

### Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Today, many people feel that we are riding the crest of a prosperity wave. I don't think so. I think we're riding for a fall, and the ones who are on fixed incomes are really the ones who are suffering most. All countries have had the same experience. Inflation has always been associated with booming business and general good times.

I know that writing against inflation is not popular, but I do feel that when we continue deficit spending and debt accumulation by government, regardless of the taxpaying ability of the people, we just can't maintain this policy forever. Something has to give. Some economists are beginning to speak of the possibility of a recession and inflation at the same time. Wages are outrunning output it is said. In the last three years, the purchasing power of the average U. S. worker has done no better than hold steady. Every time wages go up, so do the prices of foods and other commodities. No one wins. Someone, someplace, sometime, is going to be forced to stand still—but who is going to take the first step? Increased wages do not necessarily help the worker. The increase in the commodities he buys always goes up a little faster than he can make money to provide for his family. Wouldn't everyone be better off if things would level off? Maybe government price freezing is the answer, and I for one would hate to see that. We just have to learn to spend a little less than we earn, and put a little away for old age, but it is next to impossible to do that in an inflated economy. Try to tell a parent right now how to save money when they try to buy school clothing, for instance. Some of the young people in our area, who have worked hard in harvest fields to purchase their own clothing are getting a real taste of what Mom and Dad go through every day in providing a home for them. Just isn't so easy, is it kids?

Another item on taxes was given to me this week by Lee Basset. It says this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Nation's first gasoline tax. Gasoline taxes now produce more revenue in 30 minutes than the one-cent-a-gallon Oregon tax did during the first full year the tax was on the books. He said that U. S. highway users now pay gasoline taxes at the rate of \$17,699 a minute, \$1 million an hour, and \$24.5 million daily. This is a lot of money, but I would rather pay a gasoline tax, than have the burden of highway construction and maintenance placed as a general tax. As long as ALL the gasoline tax is used for highway purposes, it isn't quite so bad.

I wonder if the day is coming when we will be governed by the decision of panels of experts rather than laws. With increasing frequency, boards and commissions made up of supposed "experts" are issuing what amounts to edicts involving everything from prescription drugs to gun controls. The National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence has concluded that the best way to control crime is to take handguns away from millions of law-abiding citizens. I think this is all wrong. The owning of a handgun does not necessarily mean that the owner is going out and take a potshot at someone. It would not eliminate guns from hoodlums any more than prohibition kept booze from those who should not have had it.

I know many people who own handguns who would not harm a flea, but on the other hand, it does give them some sense of protection to have one handy. Consider the person who is camping in our campsites, or in remote places nowadays. How can they tell when they will be accosted by some group of hoodlums. Sure, owning a gun may be the worst thing, but personally I feel just a little bit better when

## McMorris to Play Softball In Missouri

Gordy McMorris left Wednesday, September 3 for Springfield, Missouri to compete in the National Softball Tournament which includes the sixteen top softball teams in the United States.

Mr. McMorris plays for the Lakers, sponsored by Lake Grove Finance company, who won the Northwest Regional Tournament August 24th in Seattle with a 2-1 score in the final game against defending champion, Mead-Samuel Realty of Seattle.

Ron Davidson, who pitched Kelly Lumber Company to the State title in 1953, pitched all four wins for the Lakers. He was named the outstanding pitcher and the most valuable player in the tournament.

Gordy was the leading hitter for the Lakers, hitting 7 for 15 and had key hits which produced winning runs for his team.

He has received many awards and honors through the years he has been playing softball but his wife, Betty Lou said that this was "a once in a lifetime opportunity."

## Kindergarten To Open Sept. 11 At Gates School

Mrs. George Stafford who is again teaching the Mill City-Gates kindergarten reminds parents that the school will begin at 9 a. m. Thursday, September 11. She says that students can enroll that morning at the school in Gates, or call Mrs. Floyd Blackburn, at 897-2632.

Bus transportation to the school, which is held in Gates, and car pool arrangements can be made. While school in 129J will open September 4, kindergarten will not start until a week later.

## Service Stations Change Owners

In the past couple of weeks two service stations in Mill City have changed hands. The first change was when Del Goforth sold out his Shell station at Broadway and 1st to Vern and Carol Ohrt. Del said he thought it was time to take a little rest. Vern stated he plans to maintain the same business policies set up by the former management.

The other transaction took place when Bob and Rae Music sold their Phillips 66 station on the highway to Oscar and Irene Harris. They are inviting customers to come in and get acquainted.

## Stayton Firm Left Out of Index on Trade Center Review

Last week when The Enterprise ran the Stayton Trade Center Review, which is put out by News Accounting Service, an error occurred in the index on page two.

Pat's Pill Box was left out. Pat Ackerman informed us of the error and we wish to correct the mistake. Pat Ackerman is the owner-pharmacist of the firm which is located at 521 N. 1st in Stayton.

I have a hand gun along to sort of equalize things a bit. Taking away hand guns is not the answer, or at least I don't think so. I feel that stiffing of the laws, or at least enforcing the ones we do have would bring about a more sobering effect on the law breaker than a lot of other plans to disarm the public. I know that things are supposed to be better now than during our frontier days, when guns were the "law of the land," but are we any more civilized now than then? We didn't have to lock our doors in those days, but how about today? Think these things over.

### To Graduate



Miss Juanita Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan of Mill City will receive her nurses degree from Good Samaritan at ceremonies to be held at the Trinity Episcopal church in Portland, Friday, September 5.

Miss Morgan graduated from Santiam High school with the class of 1966 and received nursing scholarships from the Linn County Medical society and from Santiam Memorial hospital in 1967. After her graduation she will be a surgical nurse at Good Samaritan hospital.

## Ricky Williamson Receives Honors

IDANHA—Ricky Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Williamson of Idanha was recently awarded a \$273.00 scholarship from the Oregon College of Education it was announced here last week. In addition he was also awarded a \$750.00 General George A. Jackson and Maria C. White Foundation. He was the recipient of a \$233.00 scholarship from the Deanna Parent Teachers Club.

A 1969 graduate of Detroit High School he will attend O.C.E. this fall where he plans to major in Business Administration.

## Christmas Seal People To Meet At Idanha Firehall Tuesday

Christmas Seal volunteers will gather at the Idanha Fire Hall for a label party Tuesday, September 9 at 10 a. m.

The group will label envelopes for mailing Christmas Seals to residents of Marion, Benton, Linn, Polk and Yamhill Counties in November. A potluck is also planned.

Opal Leming, Willamette Tuberculosis and Health Assn. (WTHA) Area Chairman, is in charge of the event. WTHA is the local Christmas Seal association.

Betty O'Brien and Lula Marchant of the WTHA staff, Salem, are expected to attend.

### They Grow Big Here



Last week Mrs. Ruth Powers called the office to say she had a record parsnip at her place. To prove her point she brought the plant to The Enterprise office. It was well over six feet high. It certainly didn't look like a parsnip to me, but she swears she planted parsnip seeds and this one really grew tall. Her home is on S. E. 4th in Mill City.—Enterprise photo.

## Parents, Watch Youth For Drug Use

State Police Superintendent Holly V. Holcomb today announced that in an effort to aid parents who have reason to believe their children may be using narcotics or dangerous drugs, they may leave suspected substances for analysis by the State Crime Detection Laboratory at any State Police office in the State. Any information so obtained will be kept confidential between the parents and the State Police.

It was explained that on occasion parents will note unusual changes in the personality and habits of their children, which may indicate drug usage, and will observe unidentified tablets, capsules, powders and vegetable material in the clothing or in possession of their children.

Under the program announced, a parent may take such material to a state Police office and leave it for laboratory analysis. The parent need not leave his name, but will be assigned a number. After approximately ten days, the parent may call the office where the material was left without revealing his identity, using only the number assigned, and will be informed of the result of the analysis. In the event the material is identified as narcotics or dangerous drugs, the parent will be warned of the probability of usage by the child and can arrange through his physician for any indicated medical assistance or through other agencies for appropriate social services.

## Many Visitors In Santiam Canyon Over Labor Day

DETROIT — The Upper North Santiam Canyon buzzed with activity as thousands of vacationers flocked to the area on the last big three day holiday of the season, Detroit Lake State Park, Mongold, as well as all of the Forest Service Campgrounds were filled to overflowing. Latecomers could be seen camping along the river bank as well as in any wide spot on the road.

Fishing was reported from fair to good with many limiting out. It was an ideal holiday with the weatherman co-operating fully.

No serious accidents were reported and no ambulance runs were made. Everyone seemed to be having a delightful time.

### Harvest Time



One of the busiest places on the highway recently is the fruit and vegetable stand in east Mill City owned and operated by Baylink & Myers, Inc. Many tourists on their way to a camping spot also stop and purchase some produce to take on their trip. The firm does landscape gardening and intend next year to expand their business and building to include a complete garden supply store.—Mill City Enterprise Photo.

## Log Export Hearing Set For Sept. 26

A public advisory hearing on plans to implement a section of the "Morse Amendment" to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1968, on timber export from federal land, will be held in Portland Friday, September 26.

The Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Department of the Interior, will hold the hearing, beginning at 10 a. m. in the auditorium of the Bonneville Power Administration Building, 1002 N. E. Holladay Street, Portland.

The hearing is to review a plan proposed by the two agencies to control log export substitution, as provided in the amendment. The main provision of the amendment, which went into effect January 1, 1969, restricted to 350 million board feet the amount of timber that can be sold for export from federal lands west of the 100th meridian.

The amendment also authorized the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to formulate a plan to prevent purchase of National Forest or Bureau of Land Management timber in substitution for non-federal timber being exported.

Comments and advice are sought on the proposed plan, which is being circulated to timber purchasers, industrial associations, state officials, port authorities, and other interested persons.

Persons unable to attend the Portland hearing may submit written statements to either the Regional Forester, Forest Service, P. O. Box 3623, Portland 97208, or to the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P. O. Box 2965, Portland 97208, within 30 days following the hearing. Copies of the proposed plan may also be obtained from the offices listed above.

## Pre-School Mothers To Sponsor Rummage Sale

DETROIT—The Pre-School mothers will sponsor a rummage sale Friday, September 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The event will be held at the Detroit Community Christian Church. Proceeds will be added to the Kindergarten fund.

This brings to mind a little story about a sign that was spotted at a church preparing for a fund raising project.

It read: Ladies—"Don't forget the rummage sale. This is a good chance to get rid of everything not worth keeping but too good to throw away. Bring your husbands."

## Young & Morgan High Bidder On Federal Timber

DETROIT—Young & Morgan Inc. Mill City, was the successful bidder on an estimated 5,100,000 board feet of federal timber in the East Humburg No. 3 timber sale conducted at the Detroit Ranger Station Tuesday morning.

An estimated 3,620,000 board feet of Douglas-fir logs and peeler blocks, advertised at \$69.75 per thousand sold for \$77.30 per thousand in the final bidding of the oral sale. There was five qualified bidders.

Other species of timber included in the sale was an estimated 1,480 MBF of Western hemlock and other species which sold at the advertised rate of \$50.75 per thousand, and an unestimated amount of Douglas-fir special cull logs advertised at \$4.15 per thousand. The western-hemlock and the other species and the special cull logs sold at fixed rates.

Included in the sale were 177 acres of all species logs substandard because of defect or size, sold at the advertised rate of \$2.50 an acre. The stand of Willamette National Forest timber is located approximately 11-miles northeast of Detroit up the Breitenbush River.

## Nurses To Attend Social Security Meet September 8 in Salem

The first program of the fall season for District No. 3 Nurses is scheduled for September 8th at 7:30 p.m., Oregon State Hospital Nurses Residence, Mr. Clair Flaten, District Manager of the Social Security Office in Salem will be the featured guest speaker. He will discuss social security—what it is and whom it serves, including the recent Medicare Program and its functions.

Clair Flaten has been associated with Social Security since the year of its beginning, 1937. Special training took him from Portland to Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Maryland, N. Y. City and San Francisco. He has been district manager at the Salem office since 1964.

Beyond his role as district manager, Mr. Flaten serves as: 1. Chairman of Rotary Foundation, Committee of Salem Rotary Club. 2. Chairman of Marion-Polk County Health Council. 3. President of Salem Federal Executive Association. 4. Past member of Board of Administration of Faith Lutheran Church. All nurses are invited to attend an informative meeting.

## Gates Man Gets Jail Sentence

A Gates man has been sentenced to six months in jail after he pleaded guilty to charges that he took food and cooking utensils from a cabin.

Gerald Udell Sherry, 26, was sentenced Wednesday in Marion County Circuit Court. The charge involved entry into the cabin of George Kraus at Gates on April 30.

## Thomas and Lynn Get F. S. Awards

A brief awards ceremony was held at the Detroit Ranger Station recently. Ten-year certificates and pins were given to Wayne L. Thomas and Gerald W. Lynn.

Thomas began his career with the Forest Service in 1957 and has spent all his career on the Detroit and Mill City Districts. Bud worked in Fire Control until 1965 when he was reassigned to Timber Management, working primarily in Reforestation.

Lynn first started working for the Forest Service in 1962 on the Kettle Falls Ranger District, Colville National Forest. Prior to that time he was in the U.S. Navy for 4 years. Most of his time at Kettle Falls was in Recreation and Fire Control. He came to the Mill City District in 1967 and worked in Timber Management and Fire Control before reassignment to the Detroit District in 1968 as Assistant Fire Control Officer.

Mildred J. Whitsett was given a Quality Step Increase effective August 24. Jo started working for the Forest Service on the Mill City District in 1963 and was the Personnel Clerk for the District from 1966 till reassignment to Detroit in 1968 where she is currently serving in this capacity. Her award was for sustained above-average work performance.

## Salem Boy Scouts Find Indian Canoe In Horse Lake

Members of Salem Boy Scout Troop 18 were jubilant on August 6 when they discovered a dugout submerged in Horse Lake within the Three Sisters Wilderness.

Was it an old Indian canoe hacked out of a giant log many moons ago?

To answer this question Dr. David Cole, Curator of the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural History, travelled to Horse Lake on August 20 with Sam Frear, Public Information Officer of the Willamette National Forest.

Together they saw and chopped away logs near the outlet of Horse Lake that were pinning down the canoe. Turned over, the canoe revealed non-Indian trade marks: galvanized nails and clean cuts obviously made by a sharp metal ax.

In addition, in one of their not so trusty swings of an axe, the investigators chopped a piece from the canoe's side, revealing that the wood still appeared fresh.

The verdict, then, is that the canoe is about 15 to 22 years old, its maker or makers unknown.

The Salem Boy Scouts made their discovery while on a 50-mile hike on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and were swimming in Horse Lake during a two-day layover there. The troop leader is B. J. Battig.

## Grass Fires Keep Firemen Busy

The hot weather of the past week brought a rash of grass fires with the firemen called out three times on one fire; that was near the new Scout building on ReMine road.

The old Hammond lumber company railroad tracks in that area are being removed and it is believed that sparks from some welding caused the blaze. The fire was apparently out but strong winds brought them to life the next day. Again on Saturday the smouldering blaze flared up but was put out, this time "for keeps."

There was another grass fire on Thursday near the former Baptist Mission on SW 7th which was extinguished without incident.