



This Sandy pioneer got his buggy all dressed up for a celebration and found some dummies to ride along. If you know what the festivities were or who the driver is, contact the Sandy Pioneer Association.

Highway user tax receipts enrich Sandy's coffers

The city of Sandy's coffers were enriched by more than \$20,000 in highway user tax funds during the last half of 1980.

During the period from July 1 through Dec. 31, 1980, the State Highway Division distributed \$20,803.76 to Sandy for use in local road and street programs, it was an-

nounced last week.

The allocation is based on the statutory 12.17 percent, and has been distributed on a monthly basis. Sandy was just one of 241 cities in the state to receive the funds.

The apportionment is based on the population of each city as determined by the Center for Population Research and Census.

Portland State University. Sandy's population was 2,930 on Dec. 30, according to the center.

The funds come from motor vehicle registrations and operator's license fees, gasoline tax, use fuel tax, motor carrier fees and fines and penalties collected for violations of the size and weight statutes.

Class of '56 seeks missing classmates

The Sandy Union High School class of 1956 is having its 25th reunion the weekend of July 24.

Class members who have not received notices should write or call Dixie Hunt Marshall, 41281 S.E. Allgeier Road, Sandy, or 668-4713.

There are some class members about whom organizers are seeking information. They are Bill Taylor, Elsie Vincent, Bob Sauce, Joanne Albertson, Leota Brown, Robert Hudson, Dorothy Horttor, Sandra Pacquin, Niva Martini, Arlene Moore, Jack Poirer, Sandra Kearns and Lorraine Peabody. Others are

Darlene Dahlberg, D. Davidson, Dorothy Hortzman, Ian Winter and J. Weberg.

If you have information about these persons, contact Marshall.

Eastern Star convenes

Mountain View Chapter 125, Order of Eastern Star, hosted the annual district meeting of Gresham, Troutdale and Sandy chapters Tuesday, Feb. 10.

The meeting was held in the Sandy Masonic Temple. Charlotte Pawelski, Worthy Grand MAtron of Oregon,

made her official visitation to the Mountain View Chapter of Sandy.

J. Robert Meyers, Worthy Grand Patron of Oregon, and Merrill Stanley, Past Grand Patron, were honored. Three grand officers and several grand committee members also attended.

Dropouts dispelling notions of failure

A recent survey of students who left Oregon high schools before graduation dispels the popular notion that they are failures and don't intend to continue their education.

The Oregon Department of Education, in conjunction with Oregon Attitudes, a public opinion research firm, surveyed 529 students who left high school during the 1979-80 school year.

"I am alarmed that nearly one-third of our students leave high school before graduation," said Verne Duncan, state school superintendent. "But we needed to know more about them, why they left, what they've been doing and what their plans are."

Duncan said the "dropout" label doesn't fit most of the early school leavers. "Few had academic or conduct problems," he said. "They left for a variety of complex reasons — many not directly related to school."

"Most of those interviewed

were anxious to share their thoughts and grateful that someone cared enough to listen," he added.

Eighty-three percent of the early leavers said they intend to pursue their education and 33 percent had already returned to some form of schooling by the time of the September interview.

"It's discouraging to see students leave school," Duncan said. "But for some students an alternative to the four-year high school may be more effective. My greatest concern is that these early leavers know what educational options are available."

Duncan said his staff is taking several steps to help potential and actual early school leavers.

A Youth Education and Employment Program, sponsored by the Department of Education and the Employment Division, will use a \$500,000 federal grant to establish seven demonstration sites across the state to offer guidance

for career and educational opportunities to students who may leave or have left school.

Duncan will appoint a team, representative of other youth-serving agencies as well as business and labor, to develop recommendations for specifically addressing the needs of potential and actual early school leavers.

He has directed his staff to see that school districts com-

ply with Senate Bill 854, which requires them to advise students of educational alternatives before they drop out.

Only 26 percent of those surveyed cited conduct or related matters as a reason for leaving school and only 5 percent mentioned grades or academic difficulty. The most frequently stated reasons were: teachers, 19 percent; dislike of school in general, 15 percent; dislike

of specifically named school, 13 percent, and pregnancy, 11 percent of females.

Sixty-nine percent had worked since leaving school and 46 percent were working when interviewed in September.

Eighty-three percent said they had future education plans. Forty percent planned to attend a community college and 30 percent said they will enter the General Educational Development (GED) program.

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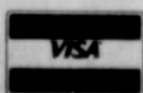
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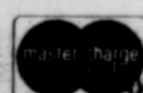
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