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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Local citizens who attended the City Council meeting Thursday night probably were as surprised as I was at the outcome of the proceedings. The council, as is general knowledge now, again voted three to three, thus nullifying any action that should have come from the proposal of issuing a package beer and wine license to Circle K, a grocery chain store which wishes to come to Mill City, invest their money, and become a part of our business family. It is not only an issue of keeping out a new business that gripes me but the backward action of the council that night. It boils down to the simple question, does a citizen or firm have any right to establish a business in Mill City? Personally I feel these members on the city council who voted no on this proposition took an extremely backward position, a non-progressive position, if you please, on this issue. I do not feel that the council has the right to deny a package license to any reliable firm, PROVIDING the firm complies with the city code of building and the city laws which control the operation of a business. Any councilman who votes to appease his conscience, or purely for the satisfaction of getting his personal way on any issue, certainly is not a proper councilman and is not discharging his duties to his constituents. If he cannot honestly work for the advancement and betterment of the city, he should abstain from voting on the issue in question, or resign from the council. I have no axe to grind with any councilman or any of the parties who were at the recent council meeting.

Here is another example of what happened, and I feel is one reason why citizens of Mill City take so little interest in council proceedings. Mayor Peck asked those present to vote as to what they thought about issuing a package license to Circle K, and 80 percent of those present were in favor of a yes vote. Mayor Peck informed the Council members before the vote that their duty was to follow the wishes of the people, not necessarily their own desires. The council sat and watched the proceedings, then voted again with a three to three tie. Is that the American way? I for one do not think so, and it is doing little to get citizens interested in what the council does.

If the people of this city do not become more interested in what is going on or more specifically what is NOT going on, there will be a lot more vacant buildings on the streets, and in time we'll have curb to curb grass in our town.

I did take time out Sunday to take a look at a Circle K store on Lancaster in Salem. What I saw pleased me, and I believe that it would be much more attractive than what we now have on the corner coming into Mill City. We do have a beautiful planting of flowers, thanks to the Mill City Garden club, but I do think they would gladly sacrifice the work they've put into that corner, to see a nicely constructed small grocery store. I'm sure that the markets in our town would not fold up and go out of business if this store is established there. They do not handle the type of merchandise that would encourage families to go there to do their weekly purchasing. One of the big market owners here told me, after the council meeting, that he said possibly it would help their business. Because our stores here close early in the evening, many people forget to make their purchases and find that they have nothing for breakfast, or to prepare a lunch for the next day. These people now are forced to drive to Stayton or Salem for these purchases and many times while in the other city, purchase many dollars worth of items. Did you ever think of that?

Let's all boil down to the fact that you can't build a fence

Committees Discussed At C of C Meet

The North Santiam Chamber held their regular general meeting at The Riverview in Mehama last Wednesday night when business representatives from Stayton to Idanha were in attendance.

While no official business was transacted, there was considerable discussion on the need for the Chamber and President Harold Wiltse talked about what committees were necessary to transact the business of the area. It was decided there should be committees for the following jobs: publicity, highways, advertising, public relations, industry and possibly utilities. The president will make these appointments at the next board meeting which will be held at The Country Kitchen in Mill City at 12 noon Wednesday, November 5.

It was not decided at this time whether or not night meetings will be continued, but it was the consensus that possibly part of the general meetings would be at noon, with an occasional night meeting to let those unable to get away at noon to take an active part in Chamber affairs.

Gates Home Destroyed By Fire Monday

GATES — A fire swept through the old Fred Stone house across from Packsaddle park on Monday, October 20, at noon. The fire was reported by a passing motorist. The house and belongings of the young couple John and Mickey King and children were almost a total loss.

Trucks from Gates and Mill City were on hand to fight the blaze.

Vic Herron was treated by a doctor for burns on both hands but is home and doing fine.

The cause has not been determined at the time of this writing.

Mrs. Arlene Taylor of the Volunteer Firemen Auxiliary of Gates is heading the clothing and furniture drive to help the former occupants.

Children's (girls) clothing in sizes 3, 6 and 10 are needed now.

Other information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Taylor at 897-2517.

Health Clinic Slated For Detroit October 30

DETROIT—Marion County Health Dept. will conduct a clinic Thursday, October 30th from 10:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. in the Detroit Community Church. This is for children and adults in the Mill City, Gates, Detroit, Idanha, and Marion Forks area.

The program includes inoculation, booster shots, and physical exams. Anyone wanting a physical is asked to call for either Billie Drago or Dorothy Williamson for an appointment.

Pack Meeting To Be Held Here Saturday

George Long, Cubmaster, said this week that there would be a Pack meeting at the Scout Cabin on Saturday, October 25 at 7 o'clock.

Cubs and their parents along with leaders and anyone interested in the work of scouting are invited to attend this meeting.

around a city. Remember, if you do you are keeping as many out as you are fencing in, and in this day and age it is not a very forward attitude. Let's hope something constructive can be done and SOON!

Camp Fire Girls Treat Enterprise Crew



Pictured is Pam Krecklow giving two boxes of Camp Fire candy to Don Moffatt, Mill City Enterprise publisher. The candy was given to Mr. Moffatt and the staff in appreciation for the publicity given to Camp Fire work. The sale of the candy starts this Friday, October 24 with the girls selling the product house to house. Residents are asked to welcome the girls as they have in the past as proceeds from the candy assists the Camp Fire Girl projects. Part of the money remains in group treasuries and the remainder goes toward the maintenance of Camp Kilowan and other Camp Fire projects—The Mill City Enterprise Photo.

Santiam Wolverines Still Undefeated; Win Game From Tough Jefferson Team

The Santiam Wolverines won their sixth game of the season Friday night in a hard fought contest on Allen field.

The Wolverines won the toss of the coin and elected to receive the kickoff. After three downs Santiam kicked to Jefferson and on their first try they fumbled, with Mike Long recovering the ball for Santiam. For the remainder of the first half Santiam kept the Jefferson Lions deep in their own territory playing a great defensive game.

With approximately two minutes left in the first half Santiam put a rush on the Lions when they were forced to punt on a fourth down, causing the center to overthrow Doug Piesker who was back to kick with Mark Jeter tackling Piesker on the one yard line. On the first play Howard Lyness dove into the end zone for Santiam, the two point conversion attempt failed.

With less than a minute to go Jefferson fumbled the ball, John Ruby of Santiam recovered. On the next play Jefferson was penalized 15 yards for pass interference thus moving the ball to the Lions 30 yard line. Two plays later Santiam scored again with a pass from Ron Johnson to

Tony Grant. The try for the extra point was good this making the score of the game 13-0 in Santiam's favor.

In the third quarter of play Jefferson controlled the ball for the most part but Santiam managed to stop the Lions at crucial points with different players making spectacular plays.

In the fourth quarter Jefferson pushed across for a touchdown from eight yards out their attempt for a two point conversion failed, this left the score 13-6 with approximately 10 minutes left in the game Santiam started its march for another touchdown, they penetrated to the Lions 5 yard line where they fumbled and the Lions recovered, but by this time there was only seconds left to play. In a desperate attempt to get on the scoreboard again Jefferson went to the air with the ball, the first attempt fell short of its mark, and on the second attempt Doug Cline intercepted the pass for Santiam. There being only nine seconds left Santiam easily ran out the clock, winning the game.

Mark Jeter led the Wolverine defense with 8 tackles, Larry Hillesland had 7 tackles and one interception.

The Wolverines will next meet Chemawa on Allen field this Friday night.

Winning this game assures the Wolverines of at least a tie for the Minor League Championship.

Drug Problem To Be Discussed Here

The problem of drug usage in this area and other places will be "Told like it is" Tuesday evening, November 4 at the Mill City elementary school at 7:30.

Tom Drynan who has been very concerned about the increase of drug usage by youths here is making arrangements for the program.

An outstanding authority and speaker, Dr. Ronald Winters of the OSU Pharmacy department will give the main talk. Also of particular interest will be the talk by Dick Hollmen of Portland a former inmate of the Oregon State penitentiary and for six years a user of "hard drugs."

This is a community project and one that has been wanted and needed by all interested and concerned people, young and old.

Mr. Drynan said plain facts and statistics will be used and those wanting to know just "why" and "How" kids are using drugs nowadays may find some of the answers at the meeting.

City Council Again Votes Tie at Special Meeting; Residents Present Ask Council To Take Positive Action

By Goldie Rambo
A special meeting of the city council was called Thursday evening, October 16 to reconsider a request by Circle K stores, a western chain of over 500 outlets, for a package license for wine and beer.

George Makris, representing the firm, was present at the council meeting and presented the background of the stores and what they planned for the Mill City business. The council members had voted 3-3 at

an earlier meeting and Mr. Makris said he was somewhat "stunned" that the city would not welcome a legitimate business in the area which he felt in turn would induce other business to establish here. Plans called for the store building to be built on the corner of Highway 22 at the entrance to the city.

Mayor Herbert Peck introduced Makris who told of the attractive building that his company would like to construct, costing approximately \$68,000. Pictures were shown of the structure and he said he wished every council member had visited at least one of the five stores now established in Salem.

Mr. Makris said that the main appeal of Circle K stores was for those wishing to do last minute shopping after other stores were closed and to "catch the traffic". He said they were not a supermarket in any sense of the word and were not coming into the community with the desire to cut down other store's business. However, he said he always welcomed competition and found that it usually benefited a town.

He added that he and his wife both liked this area and would like to become a part of the community. He also said that Circle K stores were kept very clean both inside and out and should be something that the town could view with pride.

There were a number of people attending the meeting Thursday evening and some heated discussion developed. A number of people spoke favoring the store with only two voting against it when the aud-

ience was polled. Main objection was Mel Elde, Mill City Pharmacist who intimated that he felt the Circle K stores would not be an asset to the town. He said they were coming to town to "take the cream off the top." He added however that he thought a Safeway or Albertson's store would be a good addition. Many in the audience were left wondering just what the difference would be as most all stores nowadays that deal in groceries and other items of general merchandise ask for a package license for wine and beer.

Leo Russell and others pointed out the advantage such a store would be, particularly on the north side of the city and felt too that it might help stimulate individual growth in Mill City, a much needed thing.

In concluding his remarks Mr. Makris said the firm he represents like to think of themselves as a real part of the "community family" and a convenience store.

Mayor Peck called for a roll call vote of the councilmen with the following results:

Adolph Brunner, no; Vern Rush, yes; Herbert Schroeder, no; Larry Plotts, no; Dale Howell, yes; Mayor Peck, yes. So as in last week's election another tie vote resulted leaving Circle K unable to apply to the state liquor commission for a package license as there must be a recommendation from the Mayor and/or council members.

Mr. Brunner had voted yes at the previous meeting but said he had changed his mind and thought "there were enough outlets in town." Mr. Plotts said his conscious and religious beliefs would not allow him to vote for business that would be selling wine and beer. Mr. Schroeder said his no vote was also influenced by religious beliefs and the fact of "other outlets here." Mr. Elde, too, in his fluent talk spoke against another store selling liquor although he seemed to favor any business but a Circle K store.

Mr. Makris said Friday morning in a visit to The Enterprise office he was not sure just what future plans here would be but said a number of residents had indicated they were very much perturbed at the stalemate reached by councilmen.

Homecoming Set For Friday Night

"Spirited" would be the word to use to describe the students at Santiam High school, as they prepare for Homecoming, October 24 marks the date for Homecoming at Santiam, the theme for this year being "Homecoming Ecstasy".

Homecoming events include a spirit week starting Monday, Oct. 20, the election of a Homecoming Queen, and the football game between the Santiam Wolverines and the Chemawa Braves followed by the annual Homecoming Dance.

Homecoming princesses for this year were announced Friday, Oct. 17. They are as follows: Senior Marge Ruby, escorted by Doug Cline; Junior Rita Whitney, escorted by Bruce Beyers; Sophomore Jenny Chance, escorted by Lynn Cutsforth; and Freshman Jeri Jo Parker, escorted by Rodney Luke. The queen will be announced during the half-time of the Santiam-Chemawa game October 24.

Japanese Cowboys in Local Area



By Jean Roberts

MEHAMA—A recent letter from Tsunenori Senda, a Japanese college student from Truma, Saitama, thanked my husband, Ray, for his hospitality this summer when Tsunenori (Tony) was a Willamette Valley visitor and he and two other students were guests in our home for two weekends. The letter reflected the Japanese custom of directing everything to the man of the house and cordially thanked my husband for sending pictures — which Ray didn't know had been sent.

Upon visiting here the boys expressed the wish to ride a horse. They had never ridden and since Ray doesn't ride I saddled the horses and gave the boys a five mile trip. Their acquaintance with horsemanship had been via TV and they thought that one always rode in a dead run with the rider wearing a gun and holster, and emitting the cowboy yell of "Yippee Yi Yo Ti Ya". Can you imagine this translated into Japanese?

We had to take turns with the cowboy hats and the gun and holster as I didn't have enough to go around, but this

attire so impressed the boys that they spent an hour taking pictures of each other as bonafide cowboys. They had never seen or handled a gun before. (I was glad it was just a cap pistol).

Upon conversing we had to speak slowly and they had difficulty understanding the common words. They didn't know what it meant "to fish", but was "Fight" was a foreign word to them but "combat" made sense. The word "jail" brought a blank look, but "prison" was understandable.

Their manners were perfect as pertained to the man of the house, but when I would approach a door the boys would bow, say "Please", then walk in ahead of me.

Upon departing the boys shook hands with my husband, thanked him for his kindness; then they got in the car and I drove them back to Salem. They didn't thank me since I was only a woman. Japanese customs differ from American ones. I say this with no rancor for one of the boys paid me a very high compliment, he seriously told me, "you look just like my mother."

City Beautification Awards Banquet Slated Nov. 14

Virgil Trout, chairman of the Area Beautification contest, said this week that he had been informed that Mill City had placed in the contest. Residents will not know how Mill City placed until the Awards Banquet which is to be held November 14 in Albany.

On October 17 three judges were in the area surveying the progress that has been made. Judging was first done on the basis of scrapbooks of before and after pictures of participating cities. From these three towns were selected for the judges to visit.

Mr. Trout and city officials said they felt that it didn't matter what the winning "status" was as long as the town shows improvement and growth.

Mayor Herbert Peck said that the judges took into consideration the work that remains to be done which includes plans for the old Dawes building.

Mr. Peck said almost 20% of the people in town had repainted their homes as a share in the beautification contest.

Leader of a flock of geese to bird following: "Stop that infernal honking. If you want to pass, pass!"