

# "Making the Sandy Scene"

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After setting up a small sawmill in central British Columbia, Jolly O'Brien ran onto this "little gem" and thought some of his Sandy friends, especially those in the sawmill business, would find it amusing. Here it is in its entirety:

What is a Sawmill

"A sawmill is a poorly arranged collection of inadequate and obsolete machinery used to convert logs into sawdust and slabwood. It is constantly submerged in a series of cataclysmic disasters of fluctuating intensity some of which have disturbed seismographs as far east as Iceland.

Owned by one or more optimistic idiots and operated under a thin guise of respectability known as a "Lumber Company", it provides for an enormous number of families, all local, provincial and federal governments, several machine shops, machinery manufacturers and a book-keeper. Its only income is derived from the sale of a by-product consisting of some odd-shaped pieces of wood sometimes called "lumber", which is to be sold to people of questionable intellect mostly in the midwestern part of the United States.

The gross income of any mill is divided approximately as follows: 60% for logs and raw material; 30% for labor; 10% for stumpage and royalty; 11% for taxes; 13% for repairs, 9.5% for the replacements; and .008% for the owner-manager-operator.

The operation of any sawmill follows the same general pattern, to-wit:

In the summer when it is dry, and skidding and hauling are possible -- it is too hot and the Forestry boys close up the operation; so the owner prays for the fall rains. The fall rains come and everything gets mired in the mud, so the owner prays for winter and a quick freeze-up.

Winter comes with 50 degrees below; everything is frozen solid, and the crew feeds the lumber into the barrel heater, so the owner prays for spring to come, bringing the birds and the bees. It comes -- with frost heaves and more mud. So the owner prays for the summer. It comes -- and for a short time, just before the Forestry boys decide it is time to clamp down again, the "cats" are roaring, the sawdust flying and the trucks are rolling -- but by that time the price has

dropped another \$6 per thousand.

One can easily see all this adds up to some of the most beautiful cases of stomach ulcers in the history of medical science. It has been estimated, on good authority, that if all the sawmills in the Cariboo and Central B. C. were laid end to end, it would be pretty horrible, and there still wouldn't be enough freight cars in all of Canada to load them on for scrap iron.

There are four basic types of sawmills, and I name them in the order of their most flagrant stupidity:

1. New mills under construction -- nothing good can be said for this group.

2. Those who made enough credits during the summer to cold-deck enough logs to run all winter in order to pay for them.

3. Those who ran all summer and expect to run all winter on logs hauled over a winter road which they will never pay for.

4. Those which haven't turned a wheel in a year because the owners said "To H--- with it" and took up truck farming. !!!"

Mrs. Lena Searls is looking forward to a visit from her sister, Mrs. Blanche Drullinger, from Norton, Kansas. Her sister, who will arrive in Sandy by bus next week, has never visited Oregon.

Speaking of travelling, here are two more forthcoming train trips. Shirley and Becky Flath leave soon for a 2-week trip to Minneapolis to visit relatives; it is Shirley's first trip back in 20 years. Beulah Ballantine leaves this week for Chicago, to visit a sister and brother there.

Duane Gagner, Leann Kasch, Christopher Erickson and Harold Townsend all had birthdays last Friday. Scenes from Sunday night's Baccalaureate Services: The Sandy High band playing the traditional "Pomp and Circumstances". . . the graduates taking on an older appearance in their new clothes. . . Rev. Harold Fuller of the Sandy Baptist Chapel giving the invocation and Benediction. . . The Senior Choral Ensemble joining for "Climb Every Mountain". . . Rev. William Rose of the Sandy Assembly of God Church reading the scripture. . . Rev. Edward Neuenfeldt stressing the importance of following Charlie Brown's example and "being a good Charlie Brown, not striving to be a George Washington or Batman". . . The 1966 graduates choosing "Success is a journey, not a destination" as their class motto.

Evelyn Krebs celebrated her recent birthday on Memorial Day.

Grace Miller phoned with the reminder that the Dover Community Church is sponsoring a community potluck at the Dover School this Sunday, June 5, and everyone is invited to attend. Dinner will start at 1:30 p.m.

George and Ruth Burg spent a recent weekend at Seattle, where they joined other Ed Cheney Dance instructors from the Washington and Oregon area in exhibition dancing. Their dance was a "Hello Dolly and waltz" routine. The exhibition was held in the San Juan Room at the Seattle fairgrounds. Bill and Leta Mae Conray, who have been teaching dance lessons at Welches, also attended. Although many of the dance instructors chose the special train caravan to Seattle, the Burgs drove up in their own car, enabling them to visit Seattle and return via the Coast highway. And while on the subject of dancing, many may have seen the newspaper items of the W.A.I.F. Gala scheduled for the Hoyt Hotel during Rose Festival Weekend. George and Ruth Burg, Bill and Leta Mae Conray and three other couples will be there doing exhibition dancing. . . It's always interesting

when Sandy is represented in a big occasion elsewhere!

Three of Sherry Lawson's 8th grade students, Carol Paluck, Shirley Searls and Julie Schneider, are very proud of their own small trophies. The trophies are miniatures of the larger trophies won by members of the "Molarettes" volleyball team when they placed first in a recent tournament. Sherry Lawson and Penny Paluck of Sandy are both members of the team; the three 8th grade students practiced with the Molarettes each week in Portland. Sunday visitors at the home of Martha Williams were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Grieve, and their 2 children from Bend; and Larry and Diane Kidder and daughter Suzy from Cedar Hills.

A doll cake (the cake forming the doll's skirt) was the main attraction at the surprise birthday party for Tami Gaage recently. She was 8 years old on Saturday. Guests at her party were: Karen and Kristi Opperman, Cheryl Garber, Lynn Wolfe, Debra Christiansen, Nancy Carmony, Debbie Hite, Lou, Julie and Rhonda Predmore, and Trilla and Betty Cramer.

Hal Dyal was home for the weekend -- he has been accepted as a counsellor for Butler Hall at O.C.E. next year. Also visiting at the Bill Dyal home are Diane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Birney Leland of Sparks, Nevada, who arrived last Friday.

Bud and Marilyn Sullivan celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary today. Our Congratulations to them, and to Bud and June Wessellink also celebrating a wedding anniversary. \*\*\*

Loraine Townsend is looking forward to two special musical events this summer. In August she will spend a week at the National Jazz Camp at Sacramento before using her 2-week summer camp scholarship at Redlands, Cal. Having had only two years of formal piano lessons, Loraine is to be commended for her achievements in music. She is the pianist in the school's dance band, in addition to accompanying for many choral groups -- Another student who deserves recognition!

Seen in Passing: Joe Weatherford home on service leave from Alaska. . . Linda Townsend, a '65 graduate, lives in Portland, where she is a receptionist / secretary in the Trust Department of the Main Branch of the First National Bank. . . Lyle Hutson and Joel Mills celebrated birthdays last Saturday. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Krebs had a wedding anniversary last Sunday. Fred Thompson getting his car washed. . . The large "arm" sticking out the right side of David Knoll's small Renault car last Saturday was the neck of a base violin. . . a parade of night attire seen near midnight the night of the Morris's house fire. . . Harold Edes celebrating his birthday on May 31.

Today is Vance Hewitt's birthday. . . Dorothy Searls real pleased with her "wonderful buy" of 69¢ shoes, until she discovered the pair consisted of two shoes for the right foot only!! . . . Mark Moffatt quite pleased with his new white cane presented to him by Judge Howeller at last week's Kiwanis meeting. . . some rumblings and stirrings of Jaycee members -- so far it seems "all smoke and no fire" though!

Judge George Howeller was surprised one morning to hear sounds within the oil heater at his office. When he opened the door on the stove to investigate, a small bird flew out and away through the door outside. Seems it had somehow fallen down the chimney and into the stove the night before.

The Bill Dials hosted a potluck and Bingo evening recently attended by: Bebe Dubarko, Ralph and Ginny Hames, Lois and Warren Harding, Ralph and Jean Peterson, Bruce and Madalyn Opperman, Gary and Charlene Opperman, and Tom and Erma Boothby. . . Bingo, anyone?!

Scenes from the recent Rainbow Installation: Kathy Searls being crowned Worthy Advisor in a ceremony conducted by the Vancouver Chapter of DeMolay. . . Installing officers were: Gail Maroney - Worthy Advisor, Cheryl Hames - Marshall, Janice Lane - Chaplain, and Evelyn Thrke - Recorder. Mrs. Ruth Loundree provided the piano accompaniment. . . Entertainment provided by Sandy High's music department including the Pionaires, 2 of

the Castmen, and the Buckshots. . . Diane Stewart in charge of the guest book. . . Iris Shaw made and decorated the cake served at the reception. . . Sandy's Dance Band providing music for the dance. . . following the dance, approximately 20 of the guests ordering the "Portland Zoo" at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour which was served with its usual fanfare, drums, and ceremony.

Speaking of Farrell's, seems everyone there joined in a verse of "Happy Birthday to Fred" for Fred Proett's birthday Saturday. They even brought him a special sundae with a candle on top. And. . . this brings me around to a recent incident I overheard which should be entitled "The Man Who Didn't Come to Dinner". Seems the grade school teachers arranged a birthday party for Fred Proett Friday following school. His cousin, Dorothy Proett, wishing to keep it a surprise, reminded him she wanted to see him after school hours in her classroom. Fred Proett and his roommate had invited the high school teachers to their apartment later that evening for dinner, so he didn't come by to check what his cousin wanted him for until Saturday morning. . . thereby having completely missed his own surprise birthday party the night before! He could honestly say that was a surprise birthday party -- he heard about it the morning after it occurred!! \*\*\*



Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Burgess, Brightwood, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Adairlyn JoAnn Burgess, to Gary Duncan Moon, Cannon Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Moon of Portland. A Nov. 12 wedding date has been set.

## Brownies Picnic

Brownie Troop #760 had a picnic May 25th at Cedar Brook campsite near Estacada. Members attending were: Lida Bessant, Nancy Carmony, Debra Christiansen, Gala Cochran, Teresa Cowden, Donna Dyal, Tami Gaage, Cheryl Garber, Debbie Hite, Jeanne Grubowski, Marilyn Homsley, Cindy Knipe, Suanne Levan, Kristi and Karen Opperman, Julie Wilson, Leann Wolfe and Mrs. Gerald Gaage. Other relatives and friends attended as guests.

## ★ Clackamas County Commissioner Reports

All but one precinct had been accounted for.

The certification of the election results to the Secretary of State will be made 25 days earlier than normal.

The Clackamas County elections department anticipates the earliest returns in the state in the forthcoming general election to be held in November. This is based on voter knowledge and acceptance of the voting machine by the electorate.

Your board of county commissioners is very grateful for the wonderful cooperation of the electorate. Truly, it is such cooperation that makes Clackamas County the great county that it is.

'Til next Wednesday, Stan Skoko, Clackamas County Commissioner

## ★ Farm Calendar

June 3 -- Oregon Poultry and Hatchery Assn., Sheraton hotel, Portland, 9:30 a.m.  
June 4 -- 20th Annual Spring Lamb and Wool Show and barbecue, Canby fairgrounds.  
June 6-11 -- 4-H camp, first session, Camp Colton.  
June 13-18 -- 4-H camp, second sessions, Camp Colton.  
June 13-18 -- 4-H Summer school, Oregon State university of Corvallis.

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