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## State studies Alder Creek water system

Responding to the wishes of Clackamas County commissioners, state health officials will hold a hearing on the Alder Creek Water Company on Oct. 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lions Club in Wemme.

The county has asked state health officials to consider the water system a health hazard. The hearing will be held to determine whether a hazard exists. The system is currently run by Gene Ginther, who is the receiver for the company. Alder Creek Water was placed under Ginther's control after county officials failed to get owner of the company, Gerald "Red" Bennett, to bring it up to minimum state standards.

If a health hazard is declared, the county will form a public service district to run the water system. The present water company is composed of five different water systems: Wildwood, Country Club, Sleepy Hollow, Riverside and Barlow.

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## Shopkeeper faces fraud allegations

OREGON CITY—Lewis M. Newman, 57, former operator of the Kelso Store, will appear in Clackamas County Court next Tuesday, Oct. 6, to enter a plea on nine counts involving 88 allegations of fraud.

Newman, also known as Leon Mickey Newman, allegedly sold securities fraudulently to a number of Sandy and Boring area residents. The charges involve defrauding those investors of about \$500,000.

Newman, who was arrested in July in National City, Calif., on an Oregon warrant, appeared in court Tuesday of this week, but his attorney sought and was granted a continuance by Circuit Court Judge Patrick D. Gilroy.

S. Dennis Miller, deputy district attorney, said Newman is being held under \$90,000 bail.

He said, "In Oregon you have to be registered to take money from people and invest it in securities. In this case he was not registered, and our claim is that he intended to defraud them right from the start." Miller said that both acts are class C felonies.

The deputy district attorney said Newman used the variety of investment schemes in 1978 and 1979. "You name it and he tried it," Miller said.

Newman operated Gantenbein's Kelso Store at the intersection of Kelso Road and Orient Drive. The store is under new ownership now and is called Nikola's Market.



Matt Hutchinson spent time on the sidelines last Friday night practicing his punting as the Sandy Pioneers fell 13-12 to the Canby Cougars. Matt is the son of assistant coach Randy Hutchinson.

## Sandy Grade School to celebrate 50th anniversary of construction

by DAN DILLON

Sandy Elementary School is 50 years old and students and staff are busy this week preparing for a festive open house to celebrate the brick building's golden anniversary next Thursday, Oct. 8.

Students are busy researching the respective decades that the school has been open and coming up with some interesting facts. Stella Moore's fourth grade class is looking into the 1950s.

During that decade, there were more than 600 reported sightings of unidentified flying objects each year. Elvis Presley, the king of rock and roll, began his reign, and the popular comic strip, "Peanuts" was born.

Like the other classrooms in the school, Mrs. Moore's worked this week on ways to show guests next Thursday evening what they learned about their special decade.

Because of the number of UFO sightings, the girls drew their ideas of what the alien crafts would look like. The boys honored Charlie Brown's gang and were busy drawing Snoopy.

Murals hanging outside the

classroom depict one of the most popular sports cars ever that was born in that decade, the Corvette, and one of the auto industry's biggest lemons, the Edsel.

Mrs. Moore prepared a time line that traces significant happenings of the 1950s. She will also display a reader she used during the '50s when she taught in a one-room school house.

For her, the decade is particularly significant. She began her tenure at Sandy Elementary in 1958 and all her children were born in that decade.

The reader from the 1950s is just one of hundreds of items that will be on display next Thursday to help former administrators, teachers and students recall their days in the school building.

Principal Darrell Shepherd said that any artifacts or pictures will be accepted for display right up to the opening house which will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

The school will welcome guests all day, however, who wish to drop by and reminisce or watch what activities today's students are pursuing.

Shepherd said the Parent-Teacher

Club has spearheaded a drive to contact and invite as many former administrators and teachers as it could to come back to the school meet the present administration and staff and visit.

The first authentic record of Sandy Elementary School District was in 1868 and a number of schools served the area.

John Strauss donated a parcel of land to the Sandy Grade School just north of Pleasant Street and the school bought the adjoining piece.

On Sept. 7, 1931, the new brick building was dedicated amid much celebration. County School Superintendent Brenton Vedder was the principal speaker. School board members included Melvin Smith, E.F. Bruns and J.R. Hall.

The school, which cost just more than \$30,000, was constructed amazingly fast. The final bids were not let until the spring of 1931.

Next Thursday, the students of today will honor all the students of the past and the building that housed them with a birthday party.

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## Returns right-of-way to BPA

# Forest Service gives up trees

by MICHAEL P. JONES  
Post Correspondent

The vegetation maintenance program for 3,619 acres of power line right-of-ways and some 32 miles of access roads is currently being negotiated by the U.S. Forest Service and Bonneville Power Administration.

Ann Heisler, Forest Service public information officer, said the agency is rewriting the cooperative agreement with BPA for maintaining vegetation underneath the lines. Currently, the Forest Service assists with vegetation treatment, ranging from hand-clearing to application of herbicides by hand. Aerial spraying is by contract.

Heisler said the Forest Service took over vegetation management about 12 years with hopes of marketing Christmas trees grown beneath the lines. Despite the good intentions, "there have been problems," she said. As a result, the maintenance is being turned back over to BPA.

"We thought we could provide a product and maintain the lines at the same time," said Zigzag District Ranger Chuck Smay. Last year his district sold more than 7,000 Christmas trees which, he said, "really didn't cover the cost of maintaining the lines because the brush grew too quickly."

Ed Whitmore, Estacada District ranger, said that because most of the good tree-growing areas were inaccessible during the winter, the Christmas tree production got out of

hand. He said that as the trees grew, the Forest Service's staffing and budget for vegetation maintenance shrank, making the project unfeasible.

Taking a good hard look at the condition of the right-of-ways, Whitmore said, there is no other practical approach to controlling the vegetation than spraying.

"It has been becoming more and more apparent that this was coming," he said. "There is no money for us to do maintenance anymore. BPA has the dollars and the manpower. But, because the vegetation on the lines has gotten so far out of hand, aerial spraying may be the only economically-feasible method."

The final decision to turn the maintenance back to BPA will not be official for several weeks as each Forest Service district evaluates the options and makes recommendations. Specific plans for treating the transmission right-of-ways are also being submitted.

"BPA is the expert," said Whitmore. "They know when the vegetative growth will become a problem, because if these lines are not treated then there could be power outages and forest fires."

Paul Alelyunes of BPA said that if property owners are worried about the application of herbicides, they can hand-clear the right-of-way which they are adjacent to as well as "make use of the land under the lines, as long as it

does not compromise their own safety or BPA's maintenance needs."

James McIntosh, BPA maintenance supervisor, said property owners can take out a permit and "enter into a contract to keep the right-of-ways clear themselves."

If the private citizen can't keep the brush under control, the company will terminate the contract and treat the area itself.

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# 'Barrelfull of Pennies' opens Friday evening

by DAN DILLON

The Sandy Community Players have a goal.

They want to be recognized as a viable, contributing part of the Sandy community. And they want to eliminate any lingering impressions which may still label their productions "amateurish."

The players are amateurs, SCP member Jim Wilhite agrees, but only in the sense that no one makes a penny from their participation in the three-year-old theater group. SCP members strive for quality productions and live-theater enthusiasts throughout the area are learning.

SCP draws an audience from Sandy, Gresham, Portland, and as far away as Beaverton.

Yet, it is the Sandy portion of the audience that the players would like to bolster.

Having scanned the guest book in the lobby at the conclusion of each production, Wilhite estimates that only 25 percent of the SCP audience is local. An increase in local audience involvement, however, could boost SCP's stock in the eyes of foundations which give grants to local theater groups. Such a grant could double the group's annual \$20,000 budget to include a summer stock troupe which, Wilhite estimates, could draw some 200 theater-goers to Sandy every night during the summer.

Attendance with those numbers would also give a shot in the arm to local merchants, he suggests.

Friday night SCP launches its 16th production, "A Barrelfull of Pennies," at 8 p.m. in the Sandy Com-

munity Theater on Proctor Boulevard and Wilhite, who directs the play, is enthusiastic.

"I fell in love with it when I read it last March," he said. "But the whole thing was, 'How do you handle all those animals?'"

All those animals include six dogs, six parakeets, two rabbits and a duck, and seven "wild actors" who present the world of Adonis P. Samaritan (Ken Tebo), a New York City taxi driver who can't say, "No," to anything or anybody left stranded out in the rain.

To complement his own family, Samaritan has gathered a "Goodwill reject" who attempted to rob him with a water pistol, Cousin Lu whom he found penniless in the park and the menagerie of animals, which includes an off-key canary who Samaritan is convinced only needs an enemy.

Julie Griffin is Samaritan's daughter, Alicia. Other cast members include Stella Hammer as his wife, Mina; Ken Fox as the octagenarian, Uncle Nemo; Shirley Lawson as Cousin Lu, and Greg Tebo as Alvin, the hippie folksinger rejected by Goodwill. Andrea Bailor is Moonbeam, a telegram girl.

Written by John Patrick, whose "Everybody Loves Opal" and "The Curious Savage" have also been produced by SCP, the play offers a new challenge for the theater group, Wilhite said.

It marks the first time the players have attempted to bring such a concoction of animals to the stage.

The problem was resolved, however, when Wilhite contacted Barbara Burks of Sandy. She has

been a local 4-H leader for a number of years and members of her family have raised guide dogs as projects.

As a result, Wilhite located six obedience-trained dogs who won handling awards this past year at the Clackamas County and Oregon State fairs.

"Of all the concerns we have over the animals," Wilhite said, "the anticipation was at least three times the realization."

He said the dogs' handlers have mastered getting the animals located in their proper place with a minimum of sound in 25 seconds—in the dark.

Technical aspects of the play have been handled by Assistant Director Rob Lawson, Technical Director Bill Lawson and Stage Manager Coreen Bergeson. Lighting Director Gary Lang has installed lighting tricks, sound and special effects which, Wilhite says, will be ready for all future productions.

A large number of the cast and support crew have progressed through the Sandy High School Drama Department, a sign that Wilhite sees as positive. "Their graduates are having a strong input in SCP," he said. "Now, instead of some of those who are interested in theater having to go all the way to Portland to participate, they are staying home."

That uniqueness is exhibited in the areas the audience is drawn from and from its impact on local restaurants on show nights, Wilhite said.

He said that they told him that they could see marked increases on nights when SCP performs. That is a



Adonis P. Samaritan (Ken Tebo) and his co-star will be part of tomorrow night's opening of "A Barrelfull of Pennies."

"positive" step toward the viability SCP seeks, Wilhite said.

The play will run Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 at 8 p.m. each evening at the theater.

The group also offers an evening of entertainment package that lasts

"from when you leave the house until as late as you want to make it," Wilhite said. That includes a reception on-stage after each performance and a pizza party at Buckboard Pizza after each show, featuring live musical entertain-

ment. Theater-party information and reservations are available by calling Wilhite, 661-0219, or Marlene Tebo, 696-2845. Tickets are also available for the first time at Sandy Country Florist during business hours.