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..... and 1978 became history

was uncertain throughout much of the summer when a levy issue for Mt. Hood Community College failed. The college provided primary sponsorship of the local program and was forced by the levy defeat to cut back its support drastically.

But Community Schools was kept alive, with a whittled-down curriculum, by a grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, a Michigan organization which funds community education projects worldwide.

Highway 26 got a much-needed facelift this July with 10 miles of repaving from Sandy to Alder Creek, making the drive to ski slopes easier and safer this winter.

Tornado-like winds hit Sandy in late August, doing extensive damage to farms on Highway 26 east and in Marmot. The storm struck so fast that the National Weather Service in Portland had no report on the incident.

A storm of a different kind occurred up the mountain when the State Health Division declared that the water used by the Alder Creek Water Company was unsafe.

In August the Environmental Protection Agency stepped in and ordered the company to install proper filter systems to combat high coliform levels. Company president Red Bennett grudgingly agreed, and the water was declared safe.

Even clean water was a problem for some people. Last winter's heavy rains raised stream levels and heavy erosion occurred on the Sandy and Zigzag rivers. Several homeowners got help from the Emergency Watershed Protection Act.

Drilling continued on the slopes of Mt. Hood for the precious hot water that could lead to geothermal development. Although some was found on Old Maid Flat, it is not yet known if the quantity is sufficient for commercial use.

A \$3.1 million sewage treatment plant proposed for the Welches area has run into opposition from area property owners who resent the higher taxes. The plant, if built, would serve more than 10,000 people.

1978 WAS also the year of the measles epidemic. Approximately 375 cases of measles were reported statewide during the fall; the annual average is 46. To combat the disease, county health departments geared up and conducted immunization clinics at school, vaccinating 150,000 students in November and December. Above, a Sandy High student has an immediate reaction to the shot. Pre-teens were in, then out, then in the berry fields with the courts determining the legality of 10- and 11-year-olds working at the fruit harvest. Above right, the kids are shown in mid-June after a U.S. Labor Dept. ruling gave them the nod. Center, an injured man is lifted from a caved-in ditch on Dubarko Road. A coworker was killed in the October accident. At bottom, the elusive creature Bigfoot was simulated for a movie filmed on Mt. Hood this summer.



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