



The way they were in 1931: Top, C. Griffin, E. Tawney, A. Spooner, H. Griffin, A. Funk; Middle, R. Westerberg, R. Mundlin, C. Payne, B. Kitchen, M. Andrews, C. Tawney, M. Swerwer; Bottom, B. Maronay, A. Larson, R. Norquist, V. DuBoise, C. Bacon, S. Hauglum.



At the reunion: Top, Gene Tawney, Charles Butler, Harvey Griffin, Curtis Bacon, L.E. Palmer, Alma Spooner Buckingham, Stella Hauglum Chase; Front, Edith Shell Bales (teacher), Claire Payne Bjur, Marie Swerwer Dizio, Ann Louise Larson Kubler. Photos courtesy of Miles Aubin.

Reunion draws teacher who left 50 years ago

The annual Sandy High School reunion this year featured a teacher who hadn't seen her former students for 50 years. The gathering was held at The Chinese Village restaurant in Portland, with 153 attending.

Edith Marie Shell Bales came to Sandy High School fresh out of the University of Oregon to teach English, French and vocal music. She also directed the class plays and the operetta.

After four years of teaching, she left Sandy High to get married. She now lives in San Diego, Calif.

"I had wondered if, after 50 years, I would recognize anyone, but I did recognize two who weren't wearing name tags. It was nice that I was able to see several members of the Bruns family — Bob, Lester and Dorothy — with whom

several of us teachers stayed.

"Several former students said that I was strict, a remark which I consider a compliment, and three people even admitted that they learned something in my classes," she said. "I really enjoyed those four years at Sandy on my first teaching job."

The reunion was sponsored by the graduating classes of 1932, 1933 and 1934, but several students from earlier classes attended. The earliest Sandy High graduates attending were Kate Schmitz and Frances Meinig Loundree, 1917, and Mary Sharnke Kelson, 1921.

Former teachers attending included L.E. Palmer, Edith Marie Shell Bales, Marion Brown Ashby, Jeannette Freeze Lund, Lela Hathaway Leach and Howard Vaeretti. Also attending were Emma Rannow and Selma Horr, widows of

"Pop" Rannow and Neil Horr, two former teachers.

Palmer was a Pacific Coast Conference champion wrestler from Oregon Agriculture College, now Oregon State University. In 1928, he organized Sandy High School's first wrestling team, one of only four in the state at that time.

He also coached basketball from 1931 until 1936. He attends these reunions annually.

Nine members of the honored class of 1931 attended the annual reunion: Harvey Griffin, Eugene Tawney, Charles Butler, Ann Louise Larson Kubler, Alma Spooner Buckingham, Marie Swerwer Dizio, Stella Hauglum Chase, Claire Payne Bjur and Curtis Bacon.

Of the 20 1931 graduates, five are deceased.

Notices of valuation due soon

Notices of valuation will be in the mail in the near future, according to Clackamas County Assessor George Malin.

The assessor is required by law to send property owners a notice when a property value increases, depending on the property's classification. Under the 1979 Tax Relief Plan, there are two classes of property — homesteads and all other properties.

A homestead is an owner-occupied principal residence that has qualified for tax relief under the relief plan.

If property is in the 'all other property' class, Sandy area residents will receive a value change notice if the assessed value of the prop-

erty increases by more than \$400 or 5 percent, whichever is greater. Value change notices for property in the 'all other property' class will be sent out before the first Monday in May, according to Malin.

On the other hand, if your property is in the 'homestead' class, the assessor must notify you if either the true cash value or assessed value of the property increases, regardless of the amount. Malin will send the notice in the fall or within 10 days of the mailing of your tax statement.

Persons who receive a value change notice and wish to appeal the assessor's estimate of value should first

discuss the value with Malin. The differences may be resolvable informally.

Visit the assessor's office and discuss the appraisal of the property with the assessor or an appraiser. Ask to check the appraisal card for accuracy. The assessor may be able to correct the assessment if an inaccuracy is found.

Persons challenging their assessment should also ask about sales of similar properties that the assessor us-

ed in setting the value of their property.

If the differences cannot be resolved at this level, appellants must then file a formal appeal to the County Board of Equalization.

The forms for filing that appeal will be available at the County Clerk's office and at the Assessor's office. These forms must be completed and filed at the Clerk's office between the first and third Mondays in May.

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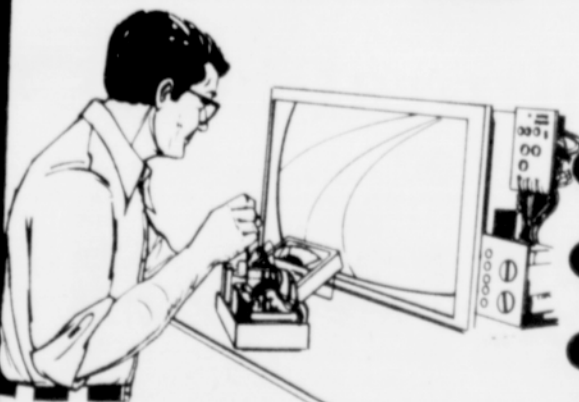
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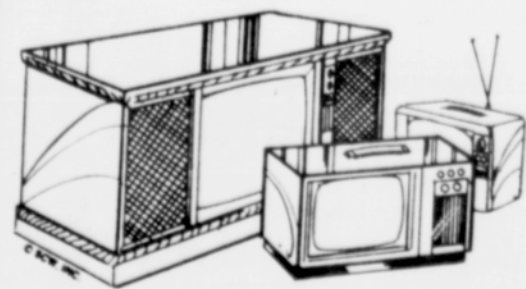
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Human Rights group sets inaugural meeting

The Clackamas County chapter of the Oregon Human Rights Coalition will hold its first public meeting tomorrow, April 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Oregon City Community Center, 1211 Jackson St.

The group is part of the statewide Human Rights Coalition, which was formed in response to large cuts in welfare benefits by the state last October.

The coalition will advocate for the restoration of welfare benefits to the levels that ex-

isted before Oct. 1, 1980. It will also oppose the massive cuts in programs for the poor threatened by both the state and federal governments.

"People can't live on the welfare benefits they get now," according to Antoinette DuPell, a welfare recipient and one of the conveners of the new group.

"I don't see how the government expects us to pay all our bills with even less," she said. "The only way poor people can effec-

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