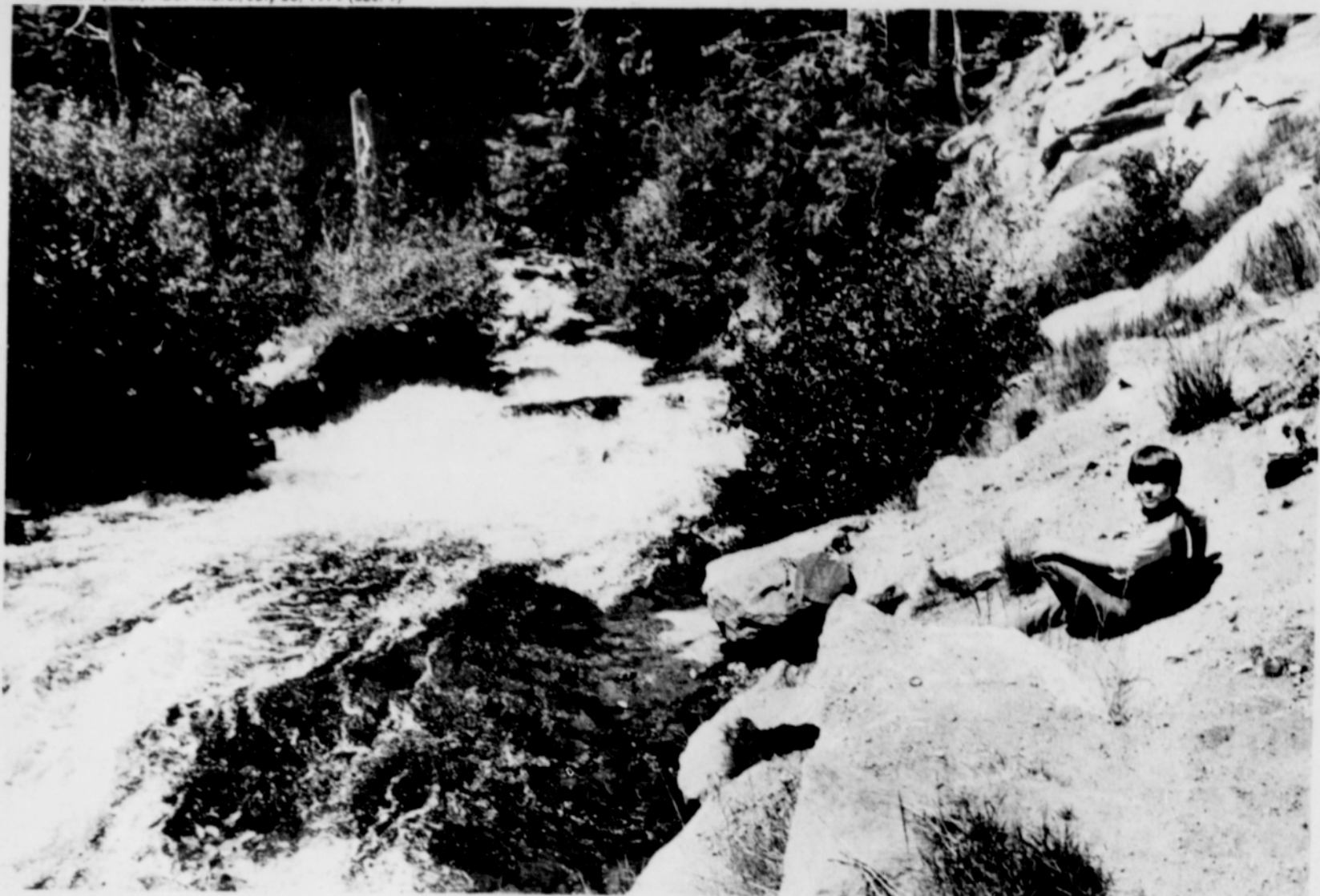




Midsummer's daydream

Photo by Mark Floyd

Midsummer is the best of times for kids. The painful memories of school are far behind and new worries won't begin for at least a month. This youngster

found the rushing water of Camp Creek a good place to relax and enjoy the tranquility of summer.

Fire district updating rural map books

If you live in a rural area in the Sandy Fire District and have seen an official-looking fire vehicle slowly driving up and down your out-of-the-way road, don't be alarmed.

The Sandy firemen have been in the process of updating their district map books, a procedure the district is completing for the fifth annual time. Fire Chief Bob Rathke said several volunteers have been on the back roads for several weeks and he has been busy verifying the changes they noted.

The purpose of the updating process is to locate new dwellings or other buildings in the 77-square mile fire district.

The firemen have driven the roads approximately 285 miles searching out the new dwellings and looking for

homes with duplicate addresses. That occurs, said Rathke, when a family will have a 20-acre parcel and decides to build a new home on the rear portion of the acreage. The old house and the new house keep the same address.

A problem for the fire department can arise if the old house is sold. On the district's maps, each dwelling should have a separate address to facilitate easy discovery of homes requesting emergency treatments.

Under a street address index system begun four years ago, every house (and numerous farm buildings) in the fire district is identified in an 80-page map notebook. Those notebooks are kept in the cab of every emergency response unit.

Each page of the book

shows the location of buildings, their addresses and driveways for a one-square mile area.

By finding the new dwellings, the district is able to complete and approximate census of the residents in the district and keep an eye on rural growth.

Under the fire district's calculations, each dwelling contains 3.8 residents.

According to this year's survey, there are approximately 330 residents within the district who do not live within the city limits.

"It seems like development outside the city has slowed down," Rathke said. That, he said, is in keeping with the land use planning goals established by Clackamas County.

One way the district uses in

updating the maps is an ongoing process. Whenever a firefighter notes a foundation being installed, it is marked down as a dwelling, Rathke said, and the next year the address is written down into the book.

That has not been happening as frequently as in the past, he said, noting another signal that rural building is slowing.

Summer swelter no harm to Sandy's water supply

While the sweltering weather of the past two weeks has caused emergency moves in some water districts in Oregon, the Sandy water system operated without problem.

Parts of Portland have been told to water their lawns on alternate days to conserve water. The Corbett Water District faces questions about its water supply. Sandy continues with business as usual.

The city has an "adequate" supply of water, according to City Manager Roger Jordan, because of improvements to its water

system. Those improvements assured that Sandy would continue with adequate water to operate in the face of its growth, for 10 years.

Because this is only the second year of the stretch, the recent increase in use caused by the hot weather presented no problem. With "minor modifications" the present system's life could be extended even longer, Jordan said.

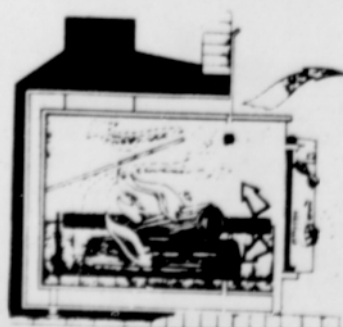
The time the city becomes concerned about the water supply will be when the system is in its eighth and ninth years. Until then,

however, Jordan said, the supply will continue to be adequate.

In the event of another emergency, however, individuals may contact the city about problems with water reception. A new emergency communications system has been installed enabling Sandy water users to reach city employees whenever problems occur.

A city employee has been issued paging equipment so he can be reached during weekends and evenings. The telephone number to call in case of emergency with individual water reception is 668-6090.

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Only one week left to mail relief forms

Half of Oregon's renters and a third of the state's homeowners still have not applied for tax relief claims.

The filing deadline is Aug. 1. The tax refund is automatic regardless of salary, but claims must be filed with local county assessors to get the money, according to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

The law provides that the state will pay up to 30 percent of the property taxes on an owner-occupied home, up to a maximum relief of \$800.

Although an estimated 603,000 homeowners are eligible for relief, the Department of Revenue estimates that by last Friday only 395,000 owners had filed claims. Only 38,000 of 100,000 eligible renters had filed, according to the Department of Revenue.

Claim forms were mailed to Oregon residents in June. Persons who didn't receive forms can obtain them by writing: Stockroom, Oregon Department of Revenue, State Office Building, Salem 97310. Forms also are available to homeowners from county assessors.

Persons who don't meet the Aug. 1 deadline should file late. Homeowners

who filed late may not have their November tax bill reduced but will be reimbursed for the state share later.

Renters filing late may not receive checks in October, but will get them later.

Department of Revenue officials say there is some confusion among renters as to whether they must apply to receive the money. Other Oregonians may not take advantage of the tax relief because they think their income is too high.

The mistaken idea that there is an income limit may have come from citizens' confusing the new plan with the Homeowners and Renters Refund Program (HARRP), according to the assessor's office. HARRP, in effect since 1973, gives tax relief to low- and middle-income residents only.

One of the common mistakes on applications received by the county assessor's office is applying for property tax relief on both a principal residence and vacation home. The relief applies only to owner-occupied principal residences.

Board meets tonight

Remodelings under review

When the Sandy Design Review Board convenes tonight in the library, it will be faced with a number of requests that will change the face of the Sandy business community.

Applications have been filed that would allow for the construction of a new savings and loan facility, and the remodeling of two other dwellings that would like to become eateries.

Benjamin Franklin Savings and Loan has filed an application with the board to construct a new facility on Pioneer Boulevard at its intersection with Strauss Street. Although no target date for opening has been firmly established, the statewide organization is just waiting for permission to begin ground breaking for the new building.

As reported in last week's Post, the Mt. Hood Fruit Market will close its doors in September. At that time, remodeling will begin and the firm will reopen as a restaurant. A western motif

has been designed by the architect. Approval of that plan is expected by the board at the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Jim Nerison has filed application with the Design Review Board to do a remodeling job that will turn a home on Pioneer Boulevard into a sandwich and novelty bathroom accessories store.

The other changes in the face of the commercial sector will not be quite as large, but they will be every bit as noticeable.

Sandy Country Florist, Dennis Lake, proprietor of the new tackle shop on Pioneer Boulevard and Strauss Street, United Pentecostal Church and Bruce Erickson have all applied for new signs to advertise their businesses.

The United Pentecostal Church uses the Oddfellows Hall for its congregation and would like to hang a sign on the building notifying the community of its occupancy.

Erickson has recently changed places of business from his former location

above St. Paul's Press to a house located behind the Country Delicatessen on Proctor Boulevard.

Also being brought before the board are reconsiderations granted one year ago. City building official Tom Day said these were not the result of any violations, but are considered standard procedure in some applications.

The board will review the circulation plans and directional curbing granted Carlson a year ago. It will also obtain an update on the semi-truck van being used as an office by Don Obrist at a construction site.

A gravel parking lot used by Clackamas County Bank will also be reviewed.

The Design Review Board is composed of Chairman Ken Lundgren, an architect, Jerry Sand, a landscape architect, Dennis Petrequin, Sandy's planning consultant, Bob Kallem, PGE chief in Sandy and Judy Berger.

Car accident injures pair

A two-car accident Saturday, July 14, injured two persons, according to the Sandy Police Department.

Agnes Hartwig of Sandy was injured when the car she was driving pulled out of a driveway on Proctor Boulevard near Beers Avenue and collided with a car driven by Ron Eicher of Portland. Mark Stogsdill, a passenger in the Eicher vehicle, was taken to Gresham Community Hospital along with Hartwig. No citations were issued.

David Coe of Sandy reported the theft of the drive line from his pickup truck last Tuesday, July 17. The vehicle was parked in his driveway at the time of the theft.

Corwin James McDonald of Portland was cited for careless driving after the car he was driving struck three parked cars on Pioneer Boulevard near Shelley Street. The accident occurred Thursday, July 19.

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