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## Modification in Highway Interchange Now Possible Says State Highway Man

Possible changes on the highway sign at the interchange of Interstate No. 5 and No. 22 at Salem was the topic of a talk given to the Mill City Lions club Monday night by Bruce Crandall, traffic engineer of the Oregon State Highway commission.

The sign at this point has been up for discussion in the Canyon for many years. Crandall said the rules for putting signs on main highways were set up by the Association of State Highway officials. "Modern day high speeds makes it imperative that copy on the signs be kept to a minimum, and only two destination names can be placed on a sign," Crandall said. He said further "a recent modification in the rule will now allow us to place the Highway No. 22 Shield and

"North Santiam Highway" on one line. This will leave room for two more city names, one of which will have to be Salem to the west and one designation to the east." The present name of Stayton is on the sign, and residents in this part of the canyon have taken exception to this saying they feel the name of the first town on the highway be placed on the sign. Mill City is in reality the first town on the highway coming this way from Portland and from Albany coming from the south.

A former highway employee, now deceased, at one time assured the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce that Mill City would be on the sign. Something happened, however, and Stayton received the priority even though it is off highway 22.

According to Mr. Crandall Monday night the best way to solve this sticky situation is for the cities of the areas affected to get together and decide on one designated town or area to be placed on the sign, then have trailer signs placed along Highway 22 naming the towns and mileages in this manner. It was suggested that "North Santiam Recreation Area" be substituted in lieu of any city designation, but Crandall felt that possibly this was too much copy to be placed on the sign. After many years of working for a feasible solution, it appeared at the Monday night meeting, that things were just about as they have always been. One thing gained will be the removal of "North Santiam", which was at best misleading. This will, in time, be changed to "North Santiam Highway," which at least will be true.

About 23 Lions and guests were present. Accompanying Crandall was Webb Ross, who is also connected with the Highway department.

## Stout Creek Working on Big Cold Deck

MEHAMA—For the first time in 12 years, Stout Creek Lumber Co., at Mehama, will cease buying logs this next week until further notice. A few small operators will be allowed to haul logs but on a restricted basis.

Reason for this is that the "cold deck" of logs must be sawed before bugs start to damage them.

Each year logs are "cold decked" to provide an adequate supply for a mill during winter months when logging slows and sometimes stops.

All mills in this area have sharply curtailed their purchase of logs. This is an almost unheard of situation since the struggle to find and purchase merchantable timber has been of uppermost concern for years.

The October 12 windstorm and the "open winter," are the two contributing factors to this oversupply of logs.

Since October many timber owners have hurriedly logged their "blow down," anticipating bug damage this summer. Many others, fearful of another blow, have cut standing trees and hauled them to market.

Adding to this extra source of logs has been the balmy weather in January, February and March, which has permitted loggers to work during months that ordinarily see slow production.

All mills have been operating steadily this winter and Stout Creek has added another shift hoping to cut the cold deck without refusing logs.

The sale of piling has been possible and a few loggers have turned to this outlet while the mills have been busy. Hardwoods also seem to have an outlet.

## Peterson Wants to Form Vets Post Here

H. J. Peterson, a past commander of World War I Veterans' Post in Lancaster, Calif., would like to contact Veterans in this area. He has contacted state officials and a Post may be started here if 10 members can be secured.

Mr. Peterson said that many veterans do not realize all the benefits that are available to them. A date will be announced later when a speaker will be in Mill City to give pertinent information. A pot-luck dinner is also planned for this meeting. Anyone interested in this move to start a barracks here is asked to contact Mr. Peterson at 897-2104.

## Lions Slate Festival of Harmony

The Mill City Lions club is planning a real musical treat on April 12 when their "Festival of Harmony" will be staged. Lee Ross, chairman, said the Salem Senate-Aires will bring their chorus of some 50 members to Mill City on that night to entertain music lovers of the area.

Also appearing will be the Capitol Chordsmen, the 1960 winners of the Forest Grove show. Also appearing will be barber shop quartets, and the Top Notchers Quartet.

This will be an hour and a half show, which should be better than anything ever staged here.

Advance sale of tickets will begin in the near future. The Lions are going to considerable expense to bring this high class entertainment to Mill City. The profits from the Festival of Harmony will be used to help defray the expense of having the stumps removed from the city park.

## Hospital Auxiliary Board To Meet in Stayton March 21

The Santiam Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold their regular board meeting March 21 at the Stayton home of Mrs. Estelle Philippi. Business on the agenda includes installation of new officers and discussions of plans for the Open House at the hospital on April 7.

All Auxiliary members are invited to attend the meeting which will be held at 2 p. m.

## Detroit Teacher Gets Science Grant

DETROIT—The Detroit board of education accepted one resignation and offered contracts to all the present teaching staff. One teacher is retiring this year. All teachers received a \$200-\$300 increment.

The board is seeking petitions for two directors to fill a five and two year term. Directors whose terms will expire on July 1 are Vernon Morgan, who has served for five years and U. S. Floyd, who was appointed last July to replace Hantz Rotz who moved to Mill City.

Petitions are available at the school office and must be filed with the district clerk no later than midnight, April 5.

## Lyons Water Adds Mains To System

LYONS—At a recent meeting of the Lyons Water District, members commended Fire Chief Chester Grimes, Assistant Fire Chief Robert Walton as well as members of the Lyons Rural Fire department for their effort during the October 12 storm. During that period they managed to keep water supplied to the district.

The board of directors of the Lyons water district, Robert Sexton, chairman; Howard Naue, secretary and Frank Spellmeyer, Chester Grimes and John Roy, directors, have completed mains to the following new home construction since January 1: Howard Naue property with service for four lots and one house; Wilson Stevens property, 1000 feet of new water main for six lots; one home construction line for Raymond Cole; extension to H. A. Stevens shop building under construction and two homes to be built; new main to the Schwindt property on McCully Mountain which includes new home and five more in the future.

A new two-inch main to Freres Products mill has been installed from main at the fire hall to the Freres property line south of the rail road track.

New mains under consideration by the board are three properties across from the Santiam Go-Kart track owned by Mr. Ford, Mrs. Hansen, Mr. Fower and Mr. Schafer. Also under consideration is a larger main to the Simpson Logging Company. Meter service has been completed to the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holz-fuss.

## Cub Scouts To Have Cake Bake And Sale March 26

The Cub Scouts of Mill City are having their annual Fathes-Son Cake Bake and Auction on March 26 at 7:30 p. m. at the scout cabin. The cake auction is to raise money for insurance and Boy's Life for the Cubs. The public is invited. There will be free coffee, kool-aid and cookies.

## Mari-Linn Detroit Budgets Published

This week on page 6 of The Enterprise patrons of the Mari-Linn school can see their school budget figures, published by the district to inform the public of the levy needed to operate the school for the coming fiscal year.

On page 3, the Detroit budget can be seen.

## Grand Master Coming

Officers of the Mill City IOOF lodge said this week that the Grand Master of Oregon, Walter V. Murphy of Reedsport, would be at their meeting, Friday night, March 22 and all members are urged to attend.

## New Rails Going In On Wall St.

A work crew from the Southern Pacific company is working in front of The Enterprise as we go to press, replacing the old rails which go down the center of N. E. Wall street. Yesterday the crew did this work at the crossing, and kept traffic moving with a minimum of delay.

The Enterprise learned in an interview with the roadmaster, W. E. Wade, that the company did not intend to fill in between the rails with blacktop. The railroad has been a part of the street for many years, and action is being taken now by the city to find out why the rails are being left open, as it will cause a hazard. At the time of going to press it was not known whether or not the S. P. would grant the city's request to have the street left in its present condition so it can be used.

The street has heavy use, and it will be an extreme inconvenience to the public, if the street is not restored.

## PP&L Posts Kite Flying Safety Rules

March winds mean it's kite-flying time, and time for parents to remind their family space pilots to keep high-flying missiles away from electric power lines.

The season prompts a reminder about kite-flying safety by Pacific Power & Light company's local manager, Wayne Goin.

1. Always fly kites in an open field, well away from power lines.
2. Never use tinsel string, wet string, wire, or any twine with metal in it. Use only dry string.
3. Don't fly kites in the rain.
4. Don't dash across streets or highways while flying a kite.
5. Keep kites away from TV or radio aerials.
6. Never pull on the string or climb poles or trees to loosen a kite snagged in power lines. If you kite lodges in a power line, or in a tree near power wires, leave it there! Do not try to get it down.

Pacific Power has distributed Reddy Kilowatt posters in schools and other public places to further publicize the safety rules, the manager reports.

## BLM Names New Park Near Here

Fisherman's Bend, is the official name given to the new park west of Mill City, which is under construction at this time by the Bureau of Land Management. The name was chosen because of the location of the familiar North Santiam River bend located at the western edge of the park.

Lou Carlson, administrative assistant for the Salem District office, said that bids are being called for a well to supply water for the 200-acre park and that contracts were out for supplying grates and tables for picnic spots. Signs are also under construction.

Clearing and road work has continued with funds provided under the public works acceleration act.

## Joe Cribbs Hurt In Logging Accident

Joe Cribbs was painfully injured in a logging accident at Enterprise, Tuesday, March 12. Three top logs rolled off the top of the truck while it was being unloaded at the dump, crushing him. It is thought possibly the mud saved him from being more seriously injured.

He is in the hospital at Enterprise. At the latest report he had regained consciousness and was out of the oxygen tent. Although his injuries were in the chest area, no bones were broken.

## Ordinance Amended at Council Meet

Ordinance No. 14 was amended at the March meeting of the city council, to comply with the State of Oregon Vagrancy statute as amended ORS 166.060. This amendment was declared an emergency and became effective immediately.

Ronald Meacham, police chief submitted his report for February with seven traffic violations cited to court; four for failure to stop at posted intersection; one expired operator's license; one violation of traffic control signs; one basic rule violation with speed involved. Six complaints were cleared and four prowler calls checked out.

February fines amounted to \$75.00 and the police car patrolled 1102 miles using 154.9 gallons of gas.

Bills in the amount of \$747.74 were approved for payment.

A budget meeting for the city budget was scheduled for March 27.

Present at the council meeting were J. C. Kimmel, mayor; councilmen Stan Chance, Delbert Goforth, C. E. Mason and Veryl Hoover, and recorder, Rex Ohmart.

## Denny Sheythe To Work For Translator Company

Howard May of the Golden Rule Translator station this week hired two more men to work for him in installation and maintenance.

Working for the company will be Jerome Brudas of Corvallis. He holds a first class FCC communications license and has worked as a radio engineer. He will also be available for servicing of two-way radio transmitting equipment. He has a wife and small child and they plan on moving to Mill City as soon as housing can be obtained.

## Detroit School Board Needs New Directors

DETROIT—Robert Kirk, science teacher at Detroit schools and a graduate of OSU, was recently awarded a National Science Foundation grant to study earth science and physics at East Carolina State college for one summer. Mr. Kirk is offered a stipend of \$450 for the six weeks beginning July 19 and ending August 30. The offer also contains \$350 for dependents and mileage. He was one of 48 persons chosen out of more than 1,400 who sought entrance to the program to which he was appointed. Mr. Kirk plans to leave with his wife and two children for North Carolina shortly after classes dismiss at Detroit in May.

## Meet Your School Board Candidate Session Slated For Monday, March 25th

On Monday, March 25, at 8 p. m. in the Santiam Union High School library, patrons of the new administrative district will be invited to meet the candidates who are running for election to the new board.

There will be five members on the new board, two to be elected from the old Gates district and three to be elected from the old Mill City district. The candidates will be introduced, indicating which zone they will represent, and if the candidate so desires, he may explain his view on educational matters.

Master of ceremonies for the meeting will be Charles Kelly. All candidates nominated are asked to attend this meeting to get acquainted and meet the school patrons.

Candidates nominated so far are: Zone 1, Gates, Robert

Blumenstein and Homer Williamson.

Zone 2—Gates, William Pennick and Robert Oliver.

Zone 3—Mill City, Mabel Kus, and Martin Hansen.

Zone 4, Mill City—Gordon McMorris, Donald Westrick.

Zone 5—Mill City, Donald Walker, Edward Caulkins and Wallace Robertson.

After the introductions and meeting there will be an informal coffee hour.

## Local Band Members in Honor Group

Members of the Santiam Union High school band and members playing in the Capitol Conference Music Festival Friday and Saturday received high praise for their work.

The Honor band played at Serra on Friday night and at Stayton on Saturday night. The regular band also played at the Stayton performance.

Schools participating were Canby, Gervais, North Marion, Woodburn, Cascade, Central, Santiam, Scio and Stayton.

Guest director for the band was David Petrasso and directing the honor chorus was Cory Blodgett. Spencer Hillesland directed the SUHS band in their numbers.

Area residents can be very proud of the band performance and the only thing lacking was uniforms for the members which it is hoped can be provided another year.

Those playing in the honor band from here were John Kelly, Patsy Pennick, Don Podrasky, Dave Hickerson, Rusty Whitten and Scott Hillesland.

All but one member of the regular high school band was able to participate in the Saturday festival.

Among comments made to Spencer Hillesland by David Petrasso, supervisor of music at the David Douglas school were: "Excellent rhythm with nice ensemble of wood winds in tune with baritone horns; good interpretation; lots of enthusiasm—sound like a band." In conclusion Petrasso said, "Students and band director, you did a most magnificent job and you don't have to take a back seat for anyone—continue your fine work with your fine director, and perhaps some day you can get uniforms, too."

## Coming Events

Wednesday, March 20

North Santiam Chamber meeting at Gates Women's club house, 8 p. m. Tom Wright, guest speaker.

Friday, March 22

IOOF lodge at hall. Grand master will visit, 8 p. m.

Monday, March 25

Lions club dinner meeting at Fellowship hall 6:30.

"Meet your School Board Candidate" at High School library at 8 p. m.

Wednesday, March 26

Lions club Auxiliary at Goldie Rambo home, 8 p. m.

Order of Rainbow for Girls at hall. Initiation, 7:30.

## Newspaper Man To Be at Chamber Meeting in Gates

Tom Wright, state editor for the Oregon Statesman of Salem will be speaker at the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce at Gates tonight.

All members and those interested in the area, are urged to be present for this meeting at the Women's club house at 8.

## Vandals Still Plague T. V. Translator

Howard May of the Golden Rule Translator Station said this week that he is still being plagued by vandalism at his translator station on the hill south of town.

He said that Monday night vandals pried the door off the power plant building and drained all the fuel out. They also threw an over-load voltage onto station equipment and knocked station 12 off the air.

May said that motor noise was also being noticed in the area, causing some reception trouble. He said he felt it was deliberate interference and is taking space in this issue of The Enterprise to offer a reward for the apprehension of anyone causing the trouble or molesting the equipment.

May said that a new diesel plant had been put in which is similar to the set-up used by the Bell Telephone Co.

In the near future he plans on erecting a concrete block house so that vandalism may be prevented.

## Mabel Yankus Gets Minor Hurts in Automobile Accident

Mabel Yankus is nursing some minor aches and pains this week as the result of a car accident last Thursday in Stayton. She had stopped at the intersection of 3rd and Washington streets when a car slammed into her car with enough impact to drive it almost through the intersection.

Mrs. Yankus said after the first few moments of shock she became real upset to think anyone had hit her car with such force when she had stopped. On going back to the other car she discovered the driver to be Ellen Fudge, with whom she bowls. Mrs. Fudge had given her attention to her young baby for a few seconds and did not see the Yankus car. Both cars were heavily damaged and Mrs. Fudge's car had to be towed away.

The six weeks old baby fell from the front seat at the time of impact and suffered a bruise on the head. However, the examining doctor pronounced him alright.

## Weather, Detroit Dam

A. M. Daily Weather Reading and Lake Elevation  
Max. Min. Pcp. Elev.  
March 13 31 46 0.00 1531.75  
March 14 31 52 0.19 1532.09  
March 15 34 43 0.21 1532.44  
March 16 32 41 0.52 1532.76  
March 17 32 46 0.04 1533.09  
March 18 33 48 0.03 1533.39  
March 19 36 47 0.19 1533.65