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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Many times we people in this area think the only thing we have in the way of industry is timber and its related products. I found out this week that this is not the case. Up at Gates three men moved in from the Los Angeles area with a shop full of precision tools and are busy making parts for airplanes. Shipping poses no problem for them, as the metals they use are light, and transportation for their finished product is also easy. They left the Los Angeles area to get away from the smog, traffic, and too many people. They like this area and have remodelled the old garage used at one time by Bill Leming. Possibly this is the breakthrough that this area needs. The manufacturing of component parts for airplanes, assembly plants, and a varied list of industries could find this area just the place to locate. A few years will make a great change in this area. Of course, logging will probably be the primary industry for many years to come. We have built some fine mills here within the past 10 years.

Speaking of advance in production and marketing of timber we can't overlook Cedar Lumber Co., Inc. out in Fox Valley. This firm has made a rapid growth in the past few years. They have just started selling packaged lumber, which is another step forward in marketing of their product. A picture on this page will show how their new package will look. Progress is coming to the area, and we'd better be ready for it. Right now there is a housing shortage, and it will continue to magnify as the years go by.

I see by the papers that the State Highway department, parks division, is going into camp site construction in a big way. The headlines say 950 campsites to be built in time for use next summer. I was rather surprised at the cost of providing one campsite. Some \$3,000. They plan to just fix the sites with electrical hook-ups, and leave the sewer and water to be done at a later date. While on the coast this weekend I spent considerable time visiting with private parties who have built trailer parks in recent years. Most of them figure the sites could be built for a lot less than \$3,000 each. They can do it, so how come the State has to pay this much? It is a question I would like answered. One thing I will say about the state parks, they are the best in the United States. They are well-planned, neat, and kept that way. At that price they certainly should be.

There has been a big fuss this past year about overcrowding in our state parks. I wonder if any of these people who can't get into a state park ever tried to get into a privately owned parking place. They are available on the coast now, and at a rate that compares favorably with the state fees.

I talked with one outfit which informed me that "if the state kept out of the park business, private enterprise could well take care of the problem." I don't know about that, but I do know that if you really want to spend money to get a job done, just let the government do it. Personally I would rather see the state put in maybe 500 parks and do the complete job. Doing part of the building of campsites now and finishing them later is just like building the house, then go to the expense of jacking it up to put in the basement. Of course, these engineers are supposed to know what they are doing, but I for one have always been against these crash programs—you always pay through the nose for the work done. No matter what happens, the demand for campsites will for many years exceed the accommodations.

Every time I go to the coast I have a feeling of disgust when I try to watch the waves at Boiler Bay. The highway department put up that damned

Cedar Lumber Begins Wrapping Lumber



Above is a picture of the new package of lumber being offered to purchasers by Cedar Lumber Co. Inc. The first wrapped packages went out last week. Fred Krecklow, in the background is seen putting the final touches on a package. Benny Bennett will be in charge of this department, but he was not on hand when the picture was taken by an Enterprise reporter, Don Walker, one of the owners of the Mill stated he felt this would make their product more marketable. He said when you get a whole carload of packed lumber it will show up real good, and before long the Lion will readily be identified with Cedar Lumber.—The Mill City Enterprise photo.

Cedar Lumber Starts Wrapping Lumber

Cedar Lumber Co., Inc. this past week began marketing "wrapped" lumber. In an interview with Don Walker, one of the owners, and manager of the operation, he feels that this is the best way to market lumber. It is much more convenient for those purchasing the lumber as each bundle is marked as to size and number of pieces and it is possible to stack the lumber in the open and not in covered sheds as in the past. Walker also said: "It is too costly to ship in box cars anymore. Labor casts have increased so much for loading and unloading lumber that it makes it nearly prohibitive to handle in this manner. This way it can be unloaded off flat cars with a fork lift, and that saves a lot of time and money." This is just one of the cases of labor pricing itself out of the market. It will do no good to continue to raise wages, if there is no work to do. Automation in the lumber business is reducing the number of men it takes to produce a thousand board feet of their product. Cedar Lumber is one of the several mills in this canyon

which is moving forward in modern marketing. It is the only way to continue in business according to information given The Enterprise. Some of the finest mills in the state are found in the North Santiam Canyon.

Truck-Train Mishap Injures Driver

LYONS—Log truck driver George Childs of Lebanon is in Lebanon Hospital today with injuries suffered when a train struck his truck east of here. Childs was driving for the Gilbert Logging Co., when the Southern Pacific freight train hit the truck at Gilbert's Station 1½ miles east of here at 3 p.m. Tuesday. He suffered a broken collar bone and other injuries.

Lions Board Meets At Krecklow Home

The board of directors of the Mill City Lions club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krecklow Sunday evening. It was agreed that any member who does not attend a dinner meeting without a valid excuse turned in before Friday at 5 p. m. prior to the Monday meeting will be fined \$1. This is being done because not enough members are showing up at meetings to meet the dinner guarantee. In other action, George Long was re-appointed to the steering committee for another year. The next Lions club dinner meeting will be held Monday, October 13. Deadline for Calendar Sales is the 13th of October.

Lyons Plans For Sidewalk Improvement

LYONS — The Lyons City Council decided Wednesday night to advertise for bids for blacktopping and curbing existing sidewalks in the community. Building Inspector Joe Johnson resigned. Councilmen recommended Howard Naue to take over the position. The council discussed relocation of the highway through Lyons once a new bridge is built across the Santiam River.

Weather, Detroit Dam

7 a.m. Daily Weather Reading

	Pool	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pcp.
Oct. 1	59	51	1522.89	0.02	
Oct. 2	56	45	1522.35	1.73	
Oct. 3	53	44	1521.78	1.18	
Oct. 4	60	43	1521.26	0.00	
Oct. 5	65	39	1520.52	0.00	
Oct. 6	66	42	1519.73	0.00	
Oct. 7	72	42	1518.89	T	

Santiam Stays on Win Streak

The Santiam Wolverines, trailing 20-12 at halftime, scored 2 touchdowns in the second half, and held host Scio scoreless to win their 4th straight game by the score of 24-20, Friday, October 3.

The Wolverines scored 6 points in each quarter of the game with the first one on a 42 yard pass from Ron Johnson to Larry Hillesland. The extra point attempt by Cline failed.

In the second quarter, Howard Lyness, who had a total of 81 yards in the game, crossed the goal line on a 7 yard plunge, the extra point attempt again failed.

With 12 points on the scoreboard for the Wolverines at half, they had a tough battle ahead of them, for the Scio Loggers had scored 3 times in the first half to lead 20-12.

The rest of the game was a one way skirmish, with the Wolverines scoring twice, once on a 4 yard run by Doug Cline and again when Larry Hillesland intercepted a pass and ran 10 yards for his second touchdown of the game, and his 6th touchdown in the last 3 games.

Defensively Mike Long, Larry Hillesland, and Bruce Roscoe led tackles with 10, 8, and 7 tackles respectively. There were two fumble recoveries, one by John Ruby, and the other by Tom Rush.

The Wolverines next meet North Marion at North Marion Friday, October 10.

Chamber To Try Night Meeting

At a board of directors meeting of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce held recently it was decided that a night meeting would be tried in an attempt to get some of the business men from the upper part of the canyon to attend. It is difficult for many to attend a noon meeting.

President Harold Wiltz stated the next meeting would be held at The Riverview in Medford Wednesday, October 15. Dinner will be at 7:00 and the meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

Only a small crowd was present at the board meeting. There was a discussion on what the Steering Committee from Mill City had brought up at the last meeting about the program at the Whitewater Challenge. This referred to having part of the usual July 4th program carried on in the park at Mill City changed to Memorial Day. No action was taken until that group had a more concrete plan to offer.

Lightning Strikes; Damage Very Slight

They say lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place and a number of Mill City residents hoped this was true Thursday afternoon.

After a day of heavy rain, thunder and lightning hit the area about four o'clock and really shook things up, making some wonder if the after affects (or pre-affects) of the Alaskan blast had hit.

At the Edwin Stone, Jim Grant and DeVaul homes it was reported that "blue fire streaks" were seen coming from the switches and outlets in the homes.

However, no damage was reported except for some shattered nerves. The storm in the area also brought the first touch of snow along the Santiam Pass.

Tool Sharpening Requires Skill



Pictured above is Harvey Keen shown working at one of his tool sharpening machines. He keeps tool cutting devices sharp, and has his equipment located at Gates. He manufactures cutting devices to be used in the operation at Gates.—The Mill City Enterprise photo.

Heavy Drill Installed



Pictured is Ronald O'Donnell, working with one of the heavy drills used in their Gates plant which is manufacturing parts for the aircraft industry. They moved here from California.—The Mill City Enterprise photo.

Big Lathe Installed



Thomas O'Donnell, above, can be seen with one of the lathes used in the manufacture of airplane components. They moved from the Los Angeles area to get away from the "rat race." He said there is no reason many machine shops such as these cannot be located in these areas, where materials can be shipped in to be manufactured.—The Mill City Enterprise photo.

Linn-Benton College Offers Evening Course

Linn-Benton Community College is again offering two sessions of the Poise, Posture, and Personality class as an evening college credit course in Albany. The two credit class meets on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. in Room A 11 at Albany High School. Although the first class sessions were held September 29, space is still available and interested individuals should go directly to class to register.

Jim Rose Hurt in Hunting Accident

Jim Rose was taken to Santiam Memorial Hospital in Stayton Sunday following a hunting accident. He and his son, Jimmy, were hunting in the Rock Creek area when Jim climbed over a downed log, grabbing a limb to help himself. The limb broke off, going into the palm of his hand and coming out between his fingers. The limb resulted in tearing quite a hole in his hand which necessitated surgery to repair the damage. School will resume Monday.

Mt. Jefferson Gets New White Blanket

Wonder what happened to your summer's wages? Better start thinking about it, as the fuel oil trucks start circling around the city like buzzards, friendly type, that is. This past week Mt. Jefferson has received a new covering of snow, and Thursday saw snow on Santiam Pass, the first recorded this fall. The weather over the weekend, however, was perfect, but as this is being written Tuesday morning, the rains are with us again, however it is more in the form of a drizzle than a downpour.

Schools To Be Closed Friday; Teachers To Have In-Service Meet

Schools in the area will be closed this Friday, according to information received here. Purpose of the closure is so teachers may attend professional meetings within their particular areas of instruction, and those not attending meetings away from home, will have meetings locally. School will resume Monday.

Plane Parts Being Made At Gates

Not too many people are yet aware of the precision machine shop that is manufacturing airplane parts in Gates.

Thomas O'Donnell and his son Ronald R. O'Donnell own and operate the shop, moving their equipment, tons of precision tools, from Van Nuys, California where they had an identical shop.

The men and their families have both purchased homes in the area and the old Leaming garage in Gates which has been completely renovated inside. As soon as time permits they plan on cleaning up the premises. Now, however, they are hard at work on filling contract orders for various airplane companies.

The friendly and knowledgeable O'Donnells say they like the area very much and that the smog, traffic and high cost of living brought them to Oregon. Thomas O'Donnell was raised in a small town in Louisiana and said it seemed good to get back to the slower pace of living. He started working as an apprentice machinist when he was 17 and has worked at it ever since. He is a true craftsman and one that enjoys talking about his work, explaining the operation of the tools in detail.

The first shipment from their new location was for wheel doors on planes now being produced at Boeing in Seattle. Other items now in production are bushings and support parts for airplanes. They work principally in aluminum and aluminum alloys. They take the raw material and saw and machine the various tough, but light weight parts. One machine functions remarkably like a child's tracing scale and is called a Hydraulic Profiler. On this a complete outline for a part is traced and cut precisely the same size as the pattern.

They are presently making wing supports but this machine could as easily turn out complex supports for a truck or car or duplicate any article from the aluminum alloy or brass. Harder metals are cut on the hand operated profiler which is geared for strength rather than speed. The large metal lathe turns out pieces up to four feet long and as thick as 19" with piles of bright aluminum curls mounting up around the lathe making it look festive holiday decorations.

Many of the items turned on this big lathe or the smaller one lose their tubular shapes when the holes are made and cut out and fitted with other pieces. A grinder does the same precise operation on pin stock. From a six inch piece or one as small as a thread.

The first requirement at the shop is one of exacting accuracy with the O'Donnells starting the work from full size drawings on a huge piece of Mylar.

Precision flat or square parts are polished and trued on a surface grinder before going on to matching. Patterns from a blueprint are created on a black granite block which is as smooth as a mirror and leveled by modern gauges.

All these precision tools are kept sharp by Harvey Keen who has his tool and cutter grinders in the O'Donnell shop. As he says, "Precision work requires precision tools." The men have been friends for many years.

Heart Attack Puts Pittam in Hospital

Jerry Pittam was taken to Salem Memorial hospital Monday morning suffering from a heart attack. Mrs. Pittam said Wednesday morning that he is still undergoing tests, and that he most likely will be confined to the hospital for about two weeks. She said his doctor called it a light coronary.