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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Mrs. Doug Hirte came to The Enterprise office Thursday to show a couple of her newest paintings. One was of her uncle and titled "Seaman O'Brien." It showed good coloring and made him look like a seafaring man. The other was a street scene from Paris. She is giving a demonstration of her painting ability on the courthouse lawn in Corvallis soon.

She also had with her some articles received from her husband, Capt. Douglas Hirte, who is serving in Vietnam. He had been on leave in Bangkok, Thailand. He sent her a brass candlestick which measured 40 inches in height. It can be taken apart and used in many different ways. Mrs. Hirte is a collector of brass items, so she was more than pleased. He also sent her a table setting for 12, in brass. This was one of the most complete sets I had ever seen. It was made by the Crown Jewelers of Bangkok. It was burnished so it looked just like gold.

I am a firm believer that people of all races and color should do something for themselves. I think as things stand right now the colored people owe it to themselves to clean up their own mess—it is not entirely of the white man's making. The white man didn't spawn the likes of Stokely Carmichael. We had nothing to do with his warped mind. I wonder just what would happen to one of us here in Mill City if we would suggest that President Johnson, along with several other people of prominence, be killed. We most likely would be put in jail forever, and never be given a chance to get out on any pretense. A resolution has been introduced in Congress asking that the United States attorney general institute criminal proceedings against Carmichael under the laws of the United States which provide penalties for sedition. That would be fine, but I am afraid that our politicians are "gutless wonders" so to speak when it comes to handling anything of such consequence, which may cost them some negro votes next year. On the other hand, if they do not take some action to protect the people from this type of hate monger, they may well feel the wrath of the white voter, who in spite of all the cry of civil rights, still must have something to say about his country. I think as long as Carmichael likes Cuba he should join forces with Castro, and then maybe we could have a little peace and quiet here at home. Personally I say let him stay there, and if he does come back, and our government doesn't do something to him, and others of his ilk, then it certainly is time for the colored people to take care of him in their own way. His swift extinction might just be one way to correct a lot of our troubles.

These same colored leaders say that their boys fighting in Vietnam know how to kill now, and that they will turn on the white man when they come back home. If I were the colored leaders, I wouldn't be too sure about this. They might find themselves on the receiving end of this wrath, if any there be, coming from men who have been fighting for a country they feel is a good place for them to live. Time alone will provide the answer to a lot of these questions. I for one do not think continual pouring of dollars into aid programs for these people will solve the problem.

City To Get 2nd Water Storage Tank

Pacific Power & Light Company is building a new 250,000-gallon water reservoir on the south side of Mill City to help serve the expanding southwest section of the town.

Wayne Goin, PP&L's local manager in Stayton, reported that the contract for the clearing of a road to the site and the construction of the tank foundation has been awarded to Raymond Lillie & Son of Albany.

The road will extend half mile west from the south end of 4th Street to the site, Goin said.

The tank will be erected by the American Pipe & Construction Company, Portland.

Milton Hector, a Pacific Power water system engineer from Portland, planned the new addition to the system after study of the town's present and projected water needs.

Hector chose the construction site based on its proximity in relation to the city and its altitude. The new tank had to be located at an even height with the existing tank of water in the system would naturally seek an even level and overflow the lower tank.

When completed in October, the new reservoir will measure 32 feet in height and will be 37 feet diameter. It will be built of welded steel sections and mounted on a concrete ring foundation. A gauge board on the north side of the tank will allow company personnel to monitor the water level from a distance.

Chamber To Seek Answers To Shutdown

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce held here recently, Floyd Eastwood asked for assistance in preparing letters to representatives in Washington, to see if anything can be done about the tight plywood market, and see if there is some relief coming along these lines. This action was triggered by the recent announcement that Simpson was closing their two plants in Idanha and Lyons. Another mill going down this year was Willamette Ply at Aumsville.

It has been known that the market for plywood has been real low for some time, and rumors have been flying as to why the two plants closed at this time, when there was some indication of the market getting better. Dick Parker and Don Moffatt were chosen to work with Eastwood in preparing the letters.

Eastwood has appointed Cliff Coleman and Wayne Goin of Stayton and Cal Culbertson of Mehama on the Industrial Committee for this fiscal year and said two more from this area would be named soon.

There will be no general meeting in August, and the next board meeting will be held at the Bridge Cafe in Lyons.

Aerial View Shows Site of New P P & L Reservoir



Aerial photo of Mill City shows route of new road (dotted line) being constructed to the site of a new Pacific Power & Light Company water reservoir indicated by white dot at bottom center of photo. The 250,000-gallon tank will augment existing facilities in Mill City to provide water service to the rapidly growing southwest portion of the town.

Mill City Women's Softball Team Has Win Over Stayton

League play got off to a good start for the Mill City Women's softball team, last week with a victory over one of their tougher opponents, Stayton, winning by a score of 14 to 7. Pitching the entire game for Mill City was Geneva Johnson.

The game was quite a bit of action throughout the entire game as both teams are about equal in playing ability.

Those playing for Mill City were Geneva Johnson, pitcher; Wilda Wilson, catcher; Myra Mumey, 1st; Jessie Bodker, 2nd; Billie Porter, 3rd; Glenna Ward, short stop; Bev Sullivan, left field; Gloria Urban, right field, and Cheryl Challender, center field.

Mill City played Gates Tuesday and will play Detroit here August 15 at 7 p.m.

Santiam Grange Plans For Harvest Festival

LYONS—A special meeting will be held Friday night to make plans for the annual Harvest Festival and fair of Santiam Valley Grange. Committees will be appointed at this time.

Sam Wizer, presided at the meeting held Friday. Mrs. George Hays, who was a delegate to State Grange, gave a report. During the lecturer's hour Mrs. Giles Wagner presented Grange Emblem ceremony. She was assisted by Mrs. Jake Myers.

Idanha Man Has Fingers Injured In Mill Accident

IDANHA—Marion Spencer of Idanha sustained a smashed finger in an industrial accident last week at Green Veneer Inc. log docks.

The accident reportedly occurred when the trailer of a log truck swung around while being loaded and his finger became pinned between the trailer and the frame.

He was taken to a Dr. by private car. Reports indicated that a portion of the finger had to be amputated. Spencer is a log truck driver for Benton Trucking, Idanha.

Detroit District Fire Crews on Out of State Fire Calls

DETROIT — The Regional inter-forest suppression crew of the Detroit District were flown from Salem to Ellensburg, Wash., Thursday morning and then transported to Wenatchie to help bring under control a forest fire in the Wenatchie National Forest on the Clem Elum District.

The fire reportedly caused by logging operations burned some 68 acres of timber before being brought control District Ranger Lee Boeckstiegel said Sunday.

The suppression crew returned home Friday.

Virgil Lewis Family Are 'Steer Rustlers'; All a Mistake

The things that happened following the purchase of one steer last Saturday by Virgil Lewis, could only happen in a B-rated western, or so the family thought until the next day.

The steer was purchased and brought home but it broke out of its pasture the next day with the family searching all afternoon for it.

The family saw the steer in Mel Elde's pasture land near Gates. They finally caught the animal, borrowed a trailer from Royal Johnson and with the help of Bill Christianson and his horse Stormy brought him back home.

No sooner was the steer in his own pasture when Joe Bowes drove up and told Lewis that his steer was in the Bowes pasture.

So back they went to the Bowes field and sure enough it was their newly purchased animal. With a shock of dismay the Lewises realized they had innocently rustled the same as theirs.

They notified Elde that he was missing one steer and that they would return it Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have decided they don't think much of "cattle rustling", even on a small scale.

Dennis Davidson to Play in Annual Shrine Grid Game

Dennis Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Davidson and a 1967 graduate of Santiam High school will be one of those playing in the annual Shrine East-West Football game which will be held at Pendleton, August 19.

Tickets for the game may be secured from Pendleton or LaGrande Chamber of Commerce. For more information those interested may contact Mrs. Davidson. Several people from here have indicated that they will attend the game including Al Ward, Jr. who will fly his own plane.

Dennis is presently at LaGrande where he is in training for the game. He will attend Linfield college this fall.

Idanha Young Man On Missile Cruiser

Machinist Mate Third Class Gordon M. Smith, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith of Idanha, is participating in sea trials aboard the light guided cruiser NSS Springfield following a six-month overhaul in Boston, Mass.

Operating from her new homeport, Norfolk, Va., Springfield will conduct the sea trials to insure maximum operating efficiency and proficiency of her crew.

Job Aid Offered to Simpson Men

Job placement help for men whose jobs are being lost by the closure of the Simpson Timber company plants at Lyons and Idanha are being offered at the Union Hall in Lyons.

State Employment service agents will be on duty there each Wednesday morning from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. to provide information on unemployment benefits and job placement.

Some 325 men are being laid off by the closure of the Lyons plant and about 75 will be laid off later at Idanha.

Union Business Agent Burnett Cole said Simpson was helping in every way possible to assist their employees find work elsewhere.

Simpson personnel officer Ronald Russell of Albany said wood industry firms have been contacted about the trained, experienced men available.

A number of families from this area have secured work at a new veneer plant at Kettle Falls, Wn.

Cole said the Union is negotiating with the company regarding seniority rights in

Dave James, vice-president for public affairs for Simpson Timber Co., and John Stentz, personnel manager for the company, were at The Mill City Enterprise office on Tuesday.

In talking with Don Moffatt regarding the closing of the Lyons and Idanha plants, James said he would like to spike the rumor that the mills were closed because of any desire to "break the union." He said reason for the shut down was strictly because of the price of plywood. He said the mill had not been sold to date, but they might sell it if the price was right.

A representative of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce had written Mr. James regarding the impact the closure had on the economy of the area.

layoff and vacation pay still due. He said the union is also trying to preserve the vacation rights of men placed in other mills.

Union and company officials met in Portland Wednesday, to further discuss the Health and Welfare benefits and to try and secure some paid-up benefits for the men. They will, no matter what the company decision is, be able to individually carry on the present health plan.

Also under discussion was the Simpson pension plan which is available at retirement age to men who have 20 years of wood industry employment. This will also be received by workers who have become disabled.

Workers for Simpson who were stunned by the closure about a week ago are gradually working out their employment problems, either by themselves or with company or employment service assistance.

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

Date	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pct.
Aug. 2	86	54	1558.69	0.00
Aug. 3	89	54	1558.37	0.00
Aug. 4	87	55	1558.07	0.00
Aug. 5	85	52	1557.72	0.00
Aug. 6	77	53	1557.42	0.00
Aug. 7	70	55	1557.13	0.00
Aug. 8	77	54	1556.82	0.00