

Nine firefighters get certification

It wasn't exactly a back-to-school session for the Sandy Fire Department, but the squad underwent some important testing last weekend.

Nine firefighters, both paid and volunteer, received Firefighter I accreditation. To achieve the status, a firefighter must serve one year, complete 180 hours of training and classroom instruction, and pass an evaluation process.

It was this evaluation process that the nine firefighters underwent Saturday before the watchful eye of Bob Walker. Walker, from the Fire Standards and

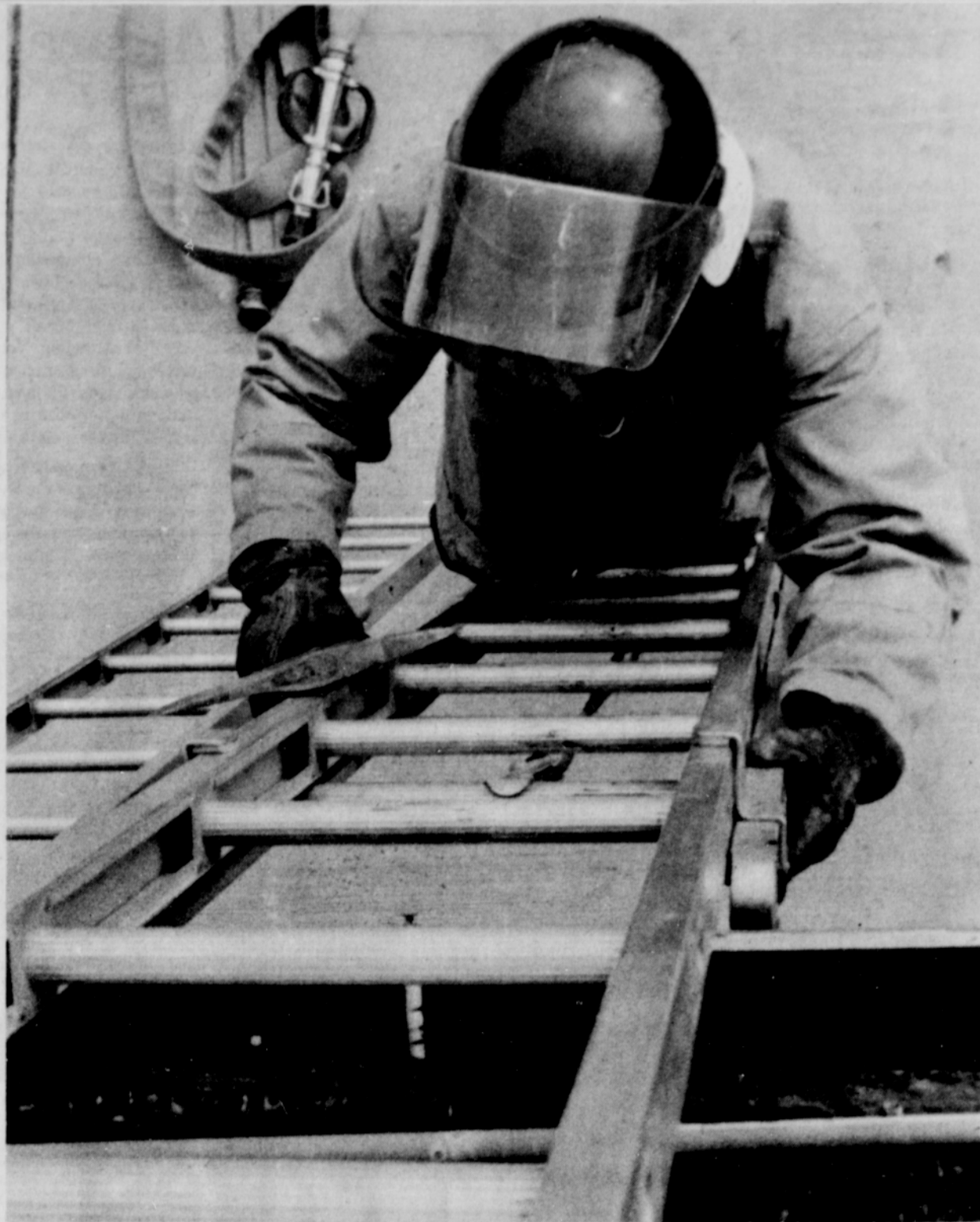
Accreditation Board, supervised the six tests the firefighters were required to perform.

The six tests given were: Use of firefighting tools, demonstration of proper ladder climbing methods, hose handling, knowledge of hose frame and water appliances, use of breathing apparatus and the proper technique for attacking structural fires.

All nine of Sandy's firefighters that participated received their accreditation. Two-thirds of the more than 200 fire departments in the state have received, or are working on receiving, accreditation.



Bob Rathke, Don Blair and Bob Walker judge the firemen



Wayne Taylor demonstrate the proper method of carrying tools.

Mayoral candidates to speak

Candidates in the upcoming mayoral and city council races will be given an opportunity to present their views to the public at a candidates forum Tuesday night, Oct. 31 at the Haneberg Community center sponsored by the Sandy-Hoodland Jaycees.

The Jaycees also plan to hold an informational meeting for the public on Ballot Measure 6 and 11 on Oct. 24.

Details on both forums will be worked out in the coming weeks and announced in The Post.

Correction

In a feature story last week on RSVP volunteer Marie Schwartz, The Post incorrectly stated that the historical book, "Sandy Pioneers, Early Settlers and Barlow Road Days" was sponsored by the city of Sandy as a centennial project. The book was published by Sandy Centennial and Barlow Road Days, Inc.

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Carryover aids county budget

By JOHN DEAN

OREGON CITY — Clackamas County met its latest budget crisis Monday night, thanks in large part to a \$200,000 "gift" from Finance Director Robert Green.

The committee also reaffirmed its drastic slash of Surveyor Dexter Milne's office by 60 percent. Milne must now lay off his four staff surveyors at the end of this week, leaving himself and a secretary to man the office.

Green told the county budget committee at the start of its session the county had \$200,000 more in its accounts than it thought.

The \$200,000 was in carryover from the 1977-78 fiscal year, which ended June 30.

Another boost came from Assistant Treasurer Thelma Hooper, who told the county's budgeters they could expect an additional \$110,000 in earnings on the county's investments.

Other methods the budget committee used to meet the \$420,000 gap:

—The Department of Human Resources contributed \$30,000 from two sources: increased revenue from its public health office and payments for the state for the services of its staff psychologist.

—The planning department chipped in \$10,000 that will come from the state. The funds will pay for costs of mailing notices of public hearings.

—County Clerk George Poppen told the committee it could count on \$15,000 in additional revenue from his office due to an increase in the number of court cases being handled.

—The addition of a third District Court judge should bring in \$50,000 extra in fines and fees. Court Administrator told the committee. Maier said staff turnover and attrition in the Circuit Court could save the county another \$10,000.

—Finally, the committee voted to save \$7500 by eliminating the county's toll-free "800" lines for incoming calls. The cut would affect only callers outside Clackamas and Multnomah counties.

Toll-free lines are still in effect for the Sandy, Boring, Eagle Creek and

Estacada areas.

The source of the \$420,000 shortfall was a revised estimate of the revenues the county can expect to receive from timber cut on Oregon and California Railroad (O&C) lands, which are managed by the federal Bureau of Land Management.

The estimate, which the county received in late August, was the third it has received this year. Each estimate has been lower than the last.

Of the county's \$15 million general fund, O&C revenues will contribute \$4.5 million this year. Property tax accounts for about \$3 million.

Ray Doerner, chairman of the Association of O&C Counties, explained the revenue reductions are coming because standing timber on O&C lands is not being cut as fast as BLM predicted it would be.

Embattled surveyor

The budget committee cut Surveyor Milne's budget in June, from \$143,000 in 1977-78 to \$57,000 for this fiscal year, expecting he would have to reduce his staff from six employees to two.

However, due to an apparent misunderstanding between Milne and the county commissioners, the surveyor did not cut his staff. "I was left with the impression there would be further consideration given" to his budget, Milne said.

As a result, Milne will have spent half of his salary budget by the end of this month.

The budget committee's action allocated an extra \$25,000 to the surveyor's budget so the office could continue on a staff of two through June 1979.

The three chief functions of the

surveyor's office, Milne explained, are to serve as a library for private surveys, inspect those surveys and maintain the county's system of monuments, or land markers used in surveying.

"I vehemently disagree that you need to go out and personally inspect subdivisions," Commissioner Bob Schumacher told Milne Monday. "The real importance of a surveyor is as a repository of private surveys. I don't think that takes a whole surveyor's office and a field crew."

Commissioner Ralph Groener took a more philosophical approach. "You happen to be in the middle, Dexter, of an issue that's bigger than this department."

One county program that was spared the ax was the Youth Alternatives Program. The program, which seeks to help troubled or disadvantaged youths, has been mentioned frequently in the past five months as a likely candidate for a cut in a budget squeeze. The latest proposal, by Human Resources Director Jono Hildner, was to merge the program into the mental health department.

"If you choose to assimilate us, we'd prefer that you terminate the program," Youth Alternatives director Kay Laddos told the budget committee.

"Youth Alternatives has been kind of a bastard child as far as the budget committee is concerned," Schumacher commented. "If we were going to do a total massacre, we should have done it at budget time."

In the end, the committee voted unanimously to keep the program, and an excited Laddos skipped out of the hearing room to call her co-workers.

Two injured in weekend wrecks

A 75-year-old Portland man was injured in a two-car accident on Highway 26 in Wemme Saturday, Clackamas County sheriff's deputies said.

Henry Orr sustained multiple lacerations and contusions to his face and upper body in the accident, deputies said.

Degrees offered

Residents of Hoodland who haven't finished high school may do so in a new class starting this week at Welches Grade School.

Mount Hood Community College is offering the ABE (Adult Basic Education) class free to students 16 years or older. It is designed to help people improve skills, or study in five subject areas for the GED (General Educational Development) tests. Students passing these tests will earn the equivalent of a high school diploma.

The class will meet from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 11 at Welches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students will work at their own pace, and may begin any time after the starting date, Sept. 26. They may register in class.

For more information, call Community School coordinator Reva Cox at 622-3397.

Orr apparently ran into the rear end of the car ahead of him, driven by Melvin Koshier, also of Portland, deputies said.

Members of the Hoodland Fire Department administered first aid to Orr, who was taken to Gresham Community Hospital for treatment.

In a second accident Saturday, Bernice Carol Brown of Gresham was seriously injured in a two-car accident at the junction of Highways 211 and 224 in Eagle Creek.

Brown was a passenger in a car driven by her daughter, Elizabeth. Witnesses told deputies the car failed to stop at the intersection as it approached Highway 224 and struck another car, driven by Ellen Westby of Eagle Creek, in the side.

Brown was taken to University Hospital in Portland for treatment.

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