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**Dave Gibney Talks  
At Stayton Meeting**

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...so tort. They would provide a means of transportation for mineral products which may be developed from the claims. If I am to believe reports and judge from progress thus far, the claimants will not waive surface rights. They appear to claim that the right to the timber is theirs regardless whether the claims are determined to be valid or not. If my information is correct, some claims in the area have been in existence since 1890, nearly 60 years, and there has not been any significant mining operation developed as yet. This leads one to question the validity of the over-all mining operation in the area. In spite of all the indications, it appears that we will be forced to take the long way out of this dilemma.  
"I believe it is desirable to discuss some of the financial aspects of this problem. I understand that a public statement has been made that there are minerals valued at about three million dollars in the area. I believe that it has also been stated that considerable capital is needed to develop this resource. Our estimates indicate that the annual production of timber from the entire area, including Cedar Creek, would be about 13 million board feet. This

is an estimated annual production which, barring major disaster such as fire, will be perpetual. The estimated value of this annual harvest expressed in value of logs at the nearest saw-mill or plywood plant is estimated to be \$910,000. Mind you, this is a value of almost a million dollars annually. The annual returns to the public from stumpage value alone is estimated to be \$300,000. I believe this estimate is conservative. Twenty-five per cent of this estimated sum, or \$75,000, would be returned annually to the counties for road and school expenses. Ten per cent of the stumpage value, or \$30,000, is returned to the Forest Service to be spent on road and trail work in the Forest. In addition, the timber would pay for the capital investment in roads in the area. I do not have an estimate of the value of this investment because we do not know the total mileage or cost of the roads which will be needed. I am sure, however, that the investment will be over \$2 million. There are also other values that will accrue in the form of payrolls for the workers in the plants that would process the logs, logging crews, and truckers. I remind you again that this would be a perpetual annual return from a timber resource which is renewable and not exhaustible.

"In closing, I wish to emphasize that the Forest Service is not opposed to mining. Mining is considered one of the multiple uses of the national forests along with water, recreation, timber, fish and wildlife, and grazing. Where mining is determined to be the primary use of an area, all other uses will be governed by it. However, it must be clearly shown that it is the primary use. That is what our mineral examiners endeavor to do in determining the validity of mining claims. We do not believe these mining claims should be located primarily for the purpose of obtaining the right to the timber growing on them. Under the mining law of July 23, 1955, the public retains the surface right on all claims located after that date. It provides for the determination of surface rights on unpatented claims located prior to that date. It is the intent of that law to prevent the use of mining pri-

**Up and Down  
The Avenue**  
By Don Moffatt

With all the talk prevalent about Consumers Power Co. making an application to build a dam on the North Santiam river up near Niagara, a lot of thinking has been done on my part. One man was in the office Monday and stated it would cut the stream flow through Gates and Mill City and that this would be detrimental to the recreation value of the area. I don't know whether this would be a fact or not, however I do think that a fact finding committee should be headed by the Mayors of Mill City and Gates to find out just what effect this dam will have upon the river along this stretch. I think these two city officials should pick a group of businessmen at once to make a determined effort to find out just what might happen in the event the dam is constructed. It must be remembered that the application of Consumers Power for a permit does not mean that work will begin in the near future. It means that the firm will investigate the feasibility of constructing a dam, power house and distribution system. But on the other hand, it behooves all of us here to know what the effects will be, and now is the time to find out.

Well, today, Thursday, is Thanksgiving day. It used to be a day of great rejoicing for me when I was a kid on the farm. We went to some relative's home and had a big feast, then the big folks would sit around the fire telling tales of their doings. Nowadays things are different. Everyone goes hither and yon, hell-bent for election or something—many of them not reaching their destination at all because of too much speed. So I admonish you to drive carefully. Sometimes I wonder if it is worth the chips, all this high speed. But on the other hand, who would like to hitch up a team of "hayburners" and take off across the country. Be sort of slow wouldn't it. All joking aside we here in this country have much to be thankful for. We are comparatively at peace for the nonce, and most of us have plenty of food and a warm place to sleep. For these things we should take a little time off from our regular work day and give thanks to God, the giver of all good things.

**LYONS**  
By Eva Bressler

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wilson and daughters Miss Nancy and Sharon and son, Kingsly of Jefferson were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Garton.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Prichard and their daughter, Mrs. Albert Wesley were in Rainier Thursday, to attend funeral services of a brother-in-law, of Mr. Prichard.

Alma Olmstead was hostess for the Wednesday afternoon card club with her party held at her home. A 1:30 dessert luncheon was followed by playing of 500. High score was held by Pat Blum, second high by Thelma Nydegger and low by Ethel Huffman. Others attending were Ruth Lyons, Eulalia Lyons, Bea Hiatt, Bernice Bridges, Sue Walton, Donna Asmussen, Carrie Naue, Betty Naue, and the hostess, Mrs. Olmstead.

tests with the Federal Power Commission at Washington, D. C.

I am neither for nor against this power construction at the present time, because all the facts and effects on the river are not known—but I would believe that now is the time to find out—before construction is started.

I was more than amused at a news release in a Portland newspaper the other day. They were going to auction off some of those Bunce murals which were placed on the Centennial grounds during the past summer. The story said they had placed a minimum price of \$40 on the panels so the do-it-yourself carpenters wouldn't buy them to use in building. Finally one of the panels sold for \$50, but only one, which proves to me not all people of Oregon are dampfools. Seems the Centennial commission could have found a better way to spend our money than on such stuff and nonsense.

Then too we have this to look forward to. The radio and TV will be loaded now with Christmas jingles and tunes to entice people to the cities to spend their money. Better look at the merchandise in the stores at home first. You most likely can find just what you want and at a lower price too—and no traffic to buck. Seems they start their sales pitch earlier each year.

Soon they will be playing Christmas carols right after the Fourth of July. Heaven forbid, Christmas carols are beautiful when they come at the right time of the year.

Sometimes I wish the man who invented the latest in ladies' shoes could be placed in a rocket and shot to the moon. He has provided the feminine sex with a potential weapon as dangerous as close range as a Colt .45. Think what it would do if they kicked you with one of those pointed toe canoes they wear nowadays. Or worse yet, clobbered you on the head with one of those stiletto heels. Saw the other day where one gal got the heel of her shoe caught under the accelerator of her car. The car jumped the curb, hit a pedestrian and smashed into a store window. Maybe the law should step in and condemn these foolish things called fashionable shoes. I don't know what the designer was thinking of when he foisted these things upon the women. Probably he is some disgruntled bachelor who hates women, and is now sitting back in some dark corner rubbing his hands in fiendish glee.

Enough of this—this is the season for happy thoughts and The Enterprise staff wishes each and everyone of you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

**Post Office Patrons Asked  
To Cooperate in Mailing  
Christmas Parcels Early**

Commenting on the excellent response to his "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign, Postmaster Charles Kelly said today, "A great deal depends on the cooperation of our patrons during the next 10 days if we are to reach our goal of having every Christmas gift package and card delivered before Christmas Eve."

He continued, "If you will take just a little extra care with your Christmas mailings right now, you'll avoid disappointing friends and loved ones." He said further that the post office is well prepared for the big Christmas mail load, but unless everyone steps up the mailing of Christmas cards and gift packages immediately, some of them may not be delivered before Christmas.

The postmaster also emphasized the need for your special cooperation in making sure that your return address and the recipient's addresses are plainly written on all Christmas card envelopes and package labels. Be sure to use zone numbers, and it's always a good idea to include an extra label inside your packages carrying your name and address and that of the recipient.

Because parcel post size and weight limitations vary according to destination, be sure to ask about them when you go to the postoffice to buy stamps. Speaking of stamps, the postmaster pointed out that if you always use four cent first class postage on your Christmas cards they will be delivered promptly and forwarded or returned, if necessary, provided you include your name and address on the Christmas card envelopes.

When you call at the post office be sure to ask for free labels which read, "all for out of town delivery," and "all for local delivery." Place these labels on bundles of Christmas cards for local addresses and those for out-of-town destinations. It will help, too, if you will mail your out-of-town Christmas cards several days in advance of those intended for

delivery to nearby points. The postmaster especially urges you to get your out-of-state packages into the post office within the next few days and to do everything possible to mail all of your Christmas gifts for local delivery and your Christmas cards to nearby points by at least a week before Christmas.

**Remember the  
GOOD OLD DAYS  
From The Enterprise**

**Fifteen Years Ago**  
The annual Firemen's banquet was held Tuesday evening at Horton's Cafe. Speakers were present from the State Fire Marshall's office. Assistant Fire Chief, Sparky Ditter, was in charge of arrangements. Plans were under way to enlarge the Mill City fire district.

Miss Dorothy Shuey, cadet nurse from Astoria was spending the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shuey.

First Lt. Mary M. Holthouse, daughter of Mrs. Pearl Holthouse, was stationed at Wilbaden, Germany.

Frank Splawn had died November 25 of burns suffered in October from a trash fire explosion. He had been working as mechanic at the Shell Oil station and made his home with an aunt, Mrs. A. J. (Grandma) Chance.

**Ten Years Ago**  
This week's issue was full of ads on construction projects, as lots of building was going on. Among those listed were the Thomas Housing project and Yoder-Martin Construction Co. The Community Chest in Mill City had already had \$1,700 pledged with \$2,000 the goal. Miss Helen Wilson at the bank was accepting late donations.

From Mehana came another good feature story by Jean Roberts on "Elk Fever."  
Miss Joan Ryal of Gates had been selected as "Sweetheart of the Canyon." Runner-up was Miss Donna Cooke of Mill City.

James Thomas Dawes, pioneer Mill City resident passed away Monday, November 21 after a long illness. He was 81 years of age.  
Reeds plumbing shop in Mill City was featuring a new line of fixtures, including a kitchen sink at \$15.00. The shop was operated by Jim and Pearl Reed.

Coming to the Mill City Theatre was the academy award winning picture, "The Song of Bernadette." Special prices were adults, \$1.10 and children 55¢.

Charles Kazda passed away at his home here November 26. He had lived in Mill City since 1920 but was a native of Czechoslovakia.

A birthday party honoring Miss Isabelle Mason was held at her home. Seventeen young high school classmates were present, including Virginia Vandermeer, Lester Poole, Harry White, Betty Bassett, and Lenthel Ragsdale.

From Gates came word of the successful social for the benefit of the high school basketball team for new suits. J. O. Heron auctioned off pies and \$340 was realized from the sale.

**Five Years Ago**  
Marie Stewart was elected as Noble Grand of Santiam Rebekah lodge at their last meeting with installation scheduled for January 8.  
The annual Firemen's benefit was a huge success. Grand prize of the evening was won by Kelly Lumber Sales.  
Yell leaders at Mill City High school were full of enthusiasm for the big 10-team B league jamboree to be held at the new gym. They included Janet Ross, Rose Fleming, Bunny Caudle and Gloria Underwood.  
Mark Sheyter had suffered a severe fracture of the elbow and his brother, Denny, was recovering from an injury to his hand received while playing football.

**October Convictions  
Hit New High**

A new all-time high in traffic violation convictions reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles was recorded in Oct. when 16,967 convictions were tallied.

The previous all-time high was in March of this year when 16,530 convictions were reported.

The October figures this year was about 13 per cent above convictions reported in that month a year ago.

The monthly report also indicated that 217 drivers had licenses suspended after convictions of driving while intoxicated.

Another 209 drivers were suspended by the department after it received court recommendations and 270 drivers were suspended under discretionary authority given to the department by Oregon law.

Total license suspensions during the month, except for financial responsibility cases involving uninsured accidents, were 1,235, compared with 1,124 for the same month of 1958.

**Santiam Ripples**

By Sharon Whitsett  
Wednesday, the Student Council picked the Girl and Boy of the month of October. They are Marcia Barnhardt and Ed Hirte.

Marcia is one of the outstanding members of the Junior class. She is class president, a member of the Honor Society, and spends her idle time doodling.

Ed is a member of the Senior class. He is in the Honor Society and active in sports.

Friday the drama club tried to put on a play "Rest Assured" but this particular play is jinxed. Last year the Seniors were going to put it on but because of sickness and other things which came up it was postponed until this year.  
They have been rehearsing for several weeks. Friday afternoon in the middle of the matinee the electricity went off and didn't come back on in time for the cast to finish the play. That night just before the performance started the power again went off so the play had to be cancelled, until Monday.  
Two new students have been added, Shirley and Sherman Parker from Cascade Union High school in Turner. Shirley is a Junior and Sherman is a Freshman.

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M. J. B. COFFEE	1 Pound	69¢
CAPITOL OLEOMARGARINE	5 pkgs.	\$1.00
<b>CAMPBELL'S PORK and BEANS</b>		
Lge. 2 1/2 Size	5 / \$1.00	16 oz. Size 4 / 49¢
Hillsdale PINEAPPLE No. 2	half slices	4 for 89¢
Philadelphia CREAM CHEESE	2 pkgs.	33¢
Please or Playfair DOG FOOD	13 cans	\$1.00
Nabisco Crackers	2 lbs 49¢	1 lb. 25¢
Franco American Spaghetti	1ge 3 cup size can	4 / 99¢
<b>Hilltop's Pure Lean GROUND BEEF</b>		
3 lb. pkg.	\$1.49;	2 lbs. \$1.05;
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