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All Quiet at Council Meet Wednesday

A quiet month was reported by the police department at the December meeting of the city council Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. No calls were made, no arrests made and no fines collected, according to C. H. Meader, police chief. The police car patrolled 2,560 miles using 187 gallons of gas. There were 390 man hours worked.

Ballots from the Dec. 12 election were canvassed and Archie Thompson was officially declared the new councilman and J. C. Kimmel re-elected Mayor.

There was some discussion of the purchase of a new police car with a number of bids received; however the specifications were not complete and more bids are to be obtained with a decision to be reached later.

The new officers will be sworn in at the January 10 meeting.

Scouts To Host Cascade Council Here Dec. 28-30

Explorer Post No. 49 of Mill City Scouts will be hosts to the Cascade Council Explorers for a snow trek December 28-30.

The scouts coming here will stay at the Youth Center and every day is crammed with activities.

Thursday evening the boys will participate in sports events in the elementary school gym. Friday morning after breakfast at the youth center the scouts will take off for the Monument Peak area for their trek.

Entertainment is being provided for Friday evening and the groups will either go back to the snow area for a short time Saturday or "break camp" and head for home.

Boys in the Mill City post who have been working hard on the arrangements include Don Podrabsky, Larry Drake, Fred Bassett, Terry Sisco, Earl Humphreys and Laurence Robertson.

Wallace Robertson is advisor for the boys and has been assisting them with plans for the snow trek.

New Fire Truck Arrives



Mill City Volunteer Firemen were having a ball Saturday forenoon when their new fire truck was delivered. The truck is not yet complete but firemen said it will be coming soon. The truck was put to use that the balance of the equipment will be coming soon. The truck was put to use that afternoon when it brought Santa Claus into town. Pictured beside the new outfit is Fire Chief Eldon Hutchinson.—Mill City Enterprise Photo.

Jaycees Work on Toys



Jim Wright, chairman of the Jaycee Toys for Tots committee is seen above with some of the many toys which the club has repaired. The toys will be given to less fortunate children of the area this Christmas. The Jaycees each year join with the Lions Club and Ministerial Association in this project. The Jaycees assist by wrapping the gifts.

Masons Elect Gulliford to Head Order

Masons of Mill City Lodge No. 180 AF&AM elected Jack Gulliford of Gates to head the order as master for the coming year. Other officers elected were Leo Russell, senior warden and Lee Hopson of Idanha as junior warden. Charles Kelly was re-elected secretary as was Bob Draper for treasurer.

A short recess was called and the master-elect had the following appointive officers installed: Senior deacon, Clair Hennessy; junior deacon, Quincy Smith; chaplain, W. B. Shuey; senior steward, J. C. Kimmel; junior steward, Freddie Miller; marshal, Albert Harris and Tyler, Joe Bowes.

Bob Draper was installing master, W. R. Stevens, installing marshal and Sid Baughman, installing chaplain.

The masons will attend church this Sunday in a body at Detroit church.

Refreshments were served after lodge by Mrs. Jack Gulliford and Mrs. Dorothy Draper.

Fox Valley Man Gives Info on School Boundary

By Fred Skillings

Residents of the Fox Valley district adjacent to Mill City's boundary on the west, show a determination to remain in the Mari-Linn Grade and Stayton High School District.

The man who was quoted on the front page of the Mill City paper as only finding three against joining the Mill City District would seem the poorest example possible to send forth to find the truth.

He could have told the readers of the Mill City paper that there were 12 signers for the boundary change and 34 against as was brought out at the hearing in Albany. Also a more recent petition from the district in question showed 29 registered voters opposed to the boundary change.

I know many people in Mill City have an appreciation of the truth and I am happy to bring these facts to your attention.

City Erects Christmas Tree Tuesday

Tuesday afternoon found Art Hedge and his son, Bill busy putting lights on the Christmas tree which is erected every year by the city at the intersection of First and Broadway.

The tree was donated by C. E. "Pink" Mason from his farm East of town and stands about 25 feet high. It was put into place with assistance of George Stewart and his wrecker.

Mason said the tree is usually put up earlier but that the street department had been too busy to get to it. Probably just as well it wasn't up during the storm Saturday night.

This is a bright spot in the city enjoyed by residents each year. Many homeowners have been busy putting up outdoor lights this year, which all goes to make up the holiday season.

Storm Batters Area Saturday Nite

Mill City and the surrounding area came in for its share of the buffeting Saturday night by one of the strongest winds this winter has been in since coming here over eight years ago. Gusts hit and the rain came down in torrents. The awning at Muir's Bakery was broken loose, but they managed to keep it from breaking the windows in front of the building.

Mill City Hardware was not so lucky. A large paint sign on the front of the store was torn loose, and it broke one of the front windows. Owner Herb Whitaker stated very little damage was done to stock inside the store, and a large canvass was placed over the broken window. A small portion of the roofing was torn loose on the new addition to the IOOF building, occupied by Stewart's.

Charlie Stewart stated little if any damage was done inside the store. Sunday forenoon the ground was white for a couple of hours when a heavy snowfall started. It did not last long, and by afternoon most of it was melted. There was a power outage. Saturday night. It lasted about 30 minutes.

Schools Shut Down Result Of Sickness

Because of illness among the teachers and students it was decided Tuesday to close the schools Tuesday afternoon with classes reconvening January 2.

Affected by closure will be Santiam Union High, Mill City and Gates Elementary schools.

Absenteeism because of illness was reported as high as 50 percent at Gates and averaged about 22 percent at Mill City.

They hope that closure and cancelling of all school programs will help curtail the spread of the flu bug.

At Santiam George Stovall said that the closure would hinder the state norm tests which are being run for the 8th and 9th graders. Santiam was one of 28 schools in the state selected to run these tests and he said they would be continued January 2 and 3 whether they would still be accepted by the state at a later date or not.

Wolverines Beat MacLaren Friday

The Santiam Wolverines played the MacLaren Hawks Friday at MacLaren. A cool first half was played with scores at half time 14 for Mac at 11 for the Wolverines.

In the second half Santiam really put on the steam and the score at the end of the game gave the Wolverines 55 and the Hawks 29.

Spearheading the drive for Santiam was Bob Morgan with 24 points. Stovall said that all regular members, except Truman Crawford, were back after a bout with the flu. The boys held a practice scrimmage with Stayton this week and were in good shape, hoping for a win over Siletz when they play that team on the Siletz floor Friday night.

Santiam and Siletz are now tied for first spot in the league.

Hospital Board Approves Changes in Building Plans; Officers Are Nominated

Giving the building committee a final o. k. on changes in plans for the addition to Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton was one of the main items of business taken care of at the meeting of the hospital board of directors held in Stayton Thursday night. The original plans call for the office addition to be constructed on an angle, and this did not meet with the State Health Department's approval, thus the changes have been made and the plans are now being resubmitted to the health department for final approval.

J. C. Kimmel, general chairman for the drive for funds to build the addition reported that the drive closed Friday night until January 8, when it will be opened again. He said: "If we can get enough workers we should be able to finish up the drive in about a week or 10 days. About \$20,000 is all that is left to be raised. The money is there, if the calls are made. The meeting on Monday, January 8 will be another instruction meeting to give new workers tips on how to make the calls.

A. J. Frank, board chairman stated. "Anyone knowing a person or persons who would like to give assistance by soliciting for pledges is asked to contact J. C. Kimmel, Gale Christensen or me at once."

Albert Toman, Mill City, submitted his resignation to the board. The board accepted his resignation with regrets, and A. J. Frank appointed Don Moffatt to fill his unexpired term.

The board also favored continuing the plan to present the first boy and girl born at Santiam after January 1, 1962, with a \$25 U. S. Savings bond. This has been done for several years in the past.

The nominating committee, T. G. Freeres, Dick Schumacher and John Frank submitted their report and it was approved by the board.

Directors to be placed on the ballot this year are:

Idanha, Detroit, Gates and Mill City district—Noyes Whitten and Jerry Pittman.

Sublimity district—John Frank and George Zimmerman.

West Stayton, Marion, Aumsville district—Clarence Gavette and Lee Hightberger.

Seio district—Peter Mertz and John Silbernagel.

Directors at Large—Walter Bell, Lloyd Girod, Ed Gilbert, Douglas Heater, Lawrence Spraker and G. W. Schacht-sick.

Gale Christensen, administrator of Santiam Memorial gave a comprehensive report on a meeting for administrators held recently in Portland. He said many new improvements are in the making for hospitals of the future. Administrators were given a lot of good information at the meeting. Christensen stated there were many more patients in the hospital at this time than usual for December due to the incident of virus flu which is so prevalent in the area.

A deal was completed recently when Glen L. Cummings of Sunnyside, Wn., purchased the inventory of the Richfield Service Station from P. A. Pederson, and is now in the process of giving the place a renovating. He is open for business however and is being assisted by his son-in-law, Gerald Fay, also of Sunnyside.

At the present time the families are living in one of the Lindemann rentals out west of Mill City, but are looking for suitable quarters here in town.

Mr. Cummings has had much experience in many lines and is a gun smith. He says he plans to repair guns at the station. He also loads rifle shells. He stated: "We were well pleased with the community when we visited our son, Lyle Cummings and his family here last summer, so decided to locate here."

Hills Station at Detroit Robbed

DETROIT—Last Wednesday night Hill's Shell Service station in Detroit was robbed. A quantity of cigarettes and candy were taken after the rear door was forced.

The public phone booth was vandalized for the second time in four months. The damage included ripping the phone off the wall and taking the money.

Members of the Mill City Garden Club were busy Saturday morning putting up the above Christmas tree in the lobby of U. S. National Bank here. Strings of popcorn sprayed with gold were used in the decorations along with many red bows made with ribbons.—The Enterprise Photo.

Al Brown Explains Tax Situation

Lions members Monday night had the privilege of hearing Al Brown, assessor from Linn county give an informative talk on taxation. One point he stressed was: "the people pass the budgets, and the assessors must levy a tax sufficient to raise money to meet the budgets."

With a series of charts he brought home in plain language what his department is doing. They are reappraising the entire county. On many places former appraisals have been too high, but in most instances, the assessed valuations are far too low. Many pieces of property were not even on the tax rolls. "When the appraisal program is completed it is our desire to have everyone in Linn county taxed on an equitable basis," said Mr. Brown.

In continuing Brown said "The Mill City area may expect several actions on the part of the Linn County Assessor's office for the year 1962. First, this office under the reappraisal program will apply the new valuations for the town of Mill City and surrounding residential areas. Every property owner whose valuations will be changed will be mailed a card showing what his valuation is and what the valuation of this piece of property was the prior year. This card also gives the market value of the property, which is the basis for assessment."

"Then, as a convenience for people located this far from the courthouse, the assessor's office will bring the reappraisal records for the City of Mill City to Mill City for one day and talk to any property owner about this assessment, should he desire to appear. This procedure was followed last year in Albany, Lebanon, and Sweet Home, and those property owners who wished to learn more about their valuations did appear either during the afternoon or evening at these meetings." In continuing Brown said "the reappraisal program this year will encompass all the remaining cities of Linn county, and also include an area between Albany and Corvallis which is chiefly small tracts and residential, and the total area covered by Union High No. 8 surrounding Albany. This is largely farm valuation."

"Another action to be taken by the Assessor's office this year will definitely affect the citizens of Mill City in that the new timber law passed by the 1961 legislature requires the assessor to reduce the assessed value of timber in the county. The value for timber in the Mill City district and the high school district is a sizeable portion of the total valuation, and to reduce this value will increase the millage and the consequent tax load on the residents of this area on both sides of the line. It is too soon at this point to say exactly what this change will be."

"A year from now, by 1963, the State Tax commission appraising Linn county timber lands should have completed their appraisal, and this valuation will then probably rise due to the effect of the new cruise."

In concluding Brown said: "another feature of the 1961 Legislative act on timber is that starting in 1963 there should be some returns from the severance feature of the bill, which will act to offset property taxes."

Mr. Brown answered questions from the floor after his talk.

City Dads Purchase Ford Interceptor For Patrol Car

The City council met in special session Thursday evening to further discuss the purchase of a police car as more bids had been received.

It was voted to purchase a Ford 1961 Interceptor which had just 3,000 miles on it and is equipped for police work.

Delivery is expected in a short time. The deal was made through Philippi Motor Company at Stayton.