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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

"Unity is a basic element of our Nation's strength. The United States rise to a world power has been possible because its people, who often disagree on the means to an end, and have been unified in a common cause—the cause of freedom, liberty, and justice under the rule of law. Dissent, discussion, and opposition are healthy and vigorous components of our way of life. This is how democracy works. However, it is important that we keep sight of our objective, that we preserve our system of self-government, and that we remain united."

The above statement was taken from a message J. Edgar Hoover of the F. B. I. sent to all law enforcement officials.

This brings up quite a point. Our younger generation is exposed to more extremists and radicals than ever before in the history of our great nation. They are buffeted from all sides by propaganda of foreign nations, from those in our own country who evidently do not realize what a wonderful government we have, even though it gets kicked around a lot by people we elect to office. We have had many in office who use their power for their own selfish ends, and for perpetuating their reign. We have too few good statesmen and too many mediocre politicians who are shaping our destiny.

We are running headlong into a socialistic form of rule, and it is high time for a change so we can get back to the basic concepts of government, following the Constitution more closely, not the wills and whims of those in Washington. Until such time as we see fit to put the control of our country back into the hands of the people, we will continue to drift towards the brink of government control over every facet of our lives—that is when we will lose our strength, and our capability to be a world power. We have lost much in the past few years. Foreign nations, even those to whom we give billions, are losing their respect for us.

We can be thankful that most of our young people are sane and sound in their thinking. They do not blindly follow self-proclaimed do-gooders without checking their credentials. They are beginning to read between the lines, and sort out the good from the bad in all this clamor for rights. We still have more rights, and as a rule those who really try, regardless of their color, still can make good in America. We must stop pampering every group which stands and shouts about inequality of opportunity. We must cease to blame all young people for the acts of a real minority in our country. All of us must face reality. The truth is that no nation, regardless of how great or strong can long survive when torn by discord and strife. If we do not stand united, a free society ruled by law, we shall fall prey to the forces which seek to control the world.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey said in a speech yesterday that he would, if he became president, stop the bombing of North Vietnam as an "acceptable risk for peace." That to me is just political talk, of which there is too much on both sides. I do not think that it is Humphrey's decision to make. We have had far too many direct and personal decisions made by President Johnson, and if Humphrey is going to carry on the same theme, certainly he is not the man to hold office. I feel he is jeopardizing whatever chance we have for peace at the conference table. I feel he is running scared in this campaign and is grabbing at straws in an attempt to get his campaign going. When the votes are counted this fall, I feel the Republicans will certainly be ahead, and I for one and really ready for a change from one-man rule in Washington, D. C. Let us put out government back into the hands of Congress where it belongs.

Helistop Planned For Hospital

The Board of Directors of Santiam Memorial Hospital at Stayton gave the green light on a Helistop to be built on the hospital grounds. The expense of this facet of improvement to the hospital service will be inexpensive, said the board as the State Board of Aeronautics will furnish the cable and lights when the grounds are prepared. While up to this time there had been no need for a helistop at the hospital, it was decided in case of major forest fires or other emergencies, it would be advantageous to have a place for helicopters to land.

Ernest Whitehead, representative of Halton Tractor Co. was present to talk about an auxiliary generator which would be large enough for all hospital facilities in case of an emergency. There being a sale of hospital equipment in Portland next month, the board asked the administrator and building committee to check into a 100 K. W. generator which will be auctioned off on October 8.

The parking lots in front of and on the east side of the hospital will be resurfaced with 1 1/2 inches of compacted blacktop. This was authorized because the old blacktop is beginning to wear out.

Mrs. Lura Fair of the Hospital Auxiliary reported that the Thrift Shop has brought in over \$2,300, and they presented the hospital with a check for six months' rent on the cardiac equipment. She reported they have enough money left to pay another six months rental on the equipment. The Auxiliary is also planning to put up new iraperies in the patient rooms.

Lions Calendar Drive Deadline Near

Those who wish to purchase a Lions Birthday Calendar have but a week or so yet to get their names on the dotted line. Lions representatives are making calls in their respective districts now in an effort to get their territories covered in the allotted time. Some times residents are missed by not being at home when the representative calls. Those who have been missed may bring in their listings to The Enterprise office.

It should be remembered the money raised from this program goes to sight conservation, the Lions main project.

At the meeting Monday night Fred Krecklow put on an impressive induction ceremony for George Long, the newest member of the club.

Martin Hansen, zone chairman, stated Mill City had the largest representation at the meeting held at Silverton recently. He said the goal for new members this year in Mill City has been set for 10.

Eagles Lodge To Be Organized in Stayton - Mill City

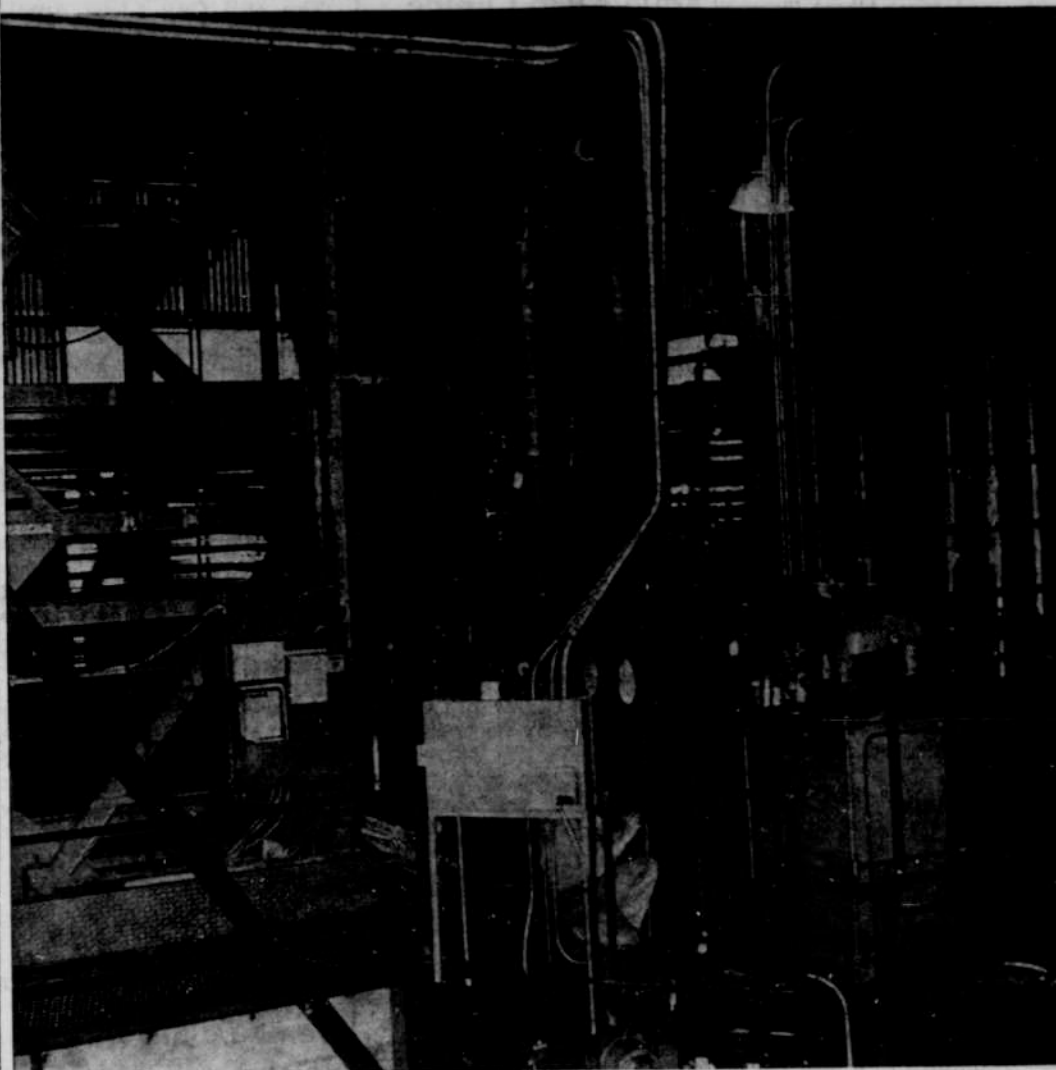
There will be a local Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in this area within a short time.

The Eagles is an organization known for its Civic, Community and Humanitarian programs as well as its social activities.

Starting Thursday, October 3rd at 8 p. m. there will be an organizational meeting at Grant's Restaurant, 1/2 mile east of Mill City. Anyone interested in learning more about this is invited to attend these meetings any Thursday.

Charles H. Patterson, the organizer from Portland will be present to explain and answer all questions.

Hot Press Put Into Production



The above hot press which is just now going into production at North Santiam Plywood, Mill City, is responsible for the employment of 40 additional men. Up to this time, the firm has been making only interior plywood. The owners state there is more demand annually for exterior plywood, and they made this move to keep abreast of the times. Local firms such as North Santiam are responsible for the stability of this area. Photo by Stan Ogden, staff photographer

At North Santiam Ply



Pictured are Bill Morgan, one of the owners of North Santiam Plywood, Inc., Leroy Bender, hot press foreman on the night shift and Bill Pynch, superintendent of the hot press operation. The men are still working out the bugs in the hot press which will be used to produce exterior grade plywood. This is part of the expansion of this local y-owned and controlled plywood mill.—The Mill City Enterprise photo.

WWI Auxiliary To Send Boxes of Gifts To Men In Vietnam

Mrs. Lang Stafford, Secretary of the Auxiliary of World War I of Mill City, wishes to send 12 boxes to Viet Nam in October. They will be needing cookies, candy, gum, or presweetened Kool Aid, any used jig saw puzzles that anyone wishes to contribute, also money contributions for postage would also be appreciated. The boxes weigh just under 5 pounds and take 4 days by air mail. All contributions may be left at the home of Mrs. Lang Stafford in Gates. The service men really appreciate these gifts and the fact that they are being remembered at home.

Fishing Good on Rogue Says Teague

Gene Teague of Stayton and Dick Sturgill of Medford were guides for a fishing trip down the Rogue river recently. On the two-boat trip were men from Fisher Flouring Mills of Seattle.

Teague said there was a good run of summer steelhead, and they caught over 35 fish on the trip. Teague said he saw thousands of new fish coming up river near Agness.

The trip lasted four days. They put in at Galice and made the 55-mile run to Agness.

Forest Service Man In "Turtle Club"

The Willamette National Forest's newest member of the "Turtle Club" is Jack L. Smith of the Oakridge Ranger District.

Membership in the "Turtle Club" is restricted to men whose life may have been saved or who escaped serious injury because they were wearing hard hats while working. Smith earned his "Turtle Club" membership because of an accident happening September 20, 1966. He was fighting fire in the Blue River District when a 30 pound top from a burning dead tree broke loose and fell about 70 feet. It struck Smith on the head and back, knocking him down and stunning him temporarily. But he escaped serious head injury.

Smith donned a new Turtle Club hard hat at a ceremony in Oakridge Wednesday.

Weather, Detroit Dam

7 a. m. Daily Weather Reading	Pool	Elev.	
Sept. 25 78 52 1549.10	0		
Sept. 26 81 53 1548.39	0		
Sept. 27 77 52 1547.14	0		
Sept. 28 66 47 1545.86	0		
Sept. 29 80 49 1544.51	0		
Sept. 30 80 52 1543.15	0		
Oct. 1 74 50 1541.74	0		

Crusaders Upset Wolverines 27-20

The Santiam Wolverines fought a hard and long battle against the Salem Academy Crusaders Friday in Salem.

The first half was in favor of the Crusaders as 27 points were tallied against Santiam's 7, which Larry Hillesland made on a one-yard plunge.

The second half had the Crusaders off balance from Santiam's fighting efforts. Doug Cline broke away on a 53 yard run for a T.D., closing the gap to 27-14. Santiam stopped the Crusaders' attempt to score and Larry Hillesland again scored on a 50 yard run, making the score 27-20 with the extra point failing.

The Crusaders beat the Wolverines, but Santiam is still in second place and will play the Regis Rams on the Stayton field Saturday night for a chance to share first place with the Rams.

Detroit--Idanha Study Sanitary Fill Sites

The Marion County Technical Action Panel (Committee made up of representatives of Department of Agriculture Agencies and other county and state agencies in Marion County) has been working with the communities of Detroit and Idanha in search of a possible sanitary land fill site for that area. The two communities contract with a private individual at this time. However, the current disposal site is inadequate and it has not been feasible for the operator, due to conditions at the site and cost involved to operate a sanitary land fill operation.

Detroit District Ranger, Lee Boeskestiel, called the situation to the attention of the TAP Committee and a number of visits to the area by the committee and meetings with county and state officials have ensued. Presently a proposed land fill site has been located and hopefully will be approved by the State Sanitary Authority within the next several weeks.

Due to recreation and tourism, a large amount of refuse is gathered during the summer months. The rough terrain and number of flowing streams in the area makes the finding of a suitable disposal site extremely difficult.

North Santiam Plywood Puts on 40 More Men In Expansion of Plant

By Don Moffatt

North Santiam Plywood, Inc., owned by Bob Young, Verne and Bill Morgan, which first started operation here in 1962 is in the process of making its first major expansion since putting in the veneer dryer. At that time the firm hired only 20 men. In 1963 a lay-up plant for interior plywood was installed and it was then that they had 80 men on the mill payroll. They continued running the dryer and this layup plant until this past month when they put in the hot press. They then added another 40 men to the mill crew. While they are not in full production on exterior plywood, the machine is installed and they are working out the bugs. It takes considerable time to get this type of equipment operating efficiently. When interviewed recently, Bill Morgan one of the owners showed the fine quality of plywood they were getting out of the machine. Tests are made regularly to be sure the wood is bonded properly, which will guard against any separation. Verne Morgan, stated the trend now is to use more exterior grade plywood in construction and this move was made to keep their mill in a competitive position in the market.

There is always much talk nowadays about the North Santiam being mostly a tourist area. This can be refuted by the fact that this firm, including their plant, Green Veneer at Idanha, has a payroll of some \$1,700,000 annually. It would take a lot of tourists to pump this much cash money into the area. While we do not discredit the tourist business, any out-of-area planners who figure tourist business is the Canyon's main income, have another guess coming.

The two mills, here and at Idanha, employ 220 men. This does not include some 75 workers employed directly in the woods. It takes some 48 million board feet of logs to keep these two plants running. To harvest this amount of timber, another large group of men are hired. Benton Trucking, for instance, has the hauling contract for North Santiam Ply. Then come the smaller logging firms. Logging for North Santiam are Howell Logging, Savage Logging, Pyramid Logging, Marion Forks Logging Co., and Jack Duggan.

When all of these things are added up, it makes for a good stable economy for this area. We have many other large mills in the area, which also contribute to the welfare of the community. Their taxes make our fine schools possible and they also contribute tax wise to the upkeep of our cities.

At the Mill City plant, the firm now can spot nine cars for loading and it is expected more trackage will be installed for another six cars. Bob Young said the plant now has about two acres under roof, and plans are now being made to build another 40,000 or 50,000 square feet of space. He also said they expect to put a sander in operation soon.

When interviewing the owners, it was learned that there is an urgent need for more good housing here at the present time, as many of their men can find no suitable place to live. Many of these men would like to move here so they could be close to their work. Housing is also needed in the upper canyon to take care of the men working in the woods, and mills in that area.

Credit for much of the building plans at North Santiam should go to Dave Barnhardt, who has been superintendent of building construction, officials said. During the interview by The Enterprise, spokesmen stated that the success of any business such as theirs was dependent upon the complete cooperation of the entire working force from the woods crew to office personnel. They said Santiam Ply is fortunate in having good relations between labor and management.

Property owners in Linn County will find their taxes have gone up when they receive the bill next month. Lebanon residents, for example, will pay \$4.55 more this year than last. Their tax bill will be \$29.64 per \$1,000 worth of property owned.

Other tax levies will include Mill City, \$17.17 an increase of 34 cents; Lyons, \$23.95, up \$2.16, and Scio, \$27.69, a jump of \$1.59. Valuations of cities in Linn County also are up. Lebanon property is now estimated at \$38,422,030 compared to \$35,119,856 a year ago.

Other community valuations, with last year's figures in parenthesis, are Mill City, \$3,510,849 (\$3,356,240); Lyons, \$3,039,290 (\$1,948,164) and Scio, \$1,887,670 (\$1,873,808). Valuation for the whole county is \$618,108,420, an increase of \$29,912,808 over last year.

The over-all tax levy for the county is \$13,918,256, not including a few smaller special districts not yet computed. It is up from the 1967 assessment by \$2,218,910.

City Streets Improved



City streets got another face lifting this week, when a paving crew was busy surfacing the strip from the street to the curb on several thoroughfares. Included in the program were S. W. 1st, second and third streets and S. W. Evergreen. The picture above is third, between the Christian and Presbyterian churches. The streets of the city have been paved without floating a bond issue. This is just a continuance of the pay as you go street paving program.—The Mill City Enterprise photo.