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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

I have often wondered if we couldn't up-date our traffic laws here in Mill City. The recent rash of fines levied for exceeding the speed limit on First street sort of triggered this expression. Here we are in a modern day, with a 20-mile-an-hour speed law, when it is next to impossible to drive a modern, automatic transmission car, with a cold motor, at that slow pace. No, I didn't get a ticket—yet! But wouldn't you feel foolish to have a person on horseback, or a youngster on a bicycle pass you on the way up the hill? I suggest that the City Council should move this speed limit up to at least 28 miles an hour. It would be a safe speed for this street, or at least a major portion of it. This should also hold true for the most of S. W. Broadway. Few places in Mill City is it necessary to move at this slow speed. I think it would be a good idea for several citizens to come to the next city council meeting and see if something cannot be done about this antiquated law.

While on the subject of streets, I wonder if it would be possible to have the rocks removed from the area between Pacific Power's building and the Post Office. This area is utilized to park cars of those people who work in this area, thus relieving the parking congestion at the Post Office and the bank. It certainly wouldn't take very long for the city grader to move these rocks, and it certainly would improve the looks of things considerably.

Anyone who speaks out in support of conservation of resources has a ready audience—and with good reason. Conservation has become a foremost issue of our time. But curiously, the arguments of many of those who profess to be the strongest conservationists hold a contradiction that reveals an amazing lack of understanding of our modern economic system. They simultaneously plead the cause of conservation and damn the profit motive. And yet, it is the profit motive of modern industry that is the greatest enemy of waste.

Waste and profits are incompatible in our competitive system and nowhere is this better illustrated than in the forest products industry. In a late issue of "The Exchange" magazine, Christopher Elias describes the metamorphosis of the "lumber companies" of yesteryear. From one product, the industry has diversified into the production of thousands of products from the forests.

As a result, the timber companies look upon the tree with new regard. In the words of Mr. Elias, "Modern managements see it not so much as a commodity that needs marketing, but as a raw material that is precious, needs renewal and which should be utilized to the fullest. Instead of a hit-and-run operation as in years past, when companies sawed out the most valuable part of a tree and then went on to other acreages, forest products companies farm their lands. They assure future raw material supplies by planting trees that mature 15 to 80 years hence."

The modern timber company abhors waste, if for no other reason than it undermines profits. Thus, the most aggressive conservationists are the largest timber firms who seek to preserve the forests both for recreation and for utilization on a

Rain Sunday Ends Long Dry Period

Rain came early Sunday morning to this parched part of Oregon to end one of its longest dry seasons. Even with the devastation of recent forest fires, the region was fortunate that the entire wooded area didn't burn up.

Just how much rain fell in Mill City is not recorded officially by the government, but it certainly is enough to start reviving lawns, and freshen up the area. Mill City also has been fortunate in not having any major grass fires during the long dry spell which lasted nearly 80 days.

It sounds good to hear the log trucks rolling again, as they have been tied up by low humidity for some time now.

When loggers are out of the woods, it has a bad effect on the economy of this part of the state. With only a short time left before the snow flies in the upper reaches of the mountains, loggers will be "hitting the ball" to get cold decks built up for winter use.

Forest Fires Now in Mop- Up Stage

With over an inch of rain Sunday and Monday in the Cascades and cooler air, the fires which were set by lightning are under control. This cooling off of the weather has been a boon to fire fighters, who are now still on the line mopping up the Devils Ridge and Eagle Rock blazes. By Rarey of Mill City Ranger station said Tuesday morning that they are short handed at this time, only 29 men on the two fires. More men from other districts were expected to help finish up the work. With college and school starting, much of the summer crew is gone, Rarey said. The fire camps which at the peak of the fire took care of some 800 men have been disbanded.

Sale Postponed
Date of the Opal Lake timber sale, involving 3,500,000 board feet above five miles north of Detroit Dam, was postponed by the forest service from September 15 to October 16 because the woods closure had barred prospective bidders from examining the sale area. For further sale information contact the District Ranger, Paul Brady, at Mill City or the Forest Supervisor at Eugene.

Upper Area Opened
District Ranger Lee Boeckstiegel reported 1.3 inches of rain at Coffin Mountain look-out, dampening the nearby Buck Mountain Fire. The fire crew there was reduced to 12 Monday as logging crews and equipment were released back to logging operations. "I expect the logs will be pouring out of here in a few days again," Boeckstiegel said. Mills are anxious to build up cold decks depleted during the woods close down, he said.

perpetual product yielding basis. The profit motive has become an ally rather than an enemy of conservation.

Curling inflation with a tax hike, before cutting unnecessary spending, is something like balancing the family budget by robbing the kid's piggy bank.

Detroit High School Dedicated Sunday



Dedication of Detroit-Idanha's new \$448,137.14 high school plant was held Sunday afternoon. The new school masonry construction is a credit to the community. Pictured above is the Detroit Chorus which is directed by Miss Margaret Minden. From left to right are Superintendent Francis Dummer, Fr. Hugh Gearin and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Leon Minear, who gave the dedication address. Detroit-Idanha can well be proud of their new high school and gymnasium. An open house was held after the dedication.—The Mill City Enterprise photo.

Detroit-Idanha's New High School



In a setting nestled among the high mountains dedication ceremonies for the new school were held Sunday afternoon. This new plant is being used for the first time this year.—The Mill City Enterprise photo.

Fire Rehabilitation Planned For Willamette National By Forest Service Team

A Forest Service team went to the Willamette National Forest this week to examine damage caused by the Airstrip fire and to determine immediate and long-range rehabilitation needs for the burned lands.

Isolated spots of the 7,700-acre fire are still burning, but the team of soil, timber, and range experts are on the scene to provide Forest Supervisor David Gibney, Eugene, with technical assistance on immediate restoration measures to prevent soil erosion and to plan long-term work such as reforestation.

School Enrollment at Detroit About Same As Last Year

DETROIT—Mrs Ruth Mil- leh, Detroit School District clerk said Monday that there are 138 grade school (1-8) students and 55 high school students enrolled for this year.

Last year 56 high school students enrolled, but enrollment dropped to 52. Grade school enrollment was 144.

Area Residents Draw Jury Duty

Several residents in this area have been named to serve on the Linn County jury for the September term of the Circuit court.

Among those whose names were drawn are Sondra Hemshorn, James McKay, H. I. Plymale, Helen McClurg, De- lores Walker, Blanche Kindred, Eleanor LaMunyan and Don Walker.

Kirt Baughman To Get Seeing Eye Dog Soon

Kirt Baughman, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Baughman is now in San Rafael, Calif., training with a German Shepherd, which will soon be his guide dog.

He will soon be back to Salem with the dog and for the first time in nearly five years will be able to walk freely. Kirt's vision became impaired as a result of a severe case of diabetes.

His dog, Carlo is one of many that are trained with their new masters at Guide Dog for the Blind, Inc., at San Rafael. Kirt's employers, Carrol Quimby head masseur at the Salem YMCA and Dr. John Ahlbin of the Salem Chiropractic Clinic said that Kirt was a "pretty independent guy." Kirt agreed to this and said that now he would be able to get about more freely.

Quimby said, "he wants no help and does his own cooking, works as a masseur here and has organized a combo." Kirt plays the rhythm guitar in the group.

He is a graduate of Santiam High school.

Mehama Gets New Fire Siren

By Jean Roberts

MEHAMA—The old air raid horn of World War II vintage, and more recently the fire alarm for the Mehama community, is no more. The old horn has been replaced by a huge siren. It is hoped that the siren will be more easily heard than the old horn.

Mehama, which is entirely a volunteer department, has also installed individual alerters, which will signal a fireman out of hearing of the siren.

There have been no serious fires in the Mehama district throughout the long dry season; however, Mehama firemen have been on stand-by duty for hours at a time when signalled by the Stayton department.

Another safeguard concerning fires in this area, is the installation of a siren at Stout Creek Mill. The Mehama Fire department siren is serviced by Pacific Power & Light while the Stout Creek siren is on Consumers Power. In case of a power outage it is reasonably sure that one siren will operate.

Ted Sims of Corvallis To Speak at 27th Annual Santiam Valley Grange Fair

Ted Sims, State Grange Overseer of Corvallis will be the main speaker at the 27th Annual Grange Fair which will open its doors to the public Saturday, September 23.

Exhibitors who have won prizes on articles of fancy work and crafts will not be allowed to win prizes on the same articles again this year.

Elmer Taylor, general chairman of the fair said today that anyone is eligible to enter exhibits, but only Linn and Marion County exhibitors are eligible for prize money. It should be remembered that this is strictly a community fair.

Lou Myers will be in charge of a horseshoe pitching contest which is a new feature of the fair this year. Lloyd Sletto told The Enterprise

Dr. Leon Minear Speaks At Dedication of \$448,137 High School at Detroit Sun.

DETROIT—More than 200 persons attended the dedication of the new \$448,137 Detroit High school and gym here Sunday, and heard Dr. Leon F. Minear, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who flew in from Chicago, give the main address.

Making the introductions was Francis H. Dummer, Supt. of Detroit Public Schools.

Father Hugh Gearin of Mill City gave the invocation and Rev. Harold Roth of the Idanha Community church the benediction.

Detroit chorus sang the National Anthem, accompanied by trumpeter, Larry Smith, under the direction of Miss Margaret Minden. The chorus also presented a musical dialogue.

A new American flag for the school was presented to Howard Dean, chairman of the Board of Education, by Kenneth Tower, commander

Mill City Fire Department Needs More Members

At a meeting of the Mill City Volunteer Fire Department held Tuesday night it was agreed that applications for membership are now open. The department needs new members at this time. Application can be made at Del's Shell Service.

The firemen also said that fire permits are still needed for any type of open burning. These permits can be secured at Del's Service or from Mrs. Eldon Hutchinson.

Manana Squares To Dance Friday Night

The Manana Squares square dance club will have its first dance and meeting for the fall season, Friday night, September 15 in the Community Hall at Aumsville, said Al Nesbitt, who is caller for the club which was formed last year.

All members are expected to attend, and all interested square dancers will be welcome. A beginner's square dance class will be held later this fall in Aumsville.

Well Child Clinic To Be at Detroit Tuesday, Sept. 19

DETROIT—A Marion County Well Child Clinic is scheduled Tuesday, September 19 from 9:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. at Detroit City hall for physicals and immunizations. Physicals will be by appointment only. For appointments call Mrs. Howard Drago, Marion County Health Co-ordinator, at 854-3522 or Detroit School 854-3363.

Infants and preschoolers especially are invited to take advantage of the clinic.

Mothers, please take note that the clinic is open to children residing in Mill City, Gates, Detroit and Idanha.

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

Date	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pct.
Aug. 30	88	55	1548.39	0
Aug. 31	90	58	1548.02	0
Sept. 1	90	55	1547.63	0
Sept. 2	80	54	1547.17	0
Sept. 3	79	56	1546.81	0
Sept. 4	86	53	1546.28	0
Sept. 5	84	52	1545.79	0
Sept. 6	79	54	1545.28	0
Sept. 7	82	56	1544.74	0
Sept. 8	82	51	1544.00	0
Sept. 9	77	51	1543.34	0
Sept. 10	79	52	1542.75	.06
Sept. 11	67	51	1542.23	.82
Sept. 12	60	50	1541.73	.14