

1966 News Summary of Upper North Santiam Canyon

Boots Champion

Timber sales, Bond issues, and the construction of a new high-school and gym heads the list of events in the upper North Santiam Canyon for the year 1966. A total of 22 timber sales were conducted by the U.S. Forest Service at the District Ranger Station. Forester Ralph D. Anderson said total volume of Willamette National Forest timber sold was \$9,100,000 board feet of timber for a total price of \$3,975,000.

Total volume of sales logged in 1966 was 41,000,000 board feet of merchantable logs, including 8,000,000 board feet of cull logs.

In July 1965, school district voters approved a \$300,000.00 bond issue for the construction of a new high-school and gym, but bids exceeded that amount by several thousand dollars. Last June the voters

approved an additional \$120,000 bond issue to complete the financing of the project. There was a total of six bids submitted on the project, and bids were opened by the school Board of Education on July 20th.

Dale Pence of Salem with a low bid of \$382,278.00 was awarded the contract.

Excavation for the new structure begin in August with completion scheduled in late summer of 1967.

In January it was announced by Congressman Wendell Wyatt that payment of \$10,557 would be made to the Detroit school district by the office of Education, Health and Welfare for federal assistance. The payment was scheduled under Public Law 874—which provides aid for federally affected areas. Detroit qualifies because it

educates children of government employes, who live in government owned residences not taxed by the District.

On January 10th the fish population in Detroit Reservoir was increased when a truck from the fish hatchery broke down resulting in the planting of 33,000 Chinook Salmon in the Reservoir. The fish were dumped into the North Santiam River at Dry Creek near Idanha when the pump on the fish truck failed. The Chinook were scheduled to be released below Detroit Dam.

On March 7th Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sophy announced the sale of their store, Detroit Super Market, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Leffler of Sacramento, California. The Sophy's had continuously operated the business, chalking up some 20 years of grocery store business in the canyon. Their record as one of the oldest business operators in the area was topped only by one other business firm, the Scott Youngs at Marion Forks. The Lefflers took possession the 1st of April.

March 21st—the marking

and tagging of 25,000 spring Chinook fingerlings begin at the Marion Forks Fish Hatchery. Of this amount 19,400 were marked and 6,000 tagged. Three different tags were used on the 6,000 fingerlings and the 1st group was released in March, followed by the second and third group in April and May. These were released just below Round Butte Reservoir and the Dechutes River near Madras. The marked (fins clipped) fingerlings were released in March at Cougar Reservoir on the South Fork of the McKenzie just above Blue River. The fingerlings were used in down-stream migration studies.

A Safety Rally meeting was held March 31st in the afternoon at Simpson Timber Co. Idanha Veneer plant, in commemoration of 2,094 accident free days and Safety Dollar Day.

Simpson Timber Co. achievement award was presented by Howard Curtis, Safety Director for Simpson at Shelton, Washington, to plant manager Harry Spencer, who ac-

cepted the award on behalf of the plant employees.

In April Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hopson Jr. of Idanha purchased and took possession of the Idanha Grocery store.

The store was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Luther Guest formerly of Stayton, who operated the store for two and one half years.

Wendell L. Jones, District Ranger was transferred to the Siuslaw National Forest and assumed the District Ranger duties at Hebo, Oregon in April.

In June our new District Ranger, Leo L. Boeckstiegel came to us from the Olympic National Forest where he was Assistant Timber Staff in the Supervisors office in Olympia, Washington.

The 1966 seasons first forest fire flared here on May 10th when the temperature was near 90 degrees and the humidity as low as 14 percent. The five acre blaze on Tom Creek near Idanha was soon "mopped up" in the afternoon after spreading from a slash burning operation.

Directors and members of

the Detroit Mobile 1st Aid Unit were hosts the evening of May 13th to the Volunteer Ambulance Association of Oregon. In attendance were representatives from six Volunteer Ambulance groups.

Visiting delegates were here from Beaverton, Sandy, Silverton, Canby, Lyons and Tualatin.

Ten seniors graduated from the Detroit High School and eighteen eighth grade students.

Construction began about the middle of May on Stuckarts Lumber Company's all modern new office building in Idanha. Complete remodeling of the mill and installment of new equipment was also completed during the summer.

A grand total of \$353,13.00 was collected in the Detroit-Idanha-Marion Forks areas in the annual May American Cancer Crusade.

The ball diamond constructed about three years ago at Idanha and inactive in 1965, was restored in June under the sponsorship of Buz Lee, Jim Wiley, and Harold McDonald, with aid of Dale Hayes of Aumsville who furnished the loader and dump truck. Eighty yards of sand was applied to the ball diamond.

The seasons first boat accident occurred here July 4th, and a 14 year old Silverton girl was cited to appear in Marion County Juvenile Court after being charged with reckless driving of a motor boat on Detroit Reservoir. The boat collided with another boat on the Lake causing minor damage. The girls boat was halted after a high speed chase by patrol officers.

Simpson Timber Co. Idanha Veneer Plant headed into its 7th consecutive year with out a lost time accident.

Three National and one State award was presented to the plants employees on July 8th. In addition a special surprise engraved plaque was presented to Harry Spencer, plant manager, by the State of Oregon.

Work was halted at the Idanha plant for the presentations of the awards—National Safety Council, Forest Products Assn., and American Plywood Assn., top awards, plus the State award of honor.

Voters at a special election (city) July 20th approved a \$85,000 water bond issue authorizing issuance and sale of revenue bonds for improving and extending the cities water system. The proposed extension of the Detroit water system will be to develop the Breitenbush River as secondary source of water supply, modify the distribution of the present system for maximum development and install larger mains, plus fire hydrants where ever needed for better protection.

Preliminary work on the project is now in progress, and bids are expected to be let on the project sometime in February of 1967. Plans call for the completion of the project by early summer.

Two Foresters of the Detroit Districts Ranger Station were transferred July 31st. They were Walter T. Parker, Timber Management Assistant to the Oakridge District who has assumed the duties of the Reforestation, Timber Stand Improvement and Forest Tree Improvement program there.

Detroit District Engineer, Art Marty was transferred to the Ochoco National Forest. Mr. Marty is assistant Staff Engineer in the Supervisor's office in Prineville.

Progress of a different nature, and noteworthy, was the construction of eleven new camp site units completed in August at the Districts new campsite units completed in August at the Districts new Whispering Falls campground located three miles East of Idanha on highway 22. Plans call for a total of 40 units when completed.

Another boon to recreationers was the stump removal (contracted) on the Detroit Reservoir. Stumps covering 130 acres (under water during the summer) was removed thus eliminating a hazard to boat enthusiasts and improving the existing facilities for the enjoyment of vacationers, fishermen and water skiers alike.

On July 27th a contract was let by the U. S. Forest Service for the construction and completion of approximately 10 miles of the Sky-line trail system, thus completing the relocation of the entire trail on the Districts district.

In an effort to better serve the large number of campers who seek spots in State Parks, the Oregon State Highway Department added 74 overnight units this summer to its previous total of 160 sites

at Detroit Lakeshore State Park. The Parks facilities include water, electricity and individual sewer connections. Each area is served by a near utility building which contains hot showers, toilet facilities, and laundry equipment.

Approximately four miles of the Breitenbush road was scheduled for re-construction in 1966. The upper 2.4 miles from Cleator Bend campground to the South Breitenbush road via the by-pass is currently being built by Young & Morgan Inc. When the four miles are completed the Breitenbush road will then have a total of 11.5 miles of recently constructed three lane width road.

On Sept. 29th a Marion County Well Child Health Clinic was held at Detroit City Hall. 262 immunization shots and 22 physical examinations were given.

Mel Round of Idanha had a close call October 2nd when his light plane developed engine trouble while he was flying over Mt. Jefferson, causing him to make a forced landing on highway 22 about four miles West of Marion Forks. Round escaped injury but his light plane was demolished.

Two new City ordinances was passed by the Detroit City Council in October. A new water ordinance will go into effect as soon as the new water system is completed. One of the provisions will be a slight increase in water rates, with the changes in the rules and regulations.

The new Building Code Ordinance is an ordinance adopting the 1964 addition of the International Conference of Building Codes. Under provisions of the Code, permits will be required for new buildings within the city limits of Detroit.

In addition a 3rd ordinance was passed on December 13th. This is an ordinance preventing the parking and storage of vehicles on streets or property of the city, thereby obstructing the orderly clearing of snow from city streets and property, and creating a hazard. Penalties will be levied in accordance to the rules and regulations of the city ordinance.

Stahlman Point, a Lookout Station in the Detroit District of the Willamette National Forest was disposed of by burning October 21st by the U. S. Forest Service. The building was destroyed because it was no longer needed for the administration of the District, a Forester said.

The "Point", located on Spur Ridge North of Coopers Ridge was constructed by the Forest Service in 1948 and was named Stahlman Point in memory of Fred Stahlman, who was District Ranger here some 60 years ago. The "Point" of "Interest" had also been the target of vandalism.

A standard First Aid course was completed in November under the sponsorship of the Woman's Civic Club. Instructor was Howard Dean of the U. S. Forest Service. There was an enrollment of 22 persons.

The Spillway Tavern at Idanha re-opened early in the year following complete remodeling. The Cafe re-opened the latter part of November.

Hoodoo Ski Bowl Developers Inc. added a new high-speed chairlift to their facilities at the Resort on Santiam Pass.

The first measurable snow of the season in the Detroit-Idanha area came December 4th with Detroit receiving four inches of snow in a 24 hour period.

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