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Looking Up and Down the Canyon

By CHARLES WOLVERTON

Let's take inventory.

This is the time of the year when businesses take stock of what they have on hand to get an idea what they need in the future.

What about the Canyon? How does its inventory stack up, now and for the months ahead?

Housing:

The North Santiam Canyon can house about 3500 people, not particularly well, but enough to get by, in its present built homes. Mongold has a surplus of housing for about 500 single men and 48 families—now partly occupied. Perhaps 25 home units are now being built, in the communities from Lyons to Idanha.

But we are faced, by summer, with an influx of up to 3000 workers, or as much as four times the present total of wage earners. If only a third of them bring their families, there is going to be a shortage of as much as 1000 home units!

Retail Trade:

Although merchants may complain they're not enough customers to keep them busy now, that won't be the case when the working population of the Canyon increases three- or four-fold. And many of the normal needs of a population aren't even on sale in the area. That calls for planning, by individual businesses as well as the entire trade community.

Commercial recreation is adequate for even a much larger population. The same cannot be said of community recreation services. Yet it's going to be hard, especially for the unincorporated towns in the Canyon to subsidize a recreation program, for adults and youth.

Education:

Mill City, with its new grade school building, with facilities for the new population. Detroit and Idanha with a new school built by the Army Engineers will be ready, too. Gates has equipment and space now to take care of many more students. The big problem, so far as education is concerned, will be finding more teachers, and money to pay them with.

Police protection:

More officers may have to be hired, but the conditions of law enforcement are very much improved over a year or so ago.

It seems ill advised and unwise for the state and federal governments to confront a small community like the Canyon with the enormous task of taking care of a population which may more than double and let things work out without planning or help. The Detroit dam will be built, not for the North Santiam Canyon, but to serve the Northwest and the nation. Yet most of the problems of keeping a well regulated community for the people brought in by the dam will be local.

Are we going to have to solve them by ourselves? Are there no outside agencies of the state and government which can assume some responsibility?

The Enterprise proposes that a general conference for the North Santiam be held soon. To this conference should be called representatives of: Federal housing agencies.

State and county welfare agencies.

The Willamette Valley Project Committee.

Col. O. E. Walsh, representing the Army Engineers.

A representative of the federal Public Roads Administration.

A representative of the State Highway Commission.

A member of the county courts of Linn and Marion Counties.

The Mill City City Council.

Chambers of Commerce and Commercial Clubs, Lions Clubs, etc., of each Canyon town.

All Parent-Teachers Assns. in the Canyon.

And representatives of all other organizations which indicate a desire to take definite local responsibility in meeting the problems created by this project.

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Wolves Lose To Sublimity, Beat Turner

Mill City High School's Timberwolves will go to Stayton on Friday night to take part in a basketball jamboree sponsored by the high school there.

Teams from Aumsville, Sublimity, Mill City and Stayton will participate.

Jerry Hunter led the wolfpack on Tuesday against Turner, 42 to 25.

Hunter scored 17 points, almost double the next high man, Watson of Turner. For Mill City, Leo Poole had 4, Verbeck 7, Miller 6, Lawrence Poole 2, and subs Wirick 6, Thornton, 0 and Keys, 0.

Monday the basketball team from Valsetz will come to Mill City for a special game. A chili bean supper will be given for the players after the game.

The Timberwolves met their strongest league adversaries Friday, and lost in a game which seesawed in favor of one and the other and ended, the Sublimity Saints, 33, the local team, 31.

The regular string started for Mill City: Hunter, f; Leo Poole, f; Miller, c; Verbeck g; and Lawrence Poole, g.

The Sublimity team Monday won by only one point, 25 to 24, against Gates, which the Timberwolves had defeated by a lopsided score a week or so before.

The seniors have been selling Timberwolf T shirts in the office for the past week. The B team has been attractively clad in them the past two games.

The annual senior prom will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, in the high school auditorium. Music will be furnished by the Top Hatters of Salem. All alumni and school board members are invited, plus student body members. It will start at 9 o'clock. A Christmas theme will be used.

The seniors are flashing fancy memory books which were received Monday.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULED

The Mill City schools will close Dec. 23 for the Christmas vacation and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3. The high school will close Dec. 24.

Mrs. LaVine Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Millie LaVine will be held in the Mill City Presbyterian Church at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Dr. David J. Ferguson officiating, and interment in Woodburn cemetery between 3:30 and 4 o'clock.

Mrs. LaVine, for 28 years a resident of Mill City and a leader in several lodges, died Sunday.

Mrs. LaVine was past noble grand and a 20-year member of Santiam Rebekah Lodge No. 166 of Mill City; past president of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant and of the Security Benefit Assn. of Mill City.

Surviving her are her husband, Willis LaVine, Mill City; a daughter, Mrs. Claudia Knutson, Seattle; and three sons, Melvin, Mill City, Clifford, of Salem, and Raymond, of Vienna, Austria; and three grandchildren.

JAMES COOKE SECOND IN STATE ORATOR CONTEST

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Bear Raids Pantry And Gets Away

By MRS. SCOTT YOUNG

These are the Bear Facts:

No, Mr. Bear is not in hibernation yet. The Forest Service has proof of it. While Mrs. Cline locked herself in her bedroom of their Detroit Ranger Station apartment, Bud Cline, hearing strange noises, went to their pantry to find Mr. Black Bear's long arm thrust through the screen as he helped himself to about everything good. He thought Christmas had come.

He jumped down on Bud's arrival and a bear hunt ensued most of the night with Ranger Moore and Cline considerably handicapped by snow.

Mr. Bear finally lost them and made his escape by swimming the Santiam River. Cline and Moore are waiting for a return bout with revengeful looks on their faces.

Road Overflow Irks Gates

If the county won't do its own road work, there are some folks up in Gates who'll take care of it for the taxpayers' hired hands.

During the current rain, great pools of water collected on the properties of several residents, doing considerable damage. The floor furnaces in the Joe Joaquin and Melbourne Rambo homes were ruined by the overflow, all because the county had failed to provide runoff ditches from the road. After repeated appeals to Marion County officials the citizens took matters in their own hands and procured a bulldozer with which they carved a few runoff channels.

It helped, but other problems have come up as a result. One ditch they dug cut off another resident from his home by car.

And worse, all the water which was drained off from the properties of the two or three who suffered the most damage has now collected in a pond on the Al Millsap place.

A county engineer who was called to see the damage promised a culvert would be built.

LODGE HONORS KRIEVER

Arthur Kriever of Mill City was installed Wednesday night in Albany as illustrious master, Adoniram council No. 9 of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Kriever has just completed his year as high priest of the Royal Arch Masons, Bayley chapter No. 8, Albany.

Gates

Norris Thomas who was accidentally shot while hunting is reported to be recovering in his home and while not yet able to walk is permitted to sit up part of the time.

Mrs. Alber Millsap had as their dinner guest Sunday, Mrs. Henrietta Quinn who will leave for her new home in Seaside this week.

Guests at the George Ditto home Sunday were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Rider and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, all of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. John Such of Triangle Lake spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Helvey. The Helveys plan to move to their new home in West Stayton soon.

Gerald Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Garrison, is at home having received his discharge from the Army after three years service. The first year of his service was in State Side duty, the next 18 month in Cold Bay, Alaska, and the past six month in Letterman Hospital in San Francisco as an electrician.

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Schools Set Yule Program For Tuesday

By PAT WOLVERTON

Mill City grade school will present a Christmas program Tuesday, Dec. 21 in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

The entertainment is under the direction of the faculty. It includes a cantata-drama entitled "They Found the Child," by the upper grades, and a play, "Farewell to Toyland," by the lower grades.

In the upper grades' presentation, the main roles are played by LeRoy Podrabsky as Jabeth, Christine Lindgren as Amrah, Yvonne Dart as Rebecca, Wayne Morris as Benjamin, Darrell Williams as Daniel, Mary Lou Smith as Sarah, Dick Kanoff as Jotham, Richard Verbeck as Balthazar, Herbert Hampton as Melchoir, Bill Shepherd as Cyrus, Elton Gregory as King Herod, Buddy Lindgren as Asa.

Two scribes, Charles Henderson and Jimmy Caudle; two guards, Dick Crook and Eddie Gregory; Philip Goble as David, Gail Cruson as Mary and Benny King as Joseph.

The two readers are Dorothy Downer and Mary Jo Wolverton. The music is sung by a choir of the upper grades under the direction of Miss Alice Smith. A special number entitled "Star-Led, Dream-Led" will be sung by Tommy Kanoff, Dick Syverson, Seeley Bennett, Pat Nash, Lyle Fleetwood and Vernon Christensen.

"Farewell to Toyland," presented by the lower grades, will have a cast including: Jimmy Baltimore as Santa Claus, Robert Ditter as Mike Teddy Bear, Colleen Estensen as Gloriana, Ramona Mason as Raggedy Ann, Raymond Goodwin as the postman, Henry Roten as the hobbyhorse, and eight first grade boys as wooden soldiers. The singing dolls are played by the first grade girls and the toy orchestra by the second grade girls.

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Mill City

The fifth to eighth grade girls started practicing for the volleyball team Tuesday after school. About 15 girls, under the supervision of Miss Alice Smith, turned out.

In a recent election of song leaders an yell leaders for the Mill City grade school, Dorothy Downer and Christine Lindgren were chosen as song leaders and Carol Blazek and Mary Jo Wolverton, yell leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Estenson were Christmas shopping in Salem Tuesday.

Frank Rada visited his daughter, Mrs. John Martin, in Portland over the week end.

Anto Moravec had a heart attack last week and will be in bed for a rest for some time.

The crew of six on SP 732 has five Mill City people on it. The train is now running thrice weekly to Idanha and the other three days to Lebanon. The run to Albany has been suspended.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rush of Corvallis were week end guests at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rush, Sunday attending the wedding of his brother, Lyle, to Miss Virginia Vandermeer in Mill City.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claud Miller and Gordon had dinner Sunday at the Salem home of his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts.

Mrs. Jack Colburn and Mrs. Albert Tomar drove to Portland Friday and were joined by their husbands Saturday evening. Mrs. Colburn attended a convention, and Saturday evening was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frisch, former Mill City residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Colburn have moved into their new home

Santa Can't Quite Recall Mill City Date

Santa Claus was reading the road reports the other days, and he remarked to Mrs. Santa:

"The roads are sorta bad around that little town down in the North Santiam Canyon—what's it's name?"

"Mill City," she replied, adding, with a not of annoyance in her voice, "You've been going down there for the past 75 years and you still can't remember its name."

Deputy Sheriff L. M. Wright who investigated the tragedy that night, said the young couple were in the living room of their small cabin, Mrs. Kuhnke apparently standing, and Mr. Kuhnke sitting on a davenport. The tree, which was more than five feet in diameter at the base, demolished their little dwelling.

Volunteers worked late into the night to extricate the bodies.

The bodies were taken to Vancouver, Wash., where they had lived until three weeks ago. Mrs. Kuhnke had been with her husband only a few days before their deaths.

Mr. Kuhnke, 28, was an engineer employed on the Willamette Valley Project. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kuhnke of Vancouver and was born in Salem.

Mrs. Kuhnke, 28, was a former employee of a steamship company and was born in Sacramento, Calif. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Reyburn, live in San Francisco.

Couple Killed When Tree Falls on Home

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kuhnke, the former