



QUILTS, QUILTS AND MORE QUILTS—Hundred of handmade quilts, some as old as one hundred years, are currently on display at St. Mary's Quilt Fair. The eleventh annual quilt fair has already netted over two thousand dollars this year for the church. According to organizers they have raised almost \$100,000 for their church in the ten years they've been hosting the Quilt Fair. The second oldest event of its kind in the Northwest, the annual sale is eagerly awaited by quilting fans throughout a three state area. Held at St. Mary's Church Parrish Hall, 960 Missouri Ave., the doors are open from 10 am to 4 pm daily through October 4. The event's organizers would like to extend their thanks to everyone, members of the parrish and non-members alike, who've given so much to make this year's Quilt Fair such a success.

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ESD board picks Proehl to fill vacancy

Retired local school district superintendent Darrold Proehl has been placed in charge of general operations for the Columbia Education Service District Board of Directors.

The directors, unable to reach an agreement on the hiring of a temporary superintendent, decided instead to split the duties of the district's director in a meeting last Wednesday night. Wayne Foster, retired St. Helens School District Superintendent, was named by the board to assume budget officer duties as an Associate Superintendent.

Both appointments will expire June 30, 1982, at the end of the current school year.

This unusual move on the board's part became necessary after it became apparent that the board could not reach agreement on an interim candidate to fill the vacancy created by the death of Superintendent Donald Olmscheid, on September 1.

Having previously announced their desire to wait until next Spring before hiring a permanent replacement for Olmscheid the board, apparently in common agreement, decided to split the responsibilities of the office between Proehl and Foster.

Proehl, who retired from the Vernonia School District 47J in 1980 after 35 years, will oversee the day-to-day operations of the district. He will also oversee administration of the education programs for mentally and physically handicapped students within the district.

Foster, who is known statewide for his ability to streamline budgets, is considered to be a financial conservative.

Second drilling leads to new Mist gas well

by Dennis Dobson

A new gas well has been discovered about 3½ miles northwest of Mist, according to a Reichhold Energy Corporation representative.

The second drilling attempt at this site, the new well tested out last Sunday as producing 4.9 million cubic feet per day says Bud Stensrud of Reichhold's

Tacoma office. Stensrud was quick to point out that test production figures don't always match actual production figures once the well is on-line. The new well, designated Longview Fibre 12-33, compares well with existing wells, he added. Current wells in the area produce an average of between one million and six million cubic feet per day, Stensrud said.

In the two years that a group of gas companies have been drilling in the Mist areas all but the last two wells have tapped into just two pools of gas. Stensrud says they believe this latest find and a well they drilled in August appear to tap new pools. "We expect the August well to be on-line sometime this week," Stensrud said. The company currently is drilling

to the 8000 foot level through an existing well, called the Brewer Pool, trying to find additional gas below the level they are currently tapping.

If proven successful this new well will be the ninth tapped since drilling began in 1979. Natural gas from at least five of the wells is already being sold to consumers by Northwest Natural Gas Company.

Reduced student participation means terminations

Last Thursday night the local school board acted to terminate employment of two of the four school lunchroom employees. This action was deemed necessary because of reduced student participation in the program and drastic reductions in government funding.

The normal student participation in the lunch program in past years has averaged about 400 per day. In

previous years the average meal cost to the student has been 55 cents. Due to reductions in Federal and State support of school lunch programs, the price charged students and adults this year was increased by about 50 percent. The increased cost to participants has resulted in a marked decline in the number of students participating in the hot lunch program and in program cash receipts. Daily lunch counts

are down by an average of 100 per day.

In addition to the reduction in the staff assigned to lunchroom duties, economics through reductions in the portions of food served will also be in effect. It is hoped that these measures will permit the curtailed

lunchroom program to survive through the remaining months of the school year.

Net loss to the local school program through reductions in government support and reduced participation equals over 30

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Auto rams flower shop

Sometime just before 9 pm last Saturday night the pickup truck Randall McLoughlin was driving jumped the curb and crashed into the front of Hansen's Country Garden.

The flower shop, located on Madison Ave., was knocked back on its foundation and suffered an undetermined amount of additional damage, as well.

According to McLoughlin he was pulled from the vehicle by three unidentified assailants while trying to get away from them and the truck, owned by his brother police chief Gordon McLoughlin, jumped the curb under its own power and hit the building.

No injuries were reported at the time of the accident, and no

citations were issued.

In addition to the damage to the foundation, numerous plants and planters inside the building were broken. Telephone service was lost when the vehicle hit the building, severing the lines. A broken window and damage to the contents of the flower cooler were also sustained.

Bill Hansen, who with his wife Lucene, owns the flower shop said he expects damages to run into at least several hundred dollars. Hansen also said that the Country Garden shop would remain closed at least until the middle of October as first the insurance companies inspect the damages and then repairs are made.

Haunted House gets underway

"We're going to scare the 'Yell' out of you again this year," says Dolly Keenon as preparations for this year's Haunted House get under way.

Children of all ages enjoyed last year's Haunted House, says Keenon. "We featured a ghostly atmosphere, special lighting effects and synchronized Halloween sound effects last year, and we intend to do more of the same this year, only bigger and better," she added.

The Haunted House provides an ideal source of safe amusement for local children on Halloween night and this year's proceeds are already slated to go into the swimming pool fund.

Keenon says she and her too-few volunteers need, not only more people to lend a hand putting the effort together, but they need a place large enough to

hold it in as well. "Don't be shy," Dolly says, "come on down and give us a hand. We can use the help," she added.

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