



People at the "pavement breaking" to mark the beginning of work on Bluff Road are, from left to right: Ernie Schwartz, City Manager Tom Reber, Henry Schwartz, Mike Walker, Jim Turin, Marie Schwartz, Mayor Deane Wessellink and Steve Konell.

Schwartz recalls first paving of Bluff

When Marie Schwartz was learning to drive, steering wasn't a problem. The ruts on Bluff Road were so deep a car would follow them as a matter of course.

Schwartz's father, A.C. Baumback, helped change that. He was foreman of the crew that put down the first rock bed. There is a photograph in the "Sandy Pioneers, Early Settlers and Barlow Road Days" of a rock crusher on Bluff Road. It was the first in the area to use electricity. The picture is dated 1918.

Schwartz said rock was hauled up the bluff — near the bend in the Sandy River — on a trestle, crushed and distributed along the roadway by horse and wagon.

In mid-October, people who use Bluff Road will enjoy a smooth ride Marie Schwartz never knew when she was learning to drive. But first they must endure two months of construction.

Jim Turin, president of Jim Turin and Sons Inc., paving con-

tractors, said they would start in front of Sandy Union High School, just north of Hood Street, and replace the east lane of traffic, and then the west lane.

That will allow one-way traffic, which will flow north from U.S. Highway 26 to Kelso Road.

Turin and Sons was one of four contractors to bid on the project. They had the low bid, which was \$659,950.

A hearing on the local improvement district was held in August 1984. About 70 people attended the meeting in the Sandy High commons, and residents opposed to the project worked during a 15-minute break to come up with enough waivers of remonstrance to halt formation of the local improvement district.

Just over 50 percent of the residents along the bluff — with votes based on acreage — were in favor of the project. The City Council had agreed not to form a local improvement district if more than

half the residents were opposed.

Despite a good deal of testimony in opposition, Councilman Dick Harrison said to vote against the Bluff Road project would be to vote for potholes. The City Council approved the formation of a local improvement district by a vote of 6-1.

A federal grant, administered through Clackamas County, will pay about \$608,000 of the project. The city's share jumped from \$27,600 — the 1984 estimate — to \$122,200. The local improvement district's share remained the same at \$70,000.

Turin said they will excavate the roadway and put down a layer of cement-treated rock base, which requires four days to cure. Then they will apply a 2-inch layer of asphalt. Next year, they will apply another 2-inch layer of asphalt.

Konell Construction Company Inc., of Sandy, will do the excavation work. Portland East Rock Products, of Brightwood, will supply the rock.

To meet the state's 11 percent financing requirement for minority or disadvantaged hiring, TPT Services Inc. will mix cement-treated base, Salt and Pepper Construction will haul rock, and Kaspac Company will put in the drainage curb.

To meet the state's 1 percent financing requirement for women's enterprises, M.R. Pierce Constructors will handle the flagging duties.

Turin said two flaggers will be on the job during construction.

Telephone lines along the route will be buried underground, according to Mike Walker, public works director for the city of Sandy.

"We appreciate the cooperation of PGE and GTE for the timeliness of moving their poles," Turin said. Construction began Wednesday. The state requires that construction be completed by Oct. 15 because of possible damage from winter weather.

Woman remains in hospital

Frieda Witlock, 88, of Sandy, was in stable condition and improving following an automobile-pedestrian accident in Sandy at 2:40 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14.

Witlock was taken out of intensive care on Tuesday, Aug. 19, according to a spokesman at Mount Hood Medical Center.

Witlock was struck by a car driven by Barbara Ethel Page of Sandy on

Bluff Road near Sunset Street. She was traveling about 20 to 25 miles per hour at the time. No citations were issued, according to a Sandy police department report.

According to other, unrelated reports, police cited Martha Laverne Warren, 31, of Sandy, for DUII on Aug. 16.

Police cited Tod Martin Latz, 21, of Troutdale, for DUII on Aug. 17.

Child-raising workshop set

Parents can learn how to help them be successful at raising children at a seminar beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

The seminar will be at the Sandy Seventh-day Adventist Center, U.S. Highway 26 and University Avenue.


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Boring faces unification, boundary questions

A bid to unify the Sandy Union High School District with its feeder schools could mean big changes for 40 percent of the students in the Boring School District.

But a second proposal by Boring parents to change Gresham Union High School's boundaries to include all of the Boring School District would mean changes for high school students.

Currently, about 60 percent of the students in Boring School District

reside within Sandy Union High School District boundaries and attend Sandy High School. The remaining 40 percent live in the Gresham Union High School District and attend Sam Barlow High School.

A group of Boring residents has petitioned the Multnomah Education Service District to change Gresham's boundaries to include all of Boring School District. If the group succeeds, all Boring graduates will go to Barlow.

The group initiated the boundary change in response to efforts by some Sandy residents to consolidate Sandy

Union High School District with all the grade school districts that feed into it. The consolidation question will be on the Nov. 4 ballot.

The issue will not be settled by the Multnomah Education District. If the MESD grants the boundary change, it then will be considered by the Clackamas Education Service District. Boring School District is in Clackamas County.

However, facts under consideration by the education service districts could be changed by the Nov. 4 election. Voters in the portion of Boring that is also in the Gresham Union

High School District will not vote in the election. Boring residents currently in the Sandy Union High School District will.

Even if a majority of Boring voters vote against consolidation, they could be outnumbered by a majority of Sandy voters.

Consolidation would mean Boring School District would be left with 40 percent of its students and 40 percent of its assets, or about \$2.1 million. Sixty percent of the district's assets, or about \$3.8 million, would go to Sandy. That includes the district's two buildings.

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computer classes. The loss of students also would affect extra-curricular activities such as athletics, drama and music, Stebbins said.

According to her figures, the district's tax rate would increase by about 73 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. But Greg McKenzie, an attorney for the petitioners, said according to his calculations, the tax rate would change by 1 cent per \$1,000.

Karen Howell, who started the petition drive, addressed other issues. The fact that Boring students go on to attend two different high schools results in split friendships and rivalries, she said. It also poses problems for teachers who must prepare students for a different curriculum at each high school.

If the boundary is not changed and unification of the Sandy district occurs, it will leave 185 students without a school, Howell said. She noted that the school is a focal point for the Boring community.

"Parents have wanted the situation changed for a long time, but we never thought we could do anything about it," she said.



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