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Tax Commission Changes in Timber Land Assessment Not Good Says Al Brown

The order issued Monday, July 15, by the State Tax Commission instructing Linn County, along with four others, to reduce the values of forest land to a level of \$20 per acre and lower, has a very costly impact on the Assessor's office by voiding the order of last January which had established \$35 and lower values for this home land," said Al Brown, Linn County Assessor. "Although our office," he continued, "was behind in its work schedule due to the exceptionally heavy load of re-appraisal this year, this order cancels more than a month's work, throwing us even further behind. It is going to take much extra time in order to develop the assessments and levies this year for the Sheriff to issue his tax bills in October."

Tax Commission maintained that the actual forest value was between \$4 and \$10 per acre for this timber land. The Valuation Division of the State Tax Commission by analysis of sales had ordered the valuation in this county to be \$35 down to a low of \$15 per acre, a per acre figure close to the level of bare land transactions.

Brown said, "had the Commission not acted through its hearings as requested by the forest industry, but allowed the appeals to go to Court, we would probably have had a Court interpretation of forest land values and very possibly would have been able to support the \$35 per acre figure. This would have been preferable from my standpoint."

The State Tax Commission order has actually carried Linn County timber land valuations lower than the values of 1962. The Commission's order equalized the values with Lane County and brought us to a low of \$12 per acre Market Value, whereas in 1962 Linn County had a low of \$15 per acre, Brown said. Timber companies had appealed 241,000 forest acres, but the blanket order issued by the Tax Commission reduces nearly twice this volume of acres. The result of this reduction on land values will be felt in varying amounts among the districts of the county due to the importance of cutover land value to the district. Some would not feel it at all and other district valuations will be reduced considerably.

This order was made, as explained by the Tax Commission, on the basis of equalized value and was due to the 1961 law which specifies that forest land values shall be valued as forest land, wording which has not yet been listed in Court. So, this tax shift away from timber land owners is an added benefit to the timber land owners which results from the 1961 law. Their greatest benefit of course was the shift off the timber itself by establishing the valuation factors in the 1961 law.

The timber companies in the informal hearing held by the

PP&L Asks For Raise in Water Rates

Pacific Power & Light Company announced Monday it has filed new rate schedules with the Oregon Public Utility Commission for the water system supplying Mill City, and is asking approval of an increase in revenues needed to help meet the higher cost of providing the water services to consumers.

The proposed rate revisions would increase revenues an estimated \$6,650 annually, according to Wayne Goin, PP&L's local manager.

In noting the present water rates have been in effect since 1954, Goin said the cost of materials and wages and taxes have increased so much during the period since then that the company is compelled to request the revenue increases in order to continue to provide a high-standard water service for its customers.

The PP&L manager said the company also is seeking rate changes for its water systems in Albany, Lebanon, Independence and Prineville for the same reasons. Unless suspended pending examination by the PUC the rates would become effective August 22.

The revisions would continue the separate winter and summer schedules for households, with lower charges in the summer months for the water used in excess of 7,500 gallons.

The proposed new minimum monthly charge for 300 cubic feet (2,250 gallons) would be \$2.25 or 75 cents more than the present minimum for three-quarter inch diameter pipe service, which is the size supplying most residences and small commercial firms.

Based on actual billings during 1962, the company reported, the median residential water service bill in Mill City would be increased 85c in the winter months and \$1.10 in the summer months when the residential use increases substantially, usually because of heavy watering of lawns and gardens. The median commercial bill would be increased approximately \$1.85 per month.

Mill City Hardware To Hold Sixth Anniversary Sale

Mill City Hardware, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jenkins have taken space in The Enterprise this week to announce their sixth anniversary sale.

The Whitakers came to Mill City from Montana and purchased the store from Don Jenkins. At that time Hugh Jull was a partner in the business but the Whitakers purchased his interest and since that time have handled the business themselves.

They will have door prizes, free coffee and doughnuts and double green stamps for the sale.

Three Young Men Hurt In Car Accident Sunday

Three Mill City youths were injured early Sunday morning when the car they were riding in turned over four times and landed in a corn field off the Corvallis-Albany highway.

The car was driven by 20 year old Jerry Johnson and his passengers were Dennis Jenkins and Allen Warde. Johnson and Jenkins escaped with minor injuries; Jerry receiving a head cut and Dennis a bruise on the face. However, Allan was more seriously injured, receiving a broken back. All three were taken by ambulance to Corvallis hospital with Jerry and Dennis treated and released. Allan is expected to be brought home this week after being fitted with a back brace.

Allan was thrown about 50 feet from where the car landed, the impact being so great that one shoe was about 10 feet from where he was found.

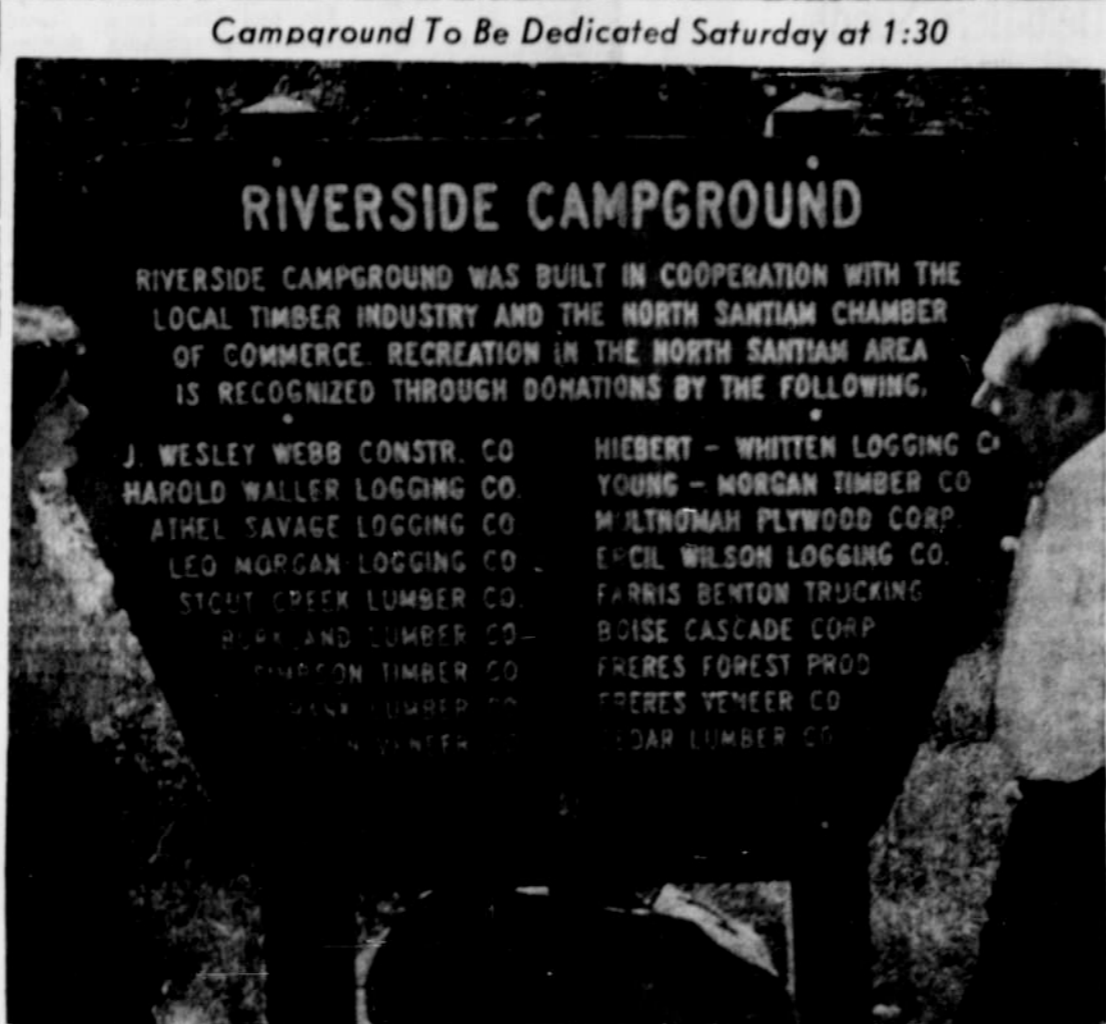
The trio had been to a dance at Corvallis and they said the pavement was slick at the point where Johnson lost control of the car, the water coming from irrigating corn fields along the road.

The 1956 car which Johnson owned was completely wrecked.

More Ambulance Phones Installed For Detroit Use

DETROIT—The Valley Telephone Company installed three more ambulance telephones in Detroit Thursday. They were installed at Joe Brosig's, Howard Deans and Arnold Malones.

This makes a total of six phones now. The others are Harold Champion, Otto Oja and Detroit Market.



RIVERSIDE CAMPGROUND
RIVERSIDE CAMPGROUND WAS BUILT IN COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL TIMBER INDUSTRY AND THE NORTH SANTIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. RECREATION IN THE NORTH SANTIAM AREA IS RECOGNIZED THROUGH DONATIONS BY THE FOLLOWING:

J. WESLEY WEBB CONSTR. CO.
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ATHEL SAVAGE LOGGING CO.
LEO MORGAN LOGGING CO.
STOUT CREEK LUMBER CO.
BOY AND LUMBER CO.
MORGAN TIMBER CO.
JACKSON LUMBER CO.
HIEBERT - WHITTEN LOGGING CO.
YOUNG - MORGAN TIMBER CO.
MILTONAH PLYWOOD CORP.
EPCIL WILSON LOGGING CO.
FARRIS BENTON TRUCKING
BOISE CASCADE CORP.
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Above on the left is Louise Park-er writer-editor from the U. S. Forest headquarters at Eugene who was present with other forestry officials, timbermen and Chamber members on a "Show Me" tour of the campground located two miles this side of Marion Forks on Highway 22. On the other side is Merv Jenkins of the Oregon Statesman, Salem,

Co-Operation of Timbermen Of Area Responsible For Newest Upper Canyon Park

Riverside Campground, a new overnight camping area, will be publicly dedicated this Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at its location two miles this side of Marion Forks.

This new overnight campground is unique in this respect. It is believed to be the first campground where timbermen of the area have donated funds and labor to begin a recreation site. The area campgrounds are always filled to capacity on weekends, and of special weekends there is not enough camping space to accommodate those who wish to visit this scenic area.

At the ceremony Saturday, the timbermen and the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsors of the movement will officially turn the area over to the Forest Service, who will complete the campground and

Celebrity to Head Annual Bean Parade

The Santiam Bean Festival at Stayton will have a top-notch attraction this year for their grand parade, Saturday, August 10, when James Drury, Jr. of TV fame will be the grand marshal. Many have seen him on "The Virginian" which is a regular TV feature. He is the son of Prof. and Mrs. James A. Drury of Salem route.

A pre-festival feature will be the Queen Coronation which will be held Saturday, July 27 at 8 p. m. An added attraction will be an All-Star Variety act with Barney Keep and Ted Rogers of radio and TV presiding. The Coronation will be held at Stayton Union High school.

The Bean Festival this year will run from August 6 to 11 and will again feature Browning Bros. Carnival, Talent Show, Bean Hole feed and the Queen's ball.

Climax of the Festival will be an Old Timer's picnic which will be held at the Stayton Fire station. The event is sponsored by the Stayton Fire department.

Partly Cloudy Says Recreation Report

The recreation report from the Mill City Ranger station indicates that weather for the week-end will be partly cloudy and cooler.

All trails are open with the exception of Skyline and Jefferson Park through the Mr. Jefferson area. South Breitenbush and Jefferson Park trails are open to within one mile of Skyline trail.

All campgrounds are open and fishing reports are good.

Special item of interest to those desiring a short hike to visit an outstanding geological feature might enjoy the natural arch known as Phantom Bridge which is located at the headwaters of Sardine Creek. This can be reached by a drive up French Creek road and about a two mile hike. This trip provides an excellent overlook of the disastrous Sardine Creek fire of 1951.

Shriner's Trek To Be Held August 18th

The annual Shriner's Mary's Peak Trek will be held August 18 this year, according to Shrine officials.

Featured attraction will be the Wenatchee, Wn., Youth Circus. This group of 80 youngsters from 3 to 18 years old travel the west coast each summer and has been acclaimed the nation's best youth organization.

Proceeds from the Trek provide funds for the Shriner's Crippled Children's hospital in Portland.

Shakespearean Festival Now Under Way

Opening night for North America's oldest Shakespearean Festival started at Ashland July 24.

Patrons are urged to get their reservations as soon as possible as tickets are selling fast this year. Figures indicate that advance sales are running well ahead of last year.

The four richly appointed plays will run for four successive opening nights: July 24 through 27. Following the premieres, the repertory will rotate nightly until September 7, allowing visitors to "stay four days, see four plays." This year's productions include "Merry Wives of Windsor," "Romeo and Juliet," "Love's Labour's Lost" and "Henry the Fifth."

Rada Takes Foreign Students on Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rada, accompanied by four other staff members at OSU and their wives took a group of foreign students on an interesting field trip last week.

Rada is conducting a workshop at the University this summer for the foreign students with about seven countries represented. During the past year they have attended universities all over the United States majoring in Agricultural economics. They are making this study in relation to agriculture in their own countries and will carry ideas back home with them.

During the past week the group made a trip to the pear orchards in Medford, the cattle ranches in the Bend area and stayed over night at Crater Lake lodge.

Mrs. Rada said that they were an eager group of young people trying to absorb all the knowledge they could and that their questions were many and varied.

Another recent field trip taken by the group was to the cheese factory at Tillamook.

Fred Storey, Idanha Passes Away Sat.

IDANHA—Fred Storey, long-time Idanha resident, passed away Saturday in Santiam Memorial hospital following a heart attack. He was born in Reno, Ark.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Carrie Storey, sons Clyde and Chester, and daughter, Mrs. Thelma Smith all of Idanha and one son, Halland Storey, of Corvallis; 15 grandchildren, four great grandchildren.

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Harold Roth, were held at Weddle Funeral Home. Interment was in Lone Oak cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ray Sophy, Guene Geston, Allen McCauley, Howard Dean, Bill Houck and Bill McCauley. Honorary pallbearers were Marion Alderman, Junior Williamson, Bill Hamilton, Athal Savage, and Dave Roberts.

Water Filter Job Near Completion

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The \$18,100 project is designed to reduce the murky appearance of the community's drinking water supply, a condition caused by high flows of the Santiam River during the fall and winter months.

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The building, the filters and piping are already finished, leaving installation of wiring and electric service as the final phase of the project to be completed.

Weather, Detroit Dam

A. M. Daily Weather Reading and Lake Elevation



Elmer Hiatt who was 89 years old July 9th was honored with a dinner and family gathering at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bodeker on Sunday, July 7. With the exception of a few years Mr. Hiatt has spent his entire life in Lyons. He was born at Ringold County, Iowa, July 9, 1874 coming to Oregon in 1883 and to Lyons in 1889.

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	Max.	Min.	Pep.	Elev.
July 10	66	31	0.30	1568.63
July 11	65	48	0.03	1568.71
July 12	70	50	0.00	1568.72
July 13	77	54	0.00	1568.50
July 14	83	56	0.00	1568.41
July 15	65	52	T	1568.30
July 16	70	51	0.00	1568.19
July 17	70	53	0.00	1568.08
July 18	69	50	0.00	1567.89
July 19	78	51	0.00	1567.72
July 20	76	55	0.00	1567.59
July 21	71	53	0.00	1567.35
July 22	80	51	0.54	1567.11
July 23	67	49	0.00	1566.89

Mike Cherry Passes Away Sunday

Mike Lee Cherry, 71, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Homer Williamson. Although he had suffered from a heart condition for the past year he had been feeling exceptionally well recently.

He was a familiar figure around town as he took his morning jaunts, stopping to chat with friends and will be missed by all who knew him.

He was a long-time Salem and Mill City restaurant operator, operating Cherry's Country Kitchen until his retirement about a year ago.

He was a native of Missouri, coming to Oregon in 1927 and operating Cherry's Plantation in Salem for about six years and the Pilot House at Nelscott.

Survivors include the widow, Julia of Mill City; son, Raymond of Salem; daughter, Mrs. Homer Williamson of Gates; sister, Mrs. Hazel Henderson of Salem; stepfather, Walter Baker, Salem and four grandchildren.

Services were held today (Thursday) from Golden Mortuary in Salem at 1 p. m.

Detering Visits In Mill City Monday

State Representative Gerald Detering of Harrisburg was a Mill City visitor Monday afternoon. He came primarily to place an advertisement in The Enterprise giving dates his peaches will ripen and be ready for market.

Mr. Detering stated his peach crop is light this year due to the cold spring and summer, but that part of the crop will be ready for harvest about August 20. He did say, however, that they will have a bumper crop of apples, and the transparents will be ready for picking about August 1, with the Gravensteins ready about August 20.

He said he has been in orchard business for about 30 years and this is his fourth season with a light crop.

Good Turnout For Women's Softball

The Women's Softball teams are going strong with team play scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p. m. Practice is held every Sunday at 4 o'clock at Allen Field.

There has been a good turnout but it is not too late to sign up and everyone is welcome. No one is too young or too old.

Floyd Blackburn and Jerry Rosamond are team managers.