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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

On this Monday morning it is rather dismal, weatherwise, but the sun will be out some time today, or at least that is what the weatherman says. I think Fall is about my favorite time of year. School is in session, people are more settled down and there is an air of hustle and bustle about town. Friday night, Allen Field will resound with cheers as Santiam meets Stayton in the opening football game. I think this would be a good time to remark about what can happen even in small cities like ours. Take a good look at Allen Field when you go to the game Friday night. Almost everything over there is the result of community effort. The lights for instance. Most of the work of installing them was done by volunteer labor. Much of the material for the stadium on the south side of the field was donated by Cedar Lumber and Simpson Ply. Many from the Lions club and others, had a hand in its construction.

Now the final touch is the new Memorial Scoreboard which will be dedicated Friday night. The Lions club sponsored the drive for funds to erect the board. It will be dedicated in memory of several athletes who took part in the sports program of Mill City High school, which is now called Santiam High. I feel this is a real tribute not only to these athletes, but also to the people of the area, who care enough about their school and city to put out the effort necessary to build a fine athletic field such as we have. Any town can accomplish much when they get together and work for a common cause.

We see now where the House of Representatives will act within a few weeks on the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness bill, which is scheduled to set aside about 99,662 acres, and including Marion, Square and Long Lakes. Residents in this area have long felt that these lakes should be left outside the wilderness area. Hundreds of telegrams, night letters, and telephone calls have been made to our representatives in Washington, stating the desires of our people, but apparently with no avail. It says the house most likely will pass the bill, over the protests of the Forest Service. I wonder just what kind of representation we do have in Washington, when an overwhelming number of people here are against the move, yet they say they will pass it over our objections, and the objections of the Forest Service, which is, charged with taking care of our forests. I realize there is a lot of pressure put on our representatives and Senators by the Sierra Club, the Federation of Western Outdoor clubs and others to lock up these lands for the use of a relatively few people. It has been learned that if these lakes are put into the wilderness area, mechanized equipment cannot be brought in to provide sanitary facilities for the people. These lakes now are used heavily by people who like to go there to get away from city life. Why anyone would want to lock up this timber and these lakes for the use of a few, when there is a crying need for recreation areas for all the people is beyond me. Possibly if the House of Representatives does this, we should make a change in those who represent us in Washington, D. C. It would be a good idea for those interested in keeping Marion, Square and Long Lakes outside the Wilderness, to let Washington know exactly how you feel.

Hunter Safety Course To Be Offered Sept. 23

The last Hunter Safety course of the year will be held September 23 at the Mill City grade school, starting at 7:30. All boys under 18 must have a safety certificate before they are allowed to hunt. The course will run for about three nights and instructors will be Tom Drynan and Barry Drake.

Scoreboard To Be Dedicated Friday Night



The new electric scoreboard at Allen Field will be dedicated at the first home football game with Stayton this Friday night. This scoreboard will further update Allen Field, which is second to none for school athletic fields. This Memorial Scoreboard will be dedicated

to honor the following Santiam athletes who have passed away: Craig Jones, Dick Kanoff, Jerry Tucker, Roger Schaer, John Henry, Mike Walker and Bob Gordon. The project was sponsored by the Mill City Lions club.—The Mill City Enterprise photo.

Mill City Jaycees To Back Olympic Torch Fund '68

The Mill City Jaycees have adopted for another project the raising of funds for the 1968 United States Olympic team. Everyone realizes the fierce competition during the Olympic games and the prestige and glory for the winning country. However, few people realize the cost involved in participating each year. The cost of selecting, outfitting, training, transporting, housing and feeding the more than 1100 participants in this great international sports festival approximates \$3,500,000. This amount comes, not through any government subsidy, but through contributions from millions of private individuals.

Boxes bearing the words "Olympic Torch Fund '68" will be distributed throughout local business houses for those wishing to contribute. Also literature on how contributors may obtain Olympic decals, pins or embroidered emblems will be included.

School Board To Meet With Architect

The Board of Directors of Administrative School District 129-J will meet with Mr. Ben Cave Wednesday, September 11, for preliminary discussion regarding the construction of an auditorium. At the present time no definite plans have been made concerning possible construction dates.

The five-year serial levy which matures this year was designed primarily to provide funds for the construction of an auditorium. Directors are currently studying the feasibility of proceeding with construction plans. The serial levy will total approximately \$240,000.00 by the end of the current fiscal year.

Every litter bit hurts. Don't be a litterbug.

N. S. Chamber To Have Installation Banquet Sept. 18

J. C. Kimmel, president of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce is announcing that the annual installation of officers and banquet will be held at The Riverview in Mehama Wednesday, September 18.

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Dennis Clarke, director of the Travel and Information Division of the Oregon State Highway department. He will speak on recreation and tourism. The banquet will be served at 7 p. m.

At a recent board of directors meeting Kimmel named the following to the membership committee. They are Cliff Coleman, Stayton; Louie Thompson, Lyons; Chris King, Mehama; Nils Bittner, Detroit-Idanha and Floyd Eastwood, Mill City-Gates.

The board also ordered another 20,000 colored brochures. This mailing piece has been instrumental in getting many outsiders to move into the area.

Santiam Valley Grange Plans Fall Festival Sept. 21

LYONS—Lou Myers showed scenic pictures of the Little North Fork areas, California, Nevada, Arizona and Canada preceding the regular meeting of Santiam Valley Grange Friday night. John Shafer, master, presided over the business meeting and reports were heard on agriculture, legislation and home economics. Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Doughty from Netel Grange, Clatsop County, were guests.

Plans were discussed for the Annual Harvest Festival and Fair, to be held Saturday afternoon and evening, September 21. Allan Wheeler, State Grange Master will be guest speaker, and Miss LaVonne Miller of Corvallis, 1968 Turkey Queen, also a judge at the McMinnville Turkeyrama will be on the program. She will show the proper way of preparing a turkey for roasting and for the freezer. The fair committees met September at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shafer and completed plans for the fair. Thursday evening, September 19 they will meet at the Grange hall to get tables and booths ready for the event.

An interesting program is being planned by Mrs. Georgia Hays, Thurman Smith and Alice Smith.

Fair committees are Elmer Taylor, general chairman, assisted by John Shafer, Giles Wagner, Lloyd Sletto, and Jake Myers; secretaries, Fern Sletto, Blanche Wagner and Clara Wizer.

Other committees are Antiques, Estella Spiva, Joyce Lambert; baking, Tyler Pinkston, Gretel Turnidge; canning, Bertha Basl, Lola Hince; Fancy work, Lois Myers, Olene Smith; Farm Booth, Sam Wizer, Joe Bowes; Flowers, Celene Taylor, Helen Shafer, June Whitney, Mattie Stout; Fruit, Nuts and Seeds, Frank Basl, Lee Pinkston, Luther Stout; Handicraft, Beulah Bowes, Alvin Palmer; Livestock, Thurman Smith, Nick Wagner, Roy Lambert, John Lambrecht; Vegetables, Olin Spiva, Irl Plymale, Warner Hampton; Program, Mrs. Georgia Hays, Alice Smith, Thurman Smith; Decorations, Bessie Hampton, Jeanne Jennings, Judy McCormick; Publicity, Alta Bodeker.

Mari-Linn Residents Against Unification

A plan to unify three elementary school districts with Stayton struck a snag at a meeting held at Lyons Tuesday night. This was just an informal meeting, but if it is any indication of the feeling of the people the program will go down to defeat at the election September 20.

Curt Benefiel, Mari-Linn principal stated the unification plan was like a "shotgun wedding." He said unification may be necessary some time, but the time wasn't now.

One Lyons resident said: "you want us to come into your district and help pay for your building plan."

Benefiel cited the loss of local control and the present favorable tax millage in the Mari-Linn Elementary District as reasons for voting against unification.

Weather, Detroit Dam

7 a. m. Daily Weather Reading		Pool Elev.	
Sept. 4	78 54	1555.35	0.0
Sept. 5	86 55	1555.10	0.0
Sept. 6	91 58	1554.82	0.0
Sept. 7	80 58	1554.54	0.0
Sept. 8	79 56	1554.02	0.0
Sept. 9	82 56	1553.64	0.0
Sept. 10	64 56	1552.75	T

Lions Calendar Sales Campaign To Start Soon

One of the main orders of business taken care of at the first fall meeting of the Mill City Lions club was appointing Roger Mink as tall twister and George Long as Lion Tamer.

Only 13 members were present for this meeting. Martin Hansen, zone chairman stated that membership will be stressed this year, and he reported that the first zone meeting will be held at Silverton.

The Lions only money-raising event of the year, the calendar sales program, was discussed. Supplies will be passed out at the next meeting, and residents will be contacted. Money raised in this manner goes to sight conservation and community betterment.

Enrollment in Local Schools Increases

Opening week enrollments show an over-all increase of four per cent over the 1967-1968 school year. Enrollments at Santiam High School have decreased five over last year, while enrollments in the elementary schools have increased twenty-seven students. Grade-level breakdowns as of September 10 are as follows:

1st Grade—63; 2nd Grade—47; 3rd Grade—48; 4th Grade—48; 5th Grade—58; 6th Grade—39; 7th Grade—40; 8th Grade—48; 9th Grade—51; 10th Grade—51; 11th Grade—51; 12th Grade—37.

School officials are studying the overloads in the first grade. In the past, overloads in this area have been taken care of by the addition of a teacher aide, and this would seem a likely course of action for the current year. Historically the first grades start high and fall off prior to mid-year, thus creating a natural relief.

At the high school level two new classes are being offered this year, and enrollment has exceeded anticipated levels. Thirty-six students have signed up for Russian instruction, and twenty-three students are enrolled in International Relations.

Mari-Linn School Enrollment Remains Steady This Year

LYONS — Mari-Linn School opened Monday morning, September 9, with an enrollment of 179, a little under last year. Classes were held all day and hot lunch was served.

Enrollment is as follows: 1st grade, 24; 2nd, 33; 3rd, 29; 4th, 26; 5th, 12; 6th, 18; 7th, 12; and 8th, 25.

Following is the staff: 1st, Viola Helse; 2nd, Katie Skillings; 3rd, Olene Smith; 4th, Martha Poole; 5th, Barbara Shult; 6th, Hazel Wirth; 7th, Jim Tollen; 8th, John Huffman; remedial reading, Ethel Wyman; music instructor, John Swinkle.

Doris Miley is school secretary; Mrs. Donna Asmussen and Mabel Downing, cooks. Elmer Culwell is custodian and the bus drivers are Leland Good, Douglas Mentze and Mrs. Lucy Palmer.

Seventh-Day Adventist School Enrolls Seven

The Ivy Park Church School opened with seven students and the teacher Miss Bonnie Stuvenga on September 3rd. The school went on its first field trip for the science class to study changes in the earth's surface at the lava beds near Sisters, Ore.

The Seventh-Day Adventist church has been painted and ceiling tile put on just recently. Other indoor improvements are being planned in the near future in preparation for some special meetings to be held there in October.

Elementary Districts Want No Part of Unification With Stayton High School

By Jean Roberts

LYONS—The unification plan that is proposed by the Stayton High School board, is opposed by all 15 members of school boards of Stayton, Sublimity, and Mari-Linn was released last week by Curtis Benefiel, principal of Mari-Linn district. This stand of opposition was the unanimous decision of the 15 board members recently as they could see no advantage to their individual districts by unification.

The following points of advantage were refuted by the boards: Coordination and Continuity: The district principals already work closely in coordinating their educational material so that there is very little variation as to preparation of any student. In an average classroom of any school there is usually a span of four grade levels, therefore coordination of curriculum will not change this fact of human ability.

The principals were fearful that this coordination would attempt to make every student the same so that high school teachers would not need to bother with individual differences.

Another point which would not be advantageous to the grade schools concerned is the appointment of a curriculum coordinator. In most consolidated or unified districts this person is someone with secondary background who is more of a hindrance than a help to elementary schools.

As to utilization of specially trained personnel, Mari-Linn cannot see any advantage here, as they already have a full-time

Santiam To Meet Eagles Here Friday

The Santiam Wolverines will test their strength Friday night against their old rivals, the Stayton Eagles.

Santiam has six returning lettermen and 10 boys up from the J.V.'s. These added to several inexperienced performers, present a group of enthusiastic young men who are eager for the opportunity to show their football skills.

Following is the roster of players presented by Coach Gibson:

Ends: Larry Hillesland, Tony Grant, Greg Davis and Jim Story.

Tackles: Lonnie Elliott, Gary Plotts, Greg Davis, Marvin Brown.

Guards: Lee Stafford, Mike Long, Larry Eide and Herb Carpenter.

Centers: Bruce Roscoe and Gary Richards.

Tail Backs: Howard Lyness, Doug Cline and Larry Eide.

Full Backs: Dave Ruby, Lee Stafford and Tom Rush.

Wing Backs: Tom Rush, Mark Jeter and Doug Cline.

Quarter Backs: Ron Johnson, Larry Hillesland, Tom Rush and Doug Cline.

A good turnout is anticipated for this opening game, and fans will have the opportunity of seeing the new electric scoreboard, which will be dedicated in honor of former athletes who have passed away. The scoreboard project was sparked by the Mill City Lions club, and most all clubs and many individuals assisted in raising the \$2,000 necessary to erect this modern device. This is an asset to the athletic field and is another phase of keeping up with the times.

The Lions club and parents of the boys who will be honored, are pleased with the generous donations received to make this possible.

Donations are still coming in, and it is hoped enough will be available to purchase a canvas cover to protect it from winter storms.

On page three of this issue of The Enterprise, business firms of the area have taken space to boost the Wolverines at the opening game.

special education teacher who emphasizes speech correction and remedial reading.

Taking exception to the published figure of \$825 per pupil cost, Curtis Benefiel, principal of Meri-Linn school, wondered who had arrived at that figure. Actual cost per pupil at Mari-Linn last year was \$599, which is median of published costs per pupil for the entire county of Linn. To arrive at the \$825 per pupil could only be by counting the cost of a new bus this year which state law requires to be included as a one year expense on the current budget.

Another implication unfounded by fact reads that the Sublimity and Mari-Linn districts will spend up to \$60,000 in the next five years building classrooms." Mari-Linn has no intention of adding classrooms. The already existing plant is in excellent condition, not overcrowded, in fact it is not operating at capacity as yet.

Still another point mentioned as advantageous is the routing of buses. The grade school districts and high school district do not duplicate runs now. Mari-Linn runs three buses transporting high school, grade school, and pre-school children to a central point where they are picked up by Stayton school buses and delivered to their respective schools. Further consolidation could not improve upon the already existing function.

Another point emphasized by the school board members is that they did not petition for the unification plan. The plan was projected from the Stayton High School Board which attempts to "extend its course of study down to the first grade", considered just opposite to the idea of "extending education of grades one through 12" as propounded by the State Department of Education.

To sum up the whole plan in a simple sentence, the grade school boards feel that they "have nothing to gain, and local control to lose."

Kindergarten to Open September 12 at Gates

The PTA sponsored kindergarten will start on Thursday (today) September 12 at 9 a. m. Mrs. George Stafford will again be the teacher and classes will be held in the former Gates high school building.

Registration will be the same day as classes start and anyone desiring more information may call Mrs. Stafford at 897-2030 or Mary Carpenter at 897-2096.



Pictured are the children of Mr. and Mrs. James Murray of Mill City. Joanna, 10, Stan, 5 and Andy, 4. In the next few weeks more Future Citizens pictures will be printed in The Enterprise. They were taken some time ago by a Des Moines Iowa photographer.