

The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

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Backbiting is unproductive

Is anybody getting tired of the backbiting going on at budget hearings and school board meetings?

At the Sandy Elementary School District's budget committee meeting last week, the subject of how much administration the district needs came up. Some people agreed that a principal is needed at each building in the district. Someone else said there was not a principal at Sandy High School, but then it was pointed out that Roberta Hutton is superintendent-principal. Another person mentioned that there are two vice-principals at Sandy High School.

The rumbling that followed had a definite "we're lean but they're not" tone to it.

One budget committee member, in defending a Cedar Ridge counselor, said that this particular counselor is hard at work every time she visits the school. Motioning her head toward the high school, she added that we all know of some districts where all the counselors do is drink coffee.

Budget committee members, like other public officials, would do well to remember that they are in a leadership role, which occasionally means showing some restraint.

We much prefer the example set by Arthur Lowery, who went into last week's budget committee meeting with a list of good questions.

The people attending Sandy High School meetings, likewise, are not exempt from criticism. When SUHS's administration offered a zero-growth budget at the January meeting of the board of directors, the grumbling was loud and mean-spirited. It went something like this: "If the grade school had thought of this last year maybe the schools wouldn't have closed."

Regardless of the validity of any of the above arguments, it is easy to criticize when there is no one present to give the opposing point of view. The people representing both districts — administrators and board members — have enough of a challenge defending their own programs; we wouldn't expect — or even want — them defending the other district.

There is plenty of misinformation to go around. The backbiting simply gets in the way of intelligent dialogue.

Both districts are seeking a tax base in May, which could add stability to the entire educational process in Sandy. We are going to be hearing a lot more about these districts' budgets and abilities to perform in the coming months. Let's keep the dialogue on a rational level.

The backbiting won't save anyone a dime on their property taxes, and it adds to the volumes of misunderstanding.



Honor gains by association

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce began naming a Citizen of the Year 20 years ago, and we wonder if the business leaders at the time had any idea how much of an honor the award would become. It has become an honor because of the people who are together on the list.

Every year, from a seemingly endless list of active citizens, the group finds someone else who deserves a public congratulation.

Consider the award winners:

Lyle Seaman, 1965; Mike Paluck and Bob Smith (posthumously), 1966; Ivan Barker, 1967; Hazel Murray, 1968; Don Deming, 1969; Clyde Sutherland, 1970; Howard Berger, 1971; Olin Bignall, 1972; Phil Jonsrud, 1973; George Morgan, 1974; Dale Nicholls, 1975; Florence Schmitz, 1976; Mel Haneberg, 1977; Pete Sulzbach, 1978; Marjory Hoffman, 1979; Darrell Dempster, 1980; Ruth Loundree, 1981; Ann Ferwick, 1982; Marcy Brader and Pat Spradling, 1983; Jim Duff, 1984; and Sandra Potter Marquardt, 1985.

The Chamber's business may be business, but the people they are honoring are contributing to the community's spirit and livability.

Letters to the editor

Sandy fire department saves husband's life

We want to thank the Sandy Fire Department for the wonderful response they gave Sunday evening, Jan. 26 when my husband had a cardiac arrest.

speed and efficiency. If it hadn't been for them, my husband would not be here today.

Thank you, thank you.
Mrs. H.J. Dupuis
Sandy

Sandy police, thanks

We would like to thank the Sandy police department for their help in our recent burglary. Their dedicated service and assistance are greatly

appreciated. Thanks for a job well done!

Terry and Kathy Sladky
Sandy

A look at the past

1903 — Boring is now a town

by MILES AUBIN

Eagle Creek, Feb. 20, 1890 — Mr. Ben Forester has sold his saloon and all the appendages to Mr. Jaques who intends to change it to a Young Man's Christian Association or a granery.

Dr. C.B. Smith is kept busy and has hitherto succeeded in beating off the grippe (flu) in this vicinity, while Professor Marker of dental notoriety is placing pearls in the mouths of our Eagle Creek belles making them things of beauty that will last forever.

Succession Slough between Jack-knife and Sandy, always fordable, is now impossible. Impassable roads, intermittent cyclones, and continuous rains have been the order. A chess and checker tournament is a great relief while waiting for the sight of land. The honors are equal among Messrs. Foster, Yokum and Reed while Dr. A.C. Smith, a Johnny come lately in those games, steps in and beats them all.

Although the price of merchandise has gone up since the storm commenced, Mr. Wilbern's Emporium still sells at regular prices. The honest yeoman can get as much tobacco for two bits now as he could three months ago.

Sandy, July 4, 1890 — Independence Day was celebrated in Meinig's Park with much exuberance and dignity. The proprietor had cleared a grove so large that 600 assembled with room to spare. The Declaration of Independence was recited by little Herbert Bosch in a very invigorating and inspiring manner. The Oregon City band discoursed music seldom excelled in the state of Oregon. After the dinner the revolving swing and dance floor

came into use. After dark many nimble feet retired to Meinig's Hall to dance till dawn.

Sandy, July 17, 1890 — Miss Eva Rose is closing a four month term at Meinig's School where she has taught with much success.

Up goes another 40' X 48' barn for the Revenue Hotel.

Many are passing through Sandy on their way to climb Mount Hood.

Damascus, Sept. 11, 1890 — Damascus is well supplied with preachers as Reverend Anderson, who just moved in, makes seven.

Married recently were Miss Blanch Morton and Mr. Ed Siefer of Sandy.

Sandy, June 6, 1891 — A daughter was born to the wife of J.E. Siefer.

Our young Elder, Mr. Trullinger, was made extremely happy by uniting his fortunes with Miss Alice Flynn of Cherryville on June 16. Elder W.R. Rich officiated.

Sandy, April 15, 1892 — Miss Minnie Jagger will teach school at Marmot. Miss Addie Herrick will teach a three month term at Cliff Side. Hattie Sweet will take charge of the school at T.K. William's.

Boring, Aug. 15, 1892 — George Welch, one of the first to take up a donation claim in these parts has died.

Mr. Orwiler has sold his Hardup Sawmill to Healy and Company. They are doing a rushing business in cutting railroad ties.

Orders are coming in so fast that the Last Chance Sawmill is putting in an edger. Hillyard brothers have put in a large mill at Fairview.

Damascus, Dec. 12, 1892 —

Damascus is situated on the Millwaukie and Foster Roads about ten miles east of Oregon Ci-

ty and fourteen miles from Portland. It has two stores, a blacksmith shop, shoe shop, chop mill, two boarding houses, a church and a schoolhouse.

Sandy, Sept. 26, 1896 — Six wagon loads of immigrants from Kansas passed through Sandy. They were greatly pleased with the country and expect to settle near Oregon City.

Sandy, Sept. 26, 1896 — The McKinley and Hobart Club held a grand meeting Saturday night, at Meinig's Hall. It was largely attended, and voices of all parties and a great deal of interest was manifested. At 7:00 o'clock, Chairman Ed Bruns called the meeting to order with a few appropriate remarks and then introduced the first featured speaker, Dr. Charles Pitler, who spoke eloquently and logically on the political issues of the day and was frequently interrupted by cheers and applause. The next speaker was T.G. Jonsrud, who made a good speech on the history of silver. The words were delivered in an effective and interesting style. Mr. J.H. Revenue then followed with a well delivered speech giving his reason for abandoning the democratic party and supporting McKinley and Hobart. The last speaker, Louis Vaeretti, a former democrat, kept the audience in an uproar with a very comical political speech. Next Saturday another rally will take place when there will be a debate between the republicans and the popocrats.

Sandy, Oct. 26, 1896 — The weather is bright and so is the McKinley and Hobart election. One of the most enjoyable events of social matters was the wedding of Miss Mary Aschoff to Paul Meinig who were united in the Ho-

ly bond of matrimony Wednesday. A grand ball was given to their honor at Meinig's Hall and was attended by an immense crowd.

J.E. Andre was also launched on the blissful sea of matrimony, and Mrs. Seivers of Marmot and W. De Boin were united October 19. Whose next?

Boring, May 29, 1903 — Boring is now a town. The steam shovel is busy making a cut in Boring. There has been a postoffice established here with Tony Foster as postmaster. We now have the best of mail service.

The Springwater Branch of the O.W.P. and R.W. Co. have their new railway built as far as Boring and are making regular trips from here and Portland, leaving Boring at 8:35 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. The O.W.P. and R.W. is also building a 600 HP electric plant here. With Palmer's Mill cutting 30,000 feet of lumber daily, Boring can furnish work for 100 men. Boring is now a thriving town which rivals all other towns in Clackamas County expect Oregon City.

The Sandy Pioneer and Historical Association Incorporated will meet on Sunday, Feb. 23 in the Melvin Haneberg Community Center. The potluck dinner is set for 1 p.m. This meeting takes the place of the Jan. 26 meeting, which was postponed due to illness of some of the key members.

Following the potluck dinner, a short business meeting will be held, which will include the election of officers. A program will follow with President Melvin Haneberg the featured speaker. New members are welcome.

The above items were compiled from back copies of the Gresham Outlook and Oregon City Enterprise newspapers.



Toasting the afternoon at the Junker Saloon, from left to right: Albert Ridderbush, unknown, Casper Junker, Henry Junker, John Maroney, Lige Coalman, unknown, unknown and John Kiesecker.

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