cash from R.S. Smith's service station at 39191 Proctor Blvd. in Sandy. The robbery occurred at 4 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, and

drawer was opened, pulled out a weapon and informed the attendant it was a hold up. The attendant turned over \$71 in cash. The gun was believed to be an automatic pistol.

The robber was described as an 18- to 22-year old man, from 5'6" to 5'8" in height. He weighed approximately 150 pounds and had dark, medium-length hair and was wearing blue jeans and a gray flannel shirt.

In another incident, two Portland men were arrested Sept. 11 for carrying concealed weapons. Patrick Joseph Doty, 21, and Robert Hazen Mazzga, 26, were lodged in Clackamas County Jail in lieu of bail. Mazzga was also charged with driving while his operator's license was suspended.

Sandy Mobil, at 39535 Proctor Blvd., was burglarized on Sept. 2. A city

policeman discovered a door which had been broken into on his night rounds and notified the owner. A small amount of cash had been taken.

A 13-year-old boy was arrested at Sharon's Food King Sept. 4 for theft of an 89-cent cigarette lighter. The boy was charged with theft, and cited into juvenile court. He was released to his parents.

Jeff Yeager of Sandy reported the theft of fishing

equipment from his pickup on Sept. 6. The vehicle was parked on Hood Streetm. Police are still investigating the incident.

A 20-year-old Sandy man was arrested on a Multnomah County charge of a minor in possession of intoxicating liquors. Steven Ray Douglas was arrested by Sandy police on Aug. 31.

County Fair department store reported a shoplifting on Aug. 31. Three juvenile girls left the store with

several small items of jewelry. They were not apprehended, and the incident is still under investigation.

Owners of two cabins in resort areas east of Sandy reported break-ins to Clackamas County sheriff's deputies last week. Neither owner said anything valuable was stolen.

Reporting break-ins were Robert Nelson and William Chapin, both of Portland.



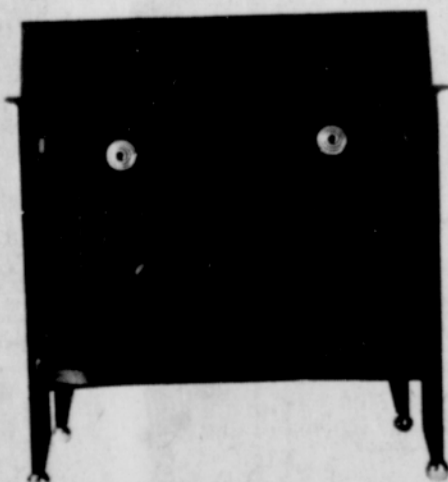
POLICE ARTIST'S conception of robbery suspect.

police are still looking for the suspect.

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