



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam.

**Muddy River**

It has been called to our attention that the milky appearance of the North Santiam river puts the damper on fly fishing all up and down the river from the site of the Detroit dam to Lyons and Mehama and even below. Anglers report that the wily trout just will not feed or take a lure when the river is heavy with the cleanings dumped into it by the construction work on Detroit dam.

Fishermen are the first to comment that their fishing rights are second in importance to that of Consolidated Builders, Inc.'s construction activity. Fishermen do, however, wish to know whether or not it is possible that the North Santiam river be cleared of pollution a few hours each day in the late afternoon or when the shadows are upon the river.

Those who look sadly at the North Santiam river because their fishing ambitions are turned into hours of disappointment feel rather strongly about the whole thing. Until recently the river cleared for a few hours, but of late it remains heavily polluted. Experienced fishermen voice the opinion that the now plentiful trout will abandon the river if the heavy muddying up of the water continues much longer.

We hope that the Corps of Engineers and CBI take note of the above and provide irate anglers with an answer, better still a nice clear North Santiam river for a few precious hours each day.

**Shining Examples**

Long has this community known petty, mean, and low doings. Long has the decent citizen's sense of decency been cuffed and bloodied. Long has this filth festered in first one spot then another in the affairs of Man in this area. Many times innocent childhood has been abused and clubbed into the sickening knowledge that those standing in the public eye as a "shining example" were rotten through and through and deserving of the very tortures of Hell. What happened Tuesday to little "Greg" and "Mike" Peterson is but another sordid blow of the bloodied and brutal club used by some local "wit".

Just as the outlaws and their "six-guns" ruled in their emotional and stupid manner and gave no quarter to decency, law, and order, so also this community has been ruled, not with the "six-gun", but with threats, fear, and intimidation akin and of the nature of the tactics of Hitler, Goering, and Goebbels of Germany. Those caught in this net of filth struggle for a time and then give up. As each new babe enters this world in this area, there comes into being a tiny human who is entirely innocent. As things have been and still are, this new being will not be long in learning he is in a horrible and cruel area.

To every person in this community who thinks that the rest of the world is like this area in the affairs of Man—there are dozens, yes, hundreds who know otherwise. We have this to say to those who now set the present hypocritical standards in this area—if you can do better—START NOW!—if you cannot then hang your head in shame!

It can now be noted that this area was not overthrown by the bawdy ways of those who reputedly follow construction work, instead this community over-threw those people who now steer clear of our society as if there were hosed here the Black Plague. It doesn't take long for decent people to get their minds vexed by the inhuman work of the "standard makers" of this community. These individuals sanction the worst kind of insults and abuses and care not that innocent children are hurt thereby. As Christ with a whip drove the money-changers out of the Temple, so must the decent citizens cut out and hurl to the dust the cancerous growth eating up the social body of this area. Falling short of this, Gentle Reader, and your image in the mirror becomes a mockery!

It is absurd and ridiculous that one can not in a public forum, such as a school election, ask simple and honest questions without immediately bringing down upon his head, his business and, yes, even his children the deadliest cruelties and harms. As Thomas Jefferson so carefully and powerfully wrote, "In every stage of these oppressions, we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

**DETROIT**

By MRS. OPAL WHITE

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hanan and children, Merily, Johnny and Stevie, were visitors during the week with the B. J. Frizzells in Redmond. Mrs. Hanan remained in Redmond while Ed and B. J. went on to Crane Prairie Reservoir for some fishing. Mr. Richard Hansen and three

children, Richard Jr., Carol and Della, were weekend visitors with Mr. Hansen's sister and family, the Lloyd Ketchums. Mr. Hansen and his father, Lauritz, and Della returned to Agate Beach on Monday while Richard Jr., and Carol remained for a week's visit with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ferris, formerly of Detroit for many years, were weekend visitors here. They also moved some of their personal belongings to their new home in Taft.

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Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your article headed "Before the House Today", and to the questions asked at the school meeting by Mr. D. C. Peterson and Mr. A. L. Davis, on June 18, 1951.

I am sorry that some of the people present at this meeting, prevented the board members from giving you complete answers to your questions. Inasmuch as I served as chairman of the School Budget Committee and am familiar with the budget and all details concerning it, and for the benefit of those voters interested in these matters, I will attempt to answer these questions to your satisfaction.

First, you state that the Linn County School Superintendent was not notified of the two bond issues. The fact that a levy was made by Linn County on the 1949-50 tax rolls, to retire bonds and interest payable during that period, is in itself proof that notice was given. Last year the County School Superintendent prepared the supplemental budget and, through an error, did not request a bond payment levy. Mr. Bennett was at that time a very sick man and therefore I feel should be excused. He has since died. Marion County did levy its proportionate share of the bond payment. This year's extra levy to make up for last year, is for Linn County only, and has been taken up with the State Board of Education, the State Tax Commission, Linn County Assessor, Linn County Treasurer, and Linn County School Superintendent. This was done some time ago, and all the above mentioned are fully informed as to the \$101,000.00 bond issue.

The \$44,000 bond issue, which was approved and for which the District received the money in February, has been handled through proper channels, and all parties concerned have been fully informed. I will add here that the difficulty in getting this \$44,000 issue approved was due to a technicality, and there was nothing illegal about the issue. There were rather a large number of other districts that were faced with the same problem; hence, the action by the State Legislature. There was no difficulty in selling the bonds, and the original bidder purchased the bonds.

You questioned several items in the budget which was approved by the Linn County Rural School Board, and for which the levy is made on a county-wide basis. This county-wide levy, by the way, saves the taxpayers of District No. 129-J approximately 40 per cent of the school tax burden. First of these items questioned was the amount of \$2,200.00 for stenographer's service. Elsewhere in the budget will be found amounts for clerk and stenographer which total \$3,300.00. The County Board informed our local board that when a school hires ten teachers, it is required that some one be in the office at all times. In order to save the district money, this fulltime stenographer job has been combined with the school clerk's job, and the salary set to equal the minimum teacher's salary.

The second item questioned was \$2,075.00 for legal services. This item includes attorney's fees for bond issue, \$1,320.00; attorney fees for

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**Minister H. E. Jull Reports on School**

The vacation Bible school of the First Christian church closed Friday, June 15, with a special program at 7:30 o'clock, in which the pupils demonstrated some of the things that had been accomplished during the two weeks of the school. Minister H. E. Jull reports that there was a total enrollment of 63, with an average attendance of 45. There were 23 pupils with perfect attendance records.

Full-time workers were Mrs. Paul Williams, Mrs. H. E. Jull and the minister, who served as superintendents of the various departments, and the following helpers: Mrs. Marvin Dart, Mrs. Elmer Shaw, Mrs. Wm. Shepherd and Wilma Jull. Part-time helpers included: Mrs. Floyd Shepherd, Mrs. Chas. Kelly, Mrs. Wingo, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Ernest Miller, Mrs. Eldon Hutchinson, Beryl Mason and Yvonne Dart.

The First Christian church held its regular annual organizational meeting Saturday evening, June 16, with the following results: Chosen Elders or Bishops: Ed Cooke, Irl Plymale, Glen Shelton and Joe Vaughan; deacons: Geo. Ditto, Eldon Hutchinson, Jack Johnston, Gordon Knox, Milton Roten and Floyd Shepherd; trustee: three-year term, Floyd Shepherd; deaconesses: Mrs. Leora Caraway, Mrs. Celia Howe, Mrs. Grace Hutchinson, Mrs. Maggie Shaw, Mrs. Jo Vaughan and Mrs. Una Mae White.

Church treasurer: Mrs. Ada Plymale; church: Mrs. Gladys Chance; pianist: Mrs. Grace Hutchinson with Mrs. Helen Jull, assistant; Bible school superintendent, Mrs. Gladys Chance; Bible school pianist, Wilma Jull and Donna Cooke (tie vote); Bible school secretary, Mrs. Grace Hutchinson; assistant, Wilma Jull; and cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. Maggie Shaw, Mrs. Jo Vaughan, assistant.

law suit now pending, and which is a result of your last year's campaign, \$250.00; audit of school records, clerk's bond, principal's bond, \$255.00; and another allowance for attorney's fees in the amount of \$250.00 to take care of the suit now pending, which was instigated by Mrs. Ruth Witt.

The third item questioned, \$11,457.18 for emergency fund, is an amount based on the ruling of the County Board; that an allowance should be made for each teacher in the amount of \$300.00, plus 3 percent of the total budget, exclusive of the emergency fund. The emergency funds for all districts in the county are figured by this same formula. The item for \$2,000.00 under "Auxiliary Agencies, Personal Service" on the supplemental budget, is for the Cafeteria cook's salary. This service is of extreme value to both the students and their parents, and is a must in the operation of a modern school.

Also on the supplemental budget under the heading of "Capital Outlays, Betterments," was the amount of \$2,725.00 This is made up as follows: Additional black board and tack board in the existing grade school and the new addition,—\$1,050.00; gravel and screenings to level and grade the playgrounds at the grade school, and erection of a flag pole, \$1,175.00; and \$500.00 for materials to construct a parking space and turnaround in front of the grade school. The labor for putting in forms, etc. on this project, will be paid by the Santiam Lions Club.

Mr. Davis asked the question "How many outstanding warrants are there that are not paid for want of funds". There are none, and the District has been on a cash basis for some time. Also, Mr. Davis, all bond and bond interest payments have been met without any trouble or delay.

It is regrettable that these questions were brought out in a manner that could only cause trouble. Any interested person need only to have asked any member of the Board, the Clerk, or the Budget Committee, and would have been given a clear and complete answer.

I trust that the above will fully answer your questions and if not, I will be more than happy to discuss them with you at any time. In view of the interest in the school affairs, as shown by the public, I request that this letter be printed in full in your paper under the heading "Letters to the Editor".

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