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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

With this issue of The Enterprise we start our 15th year as publishers of the paper. Many changes have been made in this area during the time we have lived here. Hundreds of new homes have been built in Mill City and all up and down the canyon for that matter. More mills have been constructed and they in turn, are employing a lot more men than were employed when we arrived here. True, this past season, with the depressed lumber market has been a tough one, but it still is better than when we came in July of 1953. The area is much more stable than then, and we hope conditions will pick up more each year.

Our school system, too, has made great strides since the days of 1953. We now have Gates and Mill City in one district and are providing a much better education for all the young people in the district. I feel we have one of the finest school systems in the state, when size and population are taken into consideration.

Many western-based timber companies have a real thing going in tree farms. I wonder just how many people here realize how much money is spent each year in growing trees on these farms so we can have a sustained yield out of timber. With aerial seeding and planting of seedlings each year, it builds for the future. It may take from 50 to 80 years to develop merchantable timber, but this is where our grandchildren and their children will reap the benefits of the vision of our present timber men. They are, of course, protecting their mills, too, as without continued timber growth they soon would be out of business. Productive forest lands are being steadily reduced by encroachment of communities, highways, power lines, and single-use parks so that expansion of intensive tree farm management has become virtually an emergency proposition. It is said that the demand for woods products is expected to nearly double by 1975. The importance of intensive tree farm management as developed and applied by the forest products industry is apparent. These tree farmers of our area certainly are to be commended for their foresight in developing ways to work with nature to assure permanent renewal of a great natural resource.

We read this week an article from the Newton, Miss., Record: "How vital is it that all of our people be trained, prepared and equipped for responsible citizenship at the everyday working level. From early childhood we should all be taught the real meaning of our form of government, that the blessings of liberty and the privileges of citizenship carry with them corresponding responsibilities and obligations, and above all that, without vigilance, caution, awareness and devotion, our cherished rights may be lost forever."

Last year, LBJ said an unbalanced budget helped the economy. This year, he says a tax increase is necessary because the budget is unbalanced. Welcome to the New Math.

Stayton Class of '52 Makes Reunion Plans

Stayton High School, class of '52 is planning the 15th anniversary reunion for August 12. The last reunion in 1962 drew 141 guests that included classmates, their families, and teachers.

This year's dinner-dance is at Randall's Chuck Wagon at 7:30 on August 12. The following day a pot-luck picnic will be held at Bush Pasture park at 1 p. m.

Cycle Gang Invades Area For 1st Time

By Boots Champion
DETROIT — The upper North Santiam Canyon was invaded by a group of some 20 or 25 motorcyclists Saturday evening, reportedly from Eugene.

The "clan" calling themselves "Gypsy Jokers" certainly did their best, both in appearance and actions to live up to the name.

Typical of such organizations the males were dressed in trousers and boots, with vests over bare torsos, many of them with long unkempt hair. Some were noticed flipping chains in their hands and some were reportedly carrying switch blade knives. The girls were somewhat better in dress appearance, but their character appeared to be no better than their male companions.

No disturbance was reported in the Detroit-Idanha area, but at Whitewater Forest Service campgrounds where the group camped Saturday night a disturbance did occur. Campers in the area left and complained that "stink" bombs (old railroad rock flares) were used, and rocks were thrown by the group.

A spokesman at the Ranger Station said Monday, as near as they can tell at this time, no damage was done to the camp grounds.

Marion County Deputy Sheriffs, State Police, Forest Service personnel, businesses as well as citizens kept a watchful eye on the invaders. This was their first appearance in the area, and it is hoped it will be their last.

In contrast, while the group was squirreling around town, it was noticed that the usual amount of honda traffic was almost nil. This reporter overheard a conversation of two young men on hondas say, "Gosh, we hate to even get out on the street for fear someone might think we are with that bunch."

Michael McDonald Aboard Submarine USS Sablefish

USS Sablefish (FHTNC)—Electrician's Mate First Class Michael C. McDonald, USN, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Paul McDonald of Route 1, Lyons, Ore., is in the North Atlantic aboard the submarine USS Sablefish.

His Boat is making a two-month operational and good will cruise to northern European countries, and will be participating in extensive submarine training exercises.

He will visit major port cities in France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and the British Isles.

Sablefish is a fleet snorkel submarine homeported at the U. S. Submarine Base in New London, Conn.

Bumgarner Completes Maintenance Course For Helicopters

FT. RUCKER, Ala.—Private Phillip C. Bumgarner, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Bumgarner, Route 1 Lyons, at the Army Aviation School, Ft. Rucker, Ala.

During the course, he was instructed in maintenance of the single-rotor, turbine-powered UH-1 "Iroquois."

He was also trained in helicopter gunnery systems, aviation operations in the field and techniques of survival, escape and evasion.

Anita Benefield To Attend Chicago U

Anita Dawn Benefield daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis F. Benefield, of Route 1, Lyons, Oregon, will enroll in the undergraduate College of The University of Chicago this fall. A graduate of Stayton High School, Stayton, Anita will enroll in the University under its Small School Talent Search Program.

Sweepstakes Winner



The Oddfellows and Rebekahs with their "Country Garden" Float was Sweepstakes winner in the Fourth of July Parade at Mill City. Other first place winners were the Christian Church with a float "For He So Loved the World". The Jaycees and Jaycettes won their first place ribbon with a float depicting "Tea for Two."

In the second group, first place winners were Camp Fire Girls with their float, "Scenes Around the Campfire," the Mill City Garden Club with

"Lollipops and Roses," and the Mill City Volunteer Firemen with "Born Free."

In the third division, the Teenage Committee won with "Snoopy vs. the Red Barron," Hilltop Market with a "Davy Crockett Float" and F. E. W. "Big Rock Candy Mountain."

In the fourth division the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce won with a boat, "Floating Down the River." The Lions Club won the other fourth place award with a float "Climb Every Mountain."—Lloyd Sidewell Photo.

Bill Richards Passes Away After Heart Attacks

The Mill City area was saddened Monday when it was learned that William Richards had passed away at Santiam Memorial hospital following a series of heart attacks. Mrs. Richards had taken him to the hospital Sunday night after he suffered his first attack and it appeared that he was recovering satisfactorily, but he suffered a fatal attack Monday.

Bill who was only 47 at the time of his death was born in Scio, but had been a life-time resident of Mill City. He at one time, with the assistance of his wife, Kit, had operated Meander Inn. At the time of his passing he was employed as planerman at Frank Lumber Co. Inc., Mill City. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Bill was a big man and loved the outdoors, being an ardent fisherman and hunter. His happy smile will be missed by everyone here. He had been in apparent good health until the past week.

He is survived by the widow, Gladys, and a daughter, Shelly Ann, both at home east of Mill City; two half brothers and three half sisters.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Thursday in Weddle Funeral Home, Stayton. Interment will be in Fox Valley cemetery, Lyons.

Green Veneer Plant Down for Repairs and Summer Vacation

IDANHA—Green Veneer Inc. Idanha plant will resume operations July 10th following a two weeks closure for annual repairs and vacations.

Included in this years improvement program will be the laying of a new floor in the veneer shed and paving.

Plans call for concrete paving from the office to the mill and veneer shed, and blacktop from the warehouse to the highway (22).

Ready mix will be used for the concrete paving, and the black topping contracted, a spokesman for the firm said Wednesday.

The mill employes about 100 men and runs two shifts.

Are Wigwam Burners a Menace?

By Scott Young

Are those Wig Warm Burners that are a part of our way of life in the North Santiam Canyon the Obnoxious culprits they are portrayed to be?

They do smoke more or less, but don't carbon dioxide go back into plant life from whence it came. Or was my early schooling in error, or is that too old fashioned, or out of date?

Or are the burners big and black and easy to point out, and owned by companies or operators too small to resist the overwhelming cry of "Save Our Country From Pollution."

Come up into this canyon where there are 12 or more of these burners, build a little smoky wood fire and fry a little smoked ham or bacon, and admit, it does you a lot more good than harm.

Like the smoke in your bacon and smoke from your warming fire, these burners do a lot more good than harm.

The fact is they don't do any harm at all.

Summer Recreation Program To Start At Detroit July 10

DETROIT—The summer recreation program for the upper canyon will start Monday, July 10, said Doug Spencer, who is in charge.

The program will include volleyball, soft ball and base ball. This program will run for six weeks if there is sufficient interest.

The schedule is as follows: Grade school schedule 1 through 4, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a. m. until noon.

Grades 5 to 8, 1 to 3 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Monday and Wednesday nights are open to high school students and adults at 7 p. m.

The Little League will play Lyons here July 6 at 5 p. m., followed by a Junior State game, Detroit vs. Independence at 6:30.

Detroit Junior State won a 3 to 0 victory over Mill City June 27 and Detroit won 1 to 0 from Woodburn June 30.

First Place Winner



One of the first place winners in the above float made by the First Christian Church.—Lloyd Sidewell Photo.

Man Fined Following Chase By Policeman

Jimmy Dale Montgomery of Lyons, was cited to court here Sunday following a wild chase through Mill City streets. Montgomery piled up his car just west of a railroad crossing on S. W. Broadway when he lost control.

The crossing is elevated, and as he went over at 70 miles an hour he plowed into the railroad grade. Patrolman Les White followed him with his flashing lights on and siren going to warn people of the oncoming vehicle.

Montgomery was cited on three charges, that of driving under the influence, driving with a suspended license and eluding a police officer.

He was placed in jail and fined \$450 and given a 25-day jail sentence, which was suspended.

Vacationers Take Over Upper Area

DETROIT — Thousands of fishermen, vacationers, and picnickers flocked to the mountain area for the Fourth of July weekend. The upper North Santiam Canyon hummed with activity for the four-day period. Family picnics, fishing, boat riding, skiing and just plain camping seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Under clear blue skies, Weatherman Joe Muise said the temperature reading was 100 for July 1st and 96 on the second.

A few mishaps occurred Sunday, none of them serious. A Salem teenage girl sustained a broken thumb in a water skiing mishap Sunday afternoon. Following first aid she was taken to Salem by a State Trooper.

Early Sunday morning Leo Smiseky of Salem rolled his car over a few miles above Marion Forks. Cause of the accident has not been determined. Other occupants in the car were his wife and three children. None of them was seriously injured. The accident however, left the family stranded for a time. With the aid of a few area people a ride to Salem was found for the Smiseky family with Sam Leffler, who was making a run to Salem for more ice. Leffler said the store sold nearly 3,000 pounds of ice Saturday, as the temperature soared to 100 degrees.

A Los Angeles man and his son, vacationing in the area had some tough luck when the father became ill early Monday morning. He was taken to Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton by car.

Fourth of July Brings Crowd Here

A perfect day on July 4th brought out a large crowd to take part in the festivities put on by civic groups and clubs of the city. The Teen Age Committee had charge of the parade which was one of the best ever to be held here.

Besides the main winners, there were many other floats which made it a hard job for the judges to decide who should have the ribbons. The Shriners from Salem marched in the parade, and there were several vintage cars, which added color to the event.

Judges for the TAC parade were Doug Heater of Fern Ridge; Jerry Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Willer of Stayton. They stated they had a real hard job picking the winner in the four divisions.

In the Kiddie parade, for Bikes, Ralph Earhart won 1st; Rhonda Meader, 2nd and Tony Trout 3rd. In the trike division, Beverly Trout was first; Bruce St. Dennis second and Kim Crook and Sally Poole, 3rd.

Miscellaneous division, Linda and Cindy Jacquinet first; Ronny Jacquinet and Beverly Sullivan second and Erick and Dana Syverson, third.

Judges in the Kiddie Parade, sponsored by the Jayceettes were Mrs. J. C. Kimmel, Mrs. Roger Mink and Mrs. Wendell Heller.

At the park the events started out with a pancake feed sponsored by the Lions and the Lions Auxiliary manned the cook shack for lunches. This group also had the bingo game. The Jaycees had a dunk tank and several other concessions kept the crowd at the park busy.

Kicked by Horse—
Tommy Kanoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kanoff apparently was the only person at the park to be injured. He got kicked in the thigh by a horse. Mrs. Kanoff said Wednesday morning that he was not seriously hurt.

Winners in the Jaycee log events were: Jim Bracher of Mill City who made 20 points in the ax throw and Phil Holsheimer of Scappoose with 16 points.

In the small saw division Charles Huceby of Mill City won first and Fred Woods, Gates, came in second. The same two men, in the same order, won in the work saw competition.

In the unlimited saws, Phil Holsheimer of Scappoose won first by cutting through his log in 292 seconds. In second place was Jim Cox of Willamina with 23.5 seconds.

In the grade school gym were displays of old time pictures, modern photography, ceramics, rock display, and other handicraft.

There were ball games in the late afternoon and evening and the firemen sponsored their usual fine fireworks display.

Salem Firm To Build Post Office At Detroit

Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien today advised Postmaster Mrs. Phyllis Hill of the Detroit, Oregon Post Office, that a bid has been accepted to construct a new postal facility in Detroit, on the East Side of Detroit avenue.

The successful bidder, David Lantz, Salem, Oregon, will construct a building containing 768 square feet of interior floor space, with an 80 square foot platform, and 2450 square feet of parking and maneuvering area.

The basic lease term will be for eight years with three 4-year renewal options.