

Warren named Kelso principal

The new Kelso Elementary School is unfinished but it has a principal.

Termed "a promotion within the district" by Clark Lund, school superintendent, Judy Warren was notified last week. She has taught with the Sandy elementary school district since 1967.

Although she has the title, she will not have a permanent office until the new school is completed. The building has been under construction for approximately seven months. Completion, according to Lund, is due at Christmas time.

In the meantime, Lund said, the Kelso staff and students will be "scattered throughout the district."

He estimated there are approximately 250 students who will eventually attend Kelso, with about 14 full-time equivalent teaching staff members and several part-time staff for special education.

Warren began her teaching career at Sandy doing her student teaching on a provisional certificate under Ethel Sutherland. Since then she has instructed both second and third grades in the elementary district.

She spent this past year on sabbatical at Portland State University completing a master's degree in elementary education and studying for an administrative certification license.

"The certification qualifies her to be licensed as a school administrator," Lund said.

She earned a bachelor's degree in English literature and mathematics from the University of Oregon and received her degree in elementary education from PSU. Warren has also attended the University of San Francisco.

Because of her credentials, Lund said, "We gave her a lot of consideration for the job."

"She knows many of the children, most of the staff. She knows the organization and the transition the district is going through. She was instrumental in planning the transition," he continued.

The district, once centrally located in Sandy, will now have three separate schools, Firwood, Sandy and Kelso. Firwood will serve the neighborhoods to the east, Sandy the immediate area children, and Kelso the residents in the district's western edge.

Community growth prompted a structural addition to Firwood school and the building of Kelso school. Dividing the school district, Lund said, will "take a lot of pressure off the enrollment crunch."

Warren will be "starting from scratch," she said, with the new 12-classroom school. Usually there are already established traditions with everything there when one takes over as principal of a school.

Warren is happy, however, about the new position. She favors the neighborhood school idea and feels it builds better community and school relations, she said.

"Kelso (school) is being built so the gym and some of the classrooms can be available for community use. It could be the center of life for the Kelso community in the evenings. I want people to feel free to use the school," she said.

District hires new education director

by SUZANNE PHILBROOK

The Sandy Elementary School District will have a new director of special education this fall.

Ralph W. Branson, currently the manager of budget, data and special education for the Montana State Department of Education, will report to work Aug. 13, according to Clark Lund, school district superintendent. Branson will serve both ends of the special education spectrum from handicapped to the able and gifted program.

His responsibility will be administrative as well as advisory, according to Lund. Branson will head the administration of the various special education programs.

Post receives third place for editorial

The Sandy Post has won third place for best editorial of 1978 among Oregon weekly newspapers. The award was presented for an editorial encouraging development in the Sandy Industrial Park.

The Molalla Pioneer won best editorial honors among weekly papers.

In all, 45 of Oregon's 113 weekly and daily newspapers won awards.

This marks the second consecutive year The Post has won an award in statewide competition.

The award-winning editorial in The Post was written by Post general manager Von Braschler.

their evaluation and will be responsible for the initiation of renewal applications for the ongoing programs.

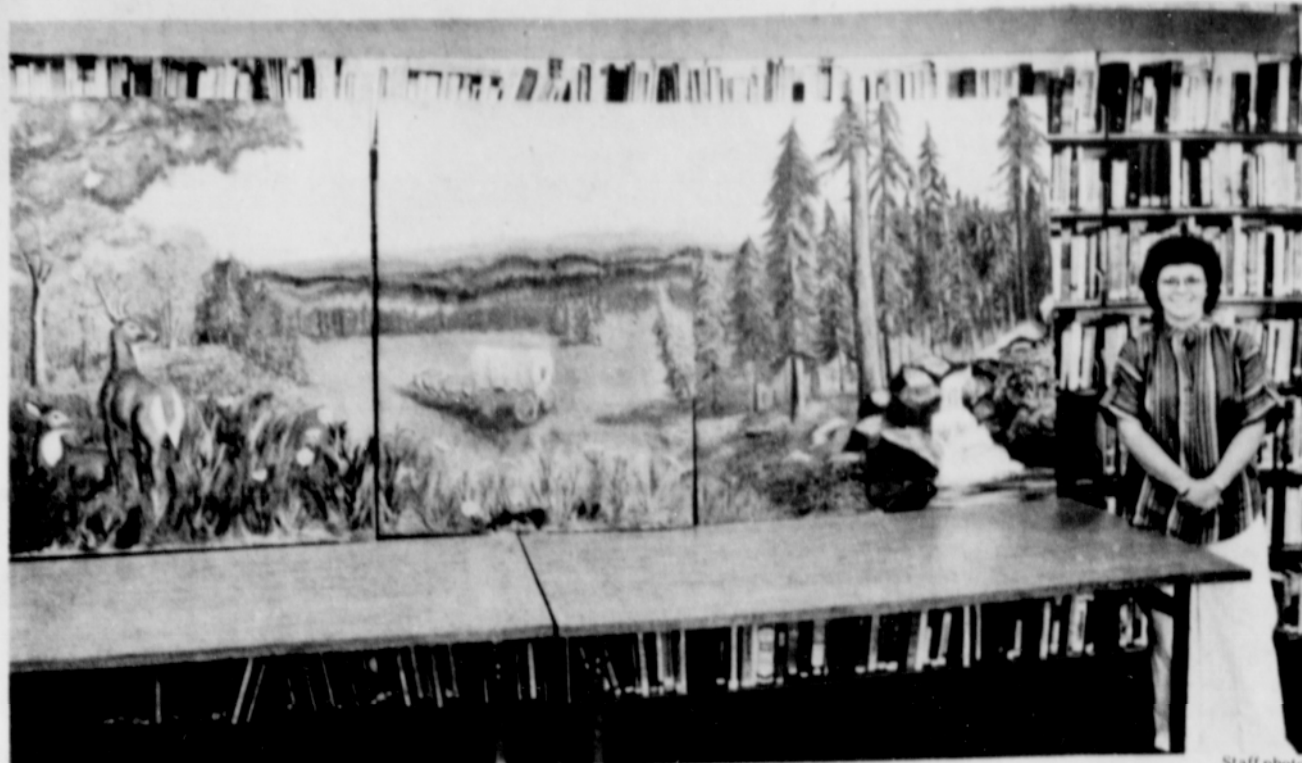
He will be the primary adviser to Lund on the administrative spending of funds for each of the programs. Funding sources received a recent boost, Lund said. The school district was awarded a non-matching funds grant from the Northwest Area Foundation of St. Paul, Minn., for able and gifted students.

Sandy Elementary was one of 15 Oregon schools to acquire the \$7,700 grant. The money is designated for special science station equipment. Included in the station plans are horticulture, a greenhouse and a weather station.

Branson will also have direct involvement with the children, Lund said. He will conduct testing, make diagnoses, and provide counseling.

Prior to his current position in Montana, Branson was director of special education and federal programs for the Estacada school district from 1966 to 1977. Before that he taught handicapped students for four years in Marion County. He also taught English, reading and social studies in Turner, Ore.

Branson holds a B.A. from Linfield College in McMinnville and a master of science from Oregon College of Education, Monmouth. He studied for his administration and special education license at the University of Oregon in Eugene.



The new mural painted by Carmen Delano, a student at Mt. Hood Community College, (pictured) was unveiled at the

Sandy Public Library last Wednesday. The mural depicts the scene along the historic Barlow Trail.

Super Summer in full swing

The Super Summer is under way at the Sandy Public Library with a Wednesday morning program featuring a variety of activities.

"It's really going good," said Sue Newlands, librarian. In addition to a puppet show with Book Man and Super Critter, the heroes of Super Summer, the Wednesday morning participants are involved in a reading program with zoo passes and iron-ons for top readers.

This program is not limited to Wednesday participants, however, said Newlands.

Any youngsters who want to participate may and they don't necessarily have to know how to read.

According to the librarian, if a child is not old enough to read, then a parent can check out the books. After the book is read to the child, a log is kept and the child can qualify for the prizes.

Along with the reading program and puppets, the library has provided crafts for the participants.

Each week a new theme is involved in the Super Summer program sponsored by the Tri-County Libraries.

Next week is "Super Sleuth Week" and Newlands said she hopes to have a Sandy policeman talk to the Wednesday group.

The Zoomobile from Washington Park Zoo in Portland will visit the Sandy library on Aug. 22 at 10:30 a.m. That will give area youngsters the opportunity to see baby animals up close.

The library also is changing its face. The long-anticipated mural, painted by Carmen Delano, is in place. New bookshelves to house the paperback selections have been built and installed by Charles

Frasier, chairman of the library board.

New adult fiction and nonfiction selections at the library include "Before the Blossoms Fall" by Agnes Newton Keith, "Buggies, Blizzards, and Babies" by Cora Frear Hawkins, "Good as Gold" by Joseph Heller and "The Vicar of Christ" by Walter Murphey.

New easy and juvenile books include "Ruffles and Drums" by Betty Cavanna, "Young Children's Mix and Fix Cook Book" by Parent's Magazine and "A Visit to the Doctor" by Knute Berger, M.D.

Wyden knocks utility rates

Utility rates is not a very encouraging subject right now for people on a fixed income, the Oregon director of Gray Panthers told a gathering of senior citizens Tuesday morning in Sandy.

Ron Wyden, 30, spoke at the monthly breakfast meeting of the Sandy Senior Center.

"The tragedy of government is that you can't get them to act until there is a crisis," Wyden told the group of approximately 25 seniors. He was referring to the Oregon Legislature, which did not act on utility rates during the just-completed legislative session.

Laws that helped the fixed-income utility ratepayer last winter won't be around to

help him this coming winter, he said.

"If this winter is anything like last winter, people on small incomes are in trouble," Wyden said. No legislative program combined with energy costs going up, means low income people will have problems, he added.

In other matters, Wyden, who is also the coordinator for Legal Problems for the Elderly in Portland, gave the senior citizens some tips on taxes.

The senior citizen tax deferral is a way not only for seniors to save money, but for them to make money, he said. Most elderly people don't take advantage of it, he explained.

"Only the rich seem to use

it," he said. "All rich, old people use it because they know a good deal when they see one."

The program is a way for elderly citizens to make money while paying no taxes, Wyden said.

Fire calls near record

With the month of July just half over, the Sandy Fire Department is nearing a record for alarms in a month.

As of July 15, the department had responded to 32 calls, according to Jim Gallagher, fire prevention officer. The record is just over 80.

The majority of calls have been responses to first aid emergencies. That results from the warm weather the Sandy area has been

experiencing, Gallagher said. There have been 28 first-aid calls in July.

The fire department has responded to six fire calls during the month, nine motor vehicle accidents, seven public assistances and one false alarm.

For the year, the Sandy Fire Department is far ahead of last year at this date. The department has responded to 474 alarms so far in 1979, compared to 354 on this date one year ago.

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