

Hood-Land Happenings

By the SNOOPER



SNOOP'S SWAN SONG

Would you believe this is the most difficult column I've ever tackled? It is -- because saying good-bye is never easy and when it involves putting the lid on something that has become part of your life -- it seems the task becomes twice as difficult.

My first thought was to aim for a bit of levity with something like: "My daughter leaves for college next week and where she goes -- so goes the typewriter! No typewriter -- no column!" However, since I really don't feel the least bit light-hearted about ending the column I guess I'll have to do it in a more serious manner.

Many of you are already aware that Yours Truly is recovering from a bout of encephalitis -- a rather scary thing to have and certainly not the type of thing one fools around with. In other words when the doctor says, "cut way down on activities" -- a person tends to follow orders. And that is exactly what this gal intends to

do! Before starting this final effort for the Sandy Post, I was in hopes of bidding you adieu and at the same time passing on the Hood-Land Happenings column to Snoops-super-duper-substitute, Eileen Anderson. A lengthy conversation with Eileen, however, put an end to this desire. As most of you know, Eileen is also on the recuperating list (after a recent auto accident) and although she is rapidly recovering -- the responsibility of a weekly column is something she can also live without. (We both agreed what we needed was a THIRD Snooper ready to take over in a pinch!)

Perhaps Eileen will reconsider her decision when she is again her hale and hearty self. This would depend a great deal on you readers though, as it would be up to you to let it be known whether or not you miss the column. This would be the only reason Eileen might consider column writing a worthy project.

There are two petitions on my desk that concern the Hood-Land area. One of the petitions has my whole-hearted support. The other one leaves me cold! The petition to Senator Wayne Morse regarding a yearly clean-up of the Sandy River hit me wrong the moment I read it and the more thought I gave the matter merely added to my agitation. Even though I realize the petition was started by people who reside along the banks of the Sandy River and are therefore concerned solely with what would effect their own property -- this is the very thing that irritated me!

Had the petition been written to include ALL of the rivers and tributaries in the Hood-Land area I would be 100 per cent behind it. (Snoop lives on the Salmon River -- so call me a spoil-sport if you want -- but please change the petition to include all of Hood-Land!)

The second petition is to the U. S. Forest Service in

support of the request presently before them to relocate the boundaries of the Mt. Hood National Forest to exclude the area now known as the Zig Zag Recreational Homes Area. This would revert the property of this area to private ownership.

The advantages of private ownership are many and with the formation of fire, water and sewage disposal districts in the near future, the Hood-Land area must exist as one compact unit in order that all residents may benefit from these improvements.

For additional details regarding this petition Snoop suggests you talk to Don or Pauline Chamberlain who are well versed on the subject.

NOTES FROM SNOOP'S SCRATCH PAD

Jo Wahoske is at Emanuel hospital recovering from knee surgery . . . Pete and Ginny Wingle's three youngsters flew to Illinois for a visit with Ginny's folks . . . Bill Swanson is the new manager of the Brightwood Store . . . For those who miss "Uncle" John Sparley--you'll find him at the Big Chief in Sandy . . . Jack Strong of Brightwood is on the Mt. Hood Community college staff as an instructor of Horticulture.

Beverly Litner called to say she is spearheading a drive against the speed of logging trucks in the area. (Bravo, Bev, I'll support your campaign!) . . . I'm happy to hear Lex Murphy plans to make Hood-Land her permanent home base. She has moved into Sally and Max Hurlbutt's little guest house at Wemme . . . Birthday greetings to Veda Yancey, Jane Hillend, Carol Roberts and Bettie Viles . . . I hear Bettie got "the treatment" for her birthday at the Brightwood Tavern including a cake by Ethel Annis. No one can match Ethel at making birthday cakes! They defy description and must be seen to be believed!

Congratulations to newlyweds Carol and Dan Barker of Sandy who quietly merged Friday, Aug. 26 at the home of Agnes

and Ivan Barker with members of their immediate families present for the occasion. After a coastal honeymoon the couple are now at home in Sandy. A reception in honor of the Barkers will be held on Sunday to provide their friends an opportunity to bestow best wishes.

COMING EVENTS:

The first Prize Night of the new season sponsored by the Hood-Land Chamber of Commerce will be Friday, Sept. 9 at the Zig Zag Inn.

The Prize Night sponsored by the Hoodland Women's Club, Inc. will be held (as usual on the fourth Friday of the month -- year 'round) -- Sept. 23 at the Zig Zag Inn.

First meeting of the year for the Hoodland Women's Club, Inc. will be Monday, Sept. 12, at the Barlow Trail Inn at 7:30 p.m. Meetings and membership are open to all women interested in furthering the club goal of building a complete recreation center at Hoodland Park for use by all age groups of the Hood-Land community. Your attendance will be welcome.

Being ill did have one advantage -- it gave me the opportunity to re-discover how kind and thoughtful people can be. I have a "thank you list" a mile long which I hope to take care of soon -- but in the meantime -- please accept my sincere thanks for all the lovely cards, flowers, notes and phone calls. I appreciated each and every message of good cheer!

And finally, I wish to thank all of you who read Hood-Land Happenings for bearing with me as a columnist. I can't say it hasn't been a real experience -- because it has indeed been just that -- in fact one of the most interesting of my life to date! Perhaps I'll write a book about it one of these days. BYE NOW--SNOOP

The average California farm is 424 acres, valued at \$222,600 including buildings. The national average farm size is 350 acres valued at \$52,200.

Stowell-Kelso Vows Exchanged

Shades of pink formed the color scheme when wedding bands were exchanged August 27th by Angela Karen Stowell and John Glenn Kelso Jr. at the First Congregational Church, Portland.

The bride, a 1965 U. of O. graduate, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stowell of Scappoose. She teaches in Portland. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelso, of Ocean Falls, B. C., is the new Aquatic Director and Swimming Instructor at Sandy Grade School. He received degrees from the Universities of Denver and Oregon, and is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Judy Kessi, Scappoose, was the bride's honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Donna and Delores Jackson, both of Milwaukie; Kay Schulmerich, Hillsboro, and Sandra Jones, Gardiner.

The bridegroom was attended by best man, Stephen Kelso, of Ocean Falls, and ushers Jim Norman and Steve Marks, both of Vancouver, B. C., Dale Wood, Perth, Australia, and Stephen Bond, Wellington, New Zealand. The Kelsos are new Sandy residents.

FARM BUREAU FURROW

The probe of food prices being made by Congressional House and Senate subcommittees may be a "witch-hunt," according to the Packer, a fresh fruit and vegetable trade newspaper. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman also has asked for a Federal Trade Commission hearing on food prices.

Secretary Freeman was very careful in pointing out that farmers were not guilty of the food price increases. He said that farmers are underpaid and gave as an example farmers receiving only one half cent of a recent three-cent increase in the price of bread.

A hornet's nest of resentment was stirred up earlier this year among farmers when the Administration told consumers to shop for lower-priced cuts of meat, reduced meat purchases for the armed services and placed an embargo on hide exports. The farmer is

evidently off the hook in this most recent search for the villain who is profiteering on food prices.

The recently completed exhaustive food price investigation by the National Food Commission found "in the broadest terms, the industry is efficient and progressive." Some aspects of distribution were criticized by the report, which included some controversial proposals.

A study of USDA statistics shows that farm income and prices have lagged behind the rest of the national economy. Increasing personnel costs and taxes in all phases of production, processing and distribution compound to increase the ultimate retail price. Increased efficiency has not absorbed all of the higher costs. Farm net income remains at the same level as two decades ago. The slight rise in farm prices has been outrun by increasing production costs.

An additional cost to consumers in the "built-in maid service" of the convenience foods. A 60-cent TV dinner would cost 20 cents if the housewife had prepared it herself. In either case, the farmer received nine cents to pay his production costs and family living expenses.

The increasing number of working wives who take jobs so their families can enjoy the better things of life have compounded the demand for more prepared convenience foods. One out of every three meals is now eaten away from home, adding more services and costs to the final cost.

Generally speaking, free enterprise competition has maintained related industry profits at a reasonable level. Additional costs, rather than excessive profits, are responsible for increasing food prices.



JUDY EILEEN DEVECKA

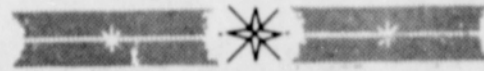
Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. William Devecka, Government Camp, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Judy Ellen, to Robert McReynolds, son of Mr. Everett McReynolds, Forest Grove, and Mrs. Richard Shears, Redding, Calif.

Miss Devecka, a 1963 graduate of Sandy high school, is a senior currently attending the University of Oregon Medical

school where her major is Medical Technology. Her fiancé is originally from The Dalles and is a senior at Oregon State university where his major field is science education in the area of biology. He is affiliated with Alpha Tau Omega. A summer wedding is planned.

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The wedding of Patricia Bennett and Ernest Leon Phillips which was scheduled Sept. 9 has been postponed to Sept. 24 at Pleasant Home Baptist church. The change of date was because her father, Orval Bennett, suffered a heart attack. He is reported as improving nicely.

Mrs. Alice Hoar who had surgery at Gresham hospital, is recovering at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Leber.

Baptist Women Plan Retreat

Women of the American Baptist churches from all parts of Oregon will gather at Camp Arrah Wana in Wemme on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17 for a personal enrichment retreat.

The retreat planned for homemakers and business women alike is sponsored by the American Baptist Women of Oregon, under the direction of Mrs. Lester Harnish of the First Baptist church in Portland, and is open to all women in Oregon.

The purpose of the retreat is to regain a sense of direction, to commune with God, quietly, apart from the usual day's routine, and to return to everyday life strengthened for its duties. It is "finding time to spare for God"; also, it is satisfying the need for renewal of spiritual fellowship by sharing insights and exchanging spiritual understanding with other members of the group.

Mrs. Harnish, who is vice president of Spiritual Growth for the Oregon Baptist Women will be the worship leader. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday. The closing session ends at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Mrs. Stanley Johnson of 7265 S. W. Benz Park Drive in Portland is accepting reservations which must be in by Sept. 9.

Illness Postpones Wedding

Because of the illness of her father, Orville C. Bennett, the wedding of Patricia Ann Bennett and Ernest Leon Phillips has been postponed.

The wedding, which was to have taken place on Friday, Sept. 9, has been delayed until 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, and will be in the Pleasant Home Baptist church.

Loss of life from fires in the United States has averaged 11,000 annually over the past seven years.

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