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## Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Well, a belated Happy New Year to each and everyone. While on this winter vacation, which will be the last, by the way, The Enterprise had a birthday. It has now reached the age of 22 years. Not a very old age in newspaper world, but nevertheless, it has been growing during this period of time, thanks to the growth of the area, and the loyalty of its patrons.

We arrived home from our southland vacation Sunday afternoon. I don't quite know whether we were rested or not, but I found that I certainly am not ready to retire, or at least I do not think I am. After a week of loafing, I was ready to get back into the harness. I guess that is the way with people who have worked hard all their lives.

We arrived in Los Angeles without mishap, and picked up our new trailer house, which was our home all the time we were gone. My wife spent some anxious hours before we got out of Los Angeles. She imagined all sorts of pile-ups in that traffic. Alta's brother George Schultz, who is used to that suicide alley, piloted us onto the right freeway, which happened to be the San Diego freeway, and got us across the city and onto highway 101. It was quite an experience piloting our rig, all 22 and a half feet of trailer house down an eight-lane highway with people driving like the devil was after them. We didn't have any bad luck, and saw only one wreck. It was a real bad one, and held us up for about half an hour. The rest of the trip on the highways was nearly uneventful. The only real bad storm we hit was just coming off the desert into Reno. A real hard wind came up a canyon, and peppered us with hail and small pebbles. Ruined our windshield and nearly blew us off the highway, but we made it all right.

The weather all the way after hitting L. A. was sunny but real cold. I had hopes of loafing in the sun with nothing on but my shorts and a smile. That was all changed. I only was in the sun with my shirt off one day, and that was Christmas day. It was beautiful in San Diego that day, and we enjoyed it with our family there.

Among other things at San Diego we enjoyed was a harbor excursion which lasted two hours. It was interesting and that area certainly has changed since we lived there some 20 years ago. Another highlight was when Sgt. Bill McClintock picked me up and took me on a tour of the Marine base. I saw a class graduated while there. He then took me to their home and I had a visit with Pat and the children. Mrs. McClintock Mark and Sue then accompanied us to Miramar, where the late Bob Gordon was stationed.

We went from San Diego to Phoenix where we spent two nights with our son, Brian. It was real cool there, but nice and sunny. Brian took us on a tour of the city Monday. Phoenix has many beautiful buildings.

In Las Vegas the water lead into the trailer froze solid and at Reno, the same thing, only the thermometer got down to 12 degrees above zero. Wow. Froze up again, and had to get a propane torch to get the water works thawed out. We then went to Quincy to visit Alta's brother and wife. It was only 18 degrees there, but by then lessons learned years ago in North Dakota paid off. We let the water run all night. We did the same thing at Yreka the last night out, so got home all in one piece, and how nice it is to greet people we know again.

I guess two of the most important things in this world outside of good health are home and friends.

While it was a good vacation, our next one will be in the summer, when we can really relax.

## Mehama Has New Street Signs

By Jean Roberts

MEHAMA—Mehama is now boasting new street signs. An unincorporated town, the streets are maintained by the county and street signs designating the names of streets and roads have been installed by Marion County Court.

Unknown to many people the main street through Mehama is called Ferry Street. Plotted and registered in the county court years ago, Ferry Street led to the river where Gassy Smith operated a ferry across the North Santiam river to Linn county years ago.

The town was named for Gassy's wife, Mehama. Two other streets bear women's names, Addie and Emma.

For years Mehama was the end of the road and two hotels provided comfort for the vacationer or weary traveler. Always a vacation land, tents were erected along the river, (the North Fork of the Santiam) during the summer.

To this day Mehama is known as a recreation area, where the river is lined with fishermen, hunters search for deer in the brush above town, and campers and swimmers stop.

The bridge that replaced Gassy's ferry is a popular spot for steelhead fishing, and the termination of the White Water Challenge that is held each year.

## Santiam Takes Two More Games

Santiam made it 5-1 in Capital Conference play by trouncing the Scio Loggers 88-35, and defeating the Cascade Cougars 74-47 the following Saturday.

Santiam tore in the Loggers 26-7 in the first quarter and ended the first half 53-16.

Everybody got into the act in the third quarter, scoring 19 to Scio's 5.

The game ended with an easy 88-35 victory.

Five Santiam players scored in the double figures with Yankus 14, Jones 10, Davidson 10, Ward 12, Pearce 7, Hansen 5, Bennett 6, Lalack 7 and Meuser 7.

The next night the Wolverines defeated the Cascade Cougars 74-47. The winners jumped to a 20-16 first quarter score and increased their lead to 38-28 at halftime. The third quarter ended with the score 61-41.

The Cougars scored only 6 points during the 4th quarter in the game 74-47.

Alan Yankus was high scorer with 21 points followed by Dennis Davidson with 16. The rest of the scoring was by Bennett with 13, Jones 8, Ward 7, Tuers 3, Hansen 3 Pearce 2 and Meuser 1.

## Airport Film To Be Shown at Next Chamber Meeting

The first regular meeting for the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday evening, January 17 at the Gates Woman's Clubhouse at 8:00 o'clock, according to Ed Davis, president.

There will be a progress report on the Detroit Airstrip, discussion and report by the Brettenbush road committee and the Whitewater Challenge Committee.

For the program a 16mm film, "The best investment a community ever made," courtesy of the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics will be shown.

At the January Board meeting Davis appointed the Detroit Lake Race Committee: Ole Erickson, Lee Hopson, Jr., Sam Leffer, Farris Benton and Joe Muise.

## Presented President's Cup for 1966



Francis F. Hill, president of Northwest Natural Gas company, presents Dean Lovrien of the company's Salem headquarters, the President's Cup for 1966, emblematic of Lovrien's suggestion which was judged the best suggestion of the year. Larry Mack, left, who is manager of the company's general

services department, states the suggestion was relative to water boring in new pipeline installations, Lovrien's suggestion effecting great savings in time and labor. The perpetual trophy is duplicated in smaller proportions, which Lovrien will retain. He also received a cash award.

## Golden Ball League To Start Saturday

Saturday at 9:30 a. m. in the high school gym the Golden Ball league is slated to start. The groups are scheduled as follows: 9:30 to 10:15, 3rd and 4th graders; 10:20 to 11:05, 5th and 6th graders; 11:00 to 12:00, 7th and 8 graders.

Each group will be divided into teams, the first half of the period will be spent on fundamentals such as shooting, passing, dribbling, etc. The second half of the period will be spent playing games.

All interested persons who would like to help coach, referee or supervise, please call Roger Mink, 897-2311.

## Mill City People Take Reno Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hemshorn and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent of Mill City recently joined a Stayton group for a tour to Reno.

Mrs. Hemshorn said her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Christiansen were in the party and driver of the bus was Norm Peek, who was accompanied by his wife.

Mrs. Hemshorn said they all had a wonderful trip.

## U. S. National Reports Earnings

U. S. National Bank of Oregon has reported net operating earnings after taxes of \$9,365,618, or \$2.84 per share, for the year 1966, an increase of 6.7 percent over adjusted 1965 earnings of \$8,781,375, according to LeRoy B. Staver, president of the statewide financial institution.

Increases in both loans and deposits also were reported. Deposits on December 31, 1966, were \$1,252,224,710, an increase of \$48,659,062 over the same date in 1965. A continued demand for money in the state's economy pushed the loan total on the same date to \$744,278,050, an increase of \$32,635,919.

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

Date	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pct.
Dec. 29	38	32	1447.86	.07
Dec. 29	39	36	1447.79	.26
Dec. 30	45	36	1448.11	.23
Dec. 31	42	38	1448.22	.04
Jan. 1	47	37	1448.29	.64
Jan. 2	43	37	1448.64	.12
Jan. 3	47	37	1449.01	.44
Jan. 4	45	40	1450.69	0.37
Jan. 5	53	32	1451.30	1.05
Jan. 6	37	31	1451.10	0.79
Jan. 7	39	35	1451.03	0.29
Jan. 8	40	33	1450.76	0.00
Jan. 9	42	33	1450.29	0.00
Jan. 10	44	37	1449.89	0.00

## Snow Storm Takes Life of Radio Man

The worst blizzard of the winter season last week claimed the life of James Beard, radio technician of Silverton. He and three other men, Robert Young, James Fay and Roy Lusk were caught in the storm on Halls Ridge.

Their snow vehicles were bogged down in the heavy snowdrifts and the men started to hike out. However, Beard, 27, became tired very quickly. The other men walked out a trail 20 or 30 feet at a time and tried to half carry Beard out. However, after several hours of the slow trek Beard became semi-conscious and the men realized their only hope was to leave him as comfortable as possible and walk out for help.

Rescuers, headed by Ferris Benton of Idanha, were on their way to meet the men. Young, partner in three logging operations had radioed earlier that if they weren't out by 5:30 to send help. The rescuers had been on a night-long search in blizzard conditions.

Beard was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. Services were held in Silverton Saturday for the young man, who is survived by his wife and two small children.

Cause of Beard's death was listed as exhaustion and exposure.

## Blood Drawing Is Slated at Stayton

Mrs. A. K. McKenzie, chairman of the Bloodmobile program for the Stayton area this week said she would like to remind residents here that the blood drawing will be held January 26 at the Stayton Grade school.

Blood is needed both at home and for the fighting forces in Vietnam and all who are able are urged to give. The Bloodmobile will be at the school from 4:30 to 8:30.

## WWI Vets To Meet At Grade School

World War I Veterans and Auxiliary members will meet Saturday January 14 at the Mill City Grade school. A pot luck luncheon will be served at noon followed by a business meeting.

Commander Ernest Ragsdale urges all members to attend.

## Many New Projects Now in Progress In Local Schools

Many interesting projects and programs are presently in operation at the Mill City schools. In September the primary, elementary and the high school teaching staff became involved in creating a more interesting student learning situation. New methods of teaching have challenged the slow, average, and the faster students in all levels of learning.

Student involvement has been the key to this increased interest. It has been a natural development derived from small group interaction or participation, in which a class of 25 students is grouped by the teacher into four or five research teams. Leadership is earned at this level and matures under constant teacher guidance. All students strive to contribute to the success of the individual group or team.

Al Glover, social studies instructor of the Mill City Elementary school has had exceptional success with the small group research in the seventh and eighth grades. One outstanding phase was activated by Mr. Glover's well planned questions: What are the major problems of India today? How can we (U. S. Government) best assist India in overcoming her problems? Preliminary student reaction indicated they had only basic knowledge, derived mainly from overheard adult conversation, brief television exposure, or a dull textbook assignment. Due to the small groups almost instantaneous reaction developed with one problem and two very general solutions materializing. This envelops all students in supporting their individual groups solution, it enables challenges to be made at the student level, and most importantly the entire class is motivated to do extensive research on the problem in question.

An interested student is well on the road to knowledge and will challenge his fellow students in the race to achieve.

Next week another article on educational development will appear in The Enterprise.

## Joe Muise Reports On Canyon Weather

DETROIT — Precipitation figures compiled by Joe Muise, weather observer totaled 91.51 inches compared to 71.89 in 1965. It included 12.85 inches which fell in December.

The December mark was far below the torrential 30.86 inches which fell the same month in 1964.

## Mill City Grades To Present Play

Monday night, January 16, will be the finishing performance of the semester for the Mill City Grade School Drama group. The curtains will open at 8 p. m. on a mystery melodrama titled "The Hound of the Maskervilles." During the week the play will be presented to the elementary schools; Gates on Thursday, and Mill City on Friday. During the day on Monday the drama group will go on field trip to Salem and give a performance for the students at Ketter Elementary school. The play is directed by Herb Bastuscheck and the following students are participating: Connie Sarff, Larry Hayden, Larry Moore, David Crowther, Kathy Harrison, Janie Lent, Carol King, Dan Cox, John Ruby, Nels Soelberg, Robert Wilson, George Rust, Craig Stevens, Mitchell Alban, Dan Jeter, Jerry Raines, Mike Parker, Charles Riddle, Russell Goodloe, and Kelly Dennis.

No admission will be charged.

## Ernest Grosso Lyons Mayor

LYONS — At the regular meeting of the Lyons City Council, Wednesday night, January 4th, Ernest Grosso was sworn in as mayor and assigned positions to councilmen. Appointed were Edwin Sieg as police commissioner, Wilson Stevens recreation, Elmer Culwell who was re-elected last fall as street commissioner and hold over member Cecil Grimes, sanitation and welfare. The resignation of Eldon Gilson as chairman of the Lyons Public Board was received with no replacement at the present. Mr. Gilson cited the lack of time. The council also voted grading and graveling of 13th, Cedar and Dogwood streets and to take care of the street drainage as soon as equipment could be secured.

## Family Night Held At Simpson Plant

LYONS, January 9—Officials of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union and the Simpson Timber Company participated in a Family Safety Night at Lyons January 7th in honor of a successful safety program at Simpson's Lyons Plywood Plant.

The plant broke its previous record of 151 consecutive accident-free working days last October.

A highlight of the evening was a challenge by Lyons Plant Manager Carol Anderson to Ray Robb, manager of Simpson's Albany Plywood Plant. The challenge was to see which plant can maintain the best safety record during 1967.

Clary Adamson, executive secretary of the Willamette Valley District Council, LSW, told the group of some 200 Lyons workers and their families that he appreciated the enthusiasm demonstrated by the inter-plant competition.

"I won't take sides because both plants are in my district," Adamson said. "But in a contest of this nature, there can only be winners."

Bill Smith, business agent for Local 2896, also attended the celebration. About 300 people work at the Lyons Plant.

## Detering Chairman Of Legislative Agriculture Com.

Gerald Detering, well-known Linn County representative from Harrisburg informed The Enterprise Monday that he had been named chairman of the agricultural committee.

Detering, an orchardist, is well informed on this subject and his experience will be of value to the people he represents.

## Greg Pearce In Navy Hosp. In Bremerton

Mill City friends learned this week that Greg Pearce, who was reportedly wounded during a gun cleaning accident was actually shot by a careless fellow serviceman in Vietnam.

Greg, who was serving with the Navy in Vietnam until his accident is now in the Bremerton hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce did not know the details of their son's wounds until they visited with him in Bremerton where he was taken on December 23. Early reports indicated he had been hurt while cleaning a gun.

However, the accident occurred when a fellow man was "showing off", pointing a loaded pistol, with one bullet in the chamber, at two or three of the fellows and then firing. In other words, a little game of Russian roulette. Greg jumped up to take the gun away from him and it went off, wounding him in the chest. The young fellow firing the shot ran out of the tent where the accident occurred, but he returned in a short time and assisted the other fellows in getting bandages and giving first aid, which Mrs. Pearce said she thought saved his life.

She did not know just what action had been taken against the culprit but said she was sure it was something he would never forget in his entire life.

Greg is recovering from a bout with pneumonia but is still paralyzed from the mid chest down. He will go to San Diego Naval hospital in three or four weeks for therapy treatment.

## Jim Rose Inducted Into Lions Monday

Jim Rose was inducted into the Lions club Monday night as the newest member of this service group by Lee Ross.

President Martin Hansen announced that all members and their wives should plan to attend a social evening in Salem, January 26. This meeting will be in celebration of Lions International's 50th anniversary. He also said there would be a work session Saturday at 9 a. m. in the city park when some dead or dangerous trees will be felled.

Lee Ross reported on the Christmas basket project, stating that 18 families from Idanha to west of Mill City were distributed. The ministerial association did the investigating and distribution. Ross complimented the Jaycees for their part in furnishing toys for the baskets, stating they were the best he had ever seen. The Jaycees assist in wrapping the gifts.

President Hansen said there would be a visitation to the Jefferson Lions club on Monday, January 23. All members planning to attend are asked to meet at Fellowship hall at 6 p. m. sharp.

## Gates School To Have Open House

Parents and friends are invited to attend the Open House at the Gates Grade school, Wednesday, January 18 from 7:30 until 9:00 p. m.

This is the first year the school has housed all the first, second and third grade students of the Mill City-Gates School district.

Parents will be given the opportunity to see their children's work and visit with their teachers.

Staff at the Gates school includes, Olive Barnhardt, Marge Parker, Gladys Norrie, Gwen Schaer, Marion Dorothy and Helen Cox.

Teachers aides are Martha Etzel and June Mink.