

Wearing your vanity on your bumper

by KAYE BARTON BAKKE



WALKER NICHOLSON of Sandy explains that he's a retired commanding officer of the Navy. "When I learned I could advertise for the Navy and help the conservation movement, I got this plate," he said. When he purchased this plate, he was with the naval recruiting office in Portland.



UNTIL RECENTLY, this car was a familiar sight to visitor's at Sandy High's district office. The owner was Lane Wintermuth, formerly a hall monitor for the high school.



SOME PLATES stimulate guessing games—is this auto owner a loyal resident of the Kelso area? Or is it a family name? The parked car had no driver to explain.

They provide a pleasant diversion on long freeway drives, and pique the curiosity of fellow motorists. They've been known to stimulate conversation between strangers. And their \$25 charge is donated by the state to preserve the environment. Here is a sampling of local "permanent bumper stickers":



RITA PRETTYMEN was driving the car on which this plate was photographed, but she explained that it still belonged to the car's former owner, Georgann Davis of the Cat's Meow, a woman's clothing shop in Sandy.



IT'S NOT HARD to track down Melba Richards, wife of Sandy attorney Vern Richards simply look for the parked car bearing her first name.



And with vanity plates, there are always some unsolved mysteries. This auto owner didn't make an appearance to explain the collection of letters emblazoned on his (or her) bumper.

Keeping Posted

Thursday, June 14

Rebekah Lodge meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall at 8 p.m.

The Golden Age Club holds its monthly business meeting following a potluck dinner at noon.

The Bull Run School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. The board will discuss a kindergarten at the school and will invite public comment.

Friday, June 15

The Christian Women's Club meets at Functional Furniture on Kelso Road.

United States Representative Al Ullman meets with the Sandy Chamber of Commerce for a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at TJ's Restaurant.

Saturday, June 16

The Clackamas County Chapter of the Oregon Council of the Blind meets in Rainbow Lodge at the Oral Hull Park at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Marie Webb at 668-7587.

Sunday, June 17

Today is Father's Day.

Monday, June 18

The Summer Recreation program begins. For more information, contact the community center at 668-5569.

The Sandy Community School's Summer Fun program begins. It is for kids in first through sixth grade. For more information, call 668-5744.

Tuesday, June 19

Sandy Chamber of Commerce meets at noon at TJ's Restaurant.

Wednesday, June 20

Sandy Area Merchants meet at 7 a.m. at TJ's Restaurant.

The Sandy TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club meets at 9 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. in the Community Action Center. For more information on the morning club, contact Shirley Reed at 668-5338. For more information on the evening club, contact Ginny Rada at 668-7348.

PACC gets approval

The Physicians Association of Clackamas County has received notification from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare that it is now an approved Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

According to Tom Bechtol, general manager of PACC, the organization has been offering such a program through its Protecting Circle Plan for a number of years.

PACC will continue to market the Protecting Circle

Plan, offering paid-in-full health care, with an emphasis on preventive care. According to Bechtol, the "approval" changes very little within the already broad-based plan. "It makes it possible for PACC to continue to market their coverage to companies with 25 or more employees, who must now, according to government regulations, offer their employees a choice between an "approved" HMO plan and other coverage provided by their company," he said.

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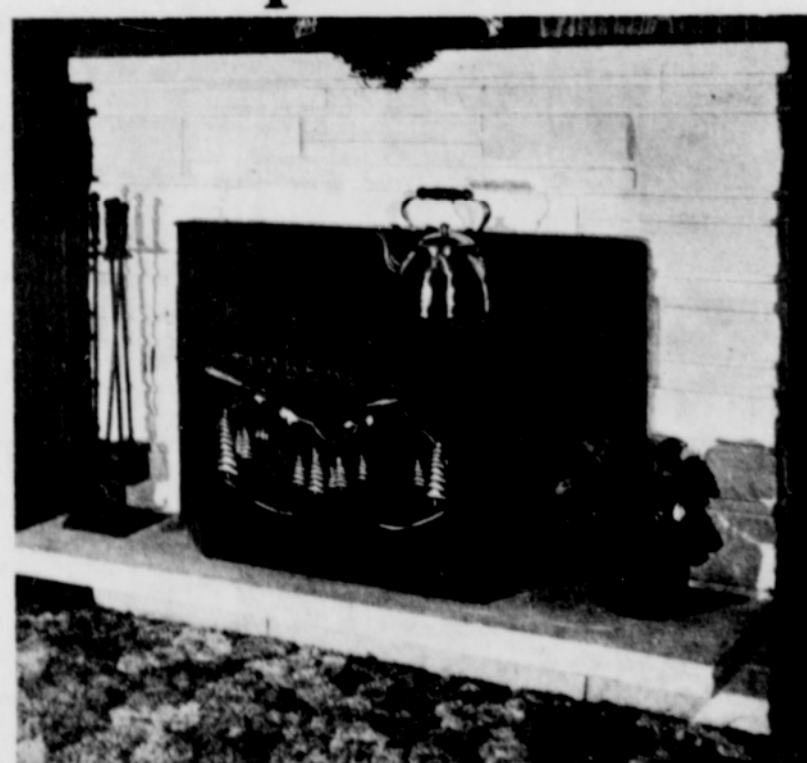
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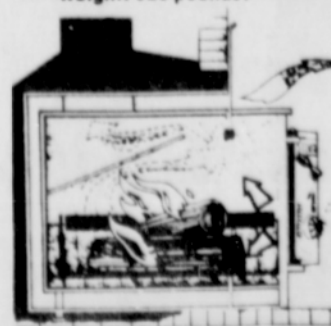
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