

Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

It doesn't seem possible but this week we begin our 11th year of publishing The Mill City Enterprise. These past 10 years have been interesting and busy ones for us. They have been good years, and at no time have we been sorry that we chose Mill City and the North Santiam Canyon as our home. As we start our next 10, we hope, years of publishing The Enterprise, we again renew the pledge we made in the July 2, 1953 issue: "We will strive at all times to give this area a newspaper filled with news of and for the Canyon. We do not intend to enter into political controversies. We have our own ideas on how the government should be operated, but will at no time attempt to force these ideas onto you. As this area continues to grow and prosper, it is our hope to be able to grow with it." This part of our wish has certainly come true . . . more equipment has been added and we have moved into our larger quarters, where it is easier for us to do our work. The last session of legislature has also helped us to better serve the area. Beginning on September 4, The Enterprise will be able to publish legal notices in both Marion and Linn counties. Heretofore, we could publish only legals from Marion county, with the exception of joint school district and Mill City legals. This legislation was introduced for us to the legislature by Representative Gerald Detering, with the backing of other Representatives and Senators of both Linn and Marion counties. Rep. Detering and the others worked to get the bill passed by the House and Senate. It was signed into law by Gov. Mark Hatfield. We publicly thank him and those who aided us in getting this needed legislation placed on the law books of our state.

So, you see, these have been busy years for us as publishers of The Enterprise and we sincerely hope to serve this area for many more years.

Sunday started out to be another cloudy day so we decided to head out over the mountains to see if we could find some sunshine. Sure enough we did. We had one of those nice easy days. Stopped in Detroit for breakfast, then meandered on up the Canyon and over the pass. Never before has the area looked more beautiful. So nice and green, and fresh . . . how could it be otherwise with all this rain. We stopped at Suttle Lake for a short period but the wind was brisk and cold, so we went on over to Sisters, then on up to the cutoff and then headed for Redmond. When in a drive-in there getting a bite to eat, we saw Alice Farmer ordering at the window. Howard, Alice and Mike were making the same trip we were, for the same reason . . . to get into the sun. We asked the owner of the drive-in if the weather had been clear there this Spring and were informed that they have had a

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lousy Spring too . . . so you see, we're not the only ones. Dave Warde, our printer, came back Sunday from Minnesota, and said they have had a lot of rain in that part of the country too, so don't be too critical of our own home state. We went on around the loop, down Mt. Hood, through Gresham where we visited the Art Redingers, then on to Beaverton to visit our family. Linda France, our granddaughter returned to spend the week here. We have often thought, where else in the world can one see so many different kinds of country in one short day. Mountains, prairie, canyons and cities. It is truly a fine place to make one's home. We like it, don't you?

FLOYD VOLKEL

This area was saddened Sunday when word was received of the death of Floyd Volkel of Gates, who died of a heart attack when on a hiking trip with Rex Herron and Don Winslow. While his untimely passing is chronicled with regret it is my firm belief that this is about the way Floyd would have liked to reach the end of his stay on earth. He was an ardent lover of the outdoors. He took daily hikes and enjoyed fishing the North Santiam and the lakes and streams of the area. Floyd will be greatly missed by friends in many walks of life. He was always active in the Masonic lodge bodies and had just completed a term as worthy patron of the Eastern Star chapter here. He also had served as a director of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce for many years, and had just completed a term in this capacity the first of July. For the past several years most of the Chamber meetings have been held at the Gates Women's clubhouse and Floyd, with the help of his good wife, Elsie, could always be depended upon to have refreshments ready when the meeting adjourned.

Gates especially will miss this man. He has been one of the main civic leaders of that community. He was also on the Chamber committee which put on the successful North Santiam Whitewater Challenge this Spring.

While his passing will bring grief to many here, his service to the community will be remembered for many years to come. It is a pity we do not have more civic minded men of his calibre in the world. If we did, it would be a much brighter place in which to live.

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