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**PP&L Fisheries Researchers Use Bay for Fish Pond**

Seven million small silver salmon are to be freed soon by Pacific Power & Light company's fisheries research biologists into a 100-acre freshwater bay that has been made into the largest salmon rearing pond in the Northwest.

Hatching of the eggs at Pacific Power's Speely Bay experimental incubation station and use of the bay as a vast rearing pond are the latest phases of a series of long-range fisheries studies that PP&L's research staff has under way at several of its hydroelectric developments in Washington, Oregon and California.

The big rearing pond was created by installing a fine-meshed net across the 150-yard-wide and 50-foot deep entrance to the bay. The bay is located on the shores of Lake Merwin, one of three PP&L power projects on the Lewis River in Southwest Washington. A tributary of the Lower Columbia, the Lewis River is a producer of both sports and commercial salmon species.

The eggs for the research were surplus this winter at other hatcheries operated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Oregon Fish Commission.

Describing the cooperative research, Dr. Roy Hamilton, PP&L's chief fisheries biologist, explained it is the hope of PP&L and the Washington State Department of Fisheries that more of nature's secrets about the life of the salmon will be unlocked by the studies.

"We may also determine that the transplanted silvers will prove to be better adapted to the Merwin reservoir and Lewis River environment than the existing native salmon runs," the biologist said.

Lake Merwin is a 10-mile-long hydroelectric reservoir and the extensive research that PP&L has co-sponsored there since 1959 has made the lake a large fisheries laboratory. Last year the reservoir was treated to reduce predators. The biologists also conducted extensive underwater investigations while wearing scuba diving gear to observe the habitat and habits of trout and salmon and other species.

**"Bleeding" of Pruned Trees Not Harmful**

"Bleeding" of trees and other plants from wounds caused by pruning or injury does little or no harm to the plant.

Many people, seeing the flow of sap from these wounds, compare it to the bleeding of humans and animals. Such comparison is erroneous.

Bleeding effects plants to varying degrees, but is not considered serious with any plants. With most fruit trees such bleeding seems unimportant regardless when the pruning is done.

In most plants, at first, the vigor of the plant is no more than slightly effected. Plants bleed most during the late winter and early spring months. Pruning at other seasons will minimize bleeding, especially with those plants which are most susceptible.

**Up and Down The Avenue**

By Don Moffatt

I have from time to time been asked what it is like to live in what some city folks believe is an out-of-the-way place like Mill City. I have never figured it was any more out of the way than any other city. Just because we live some 30 miles from Salem doesn't necessarily mean that we are out in the sticks. We can drive from here to Salem in a very short time on our highway. Our mail service is adequate for everything we need, and our stores carry most of the things needed for everyday life.

All of this was brought sharply into focus last week, when a small bolt on one of our type-setting machines broke. Type-setting machines have special bolts, thousands of them. You can't purchase many of them from regular hardware stock. This was the kind that broke. I immediately took the two pieces of the bolt over to Jim Hoover, who is a real artist with a welding torch. He had it fixed up in short time, but said: "you better order another, as it may not hold." I got back to the shop at 4:30 and called a Seattle parts house and found out that they did have this particular bolt. They said they would send it air mail that night, and it arrived on the morning mail here in Mill City. We had it installed on our machine at about 9:30. Do you call that isolation? I would say we have nearly all the advantages of a larger city, and have the comfort of space and fresh air. Who could ask for more?

Last week when I was up at Dr. Reid's office and we were enjoying a "shot" together—he was giving it and I was taking it—I looked out of the window over into Dave Reid's yard. There was a yellow rose bush in full bloom. I asked Dr. Jack, isn't that strange, a rose bush in full bloom this time of year? He let me sit there and look at it for awhile, and then said many of his patients had noticed it also. He said, "those are artificial blooms." Then he said his wife had informed him that in the summer the rose bush had red blooms on it. Nevertheless it is a bright spot in the Reid yard, and has caused many a laugh this winter.



"Tex" Glover—All American "Miss Basketball"—Texas

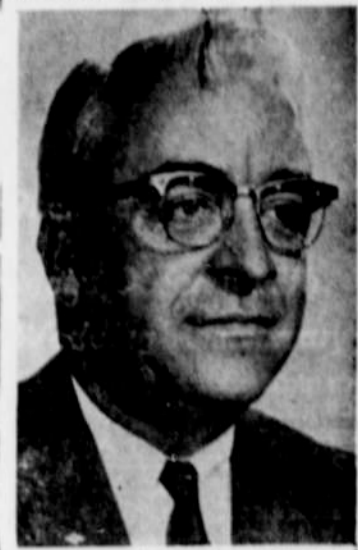
Justine "Tex" Glover, "Miss Basketball" of the All American Red Heads basketball team is a Texas gal. She is a real basketball player and will be seen here when the Red Heads will play against the Mill City Jaycees, Sunday, March 17, at the Santiam Union High School gym.

When painting a room and the painting is temporarily interrupted or discontinued overnight, wrap the brush in pliffim. It will stay moist, ready to use without the trouble of cleaning it each time.

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**Heads Cancer Crusade**



Dr. Orval Eaton, Medford optometrist, will serve as chairman of the April crusade for the American Cancer Society's Oregon division, according to Dr. James M. Whitely, Portland physician and president of the division.

Dr. Eaton, a member of the division's executive committee, is a former member of the state legislature from Clatsop county and was mayor of Astoria from 1943 through 1951. He moved to Medford 5 years ago.

In accepting the chairmanship, Dr. Eaton asserted that "the fight to conquer cancer is deserving of the support of every person since the disease will strike 46 million Americans now alive if present rates continue."

The newly appointed chairman said the month-long campaign, beginning April 1, will stress education as well as fund-raising. Considerable emphasis will be placed on acquainting the public with cancer's 7 danger signals.

He pointed out that one out of every 3 cancer patients are now being saved as against fewer than one out of 5 a quarter of a century ago. "Under ideal conditions," he said, "it would now be possible to save one out of every 2 patients."

Theme of the crusade will be "fight cancer with a check-up and a check."

**Santiam Ripples**

By Ed McCurdy

I heard there was a great play at the University Playhouse in Salem Friday night. Four carloads of faculty, juniors, seniors and sophomores, eagerly anticipating an evening at the theater, arrived promptly at 8:00 p. m. Friday. It seems the play was Thursday night. But it wasn't a total loss. We saw Billy Budd at one of the local movie houses.

Thursday, eight members of Santiam's Honor Society attended a conference of the mid-Willamette District of the National Honor Society at Corvallis on the OSU campus. We elected new officers for the district, toured the campus and got underfoot of the University students, and had quite a bit of fun.

Saturday is the Sophomore's Sweetheart's ball date. We hope they'll do as well as they've been saying it will be.

Gary Hale is the limbo champion of Santiam, as determined at the dance after the Canby game Saturday.

**Pre-Easter Services Scheduled For Free Methodist Church**

There will be special pre-Easter services held at the Free Methodist church, March 10-25 at 7 p. m. Men conducting the services will be the Rev. Harold Moyer, evangelist; Frank Gorsline, song leader and vocalist; Don Erwin, violinist; and David Rupert, pianist.

Rev. Moyer will also be speaking at the 11 a. m. worship hour on March 17 and 24. He is a graduate of Asbury College and studied at United Theological Seminary. He had eight and a half years as a pastor in the Northwest and is currently studying at Western Evangelical Seminary so he may become a missionary.

Mr. Gorsline is a music major graduate of Seattle Pacific college and now is studying at Western Evangelical Seminary. Rev. Davidson, local pastor stated, "many of our area people will remember Mr. Gorsline as he sang with the Seattle Pacific college quartet here two years ago."

David Rupert is an accomplished pianist in the field of sacred music and is a graduate of Greenville college. He is also a student at W.E.S. Rev. Davidson said he feels fortunate in having these fine young men here and urges everyone to attend the services.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

9225 Penmar Road  
 Santee, Calif.  
 February 24, 1963

The Mill City Enterprise  
 Mill City, Oregon.

Sir:

Half seriously, half humorously, I feel obligated to call to the attention of your staff and the citizens of Mill City the statement made on the front page of the February 21st issue. Under the headline "12 Traffic Violations Reported by Mill City Police Dept." It was noticed that "The police car patrolled 962 miles using 219 gallons of gas."

Something is wrong here, isn't it? That patrol car is averaging less than 4 1/2 miles per gallon. Is it a log truck? Does it need a tune-up? Or does it sit all day, engine idling, drinking gas, waiting for the 12 violations to occur?

Seriously, I would be interested to know if that is the actual miles per gallon the patrol car used, and the circumstances which caused it.

On another matter, I have noted the current controversy over the failure to renew the school superintendent's contract. Rare indeed is the school board without occasional controversy. I am reminded of a quote attributed to Socrates: "No man undertakes a trade he has not learned, even the meanest; yet every one thinks himself sufficiently qualified for the hardest of all trades—that of government."

Sincerely,  
 Robert E. Perry.

Editor's Note:  
 In answer to the first part of this letter relative to the gasoline consumed by the police car—those who remember, we had a lot of snow right at that time, and the police car came to the assistance of several residents in pulling cars which were stuck. This takes a lot of gasoline, and accounted for the low mileage in this period. As everyone knows, police car engines are kept idling, ready for any emergency. The editor hopes this will answer the California man's question.

Seaford supplies are plentiful this month and just in time for the Lenten season. Bottom fish are marketed as ocean perch, rockfish, sole, flounder and ling cod. A bulletin on the preparation and serving of these fish is available at the Marion County Extension Office.

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