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Plans Finished Here July 4th For Celebration

Plans are completed for the second annual Gates-Mill City July 4th celebration. The Gates firemen are sponsoring the dance to be held at the Gates school gym Wednesday, July 3, and the balance of the celebration will be held at the City park in Mill City.

The Legion beef barbecue will be held starting at 11 a. m. the day of the Fourth. Bob Oliver and Stanley Vail worked Monday night at the park getting the barbecue pit dug.

The kitchen committee will work Wednesday night getting the cook house cleaned up for the event. Herb Schroeder has built some cupboards in one end of the kitchen, and a new water heater has been installed.

The Jaycees have secured a pig for the greased pig chase and have their games all lined up for the youth part of the program. There will be bingo and other games on the grounds all day long, and the Mill City band under the direction of Earl Loucks will appear during the day. A ball game is scheduled in the evening before the fireworks display, put on by the Mill City Firemen.

Buttons are still on sale, and those who do not buy them prior to the Fourth may get them on the grounds the day of the celebration. Monday night, Otto Koenke presented 100% pins to Burton Boroughs, Lowell Fleetwood, Bob Hill, Frank Hunter, Carl Kelly, Charles Kelly, Jay Mason, Don Moffatt, Rex Ohmart and Lee Ross.

Shriners Invite Kids of Area To Annual Circus

With one of the greatest arrays of circus talent ever assembled, gathered from all points of the world and previously exhibited in the great metropolitan areas of the East and then making its big leap from the East to West as it annually does, playing Los Angeles, San Diego, Oakland, Sacramento and San Francisco, each and every one of these cities under the sponsorship of the Shriners, Polack Bros. Shrine Circus will again appear in Salem for its second annual visit at Waters Field, July 19 and 20. From Salem the show will proceed to Vancouver, Canada and Seattle from where another big jump back will be made to San Antonio, Texas, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Springfield, Ill., St. Louis, Charleston W. Va., and thence to its closing date and rehearsal for the 1958 season, getting ready to again span America as it has done for several decades, bringing entertainment and excitement to millions of circus lovers throughout the nation.

Polack Bros. Shrine Circus has earned its laurels through presenting circus in its truest and cleanest form without tawdry sideshows and cheap gambling to mar its real worth. Those who visited the Shrine circus last year were high in their praise and this year it returns with a completely new show.

This year the circus, with its 40 big acts will be headed by the Hawthorn-trained Wild Animal Fantasy consisting of a large group of royal leopards and a troupe of pure white half-bred wolves, black panthers and Zebra, each natural enemies to the other, working together in absolute harmony in a massive steel arena under the direction of pretty Pat Jamison, an English arena star.

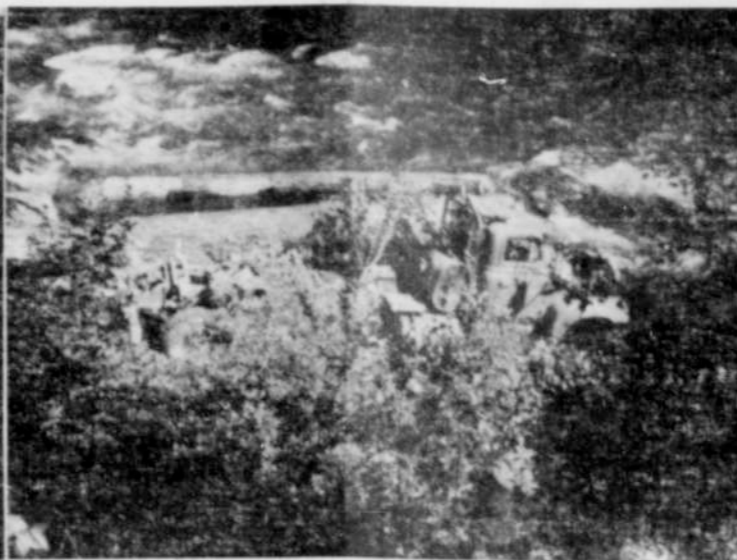
The Santiam Shriners are cooperating with the Salem Shrine club and are arranging a plan whereby every child in this district will have an opportunity to see this truly wonderful show. The local committee is Albert Toman, George W. Laird, Ken Golliet and Ercil Wilson.

Parents wishing to have their children see the circus are asked to send in the names of their children to Fred Snyder for Detroit and Idanha; W. R. Hutcheson at Gates; Stewarts Grocery and The Enterprise at Mill City; Stewart's Store at Lyons; Ken Golliet at Mehama and Merton Cox at Stayton.

Several have registered so far, but many as yet have not registered their youngsters. Please do so at once.

Mrs. Floyd Johnson and Mrs. James Cuthbert spent Monday in enBd, where Mrs. Cuthbert was looking for a house, as they will be moving to Bend this weekend where Mr. Cuthbert will be working.

Angel of Mercy Rode With This Driver



It looks like a mess, but what can you expect when a loaded logging truck goes over the bank and into the North Santiam. This is what happened recently when a truck owned by Marion Alderman and driven by Henry Bradshaw drove into the river rather than crash headon into two state highway trucks. The accident happened just above Big Spring Forest camp about 5½ miles above Idanha. Bradshaw stayed with the vehicle when it made this descent down the

40-foot embankment to the bed of the river. He was uninjured. James F. Ferebee, state highway flagman of Four Corners is in Santiam Memorial hospital with a crushed leg, caused when the log truck bumper knocked him over the bank, covering him with dirt and logs. Floyd Russell Curtis driver of one of the highway trucks was taken to the hospital and treated for shock. — Mill City Enterprise Photos.

Four Men Have Close Brush With Death When Truck Takes River Route Rather Than Headon Jolt

DETROIT—Four men miraculously escaped death Wednesday morning in a highway accident involving two State Highway Department dump trucks and a loaded logging truck, near White Water on the North Santiam Highway.

The quartet was Floyd Russell Curtis, Four Corner Trailer court, and Edward Alfred Reed 4335 Dur-

bin Ave., both Salem and drivers of the State trucks; James F. Ferebee, State Highway flagman, also a resident of Four Corners Trailer court, and Henry Bradshaw, Idanha, driver of the loaded logging truck.

The accident occurred about 9 a. m. Wednesday as Curtis' truck was dumping rock into the river over an embankment. Flagman Ferebee was in front of the truck warning traf-

fic. Reed driving another state truck started to pull around them, when the motor stalled, blocking the highway. The flagman told police he saw the loaded truck about three-tenths of a mile away, blowing its horn, the driver shouting and waving his hand. When the log truck was within about 200 feet of the blocked highway, Ferebee dropped his flag and ran. Curtis jumped and followed, but Reed froze inside his truck. The log truck smashed head-on into Reed's truck sending it tumbling backwards.

Reed escaped without serious injury. The log truck then caught up with the running Curtis, hooking him with the bumper and plummeting over the embankment into the river. Ferebee was tossed into the water by the impact, and logs spilled over him.

Bradshaw, driver of the log truck, escaped with hardly a scratch. Ferebee was found beneath debris with a badly crushed leg.

Ferebee and Curtis were taken to Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton. Curtis, who was suffering from shock, was released later. Ferebee's leg condition was reported as serious. His general condition was reported as good.

City Streets Get Coat of Dust Oil

With the recent purchase of another grader, to replace the old worn-out machine, the city has completed grading the streets and giving them a coat of much-needed dust oil.

While residents may complain about the "goosey" mess for a few days it will eliminate the dust in the air and make for much cleaner living and homemakers in general will be relieved of some of the dust problems.

City Street Commissioner C. E. Mason said the price of the oil had raised two cents a gallon this year, which does nothing to help the city finances, and that the cost of paving also had gone up. This will curtail some of the paving projects that the City Dads had hoped to complete this year.

One other improvement citywise this past week, was when the highway department put in a new culvert at the Union Oil Station, which may or may not eliminate the floods which in two preceding years have caused heavy damage to The Enterprise plant and also some residences. Time alone will tell whether they put in a large enough pipe—however, they at least made an attempt to alleviate the situation.

Final Rites Held for Mrs. Joseph Leis

DETROIT—Final rites were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the chapel of Weddies Funeral Home, Stayton for Mrs. Joe Leis of Detroit. Interment was at Fairview cemetery near Gates.

Pallbearers were Otto Russell, of Portland, L. L. Rymearson, Gates; John Cook, Raymond Sophy and Harold Champion, Detroit, and Len Davis of Idanha.

Mrs. Leis, aged 65, passed away Friday morning at Santiam Memorial hospital following a heart attack Thursday evening.

The deceased was born October 31, 1892 at Wilsonville. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Whitmore of that city. Ora Whitmore Leis, was united in marriage to Joe Leis in 1915 at Calgary, Alberta. A son, Robert, was born to this union. The Leis's have resided in Detroit for the past 11 years.

Surviving are the husband, Joe Leis, Detroit; son, Robert Leis, La-Mirada, Calif.; and two nieces, Maude and Evelyn Weatherberg, Portland.

New Meat Service At Hilltop Market

Beginning Monday, Elmer Peterson, of Hilltop Market has changed over his meat service and now has employed his own meat cutter. The market will be run more as an old-fashioned butcher shop where meat is cut to suit the customers taste and cut while you wait.

Mel Wheelchel, formerly of Fresno, Calif., is the new butcher. Mr. Wheelchel is not a newcomer here, having worked at the store about six years ago for A. W. Toman. He is an experienced meat man, according to Mr. Peterson, and only the best of meat will be sold at the market.

Mr. Wheelchel plans to move his wife and six children here in the future.

West Coast Steel Low Bidder for Movable Bridge at Detroit Dam

West Coast Steel Company, of Portland Friday was low of five bidders with an offer of \$17,933 when bids were opened by the Portland District, Corps of Engineers, for the manufacture and erection of a rail mounted movable bridge with two power units at Detroit Dam.

Other bidders were: Moffitt Engineering Corp., Albany, Calif., \$28,544; Marine & Industrial Supply Co., Seattle, Wash., \$18,170; Wayne Construction Co., Seattle, \$39,739 and Monarch Forge & Steel, Portland, \$25,260.

Completion time is 120 calendar days.

The bridge will be a traveling carriage which can be hauled up and down over the project's test chute so that engineers may conduct various velocity tests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Putman and family returned Monday night from an outing at Odell Lake.

Valley Telephone Company Takes Over Mill Operation; Present Staff To Keep Working

Lowell Brown Jr., of Silverton, is in Mill City this week setting up the books for the Valley Telephone company, which took over active control and management of the Santiam Cooperative Telephone Company Monday morning.

Mr. Brown said Monday that in the near future a service man will be permanently located here to service the local system and the Detroit-Idanha dial system.

The Valley Telephone Co., and its predecessor Interurban Telephone Co., have been engaged in the telephone business for 53 years. The principal office is located in Silver-

ton with exchanges also located at Turner and Detroit.

The Valley Telephone Co. will continue to operate the system with the present staff and in the best possible manner until such time as the lines can be rebuilt and the system converted to dial operation. August 1958 has been set as the date of conversion.

In closing out their business, the Santiam Cooperative Telephone Co. will render a bill to each present subscriber shortly after July 1, which will contain charges for exchange service for the month of June and for toll calls made between May 21 and June 30. Payment of this bill should be made directly to the representative of the Santiam Cooperative Telephone Company at Mill City.

Telephone bills rendered by the Valley Telephone Co., are prepared in the Silverton office and will be mailed directly to the subscriber. In order to distribute the work of preparing a large number of statements, the billing period for the Mill City exchange will be from the 16th of one month to the 15th of the following month. Thus bills dated July 16 will be for the period July 16 to August 15. Accounts due the Valley Telephone Co., may be paid at the Mill City office or by mail to Silverton.

Rates will not change, and subscribers who now own their telephone instruments will be required to leave it in service until such time as the system is converted to dial, unless the service is discontinued, at which time the equipment may be disposed of as the owner sees fit. The company will provide repair service to maintain the quality of service of these telephones. The company will follow the usual commercial practice of providing telephone instruments for new subscribers. Telephone subscribers taking service at the time of dial conversion will not be required to make any payment of any type in connection with the dial conversion program.

All applications for new service, changes, disconnects, and trouble reports should be made to the Mill City office.

U. S. National Shows Deposits Of \$710 Million

The United States National bank of Portland in its June statement of condition report showed deposits totaling well over 710 million dollars.

The Mill City branch listed deposits of \$1,886,736.84, according to D. B. Hill, Jr., manager.

Loans and discounts for the statewide system now stand at \$323,551,688. The Mill City branch reported loans and discounts in the amount of \$792,757.88.

One of the leading banks in the nation, U. S. National now lists total resources of \$790,440,132.

Since mid-year 1956, U. S. National has completed modern new buildings at six of its branches. In addition, major remodeling projects at other branches have added new services. Customer parking lots were installed at many other locations.

An increase in savings interest rate became effective January 1, raising the rate to 2½%. At the same time, the bank announced an increased rate of 3% on three-year certificates of deposit purchased after January 1. Interest on these new certificates is now paid semi-annually at U. S. National.

Firemen Called Out to Stop Grass Fires

Mill City Volunteer Firemen were called out twice this week to kill fires in Mill City, both evidently started by smoker's carelessness. The first one was at the Vancouver Ply location in East Mill City and the second right by the river on the Pacific Power location just east of the bridge.

Now that grass is dry everyone is urged to be extra careful with fire.

Mrs. Albert Millsap, Gates correspondent of The Enterprise is in the hospital at Stayton at the present time. Gates residents will join The Enterprise publishers in wishing her a speedy return to her home.

Pacific Power Men Have Good Work Record

Pacific Power & Light company Thursday honored its Albany district line crews and other operations employees with a dinner meeting in recognition of the 16-month safety record the group has compiled.

The company's 79 line operations men in Albany, Lebanon, Sweet Home, Jefferson, Scio, Stayton and Mill City have worked 16 months, or about 308,472 man-hours, without time-loss accident.

Members of the district group were awarded safety cards in recognition of individual accident-free records compiled. Collectively, the district has amassed a total of 670 years worked without time-loss accident.

C. Herald Campbell, of Portland, personnel director for Pacific Power, praised the group for its safety record, noting that the Albany district was a major contributor to the company's system-wide safety record which recently received national recognition.

The company recently completed its second period of one-million accident-free man-hours worked within a year.

Campbell credited participation in Pacific's safety program on the part of individual employees with being the major factor in the company's safety record.

He pointed out that the company's safety engineers conduct monthly safety education meetings for all working units in the system in addition to providing latest type protective equipment wherever required.

A highlight of the dinner meeting, held at the Albany hotel, was presentation of a gilded safety hat to Mayor William L. Fitzpatrick, who congratulated the group and welcomed out-of-town company men present.

Other guests included Fona J. Hughes, Portland, safety director for Pacific, Wallace C. Eakin, assistant to the publisher of the Democrat-Herald, and C. B. "Shorty" Greenough, Albany, safety engineer in charge of the company's Willamette valley and coast service areas.

Have Accident Free Record



Forty-nine years of accident-free work time are represented by these four Pacific Power & Light company linemen who were among Albany District operations workers at a dinner meeting June 27. They were, left to right, Stan White, Sweet Home; Norman Anderburg, Scio;

Glen McCrary, Lebanon; and Joe Samek, Stayton. The district workmen for the Power company, who received cards at the dinner in recognition of individual safety records, have amassed an aggregate of 670 years worked without time-loss accident.