



Marley, played by Hank Emerich, visits the weary Scrooge, Ken Fox, to warn him of the danger his miserly life can lead to. The SCP production "A Christmas Carol" opens Friday at

8 p.m. and will play Saturday at the same time. There is a special matinee performance Sunday at 2 p.m.

Businessmen angry over idle stables.

Several local businesses wince at the mention of Mt. Hood Stables.

To Western Wood Structures Inc., it represents their company's largest business loss from a single account.

To Frazier Roofing, the stables bring to mind 1974, when they wiped out Frazier's operating capital.

And to Harder Mechanical Contractors Inc., Mt. Hood Stables means about \$16,000 down the drain.

All three companies performed work for stable owner A.C. Edmon before he went bankrupt. None has been paid in full.

But two of the three companies still have hope they might get their money back if the stables are resold.

Marshall Frazier, owner of Frazier Roofing, and Marshall Turner, president of Western Wood Structures,

say it all depends on the good-heartedness of the Small Business Administration, which now owns the stables.

The SBA foreclosed on Edmon in 1975. It then paid about \$100,000 to contractors who had filed liens against the stables, said R.A. Cook, loan officer for the SBA.

But Cook said some companies, like Western Wood, Harder and Frazier, did not file their liens properly, and were unable to collect all the money owed them.

Now that the SBA owns the property, it has no obligation to pay Edmon's debts.

"Foreclosure eliminates liens and claims," Cook said.

"This is the unfortunate part. Anytime you have someone who doesn't make it, it leaves someone out in the cold."

Turner said Western Wood

Structures lost about \$15,000 out of \$110,000 worth of roofing work done on the stables. But that \$15,000 represented their profit on the job.

"It was a smelly deal," Turner said.

Frazier said he lost \$10,000 of \$25,815 in work for Mt. Hood Stables. The reason, he was told, was because he did not properly divide his lien into categories for materials and labor.

"Because of this technicality, they say we're not entitled to our money," Frazier said.

Cook said it is not the SBA's fault the liens were improper. Nor was it the SBA's responsibility to "go out and start bailing out all these small contractors," he said.

Don Stilwell, co-owner of Harder Mechanical Contractors, said his company is

through dealing with Mt. Hood Stables.

The company agreed to a \$1,000 settlement and dropped its \$15,000 lien against the stables.

Turner and Frazier said they turned down similar settlement offers because \$1,000 seemed small against the total they are owed.

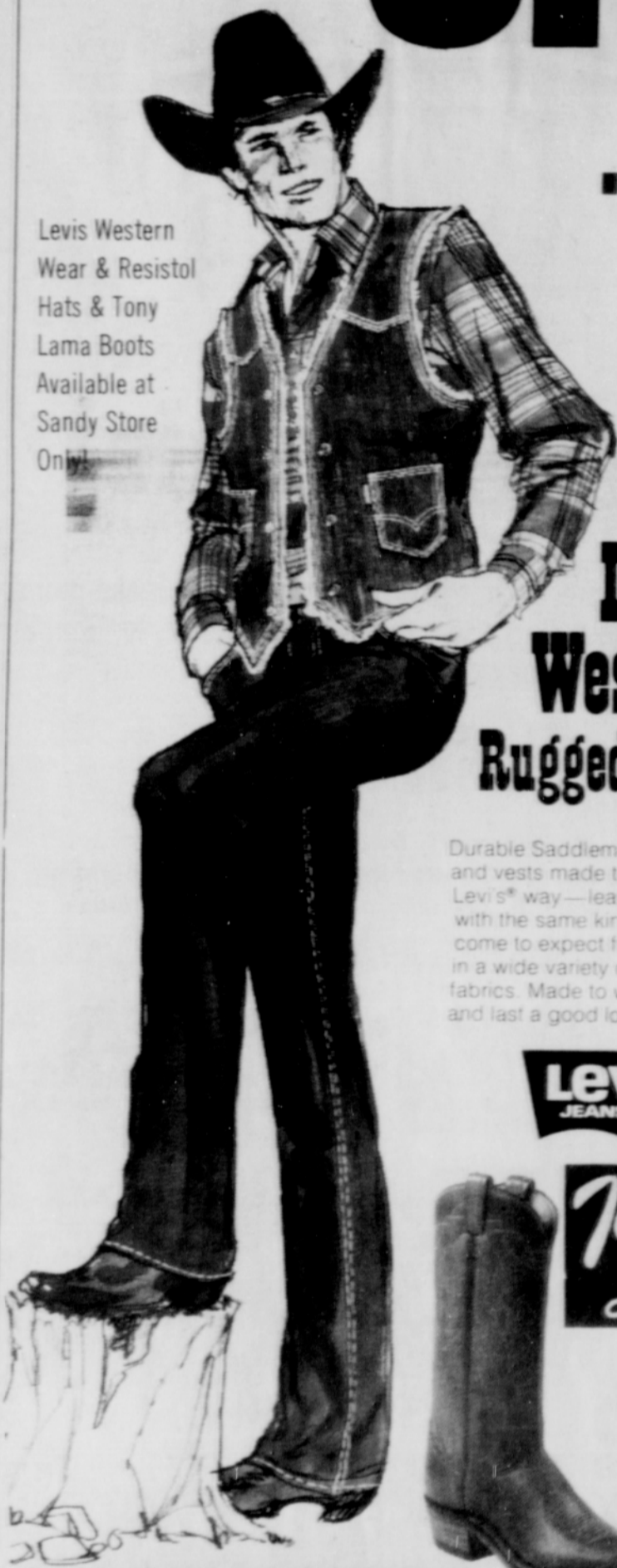
Only General Telephone Co. of the Northwest (GTE) has indicated an interest in the land. Henry Kutschia, manager of GTE's Gresham division, said his company is ready to make a \$760,000-plus offer on the property, but cannot do so without a zoning change.

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners must approve a conditional use permit for GTE to use the land for storing and repairing small vehicles and for offices.

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