

Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Don't you sometimes get a little sick to the stomach when you hear about what a rich nation we are? All this talk about affluence comes amid the strife of our cities. It comes at a time when we here in Mill City do not have enough bonding capacity, or at least we didn't a short time ago to finance a sewer system. We are more lucky than some, as we do have good streets and good schools. Some of our people have a tough time of making both ends meet. Some of this is their own fault because they will not work unless it is a job of their own choosing. They feel the government will take care of them. Possibly, but it surely isn't the true American way. I don't think the homeowners can be called tax stings, but they are becoming disenchanted with sending their prime tax money to Washington, where it is often spent unwisely.

I know that school teachers and school systems have quite a job on their hands—that of educating our children. The thing that surprises me the most is how many of our young people know so little about grammar. I hear students, even in high school who still say "me and you," or "them things" for example, and various other improper grammatical uses, that I was taught in the grades. We send these young people to college, and some of them should still be in high school, as far as their ability to speak properly or read and assimilate what they read. I don't mean by this that all our young people are nit-wits or uneducated. That is not the case, but unless we, as parents, wake up to the fact that the children must be given some basic training at home, they'll be left out in the cold when they are older. We must start them out on the right track to begin with, and stick with them, or the teachers will continue to have two strikes on them before the child reaches school age.

We see now where some feel that public campaigning for office is becoming too dangerous, that presidential candidates and others seeking high office will have to keep off the streets and resort to television to put their campaigns across. I think it is a sin when a country, which is supposed to be so highly advanced cannot control the minority of bums we have. We'll just have to treat the bums like the animals they are. It is regrettable when candidates can't make public appearances without the fear of someone shooting at them. I think the time has come when we deal in the ancient manner of an "eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." If we'd eliminate some of this violence, by dealing with some dissenters with like VIOLENCE I believe it would stop a lot of this nonsense. About all we do now is give them a big play in the newspapers and on radio and television, making them feel like big shots. When we have a mad animal, we destroy it, so why not do the same thing when this type of person goes sour? We certainly can't rely on our courts any more. I know right now, there will be a lot of "do-gooders" who'll wring their hands when they read this, but I'd like to see the country returned to the law-abiding citizens and not turned over to the hoodlums.

And Here's a little chuckle—
After attending a series of lectures at a self-improvement clinic, a man stormed into the leader's office and demanded extra free advice or his money back.

"You told me to make new friends and see what happens," he complained. "I did that but nothing happened—and now I'm stuck with three new friends!"

New System Used at Mill City School



Pictured is Nancy Sharp using some of the "Basket Brigade" instruction material now in use in the elementary schools in District 129J. Students find this material interesting and instructive.

Crowd of Over 400 Turns Out To Hear Discussion On Pitfalls of Drug Abuse

By Don W. Moffatt

One of the most interesting meetings this writer has attended in a long time was held Tuesday night at the Mill City Elementary gym when Dr. Ronald Winters from OSU and Richard Hollman, Portland, a drug addict spoke to a crowd of some 400 people, who came to "Hear It Like It Is" on drugs.

Cpl. Tom Drynan introduced Dr. Winters who gave a talk explaining that there are thousands of drugs available on shelves of drug stores, which are perfectly safe when used as prescribed by physicians, but by the same token can be very dangerous when not taken as directed. He said that many of the advertised over the counter drugs like Vivarin or Tired usually contain nothing but caffeine, which can be found in coffee. He said: "many people will take these drugs to pep themselves up during the day, then take some other concoction to put them to sleep at night." He inferred that many of these drugs are really not very effective. He said many people make a habit of keeping old drugs which were prescribed for a certain ailment. When the drug has accomplished its purpose, the remainder should be destroyed as medicine cabinets become full of pills and users forget what they were taken for. Many drugs can be lethal if they are taken after alcoholic beverages have been ingested. Dr. Winters said that using marijuana did not necessarily lead to use of hard narcotics. It may help, but it depends on whether or not the user is an addiction prone individual. Some can tolerate drugs without becoming habitual users, others cannot.

Dr. Winters said that alcoholic beverages were also a menace when not used in moderation, and it was also possible to get "hooked" on alcohol.

Dick Hollman stated he has not had much of a life since he was 17 years old, and has been on drugs for 21 years. At one time he was an honor student and an accomplished musician, playing with Anson Weeks, a well-known dance band. It was at this time he started

using drugs as a release from tension. He said he thought the drug helped him, but he became hooked, and it led to his downfall. He said: "a drug addict will stoop to any means to support his habit. I even stole money from my wife, son, and mother. A dope addict is immature and irresponsible. There is no sure cure for drug addiction, and the only way out is death. Right now, I have my habit controlled, but I can't completely break it."

Hollman talks to school groups, and stated that it is impossible to dry up the source of drug supply. The only solution is through education of the young people. They must be made to realize the pitfalls of drug use, and its lasting ill effect on their minds and body. Parents must help to impress upon their children that nothing good can come from experimenting with marijuana or any other type of drugs.

Hollman said: "if you are approached by a pusher, be sure that you have means of turning him in. Even if you have sense enough not to touch it, remember, there are others who may not exercise good judgment and try it for kicks. This can lead to disaster."

The main message brought out at the meeting was to LEAVE DRUGS ALONE.

During the question and answer period, it was learned that parents should watch their children carefully for behavioral changes, as this may mean they are using drugs. Learn to communicate with you children, and discuss the problem openly with them. Don't try to sweep it under the rug, as it won't work this way.

It was also brought out that pushers are not too careful what they use to dilute drugs. People who use drugs after they have been "cut" have no way of knowing exactly how much of the drug they are consuming.

People who attended this meeting, set up by Cpl. Drynan certainly came away with a better knowledge of the drug problem. Drynan has repeatedly stated at other meetings that we have a drug problem here, and one that must be coped with.

Young Boy Electrocutated Monday

Mill City friends and relatives were saddened to learn of the tragic accident Monday afternoon that took the life of 22-month-old Richard Gale Bush of Idanha.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Bush (she is the former Launa Randall) who had just moved into a mobile home at Idanha Sunday. The father was installing a television antenna on the roof about 12:45 p. m. when it hit a power line and the charge was sent to the trailer.

The child apparently had a hand on the trailer, was standing on damp ground and was struck, state police said. The father was not hurt.

After efforts to start the family car failed, Bush ran with the child to nearby Santiam Highway where he flagged a state police car.

Officers Gerald Norris and Frank Tsatskowsky transported the family to a doctor's office in Mill City. The child was dead on arrival despite Tsatskowsky's mouth to mouth resuscitation efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush have a daughter, 4 years old. Weddle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Bear Wrecks Trailer House in Search for Food

DETROIT—A hungry bear preparing for hibernation went looking for some of man's food and wrecked a trailer here, state police said.

The bear broke the glass door in a trailer in the Stahlman Addition in an area of summer homes and trailers, tore off the refrigerator door, opened cupboards, ate tin cans of food, and generally wrecked the interior, police said.

The owner was listed as Roger B. Tulley, Portland, who was not present.

Santiam Boosters Club To Meet Thursday Evening

The newly organized Santiam Boosters club will meet Thursday evening, November 6 at 8 o'clock in the Mill City Elementary school gym.

All members and anyone interested in joining the club are urged to attend this meeting. Rex Davis, president, said that final plans for the Santiam-Stayton football game on Saturday evening would be made at that time.

Some Booster jackets still remain to be sold and orders will be taken for anyone still wishing to purchase them. These bright colored jackets add a great deal of color to the Santiam rooting section.

Booster Club membership is open to anyone in the community above high school age. It is not necessary to have a school-age child to participate in this peppy program. Main purpose of the club is to support all sports and other school activities throughout the year.

Mill City Logger Hurt In Accident

George (Sparky) Ditter, 59 Mill City, a timber faller for Lone Pine Logging Co., was seriously injured in a woods accident on Evans Mountain Thursday.

Ditter, according to his partner, felled a tree uphill and it rolled down, striking another log which hit him. He was taken by Lyons ambulance to Santiam Memorial Hospital in Stayton and later transferred to Salem Memorial Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery.

A relative said that Ditter received broken ribs, head injuries and a punctured lung. According to word received here this week, Ditter took a turn for the worse Saturday and remains in serious condition.

About two weeks ago, Ditter received another less serious head injury when a limb fell on him. Ditter lives at 309 First St. in Mill City.

Student Delivers Instructional Materials



Mike Farnen is shown carrying the basket used in a new unique system in use in the grades at Mill City elementary school district 129J. The handy baskets are shuffled off to designated classrooms where the instructional material is put to use.

Santiam Wolverines To Play Stayton Saturday in Big Game of the Season

After winning their last game of the regular season at Gervais 40-12, Santiam won the right to play major division champ Stayton, November 8 at 8 o'clock on Stayton's field.

The Wolverines got through the entire season undefeated. The Wolverines had a 13 point first quarter with the combined efforts of John Ruby and Doug Cline scoring touchdowns. John Ruby's touchdown was on a 3-yard run and Cline's on a 22-yard run. Dave Ruby kicked the extra point. Gervais scored a touchdown in running back a kick-off 85 yards against the Wolverine "suicide squad," which is made up of Juniors, Sophomores, and one Freshman.

In the second quarter Larry Hillesland scored on a 45-yard punt return and Ruby kicked the extra point. The defense held the Cougars scoreless. The half ended with the score

20-6. Sophomore tailback John Ruby again got on the scoreboard in the third quarter with a 5-yard run; brother Dave Ruby kicked the point after. The Cougars drove for 6 points after they intercepted a Ron Johnson pass in Wolverine territory.

In the fourth quarter Howard Lyness scored from 4 yards out and Tony Grant scored on a 30-yard pass. Ruby kicked one of the extra points. John Ruby was the leading ground gainer with 195 yards. This was an offensive game for the Wolverines as they used three quarterbacks and never were forced to punt.

Defensively Mike Long Doug Cline and Larry Hillesland had 5 tackles each. Long, Allen Evers and Ron Johnson each intercepted a pass.

The big talk about town now is to beat Stayton, and Canyon Merchants have a full page in The Enterprise this week, urging the Wolverines on to victory Saturday night, November 8 at 8 o'clock.

School Has Large Audio-Visual Source

A unique system has been designed to provide the elementary school classrooms with a mass selection of instructional materials on a given subject area. Teachers submit monthly requests to the local instructional materials center for media congruent to subjects taught. Sources are tapped for a tremendous variety of materials including: films, tapes, records, study prints, books, and transparencies. Media sources include local library and center, county, state, federal, and other free loan agencies such as Bell Telephone Company, Shell Oil, Association Films, and others. The success of the "basket brigade" can be readily attributed to the fact that the district has at its finger tips a vast array of materials instantly available upon request. While many of the outside sources have excellent materials to offer a school curriculum, much of the media is not available at the time it is needed.

When the "goods" are assembled by the instructional materials center staff, they are placed in handy baskets and are shuffled off to designated classrooms. Once in the classroom, the materials may be used by student and teacher.

Records are kept of materials requested and received. These records include information such as material evaluation, audience, curriculum effectiveness, and instrumentality.

Also using a basket brigade system, is the Linn-Benton County Intermediate Education District Book and Film Library. Baskets of films and other instructional materials are brought to Mill City on the county courier vehicle twice a week. Rapid service is given by this method.

Hallowe'en Is Quiet In Mill City

At the time of going to press Wednesday forenoon, there has been no reports of vandalism in the area resulting from Hallowe'en. It may be that the football game at Gervais took many young folks out of town.

There was very little "window" decorations seen, and not one obscene word was noticed on any window.

The usual trick or treaters were out, but it did not seem there were as many as last year. The young people are to be commended on their actions on this night.

Parent-Teacher Conferences Slated For November 12

Parent-Teacher reporting conferences are scheduled next week at the Mill City Elementary and Gates Primary schools.

Notices are being sent to parents indicating the time of individual appointments. On Wednesday afternoon, November 12, students of the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will be dismissed from school at 11:45, immediately after lunch. Although all parents cannot be scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, it will enable the teachers to meet with most of their students' parents.

Thursday the Gates Primary teachers will be meeting with parents and students of that school will be dismissed after lunch. Parents will again be receiving notices of appointments and should make every effort to be prompt.

The parent-teacher conference will relate to the individual progress of the child and present an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with the child's school problem and his teacher.

Power Outage Slows Down Business Tuesday

Most business places in town took a long "break" Tuesday; in fact it lasted about 2 hours when strong gusts of wind downed power lines just west of Meander Inn and snagged some lines near Gates.

Once again everyone was reminded just how much we depend on power to carry on every day business as stores, banks, postoffice, print shop, shoe shop and other places had their quiet hours.

Most homes in town had power but in many places the outage was from about 1 o'clock until 3:15 p. m. When the power went off the fire siren gave a sharp blow and when the lights came on the fire alarm system for the bank postoffice and Enterprise office was triggered, giving people in those places a bad moment until it was turned off by Charles Kelly, postmaster.

No School To Be Held November 11th

Veteran's Day will be observed Tuesday, November 11 by the Mill City-Gates schools. Classes will not be held on that day.