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MICROPHILIA SWEEP the Hoodland area during 1978, and mushroom hunters by the score trudged through forests in search of the treats. At top left, two-year-old daughter of Fran and Jim Roads of Brightwood, demonstrates the precautions her parents taught her: look, but don't touch unless mom and dad give the word. Sandy Mountain Days brought local excitement during July with activities for all tastes. Above, twins compete in a Mountain Days pet show with their identical human masters. Below, President Carter visited Mt. Hood Community College early in November and received an enthusiastic welcome from 6,000 Oregonians. Center, Sandy firefighters battle a residential blaze on southeast Ten Eyck Road in mid-November. They were not able to save the home. City government underwent changes during the year. At far right, the new mayor, Ruth Loundree, and the new city manager, Roger Jordan.

## The months rolled on . . . .

by KAYE BARTON

1978 may go on record as the year in which Oregon voters discovered that they control the purse strings of government. Taxpayers exercised their budgetary control in numerous issues.

Statewide, there were ballot measures 6 and 11 that proposed differing methods of tax relief. Both were defeated.

Local taxpayers gave the city and the Sandy Union High School District some anxious months when tax levies repeatedly were voted down. Both budgets passed in September on the fourth try for the high school and the third for the city.

Sandy Elementary School District got the nod from voters for a \$3.485 million bond issue in January and a \$1.2 million levy in August. The January election provided funds to build a new school in Kelso. The August vote supplied operating expenses for the coming year in all the district's schools.

The elementary school district looks for relief from overcrowding in its classrooms when the Kelso School, now under construction, opens its doors next fall.

There will be some different faces at city hall in the coming year, due to the resignation of former city manager Paul Helton and the hiring of Roger Jordan for that position. The mayor's office also experienced a turnover with the retirement of Mel Haneberg and the election of Ruth Loundree.

Mrs. Loundree's face is a familiar one to Sandy's citizens, however. She retired this year after serving 19 years

as city recorder and administration secretary.

But the active woman must not have found leisure to her liking, because shortly after announcing her retirement she joined a five-candidate mayor's race. The November general election found her leading the rest.

Students at Sandy High were newsmakers throughout the year, too. Pupils from Redlands were "on again-off again" this summer, when the boards of the two school districts debated where the kids would attend school.

And students from throughout the district racked up a startling 229 percent increase in truancies during fall quarter. A more permissive attendance policy that is not linked directly to grades was blamed by many parents.

Sandy area residents were sobered by two murders within a five-month period. A 15-year-old girl was killed in January as she walked from a school bus to her home near Roslyn Lake. And a 33-year-old Portland man was shot to death during a robbery of a Sandy tavern in June.

No suspect was found in the girl's death. Two men were convicted in connection with the tavern slaying.

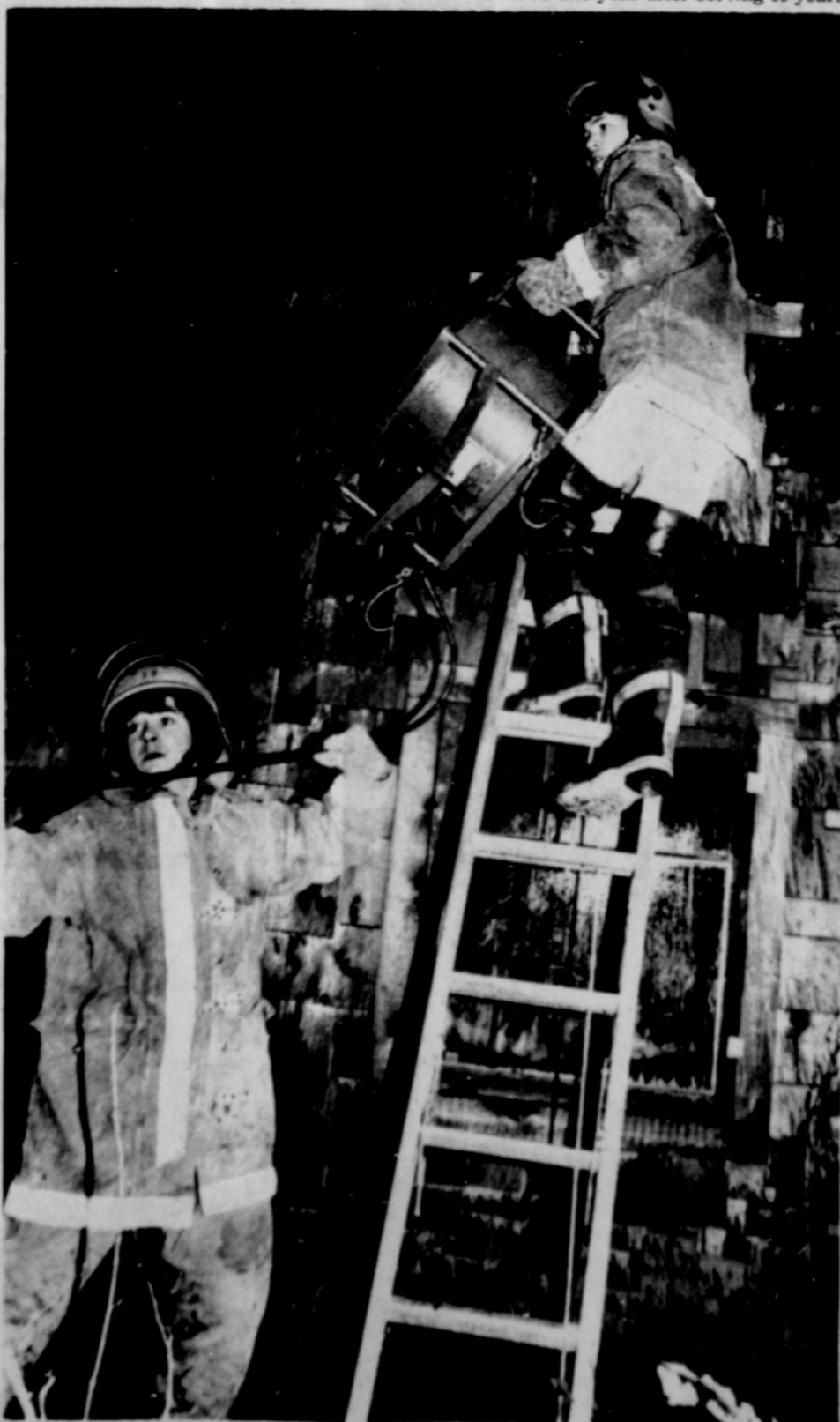
A Spike Emerson Memorial Center was built this summer in Meinig Park and dedicated this fall to the memory of a Sandy resident who served his community well.

By early winter, however, his memorial had been vandalized repeatedly, along with many other structures in the park. The city has spent over \$1,000 recently to repair or replace plumbing fixtures and windows.

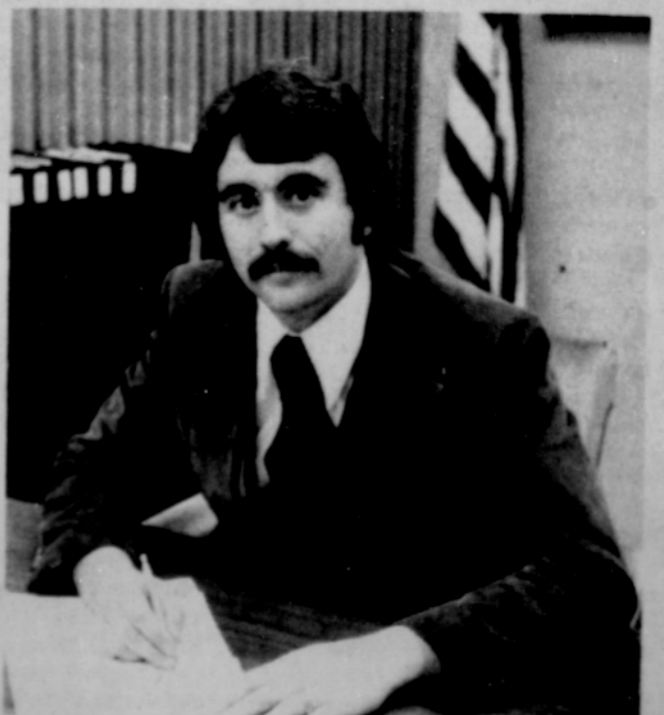
The fate of Sandy Community Schools



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