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Let the Bells of Freedom Ring INDEPENDENCE DAY



The idea of government of the people, by the people, for the people was new to the world on July 4th, 1776. By the nation then born this idea has since been tried, tested and proved the best hope for all mankind.

Proudly we salute the founding fathers on this, the birthday of our country. Firmly we resolve that our heritage of freedom, dating back to that day, shall forever be maintained.

This Fourth of July gives us a good chance to reaffirm our belief in the United States of America. It gives us a chance to think back on what our forebearers went thru to form a country of freedom. This year many areas are celebrating the Fourth by "ringing the bells of Freedom." Why not do it here in Mill City? The Enterprise would like to hear every bell in Mill City ring at 12 o'clock the day of the Fourth. Won't everyone in town who has a bell, or who is in charge of a church or other property having a bell, please cooperate?

John Adams, as a delegate to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, wrote in July, 1776, when the proclamation of the Declaration of Independence was greeted by the Liberty Bell, that the event should be celebrated with bells "from this time forward forever more." Can't we help to revive this old tradition?

Last Rites for Floyd Volkel In Salem

Residents of this area were shocked Monday to learn of the death of Floyd F. Volkel, 62, Gates postmaster.

Mr. Volkel was well known to all in the area and was liked and respected by everyone.

He had gone hiking on Elkhorn Mountain early Sunday morning with two companions of Gates, Rex Herron and Don Winslow.

Volkel complained of being tired about 9 a. m. and decided to stay behind while his companions completed the climb.

When they returned about 4:15 they discovered his body. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Volkel was born January 22 at Barnard, Kansas where he attended high school and the University of Kansas for two years.

He was married to Elsie Boynton on May 15, 1926 and they lived in Salem for a number of years, moving to Gates in 1949.

He had served as Postmaster at Gates for a number of years and was an active member of the Gates Fire department, serving as assistant chief.

He was a member of Mill City Lodge No. 180 A. F. & A. M. and of the Al Kader Shrine. He was also an active member of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce and of the East-

Students Make Honor Roll At OSU

Oregon State University—Kathryn E. Johnson of Lyons and Nicholas D. Ross of Mehama are listed on the spring term honor roll from Oregon State University.

To qualify for honor roll listings, students must make at least a B plus average for the term. Miss Johnson was singled out for special recognition as a straight-A student.

Miss Johnson was graduated last month in Business and Technology; Ross will be a sophomore this fall in Agriculture.

Gates Church To Honor Pastor Sunday

GATES—The Gates Community church will have a potluck next Sunday honoring Rev. and Mrs. Bob Alliston, who are leaving this church, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Martin and Mrs. Helen Edholm, who are soon leaving the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Alliston will be leaving to work in the harvest at Walla Walla, Wn., June 8. In August they will go to Forest Grove where Mr. Alliston will be assistant pastor of the Christian church.

Survivors besides the widow, Elsie, include his father, George P. Volkel, and a sister, Ola M. Hughes of Salem.

Funeral services are from Golden Mortuary in Salem at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday, and interment will be at Belcrest Memorial park.

The Rev. Orval Mick is in charge of the services.

Pallbearers are Duane Gibson, George Laird, Charles Kelly, Albert Toman, Rex Herron and Don Moffatt.

New Exchange Student



Christian Elmo Sorensen from Esbjerg, Denmark who will attend Santiam Union High next year under the auspices of the American Field Service. He will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Calkins.

Burned Roast Nearly Burns Dew Drop In

Patrons of the Dew Drop in east of town last week were wondering what was cooking when they drove up in front of the place. It had much the same odor as arises from branding cattle. Someone asked Jesse Savage, owner if she was roasting a "Shitook" of comic strip origin.

It wasn't funny for Jessie though, as it seems a roast was left on the fire the night before and completely burned up. The entire inside of the cafe had to be washed to get rid of the grease film, but the odor lingered on.

Mrs. Savage said if her husband had not taken precaution against fire when building the place, it would have burned to the ground.

City Park Ready for July Fourth

The City Park is in the best shape it has been for many years and Lions Club members, headed by Barney Scott have made this a good spot to spend the 4th. The weatherman has promised favorable weather; and while it not expected to be hot at least rains are not in the picture.

The Queen selection is being made Wednesday evening at the former Mill City Theatre at 7 o'clock and the Coronation ball will follow immediately at the high school gym.

Many more activities are planned in the way of concessions at the park and the day will start with a 6 to 10 Lions club pancake breakfast.

The parade will start at the Sportsman's Center at 11 o'clock and 10 floats are entered. Judging will be at 10:30.

The Kiddie parade, sponsored by the Jayettes, will be judged in front of the postoffice at 10:30 and then join the regular parade.

The Lions Auxiliary will run a lunch concession and bingo game at the park and the Jayees will have their dunk tank again this year. The Jayees will also have a horseshoe pitching tournament at 1 o'clock at the park. No entrance fees are charged and a trophy will be given.

The Jayettes pie eating contest will be held in the park at 2:30.

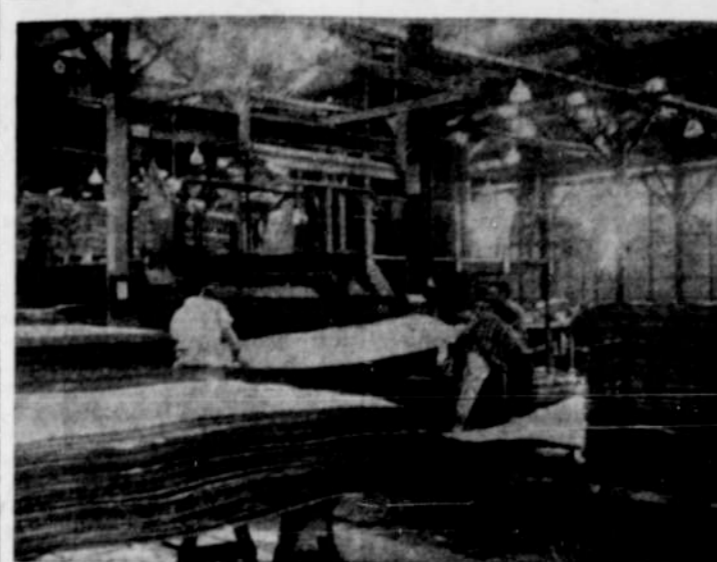
There will be a double header Little League and Peeewe baseball games at Allen Field prior to the fireworks which is the part of the program put on by the Mill City Firemen.

The rest rooms at the park have been repaired after vandals completely wrecked the building and plumbing last year. Lions officials state there is a \$200 reward for the apprehension and conviction of anyone damaging property in the park and the city is being asked to have the police patrol the area to try and protect things there from now on.

North Santiam Plywood Adds Machinery



Above is the new cold press installed by North Santiam Plywood west of Mill City. It was put into operation just recently in making plywood. The veneer drying plant has been in operation since last September.



This picture shows a crew of men working on the spreader, putting the plywood into sheets ready for the press.—The Mill City Enterprise photos.

New Plywood Plant Starts Production

Another chapter in the industrial growth of the North Santiam area was written recently when North Santiam Plywood started making "wooden sandwiches" (plywood) in their plant just west of Mill City.

North Santiam Plywood has made remarkable growth since they first started building late last summer. They put their veneer dryer into operation in September and last week saw their first carload of plywood loaded and shipped from the plant.

They now hire some 35 men, with the new operation responsible for about 20 new employees. This had added considerably to the stability of the area's economy. The firm will manufacture all thicknesses of plywood when they get into full production and will have a capacity of about a car and a half a day.

Other mills in the area have shown continual growth in the past few years, and all of these increases makes this area one of the most stable in the state as far as steady employment is concerned.

Little League Drops Two To Stayton

In Little League action this past week, Mill City bowed to the Stayton All-Stars twice.

This first game, at Stayton, was a 14-1 score while the return game at Mill City was a 4-0 decision. Both games were seven inning affairs which were played mainly for practice and to give the players an idea of the relative strengths.

A lack of hitting kept the Mill City team from making a better offensive showing. Their defense kept them in both ball games until the late innings when the pitcher tired.

Playing ball for Mill City were Bobby Ward and Rex Britton a catcher; Mark Bennett, Alan Yankus and Wayne Rosamon, pitcher; Terry Hansen, first base; Larry Hillesland, Tony Grant and Craig Shaw at second base; Rosamond and Bennett (again) at shortstop; and Terry Savage and Monte Lalack at third base.

Outfields were Wayne Barlow, Doug Hoppell, David Pittman, Kenny Kindred, Bruce Roscoe and Larry Marshall.

Both the Little League and Pee Wee teams will play in a twilight double-header against Mehama July 4. In regulation games, both teams hope to get into the win column before the fireworks display begin.

National Forest Fire Control Preparations Being Made

The Willamette National Forest is getting its fire control organization into shape in preparation for a probable hot, dry and hazardous summer. Eighty men from all districts of the Forest attended a three-day fireman training session at McKenzie High school near Blue River. Elsewhere in the Forest, lookouts, and guard stations were being manned and a 15-man interforest suppression crew began training at Belknap Camp on the upper McKenzie River.

Fire school was held recently with 57 trainees and 22 instructors in attendance. They will fill jobs as lookouts, fire guards and with suppression tanker crews. Other year long employees attended to become more familiar with the fire control job.

Warren Presenting, Fire Control officer and Assistant Wilfred Starkovich of the Forest Service in Eugene were in charge of the session.

The training is designed to teach inexperienced men the fundamentals of fire fighting, map reading, use of compass, care and use of tools, fire prevention, law enforcement and radio and telephone communication.

As the session was held, other crews worked to man 14 lookouts and five guard stations throughout the Forest. The Forest expected to have all lookouts and guard stations manned by July 1.

A 15-man interforest suppression crew was in training at summer headquarters at Belknap camp on the upper McKenzie river. The crew will be available on short notice to other National Forests in Oregon and Washington. Training will continue throughout the summer.

At fire school, trainees had a

Hudell To Show Film At Santiam Grange

Albert Hudell, who lives on a ranch north of town, will help furnish the program for the Santiam Valley grange on July 5 at the grange hall between Lyons and Mehama.

He will show films on Hawaii and of the recent Santiam Whitewater Challenge.

Other entertainment will be the entire Scotts Mills Drill team who will demonstrate their well-known drills.

Daily Vacation Bible School To Begin Here July 15th

The Daily Vacation Bible school which is sponsored by the Mill City churches will start Monday, July 15 with Miss Alice Smith as director. Classes will start at 9 a. m. and end at 11:30 and continue for two weeks.

Children starting school this Fall and all those through the sixth grade are eligible to attend. Classes will be held at the Presbyterian and Christian churches.

Any adult who is interested in helping is asked to contact Miss Smith or notify their own minister.

Mill City Elementary Principal Hired

Vernon L. Peterman, who has served as superintendent-principal at the John Day schools for the past eight years will be the principal of the Mill City elementary school next year, according to William Lewellen, administrator.

Peterman received his Bachelor degree from Eastern Oregon College of Education in 1949 and his Master's degree from the University of Oregon in 1956.

He and his wife and three children will move to Mill City about August 1.

By Rare Shows Them How



Byron Rare, instructor from the Mill City Ranger District explains use of lookout "firefinder" to, from left to right: John Stanfield, who will be Buck Mountain Lookout at Blue River this summer and Glenn Rettmann who will be Hills Peak Lookout at Rigdon.—U. S. Forest Service Photo.