

The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

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Festival went well thanks to workers

Before Sandy Mountain Days, one would see Darrell Dempster on the ladder of a utility truck, putting up banners along U.S. Highway 26. After the festival, he was seen picking up litter in Meinig Park.

Yet he will tell you there is nothing to being chairman of the 30-member Mountain Festival committee. All you have to do to be chairman is know how to delegate work.

Right.

We will admit it is a great group he works with. They organize and/or publicize a dozen or so events, put on a parade that draws 90-plus entries, and host two days of activities in the park. The events have enough appeal to draw thousands of visitors, thereby helping local organizations gain financing through sales at food booths.

Every year some events are better-run than others. Other criticisms of the Mountain Festival are well known: Slow-moving traffic, crowds and — according to some — no real benefits to the business community.

Interestingly enough, rumblings about the down side of the Mountain Festival seemed to be non-existent this year.

The Mountain Festival committee is guided by a couple of goals. One is to put on a family-oriented event. The second is to keep improving the festival for local people. Working under those premises, it is no wonder they enjoy the community's support.

The exciting thing is that, after 13 years, they still come up with a variety of new events each year. It appears, simply, that the community has not lost its enthusiasm for the Mountain Festival, and credit for that goes to the Mountain Festival committee.

Looking back

Loggers were hot news here in 1956

by SCOTT NEWTON

Logging operators — either at work or play — were in the news on July 19, 1956, in The Sandy Post.

Harry Abernathy of Welches had a "narrow escape from death by drowning" following a boating accident on a lake north of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Abernathy and his logging truck driver, Bill Whitlock, went on a two-week vacation to fish. One morning Abernathy was out on the lake alone trying to locate some ducks he had seen the night before when a strong wind capsized his boat and threw him into the water, according to an article in The Post.

"Abernathy managed to hang on to the overturned boat in the ice-cold water until a couple of ski-buffs pulled out from shore and effected his rescue. Abernathy was reported as nearly numb from his immersion in the chilling waters before he was finally rescued. However, he suffered no ill effects from his narrow escape."

Other night-owl loggers were at work. Because of extreme heat and low humidity, operators in the Mount Hood National Forest have been carrying on night-owl logging operations.

"Although the area has not yet been closed completely to logging and forest travels by Governor Elmo Smith, loggers throughout the area are voluntarily cooperating by getting out of the woods by midmorning each day."

Most loggers enter the woods about 4 a.m., get out one load of logs and then shut down the remainder of the day. The Post quotes the ZigZag Ranger Station as saying.

A third article, quoting information from Oregon State University, said log prices had remained stable for several weeks. Long no. 2 Douglas fir sawlogs were selling for \$50 to \$60 per thousand board feet at Willamette Valley mills.

The July 21, 1966 Sandy Post reports a successful Fly-in Breakfast for the Kiwanis Club of Sandy. Over 1,400 meals were served under clear blue skies at the ninth annual event.

Policy on letters

Letters to the editor should be typed, double-spaced and signed. An address and telephone number should also be provided, although only the name of the letter writer and the city or area he is from will be published.

Letter writers may also wish to include a title or office held if it is appropriate considering the subject matter of the letter.

The news deadline of noon, Tues-

There was no Sandy Mountain Days in 1966, but the Moonlight Madness Sale drew a throng of shoppers wearing night clothes.

The U.S. Forest Service reports that visits to recreation areas — including ski resorts — were up 10 percent in Oregon and Washington. Winter sports of all kinds are increasing in popularity, the regional forester was quoted as saying.

Mount Hood ski areas were planning to take advantage of increased skier visits. A 5,100-foot double chairlift with a vertical rise of 851 feet was to be installed at Timberline Lodge. Multitorpor Ski Bowl was to get a 3,480-foot double chairlift with a vertical rise of 716 feet.

U.S. Highway 26 has long been a project of note for the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce. They received assurance from the state that widening would be scheduled for 1967 between Alder Creek and Zig Zag. Weekend traffic is bumper to bumper over the entire eight-mile stretch of road, the State Highway Interim Committee was told.

A plan to build a space needle in Sandy, proposed in 1976 by then-City Manager Paul Helton, raised the ire of Carrol Erickson of Gresham, who wrote in a letter to the editor, "This outrageous pinnacle of concrete and steel proposed to be stuck in the ground beside a convention center is nothing short of a pure profit making venture"

"(The plan) totally disregards any natural value the land may possess. This tourist trap will be no more than a defacement of the beautiful natural attraction of our area."

One of the main draws of the Mountain Festival in 1976 was the "Pet Rock Race of the Century." Contestants brought their favorite rock to the competition, and they were rolled down a six-foot ramp.

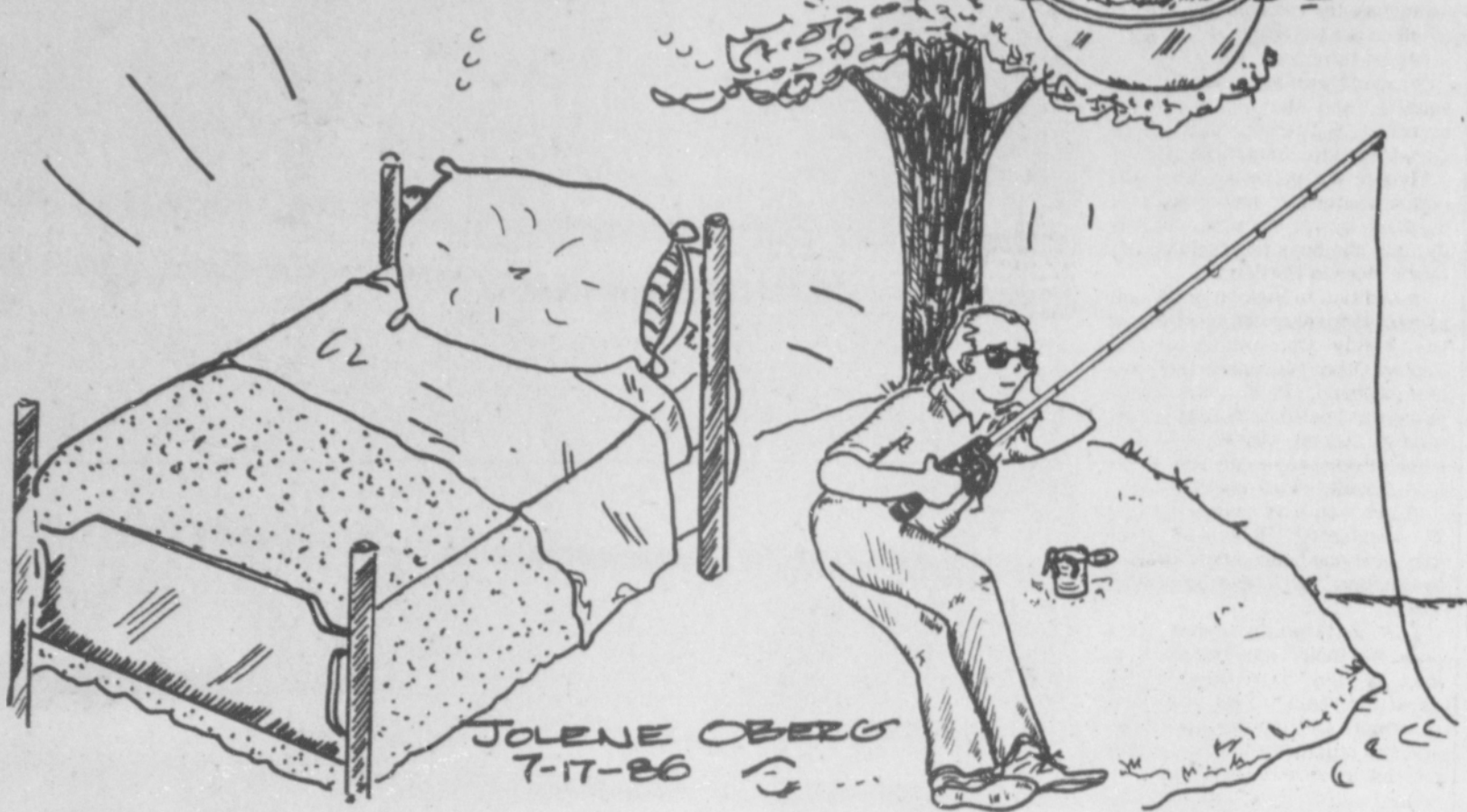
There were rock races for merchants, youngsters, rock hounds and firemen. One rock was disqualified. Master of Ceremonies Joe Cejka threw out Postmaster John Metzger's original entry. It was deemed to be a marble masquerading as a rock.

day is also the deadline for letters to the editor.

Letters should be accurate, free of libelous remarks and in good taste. This newspaper attempts to publish all letters it receives from area residents.

We reserve the right to edit letters to conform to style guidelines or for length. A preferred maximum length is 300 words.

THE FIRST THING A
MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL
COMMITTEE MEMBER
DOES AFTER THE
FESTIVAL . . .



Governor's viewpoint

State fairs stimulate youth

By GOV. VIC ATIYEH

When he was growing up in a home a mile west of Champoe State Park, Ken Austin raised tomatoes and beans which he sold from a roadside stand.

By the time he was 14, he was responsible for more than a dozen cows and calves.

As a 4-H member, he not only had to keep records of seed and fertilizer purchases, planting times and animal weights, he also did the heavy work required to make his garden pay.

Today, Austin credits those early, entrepreneurial responsibilities for part of his success as a Newberg businessman.

He is president of a dental-equipment manufacturing company, employs 500 people, and sells his company's top-rated products worldwide.

When you see young men and women showing animals, clothing, food and other projects at the 1986 Oregon State Fair, think about what



Vic Atiyeh

those experiences may do for them.

State and county fairs not only build the initiative and character of our young people, but also reflect the character of our state.

Our state fair, scheduled Aug. 22 through Sept. 1, normally draws 750,000 people during its 11-day run.

It is not only Oregon's largest annual event, but also one of the 20 best-

attended fairs and festivals in North America.

Now known popularly as "The Big One," the state fair began as a harvest-time festival in 1858.

In 1861, when the second fair was held on the banks of the Clackamas River at Gladstone, admission was 50 cents for men, 25 cents for women.

The fair moved to an 80-acre site in Salem in 1862, was enlarged to 175 acres in 1871, and regularly showcased innovations of the day. Examples: Oregon fairgoers saw the phonograph and telephone in 1877, the automobile in 1904, and the airplane in 1911.

Today, the fair is managed by a permanent staff of 19, advised by a five-member State Fair Advisory Commission, and supported solely by its revenues — it receives no tax money.

At the conclusion of this summer's fair, major work is scheduled to begin at the Salem fairgrounds to make the fair even better.

Among the bond-financed projects:

- The wooden livestock barns,

built in the 1930s, will be razed to make way for a pre-engineered, all-metal facility that also will accommodate horse shows and other events.

- Near the carnival area, an amphitheater will be built to seat 9,000 to 10,000 people.

- The covered stadium, Oregon's second oldest state building still in use, will be renovated with new roofing, painting and lighting.

- Various roofing projects will be completed on a number of the fair's 85 structures.

Regardless of the facilities, fairs — and especially the work that leads up to them — teach our youth initiative, responsibility and skills for a lifetime.

Many of these young people will grow up, as Austin did, to become highly successful adults.

I intend to go to the fair to encourage them. Please join me.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh is nearing the end of his second term as Oregon's chief executive.

Letters to the editor

Marlins express appreciation

The Blue Marlin swim team would like to express its gratitude to the following organizations and people for their assistance with our Sandy Mountain Festival booth: Sandy Lumber Company for building materials; Janz Berryland for fresh vegetables; and parents for their donations and valuable time dedicated to this project. We couldn't have done it without you.

Lois Drill
Sandy

And the Blue Marlin swim team

Scouts say thanks for donations, aid

Boy Scout Troop 176 would like to thank all who supported its chicken barbecue during Mountain Festival.

We would like to thank the following people for their help: Ralph and JoAnn Layne and David, Mike Annes, Blanca Patch, Ann Marie Amstad, Dwain and Gloria Stamm, Lisa and Todd.

Special thanks to Frank Slesh and Lin Orr of D & B Distributors for donating the use of a refrigerator truck.

Extra special thanks to the Mountain Festival committee for all their hard work and coordinating a great festival again this year.

Bob Dunn,
Scoutmaster
Sandy

Merchants team offers its thanks

The players, coaches, managers and supporters of the Sandy Merchants softball team would like to thank the following businesses for their enthusiasm and generous support of our team:

Jeffery Crook, attorney at law; Farmers Insurance/Dave Flippen; Shorty's Corner; Randy's Mobil; Sandy 7-Eleven; Pete's Pools and Hot Tubs; Fun Time Foto; Mount Hood Dairy Queen; Toni's Restaurant and Lounge; The Movie Place; The Flower Garden; Our Gang Hair Design; Geren's Farm Supply; Andano's U-Bake Pizza; Ted Yeager Logging and Sandy Office Supply.

We would like to give special

thanks and appreciation to the following merchants: Joe's Donuts; Jo Jo's Pizza; Mountain Video; Mount Hood Telephone; Bowman's Sandy Thriftway; Quality Service Electric; Suburban Ford; Beaverbrooke Dental; Mount Hood Auto Body and Towing; Sandy Tax Service and Sandy Insurance.

The interest and involvement shown by these businesses toward our community is greatly appreciated. They deserve your support. Thank you.

Bill Fegel

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