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Looking Back Over 1966 Leaves Mixed Memories

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In looking back over the year of 1966 we find nothing too spectacular happening in Mill City. That statement, however, is probably too inclusive. There are always things of great moment occurring in the lives of most of our residents and readers. What may dull and prosaic to one person is exciting to another.

However, the overall picture has been one of seeming contentment and steady growth for our area. Towards the end of the year the slowness in the building industry increased unemployment which was indicated by the year end need to give to those less fortunate.

Several homes in the area were hit by tragedies, some connected with the war in Vietnam, which we sincerely hope that by another year will cease to exist.

To each and every one of our good friends and readers we wish the best of everything for 1967!

JANUARY

Affecting the entire area as well as Detroit, was the building surge in the upper canyon with construction and renovating the main idea in the minds and hands of most people. This was the result of the destructive floods of the previous year.

One of the area's oldest residents, Thomas Lincoln Hennes had passed away at a Beaverton nursing home at the age of 102.

News had been received by Mill City friends and relatives of the tragic death of JoAnn Challender Nash in Juneau, Alaska, at the age of 23.

Carol Anderson had been named manager of the Simpson plant at Lyons, replacing Robert Mollay.

Heading the Mill City Odd-fellow lodge was Sam Harris with Juanita Emerson heading the Rebekahs.

The Mill City Lions club was promoting two civic projects for 1966. That of numbering homes in the city and making trash containers to assist in keeping the city streets cleaner.

February

At Gates John Roten had been named fireman of the year. There were five engineers from foreign countries studying the Detroit Dam project. The five were spending 18 months in this country touring various such installations.

The Cedar Lumber Company was shown in picture and story in The Enterprise. The firm has been in operation eight years and now has over 30 employees.

Jerry Coffman of Mehama, well known civic leader and car salesman had announced he would run for county commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Richards had observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

March

The Ken Gollet store at Mehama had been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Shafer and Mr. and Mrs. John Shafer.

Mrs. Martha Bowes, resident of a Salem nursing home had been honored on the occasion of her birthday anniversary and presented with a 70 year pin by members of Santiam Rebekah lodge.

The Mill City Woman's club had observed the 75th anniversary of the founding of the General Federation of Women's club and the 45th anniversary of the Mill City club. The observance was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Kelly.

Schools in Administrative district No. 129J had been selected as a pilot school for an educational program to be known as Project Springboard. William Lewellen, administrator, said it would be a definite asset to the district.

Dave Reid had made statewide news over the controversial Stayton water canal he owned. He threatened to blow up his dams rather than install new fish ladders. Boise-Cascade and the City of Salem agreed to purchase them as they used power from the canal.

April

Mark Hatfield had been guest speaker at a North Santiam Chamber of Commerce meeting with 200 area people

attending the Stayton meeting.

Dianne Schulz had been selected to represent Santiam High School as princess for the annual Whitewater challenge.

Plans were in full swing for the Jaycee Easter egg hunt, which was always scheduled come rain or shine (and usually it rained).

Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Cole had observed their 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the Gates Woman's club house.

School was coming to fast close; it seemed endless to all students, fast to parents, and especially those of graduates.

Wilda Wilson had been named Valedictorian and Sharon Rose, salutatorian. Both are now attending OSU.

Bill Lewellen had made a trip to the east coast (Shaker Heights) to view Project Springboard in action.

Whitewater princesses were busy with their button sales for the big Memorial Day event.

May

Graduation was the big news with many Santiam High School students receiving scholarships. Ben Jones, school counselor, was sparking the students in their motivation to secure them.

Jim Grant, active Jaycee member was "politicking" for the office of state Jaycee vice-president.

Many organizations were holding installation of officers for the coming fall and winter terms with one of the liveliest the Lions and Auxiliary held at The Highwayman Inn. Maynard Smith was the prize winner for the "best costumed."

The Mill City police car, driven by Chief Jim Taylor, had gone over the embankment leading to the city center. He was reported to be on his way to the scene of an accident. Taylor was pinned under the car for a time, receiving only minor injuries. The car was badly wrecked.

"Topics of the Day" was politics — with politicians geared for action and words — not always fitting the actions to the words, however. Minto Park was dedicated in May and particularly honored was Mrs. O. K. DeWitt, an ardent conservationist.

June

The largest crowd in the history of the annual North Santiam Whitewater Challenge was on hand, lining the banks of the Santiam and on the bridges in Mill City. Huge crowds also thronged the treacherous Spencer Hole east of town; in fact all the way from the starting point above Gates to its conclusion at Mehama. The exciting run was filmed for TV release by Don Hobart.

The Highwayman Inn swimming pool at Gates had been renovated and opened by Carl Kelly, Jr. and Mac McFarlane with Red Cross swimming lessons drawing many youngsters and some oldsters.

Plans for the annual Mill City 4th of July celebration was in full swing with TAC — Teen Age Committee members being assisted by an adult steering group.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gleason had accepted teaching positions in Pongage for the coming school year. He had been principal of the Gates school for several years.

Girod's Super Market had started a complete modernization of their store which was to take six weeks.

At Detroit and Big Cliff Dams a big visitor increase had been noted over previous years.

July

Ah! What is so rare (in Continued on page 3

Freres Veneer High Bidder on Elkhorn Timber Sale

Freres Veneer Company was the apparent high bidder on the Elkhorn Ridge timber sale auctioned at 10:00 a.m., December 28, 1966. The sale was appraised at \$283,074.00 and was purchased for \$628,865.00. There were 158 oral bids.

The sale contains an estimated 10,700,000 board feet of timber (4,900,000 feet of Douglas Fir and 5,800,000 feet of Hemlock and other coniferous species). It is located near the headwaters of the Little North Santiam River.

This sale, when completed, will provide access by road to Elkhorn Lake.

Ronald Ohmart Honor Student

The University of Oregon has recorded the largest fall term honor roll in its history, with 565 students having achieved grade point averages of 3.50 or higher during fall term. This total was exceeded by the 1966 honor roll for the Winter term, which was 19 students higher, with 584 listed.

Ronald James Ohmart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex A. Ohmart, Box 405 of Mill City was among top students on the honor roll.

An unprecedented 70 students made grade point averages of 4.00, or all A grades, this fall. Of these, seven were from Portland, and 21 from Eugene.

Grade point averages at the University are based on a scale with A scored as 4.00, B as 3.00, and C as 2.00.

Help Needed for Mother's March

Mrs. Barbara Manchas of Salem said this week that she was very anxious to secure women in this area to assist with the Mother's March of Dimes project.

She stated that it had become increasingly difficult to find people to do this, particularly in the smaller towns. Mrs. Manchas said that although the Polio problem had been greatly overcome the money obtained from the March of Dimes was used for many other things, particularly in the research on birth defects, muscular dystrophy and other diseases not yet under control.

There will be a public meeting at the Marion Motor Motel on Thursday, January 5th at 7:30 p.m. when Dr. Neil Buist, director of the birth defect center at the University of Oregon Medical School will speak.

Mrs. Manchas urged everyone interested in this program to attend.

Anyone wishing to help with the March of Dimes program in this area may phone her at Salem, 364-2815.

Aliens Must Report Address Again

Alfred J. Urbano, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised today that the annual alien address report program is again under way.

According to Mr. Urbano, 22,420 aliens reported their addresses last year in the State of Oregon. The number this year is expected to be slightly larger. Urbano attributes this anticipated increase to the recent amendment to the Immigration laws.

The Immigration official pointed out that the address reports are required by law and willful failure to comply with these requirements may lead to serious consequences.

Form with which to make the reports are available at all Post Offices and Immigration and Naturalization Service offices. It is an easy matter to fill out one and return it to the same office.

Stayton Wins Holiday Tournament

Stayton took the Second Annual Holiday Tournament trophy by defeating Pleasant Hill 68-58, and Amity 70-55.

Amity was second, by defeating Santiam 79-55. Pleasant Hill was third by defeating Santiam 64-53.

In the first round, it started out with Amity taking Santiam 79-58. Mike Dixon and Dave Stephens of Amity had 25 and 20 points respectively. Dennis Davidson was high for Santiam with 16.

Amity: Van Otten, 7; Morris, 6; Southworth, 4; West, 8; Dixon, 25; Stephens, 20; Williams, 9.

Santiam: Davidson, 16; Bennett, 12; Tuers, 1; Yankus, 6; Jones, 4; Ward, 3; Lalack, 2; Hansen, 4.

Amity 20 19 25 15—79
Santiam 13 20 11 4—48

In the second game, Stayton, behind Daryl Stroschine and Ron Middlebrook, beat Pleasant Hill, 68-58.

Stroschine scored 32 and Middlebrook 17 in the first round triumph. High for Pleasant Hill was Dave Roberts with 18.

Stayton: Stroschine, 32; Middlebrook, 17; Brown, 4; Guttormsen, 7.

Pleasant Hill: Erickson, 4; Collins, 8; Putschler, 6; S. Dowdy, 12; D. Dowdy, 10; Roberts, 18.

Stayton 17 16 20 15—68
Pleasant Hill 16 15 13 14—58

The battle for third was between Pleasant Hill and Santiam, with Pleasant Hill taking it 64-53.

Steve Dowdy lead Pleasant Hill with 21 points and Dennis Davidson lead Santiam with 23.

Pleasant Hill: Putschler, 5; S. Dowdy, 21; Collins, 3; D. Dowdy, 16; Roberts, 14; Erickson, 3; Wampler, 2.

Santiam: Davidson, 23; Bennett, 9; Yankus, 12; Tuers, 2; Jones, 5; Hansen, 2.

Pleasant H. 20 13 10 21—64
Santiam 15 17 6 15—53

Stroschine and Middlebrook took Stayton to the Tournament trophy, scoring 22 and 17 points respectively in the 70-55 bombing of Amity. Mike Dixon scored 18 for Amity.

Stayton: Smith, 11; Guttormsen, 6; Stroschine, 22; Middlebrook, 17; Brown, 5; Carey, 2; Christenson, 2; Biever, 2; Schotthofer, 2; Taylor, 1.

Amity: Dixon, 18; Stephens, 10; West, 8; Morris, 6; Van Otten, 13.

Seven all-star players were picked from the four teams. They were: Ron Middlebrook and Daryl Stroschine of Stayton, Steve Dowdy and Dave Roberts of Pleasant Hill, Dave Stephens and Gary Van Otten of Amity, and Dennis Davidson of Santiam.

Simpson High Bidder in Timber Sale

Simpson Timber Company was the apparent high bidder on the Eagle Rock timber sale auctioned at 10:00 a.m., December 22, 1966. The sale was appraised at \$274,478 and was purchased for \$476,928.00.

The sale contains an estimated 7,800,000 board feet of timber (5,000,000 feet Douglas fir and 2,800,000 feet of hemlock and other coniferous species). It is located due south of the old Eagle Rock lookout in the Breitenbush Drainage on the Mill City Ranger District.

Man Fined on Child Neglect Charge

Clarence Wallace Jr. was arrested here today by Mill City Police on a municipal warrant charging him with causing minor children to become dependant.

He was lodged in the city jail under \$100 bail.

Johnnie Clark Retires After 38 Years Service With Southern Pacific Railroad



"I won't be working on the railroad." This might well be the chant this week for Johnnie Clark who retired December 30 after working for the Southern Pacific railroad for 38 years.

Clark, a well known resident of Mill City, says he plans to take things easy for a while and to do a little traveling. This, in most people's opinion, will not be hard to take, especially as the SP has a real nice travel set-up for their present and retirement employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark live on a small acreage east of the city which has always kept him busy during his "spare time." He is also extremely active in the Mill City Odd-fellow Lodge.

Clark went to work for the SP March 14, 1928 at Aumsville, just before the year of the big crash. Going wages on the section then were \$37 per hour. During the depression days the men received \$2.70 per day for a three day week. However, the work was steady, which in those days many would like to have had.

Mr. Clark came to Mill City in April of 1938 when there were six trains coming in and going out of town. There were daily runs to Idanha and back as well as to Albany.

When Mr. Clark came to Mill City there were 30 men working on the railroad, he has been the only one here for the past several years, taking a demotion in order to stay at home. At the time of his retirement he was seeing that the cars were clean and ready for loading.

During the years of World War II he ran a fire patrol from here to Idanha and was

made assistant foreman in 1945 and foreman in 1946. Mr. Clark was in charge of protecting Southern Pacific interests when the new highway was built to Detroit. The tracks ran parallel to the highway.

Mr. Clark said he had many interesting experiences in the years he had worked for the railroad, some time on the humorous side and some tragic. One of the most tragic was the time many years ago when a woman was on a trestle at Niagara and was ran over by the train. Mr. Clark said the woman evidently panicked as she saw and heard the train, but she did not jump and the train could not stop in time to avoid hitting her.

Mr. Clark was with the railroad long enough to get in on some of the "push" wages and benefits; from the time he received \$2.70 for a days hard work to the present when he received more than that for an hour's work. Low wages for railroad workers is now \$2.50 per hour with time and a half for all overtime, and many fringe benefits.

Clark's fellow workers presented him with several gifts upon his retirement including an automatic card shuffler (that's really taking things easy), a cribbage board and a plaque. An interesting feature of the attractive, inscribed plaque is the two bent spikes, coated with silver, that Mr. Clark took out of a rail many years ago. At that time he was working against time—and an oncoming train to get the nails removed and was denouncing the person that drove them in with such vigor.

Santiam Wins Overtime Game

In an overtime play-off the Santiam Wolverines squeezed out John F. Kennedy in the final quarter to win 52-48 at the Capital Conference basketball play Tuesday night.

Santiam in the final quarter led 46-35, Kennedy then tying the game 48-48. Into the overtime period Santiam edged out Kennedy when they were able to make four free throws.

Davidson of the Wolverines scored 14 points, with John F. Kennedy's Church Bourbonpais scoring a high of 15 points.

Santiam and Kennedy now are tied in the league records 3-1.

JFK 8 20 7 13 0—48
Santiam 16 16 14 2 4—52

In the JV game, John F. Kennedy won over Santiam 52 to 31.

There will be two home games here on Friday and Saturday when Scio plays Santiam January 6 and Cascade plays Santiam January 7.

Weather, Detroit Dam 7 a.m. Daily Weather Reading

Date	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pct.
Dec. 21	44	36	1453.84	0.10
Dec. 22	44	35	1451.63	0.00
Dec. 23	52	35	1449.78	0.08
Dec. 24	40	35	1449.39	0.38
Dec. 25	40	34	1448.99	1.02
Dec. 26	38	36	1448.43	0.09
Dec. 27	39	32	1447.56	0.00

Greg Pearce To Receive Therapy For Injuries

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearce returned Sunday from Bremerton, Washington where they visited their injured son, Greg Pearce at the Naval hospital. They said he was getting along well considering the seriousness of his wound and the subsequent pneumonia and infection.

He was accidentally wounded while serving in Vietnam when a gun fired when it was being cleaned.

He received a chest wound which paralyzed him from the chest down; however his arms were not affected. Mrs. Pearce said some feeling seemed to be returning and he will be sent to a Naval hospital in California shortly for therapy treatments. His doctors state he has about a 40% chance of walking again. Greg, however, does not agree with them. Just before his parents left he said, "I'll be walking again—and soon, no matter what the doctors say." With determination like that, he is bound to succeed and his many friends wish him luck.

Young & Morgan High Bidder Timber Sale

Young & Morgan Inc., Mill City, was apparent high bidder at \$187,112 for an estimated 3,200 M board feet of Willamette National Forest timber offered by the U.S. Forest Service in the South Whitewater No. 3 timber sale here Thursday.

Government appraised value of the stand was \$53,965.

The sale, located approximately 15 miles East of Detroit, and primarily of live timber involves 1,700 mbf of Douglas Fir, 1,000 mbf of Western Hemlock and other coniferous species, 200 mbf of Pine and 300 mbf of Cedar.

There was five logging firms represented at the oral sale with Western Hemlock going at \$146.00 per thousand in the final bidding.

A minimum price of \$15.48 per thousand had been set by the U. S. Forest Service on the Western Hemlock and other species.

Mailbox Vandalism Could Bring Fine

Mailboxes are protected by Federal law, and pranksters or vandals who damage or destroy the boxes and their contents may be in for a heavy fine or imprisonment. Postmaster Kelly warned today.

The Postmaster noted that some 25,000 mail receptacles were damaged or destroyed in the past year. It was also noted that 2,641 persons were arrested in the year up to June 30 for damaging or destroying mail receptacles.

Postmaster Kelly quoted from law: "Whoever willfully or maliciously injures, tears down or destroys any letter-box or other receptacle intended or used for the receipt or delivery of mail or any mail route, or breaks open the same or willfully or maliciously injures, defaces or destroys any mail deposited therein, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than three years."

This applies to all mail receptacles and the mail in them, even though the boxes are bought by citizens and are their personal property.

Idanha Soldier Completes Advanced Training at Fort Riley

Fort Riley, Kans.—Pvt. Luther H. Stinson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy L. Troy L. Stinson, Idanha, completed eight weeks of Army advanced individual training at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Pvt. Stinson received further classroom and field instruction in hand-to-hand combat, drill, first-aid, tactics, and other skills introduced to him in combat training.