

The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

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Committee's work could benefit area

There are several small signs of health in the educational community, and one extremely encouraging one.

- The small, encouraging signs:
- State aid to schools increased statewide by 1 percent. That's better than a poke in the eye.
 - The safety net has caused some hardships, but at least no districts are threatening to close.
 - SUHS Superintendent Kent Heaton has publicly revealed he will work toward a tax base.

But perhaps the most good can be accomplished by a committee that has been working quietly in the background for a year. Its goal is nothing less than coordinating the curriculums of all school districts in the area and planning for future growth.

The long-range planning committee is made up of board members, superintendents and principals from the five grade school districts that feed into Sandy Union High School District.

Lots of people will admit privately that in the past, communication between the districts has not been all it could have been. Passing the buck was a favorite pastime.

And so skeptics have to wonder if the new long-range planning committee can really solve any problems. Is it really possible to have a coordinated curriculum throughout the five feeder districts?

Is it really possible to plan for new schools when the possibility exists that people from one district or another will feel shortchanged?

Is it really possible to combine administrative and business functions and save taxpayers money?

We think — and hope — that the answer to all three questions is yes. There are some reasons to be encouraged.

For starters, there is experienced leadership on several of the boards of directors, especially at the high school and at Bull Run. These people have shown a willingness to work together.

A perfect example is the transportation cooperative formed between the Sandy Elementary, Sandy High and Bull Run districts. It is saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Another factor is the unification issue. Perhaps the fact that it was on the ballot last year will convince everyone of the need to work together.

The long-range planning committee began meeting last year, and after a summer hiatus, meetings start again Monday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kelso School library.

The meeting locations move from district to district so that citizens in all areas have an opportunity to participate.

Last year the committee made a small step forward by asking feeder schools to contribute news items to the Mountain Echoes newspaper, which is published by high school journalism students. Mountain Echoes will be distributed this year in all the school districts.

On Monday, the group will begin the year by studying the feasibility of coordinating the curriculum of the entire SUHS District. That is an extremely challenging proposition.

Credit for the idea for forming the committee goes to Terry Lenchitsky. He is a member of the Sandy High School board and will serve as chairman of the committee this year. He reports good participation in the past from people in all school districts.

There are several small signs that give us the feeling that things are better in our schools. But of all the signs, the long-range planning committee offers the greatest hope.

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Eating out true test of parenting skills

When the little boy began to whimper in the restaurant, his mom took him by the hand and walked him outside to run off steam. We gave her a grateful look. A gourmet lunch deserves wine — not whine.

It reminded me of the days when we used to take No. 1 and No. 2 Kids to restaurants after first serving up several unappetizing courses of pre-meal lectures. "Put your napkin on your lap. Don't spill your milk. Use two hands on a glass. Say please and thank you. Don't talk with your mouth full."

To their credit, the kids usually came up with manners we didn't know they had. But there were moments.

These days you have to vacuum No. 1 Kid after meals, but when she was 2 she was a tiny, red-haired person as dainty as a picture in a porcelain locket. We took her to dinner one night all dressed up in a white dress sprigged with yellow rosebuds and a matching coat. I still remember how she looked as we, proud parents of a little princess, trailed along behind. The heads of other diners bobbed out of their booths as she minced down the aisle. "Oooohs"



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and "aaahs" and "cutes" wafted through the restaurant.

And then she did it. Our princess, who was really an elf, grabbed the tail of her spotless, white coat and wiped her nose with it. We tried to pretend we didn't know her as we went slinking out under cover of the laughter.

Like a loser in Reno, No. 2 Kid had a lot of bad luck at the table. He could spill a glass of milk just by looking at it. So he usually entered restaurants with trepidation, waiting to see what

would go wrong. Something usually did.

One night a smiling waitress served our meals all around, satisfied herself that we were satisfied, and was long gone before No. 2 Kid leaned over and said plaintively, "Mom, there is no hamburger in my hamburger."

Sure enough, his bun was naked, as meatless as a banquet at a vegetarian convention.

On another occasion we ended a week's vacation with a festive dinner out at Sunriver Lodge. The pre-meal lectures apparently had no effect, because every time I looked at No. 2 Kid he had a puddle of water under his plate.

"Careful with your water," I said in my best menacing undertone, mopping up the mess. The waitress refilled his glass. Five minutes later another puddle appeared and I hissed another warning.

The meal continued, sauced with a certain amount of tension. Finally, unable to stand it any longer, No. 2 Kid confided in a whisper, "Mom, my lap is wet."

His water glass was cracked. Ice water had been cascading off the

table and into his chair through most of the meal. Five more minutes and he could have washed out of the dining room and into the Deschutes.

No. 2 Kid got his revenge on the day we met an old friend in Sacramento for lunch.

"This will be a big people's lunch," we told the children, "and it will be long, but you will just have to put up with it." And then we dished out our usual round of pre-meal warnings about napkins and spills and keeping voices down.

We were all seated around the table and deep in one of those catching-up conversations when No. 2 Kid tugged at my sleeve.

"Mom, can I ask something?" He fixed our friend with a curious look and said pointedly, "Why doesn't Mr. Hansen have his napkin in his lap?"

I was trying to figure out how to pitch No. 2 Kid in the Sacramento River when our friend responded.

Verne Hansen is a gracious and charming fellow with impeccable manners. Whipping his napkin off the table he said cheerfully, "You are right. Thanks for reminding me."

No. 2 Kid learned something about manners that day. But not from me.

Yesteryear in Sandy

Forest Service prepares for FDR's visit

"Big Fish" prizes were awarded to Lyle Seman and Lloyd Boylan at the regular meeting of the Sandy Sportsmen's Association, according to a Sept. 16, 1937, edition of the Sandy Index.

"The largest fish has been posted to the credit of Bob Smith, but there was a fine technical point involved in the classification of his entry and to avoid any dispute, Mr. Smith generously withdrew his entry," The Index said.

The association also chose Ivan Barker to fill the unexpired term of R.H. Edwards as president.

ON TO COLLEGE — John Orr, Kent Price and Jim Howard all registered for fall classes at Linfield College, and planned to room together at Pioneer Hall dormitory. Others planning to attend college from the class of 1937 included Don Smith, Willamette; Jim Kealisher, Oregon State; Norma Kimbal, Oregon Normal; and Lorena Updegrave, Walla Walla College.

TIMBERLINE LODGE — The U.S. Forest Service rock crusher was run-

ning two shifts as local people prepared for President Franklin D. Roosevelt's visit.

Crews were working at the 6,000-foot level from 4 a.m. to noon, and noon to 8 p.m.

"President Roosevelt is expected to visit the Mount Hood area on the 29th, of course. As much on the road project as possible is desired finished by that time. Work is also being pushed on the new Timberline Hotel. No more visitors will be allowed now until after completion," according to The Index.

GOOD WORK, FARMER — The Marmot news contained this congratulations for Mr. Heeb, who purchased "the old Myer's place adjoining Billy Winter's farm."

Many improvements were made to the farm in a short amount of time. The Index said, "Although 72 years of age, he works constantly, either at home or for the neighbors. Mr. Heeb is a native of Switzerland, coming here over 30 years ago."

ADVERTISING NEWS — A person could purchase a GMC pickup for

\$691.48, according to a quarter page advertisement in the 1937 newspaper.

The car dealer was George Koch at the Orient Garage. People wanting more information were asked to call 4748.

A one-year subscription to the Sandy Index was also a bargain. Cost was \$1.

OFFICERS ELECTED — Sandy's eighth grade class elected class officers. Those elected were: Bob Goheen, president; Ed Wolfe, vice president; Jeanette Keisker, secretary; Paul Orr, treasurer; Wallace Scales, librarian; Ed Schmitz, assistant librarian; and Eva Pickens, sergeant at arms.

LOG HOMES — "The hollow half log construction originated in Sandy by Robert Jonsrud is gaining in popularity," The Index said.

"A shipment of interior finish went to Astoria recently, and a house of half-hollow construction is being erected on the Wescott place at Damascus. This week, Mr. Jonsrud is putting up a 12 x 32-foot silo on a

Troutdale dairy farm.

FOLKS LEAVE C.C.C. — Camp 928, C.C.C., at Zig Zag, is somewhat reduced at present due to the discharge of a large number of enrollees who have reached the age of 24 or have completed 18 months of service.

"About 75 have received or will soon receive discharges. It is noteworthy that all but nine of these have been placed in outside jobs, some temporary and others permanent. It is expected that employment will be more readily secured in the future through an arrangement recently made with the Placement bureau of the Department of Vocational Education of the Portland public schools," The Index said.

"Enrollment will again open about Oct. 1, and Clackamas County boys will be assigned to Camp Zig Zag.

"Through changes in regulations, the question of relief no longer enters in C.C.C. enrollment, which is open to all within the prescribed age. It is now possible for a young man to receive a period of valuable training here and at the end of his service, to leave with a substantial sum of money."

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