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## Phone Co. Continues to Show Growth

In assembling material for this year's annual reports Valley Telephone company found a number of indications of substantial company and area growth.

A check of stations in service, the most widely accepted indication of growth, shows an increase of 5.7% in 1963 to 4,700 stations in Silverton (2830), Aumsville-Turner (858), Mill City (775) and Detroit (236). This rate of increase has remained nearly constant for over five years.

While this shows a steady growth pattern, other factors fill in the rest of the picture of local telephone service. Extension telephones have been increasing by 25% per year since 1960. Color telephones have grown by more than 45% per year since 1960 and now one in six or 17% of all telephones are in color.

The only figure found to have decreased from 1962 is payroll. While 1963 was a relatively normal year, Hurricane Freda had caused \$5,000 in excess labor costs for 1962. Nevertheless, the \$118,878.27 payroll for 1963 came very close to the 1962 figure. A check of payroll costs for five years (1958-63) shows a 37% increase. Just one more indication of the company's growth.

Although the figures are incomplete, early comparisons show that revenues, investment per station and expenses all increased in 1963. "A final assessment of the company's financial condition must await the annual report to stockholders but the company appears to be growing at a healthy rate," reported Lowell E. Brown, president.

### Girl of the Month



Janice Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon was selected as girl of the month at Santiam High at a recent student body meeting. Janice is a varsity cheer leader and active in all school affairs. She is also an active participant in young people's work in the Presbyterian church.

## Mehama Area Reports Snow

By Jean Roberts

MEHAMA—The snow storm this weekend had service crews out repairing roads, telephone and electric wires.

Marion county road crew spent Saturday plowing snow from the Little North Fork, Gates hill, and Wagner hill roads, and repairing slides on Lumpker hill. A short 10 years ago the Little North Fork road would have been closed for several days due to slides. Gates hill would not have been passable because of snow. Traffic is seldom delayed now due to the vigilance of road crews.

Power was disrupted up Elkhorn way, but service men work through all kinds of weather to repair broken lines and supply power.

Homeowners accustomed to fine service seldom think of the service men battling wind, rain and mud to supply the public with all the conveniences they take for granted.

## Detroit District Completes Aerial Seeding



Detroit District has just completed aerial seeding of 438 pounds of Douglas Fir seed and 120 pounds of Noble Fir seed in cut-over areas. Preparing to deposit seed in the two hoppers carried by the 'copter are, left to right, Vern Hill, pilot; Ronald Galdibini, Lavern Behrens and the pilot's assistant.

## Detroit Ranger District Uses Copter on 584 Acres

The Detroit District completed on January 12 aerial seeding of 438 pounds of Douglas Fir seed and 120 pounds of Noble Fir seed on 584 acres of cut-over forest land. This work contracted by Vortex Helicopter from Chehalis, Washington. The entire area was seeded in six hours flight time.

Cutover areas to be aerially seeded are areas with north and north-east slopes that provide the maximum shade and moisture for the young seedlings during the dry summer periods. Other areas with southern aspects are hand planted in the fall or early spring with young trees grown in forest nurseries. The tree seed for the aerial seeding was collected in 1961 and 1962 from cone producing areas on the Detroit and Cascadia districts. Approximately 1/2 pound of seed was sown per

acre of cutover land. The cost of aerial seeding per acre is approximately half the cost of planting the same acre by hand. Aerial seeding is restricted only by the amount of available seed and favorable areas of cutover land.

Spring planting of approximately 150 thousand trees will start in March or early April. Persons interested should contact the Detroit Ranger Station for additional information.

## Fire at Hub Causes Excitement

By Jean Roberts

MEHAMA—A fire, confined to a bathroom in the Hub caused excitement in Mehama this weekend.

Bath towels, and shelves were burned, walls and ceiling were charred, door scorched by the intense heat contained in the little back room.

Origin of the fire was not an electric heater, nor a cigarette, but a match. C. M. Cooper had struck a match and flicking it to extinguish it, had flipped it from his hand.

Half an hour later Pearl smelled smoke and Cooper thinking of the match, raced for the bathroom, to be met by a wall of flame. Thinking quickly, he shut the door to confine the fire to the room, and began throwing water. Each time he would throw a bucketful of water, he would close the door. Smoked filled the room hiding the telephone, so while Cooper crawled on the floor (to enable him to breathe) and battled the flame in the closed room, Pearl ran next door to ask someone to summon the fire department.

Mehama Volunteer Firemen arrived as soon as notified, but the fire was already out. Firemen helped in the mopping up process.

## Mental Maturity Tests Given at Ivy Park School

Miss Lorraine Mickelson of the Department of Education from the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was at the Ivy Park school on Tuesday, January 21. She gave mental maturity tests to all students.

This is part of the program to help teachers know how to best deal with problems arising in schools here in the state.

### Boy of the Month



Chris Sorensen, exchange student from Denmark was selected recently as Boy of the Month at Santiam high school. Chris has adjusted easily to life in Mill City and Santiam and has been having a busy month speaking at various clubs and organizations. He is a member of the honor society at Santiam and also takes a keen interest in sports. He makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Calkins.

## Coming Events

Wednesday, January 22  
North Santiam Safety Council dinner meeting at Last Frontier 7. Meeting at 8.

Friday, January 24  
IOOF lodge at hall, 8 p. m.  
Saturday, January 25  
AFS sponsored Oregon Journal Juniors at Mill City Grade school gym, 8 p. m.

Monday, January 27  
Lions club dinner meeting at hall, 6:30.

Thursday, January 30  
Lions Auxiliary at Betty Berg home at 8 p. m.

Tuesday, January 28  
Marilyn Club at Tena Graham home. Covered dish luncheon at 12 o'clock.

## Full Dress Degree To Be Conferred in Masonic Lodge Here

Clare Henness, Worshipful Master of Mill City Lodge No. 180 A. F. & A. M. today issued an invitation to all Masons in the area to attend a meeting of the order at 7:30 Monday, January 27 when a degree team from Pacific No. 50 of Salem will bring a candidate and will put on the second section of the 3rd degree in full dress.

To a Mason who has not seen a full dress degree team should take this opportunity to be present.

## No. Santiam Group Hears State Men

"Be aware of the tourist attractions you have in your own area" was the advice given North Santiam Chamber of Commerce members at their recent meeting at Gates, by Paul Sleumer, of the State Parks division of the Oregon State Highway department.

He accompanied C. H. Grenz of Salem to tell members what they would do to help set up a program for Lakeshore Park on Detroit Lake this summer. The plan follows the same line as the programs in the National Parks when ranger show slides or moving pictures and tell of the interesting things about the area.

The state department will furnish the screen and seating, and the power to run the slide projector. It is up to the Chamber to furnish the slides, the operator and the narrator. This program has been carried out in several parks and camp grounds during the past year, and six are using this means of entertaining tourists and encouraging them to spend more time in the various camps of the state.

This program will be discussed at the board meeting which will be held Wednesday, February 5 at the Bank Cafe and also at the general meeting at Gates on February 19th.

President Jerry Coffman said he felt sure there were enough slides of the area in existence to provide a good 30 to 45 minute program at Lake Shore Campgrounds.

Coffman reported that the big sign on Interstate No. 5 south of Salem would be erected within a week.

## Jaycees To Circulate Legislative Petition

The Mill City Jaycees announced today that they would start circulating petitions for an Oregon constitutional amendment to create single member legislative sub-districts.

The Jaycees said they are part of a statewide campaign being carried out by chapters throughout Oregon.

"The object of this petition is to make it possible for voters to know their candidates better and to make the representation in the legislature more equal for all persons," said Maynard Smith, president of the local group.

The proposed measure would require every county which elects more than one state senator or representative to divide into single member election districts.

The Jaycees said this would prevent candidates from winning solely on the basis of name familiarity or party designation, as sometimes now happens in counties with large populations. It would place candidates more on their merits and would provide more equal representation for all of Oregon.

The statewide petition campaign must obtain 46,200 signatures to place the measure on the November 1964 ballot. The deadline is July 1, 1964.

Verne Shaw and Jim Hoover have petitions.

## This Is Oregon Jaycee Week

The period of January 19-25 is being observed throughout Oregon as Jaycee Week. "Jaycee members, in the age groups of 21 to 35 from all walks of life, can well be proud of their accomplishments," according to a statement issued this week by Governor Mark O. Hatfield.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has consistently been a leader in combating citizen indifference and in assuming community obligations.

There are more than 3,500 Jaycees in 88 Oregon communities engaging in numerous community betterment activities.

The Mill City Jaycees, headed by Maynard Smith, exemplify the true spirit of the organization and have a lively, active membership.

## Band To Make Three-Day Tour This Spring

Plans are being made by Spencer Hillesland, director, and members of Santiam High school band for a three-day tour in the Spring, probably in late April.

Purpose of the tour besides stimulating band interest and an exciting trip for the young people, is to show other schools the work being done by the Santiam band.

Townpeople have many times expressed pride in the excellence of the band and always look forward to an opportunity to hear it. When playing at current high school basketball games it adds a great deal to school and audience enthusiasm.

William Lewellen is presently making plans for appearances of the band with the group to end their tour at the coast where the young people may enjoy a day of fun.

Present plans call for two daytime school appearances and two nighttime concerts by band students.

Band students will help raise money to finance the trip and each young person has obligated themselves for proceeds from at least a half a day's work.

Frances Reid is making arrangement for this work; however Spencer Hillesland or band member may also be contacted.

As plans progress for the tour announcement will be made in this newspaper.

This week a classified ad in The Enterprise informs readers of the willingness of band members to work.

## 60 Employees To Be Honored By Simpson Of Idanha

Simpson Timber Company has scheduled a dinner party for Saturday to honor 60 employees of its Idanha Veneer plant for their safe working practices.

The plant has gone 3 1/2 years without a disabling injury.

William Callahan, chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission, will talk at the dinner at 6 p. m. in the Keg & Platter restaurant. There also will be sports movies and slide films of a Canadian moose hunt, narrated by Harry Spencer, manager of the Simpson plant.

## John Mackie To Head Hosp. Board

At a meeting of the board of directors of Santiam Memorial Hospital held Thursday night John Mackie of Sublimity was named to the position of president. He takes the place of Lloyd Girod, Stayton-Mill City merchant who served last year.

Other officers elected were Lee Highberger, vice-president, and G. W. Schachtsiek was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Merton F. Cox, was re-elected to a three-year board term.

Directors elected to a three year term by mail ballot, which was counted the night before were Don Moffatt, Mill City-Gates area; John Mackie and Henry Miller for the Sublimity and Ted G. Freres, Kathryn Weddle, Merton Cox and Kenneth Farwell for the Stayton area.

Hospital Administrator Gale Christensen gave a short report stating the first six months of 1963 the hospital made considerable financial gain over previous years, but the last half of the year was much slower. He stated the hospital was equipped to handle many more patients than are treated.

He also informed stockholders and board members that when other hospitals in the area raised their room rates, Santiam Memorial was able to hold the line in this department. This was possible because Santiam Memorial is debt-free.

He also said: "The hospital treated 4,487 out-patients during 1963 and had 1,432 in-patients, the annual report showed. There were a total of 6,431 patient days. There were 212 babies born and 410 surgeries performed. All figures are up from the 1962 totals."

"The gross revenue came to \$335,388, a total of \$561 over expenses. The \$13,556 in bad debts compared to \$8,198 in 1962. Some \$11,859 in free care was provided, up from the 1962 total of \$6,908."

Mrs. Albert Stevens, head of the hospital auxiliary reported their group had purchased a coffee table for the waiting room. The auxiliary is having their annual luncheon February 20th at the Lyons Methodist church.

### Coming To Mill City



The above young people are part of a group of Oregon Journal Juniors who will appear at the Mill City Elementary gymnasium Saturday, January 25th. Top row from left to right are Allen Gunter, Jim Groziano and David Smith. In bottom row are Melvine Irvin and Carol Ann Gunderson. Their appearance here is being sponsored by the American Field Service.