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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Spring has finally sprung and Monday is a pretty nice day, however somewhat overcast.

We made our first trip to the coast over the past weekend. What a jam it was. Spring vacation you know. All the kids and dogs had a field day, and the weather was pretty good. With all this talk of politicians about pollution in the air, and the land, they should have been down on the beach at Taft Sunday morning. If you happened to be sniffing the air, which was real nice, and not looking where you were walking, you just might step in a "pile" over your shoeprints. Surely must have been old dogs on the beach that morning. Owners should carry their shovels to take care of the leaving of their pets. I am still hard headed about this pollution of the air bit. Cleaning up the air, which must be done, but doing it before we get to cleaning up the mess on the ground is like putting up the house before the foundation is set. After attending this so-called public hearing of the Mid-Willamette Valley Air Pollution Authority last week, I came away with the distinct feeling that as far as the individual is concerned all is lost. Each person speaking to the chairman of the meeting was immediately told his questions should be referred to Mike Roach, the director of the Authority. That is not exactly what those at the meeting had in mind. They wanted answers to their questions, and none were forthcoming, so a disgruntled group of people were again hoodwinked by the advertised public meeting. It only meant that they could sit and listen to what the board and the directors had to say. I know we must do something to clean up our country, but it never will be done by this commission. It will have to be done by the people themselves.

Even the scientists at OSU are not sure how bad our air pollution is. We have read and heard that soon there will be a band of smog around the earth that will cause the temperature to drop, and affect all our crops. These OSU scientists, and maybe they know what they are talking about, say that the air around the earth is in constant circulation and has its own built-in cleansing agents such as rain. One authority notes it would probably be beneficial to plants if the sunlight could be somewhat softened before reaching the plants, like painting the roof glass in greenhouses to reduce the rays of the sun. No matter what specialist or scientist you speak to they all have an idea of how to solve the problem. For that reason, I hate to see the Mid-Willamette Air Pollution group start to hoiler "boogey man" until they know for sure what the score is.

The air pollution men state there is a blue haze in the mountains which shuts out distant views. This is an act of nature, and has been going on even before this country was settled. Oxidation of material manufactures a gas which is basically carbon dioxide, but which is turned to a form of peroxide gas by sunlight. It is this peroxide gas that we see as a blue haze. This is not a product of our modern times. It is perhaps more constant and even more prevalent in today's crowded society, but it is nothing new. I am convinced that we must do something to clean up our country, but I hate to see one group of people using "scare tactics" to reach their goal. Maybe in a few months they will come up with something

School Budget Election For Administrative Dist. 129J Set for April 6th

The polling place for the school district budget election will be located at Santiam High School. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. Monday, April 6.

The budget, as approved by the school board and the budget committee, will reflect proposed increased expenditures of approximately \$55,000.00. This increase amounts to slightly less than 7.5% over the 1969-70 budget, and represents one of the lowest over-all percentage increases in the Mid-Willamette Valley area. Salaries and fixed charges, which account for a considerable portion of the proposed increase, are far below state average increases in these areas.

A brief look at the tax history for Administrative School District 129J provides some interesting insights. For example: in 1964-65 the actual combined school levy was \$13.23 per 1,000 true cash value. For three consecutive years the tax rate, for school purposes, declined. In 1967-68 it reached a low of \$11.56 per

\$1,000 of true cash value. In 1969-70 the tax rate for school purposes was \$13.54 per \$1,000 true cash value—only \$0.31 over \$1,000 true cash value higher than in 1964-65. A tax increase of this small amount over a period of six years is almost unheard of in the state.

In view of recent evaluation changes within the district—not only in real property, but in timber values also—it seems reasonable to expect that the tax rate will show no increase for the 1970-71 school year, and will probably show a decrease.

Many persons have indicated questions concerning the vote to exceed the 6% limitation. This is quite understandable as the statement "to exceed the 6%" limitation, excepting serial levy funds which are not affected. Anyone with questions concerning the tax rate, or the new property assessment notices, is invited to call at the school office, either in person or by telephone, for Administrator Lewellen or Clerk Edna Ross.

"While we are not familiar with the workings of the county tax assessor's office, we do have certain knowledge concerning the effect of assessments in our district," Mr. Lewellen said.

Easter Egg Hunt Slated By Jaycees

At a recent meeting of the Mill City Jaycees, Roger Penrose was elected president, Erwin Woods, vice president and Terry Morris was re-elected treasurer.

Installation of officers will be held jointly with the Jayceettes in mid-April.

Mr. Penrose has announced that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the City park on Easter Sunday starting at 1 p. m. There will be various age group so all the kids will have an equal chance. Prizes will go given for the little winners.

Groups will be from 1 to 3; 4 to 5; 6 to 7, and 8 to 10 years. There will be prizes for marked eggs and also for the youngsters finding the most eggs.

Glen Bigness To Speak at Detroit

DETROIT — The regular meeting of the Deanha Parent Teacher's club is slated for Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p. m. in the grade school library. Guest speaker will be state trooper Glen H. Bigness, who will talk on Emergency First Aid at the scene of an accident.

Following the program refreshments will be served by the 7th and 8th grade room mothers. The public is invited

else, and the work that is done now will be out of date.

I still say I'd just as soon see some smoke in the air, as to have our land polluted by huge landfills of human garbage. Which is better, breathe some of it, or wade belly deep in garbage on the ground. It is indeed something to think about, and something that must be dealt with. But first, let's get all these agencies into one group, the air boys, the water boys, and the land boys. Let them work out something that will be practical for all. It can and must be done—but how. Time will tell that too.

Lions Entertain Daughters Monday

Monday night Lions club members entertained their daughters at their regular dinner meeting. Other guests were Tony Grant, boy of the month and Twyla Fultz, girl of the month at Santiam High.

John Hobson of Salem was present and showed slides of the Orient. These were greatly enjoyed by members and their guests.

President Fred Krecklow asked for help of the members when the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Camp Fire Girls will join forces on Saturday afternoon, April 4 to clean up the litter from the old highway from Frank Lumber Company to Gates.

Martin Hansen read the list of proposed officers for the coming year, selected by the nominating committee. They are: president, Bill Lewellen; first vice president, George Long; second vice president, Gale Larson; third vice president, Verne Rush; tall twister, Roger Mink; lion tamer, Ozzie Mikkelsen; secretary-treasurer, Fred Berg, and director, Mel Rambo.

The next meeting will be held April 13.

Park Season To Open on April 15

The bulk of Oregon State Parks with overnight camping facilities will formally open for the season on Wednesday, April 15, it was announced today by Forrest Cooper, state highway engineer.

Where weather permits, the day-use areas of all State Parks are kept open the entire year. Snow and ice conditions sometimes close the areas at higher elevations. Presently there are seven state parks that are kept open the entire year. There will be 43 state parks opening on April 15. Those in this area include Detroit Lake; Cascadia, Silver Falls and Deschutes.



Remember When?
This picture of the old 'Stage Coach' which used to run between Mill City and Salem is a far cry from the modern stage lines of today. Passengers used to be picked up for the run near the Hammond Lumber company hall or the Daw-

Old Dawes Building To Come Down

One of the older landmarks in Mill City will hit the dust soon, according to Shields ReMine, who has secured title to the old Dawes building on First Avenue. He is presently seeking someone to raze the structure from the D. B. Hill and Tom Booth heirs.

The huge old two-story building was really a community center during the days when Hammond Lumber Co. "owned the town." Many gatherings, comprising both young and old were held there. Members of the girls' and boys' basketball teams used to have their after-game feeds in the big dining hall. In the 20's traveling wasn't as fast as it is today and drive-ins weren't as plentiful—so a get-together after most games was in order.

Hammond Lumber Company personnel always provided turkeys for the big community Thanksgiving dinners with families bringing other food items. At that time there was a sizable kitchen off the dining room. In the north end of the hall young people (and oldsters) gathered to dance, play games, cards or view movies in the old "movie house." During depression days Mr. and Mrs. Byron Davis operated a bowling alley in the upper part of the building and the theatre continued on the other side.

On the first floor many businesses were housed over the years including the Booth-Dawes meat market, later operated by Jack Colburn and Tom Booth.

A confectionary was operated for a number of years in a small section of the building; a barber shop, bus stop, dry goods store, and restaurant. In the large north part of the lower section the Hill Brothers operated the Mill City Tavern for many years before it was purchased by other owners.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kimmel owned a drug store in the lower level for many years. He built the pharmacy building, now owned by Mel Elide and had his business there before selling to Elide.

D. B. Hill, Sr., had a large interest in the building and after his retirement as manager of the Mill City bank he opened an insurance office in the remodeled building. J. C. Kimmel later bought his interests.

In 1969 Mr. Kimmel and Madison-Davis Insurance moved their office to Wall street and the building has been vacant since then. There has been considerable vandalism in the building recently and it is felt it will be a real improvement to the town when this structure on the bank of the Santiam is razed. Mr. ReMine has purchased the property from the Hill-Booth heirs.

Cedar Tavern Now Has Bar Service

DETROIT—The Cedars Tavern has undergone some changes since the issuance of a cocktail license.

Bar equipment, captain's chairs and tables, and wall to wall carpeting has been added to the lounge. In addition plans have been made to install wall to wall carpeting on the cafe side.

A grand opening is planned as soon as the project is completed on the cafe side.

Cocktails were available at the establishment for the first time last Wednesday.

Open House Set Thursday for Gates School Open House

An Open House is scheduled at the Gates Primary school for 7:30 p. m. April 2. Parents and patrons of the district will have the opportunity to view the educational program available to the 6, 7, and 8-year-old children of Mill City and Gates. Parents will be able to compare the present classroom projects with those in which they attended the primary grades.

Visitors will see the vast audio-visual research and teaching media which supplements library books and regular textbooks.

Classroom teachers at the Gates primary school this year are: Olive Barnhardt, 1st grade and vice principal; Marge Parker, 1st grade; Wilma Stenbeck and Gwen Schaefer, 2nd grade, and Marion Dorothy and Thelma Phelps, 3rd grades.

The entire family is encouraged to attend the affair. Refreshments will be served.

Forest Service To Receive Timber Bids

DETROIT—Sealed bids will be received by the District Ranger, at Detroit up to and not later than 10 a. m. March 31 for an estimated 2,800,000 board feet of Willamette National Forest timber in the Pine Ridge Thinning timber sale. Oral bidding will follow the opening of sealed bids.

The sale consists of 1,180 Mbf of Douglas-fir logs and peeler blocks advertised at \$38.80 per M; 1,050 Mbf of Western-hemlock and other coniferous species at \$25.70; 570 Mbf of Western Pine logs at \$69.75 and an unestimated amount of Doug-fir special cull logs and blocks at \$3.05 per M. Doug-fir special cull logs and Western White Pine will be sold at fixed rates.

There is within the sale area some 234 acres of all species substandard logs which the bidder may elect to purchase (optional) at the advertised rate of \$1 an acre.

The tract is located approximately 9 miles southeast of Marion Forks.

First Anniversary Observed By F.O.E.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles observed their first anniversary Saturday evening at the Lodge Hall. A chicken dinner was served followed by a birth day cake which was baked by Mrs. Russell Reid and decorated by Mrs. William McCall. A check for \$100.00 was presented to the President, Harold Illary. This will go into the Aerie Building fund.

Slides were shown by Jerry Coffman of fishing trips on the Deschutes river and some of the North Santiam White-water Run.

Door prizes were presented to Mrs. Jack Roy and Mrs. Conrad Lee and games and dancing climaxed the evening of entertainment.

Idanha To Have Grocery Store

IDANHA—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hopson Sr., of Idanha, are in the process of converting a former tire shop in Idanha into a grocery store.

The 40'x30' structure was constructed about three years ago by the Marion Aldermans, and leased to Les Schwab Tire firm, which operated for only a short time. The building has been occupied since the tire shop quit business.

Mr. Hopson, who is doing most of the remodeling, said he hoped to have the project completed and in operation by this summer.

Idanha's only grocery store was completely destroyed by fire August 21 last year. The store was owned by Hopson's son, Lee Jr., and wife.

Teen Age Committee Sell Breakfast Tickets

The Teen Age Committee members are making final plans for their Easter Sunrise breakfast. The breakfast will be served at the Grade School Cafeteria from 7 to 11 Easter Sunday. Those who do not have tickets may call Mrs. Fred Krecklow or pick them up at The Enterprise office.

The proceeds from the breakfast are used towards the Fourth of July celebration. The Teen Age Committee sponsors the parade.

Cpl. Tom Drynan Speaks To Detroit Youth Group

IDANHA—Some 11 Young People of the Idanha Community church and their counselors attended the youth meeting at the Detroit home of Counselor Dave White Sunday. Lesson of the day was on "Police Careers and Laws on Drug Abuse." Guest speaker was Cpl. Tom Drynan, who spoke on drugs and the pitfalls of the use of them. In order to identify and acquaint the group with various drug cases, Drynan passed around a sample case, explaining that the colored ones could even be fashioned into a string of beads.

During the business meeting the group voted to purchase and plant flowers at both the Detroit Community Christian church and the Idanha Community church this spring. Due to Easter Sunday there will be no meeting this week.

The next meeting will be April 5 at 5:30 at the Henry Hiebert home and the lesson will be decided later.

U. S. Plywood High Bidder on Timber

DETROIT—U. S. Plywood Champion Papers, Inc., was the successful bidder on an estimated 1,300,000 bf. of Willamette National Forest timber in the Cooper's Ridge Salvage sale.

The 10 a. m. oral auction was conducted at Detroit Ranger station Thursday. The 890 Mbf of Western-hemlock and other coniferous species of logs advertised at \$18.75 per M was the only species bid on, and sold for \$19.05 per M in the final bidding.

Other species timber involved in the sale was 270 Mbf of Doug-fir logs and peeler blocks advertised at \$33.10 per M; 200 Mbf of White Pine logs at \$59.35 and an unestimated amount of Doug-fir special cull logs and blocks at \$3.35 per M. All sold at fixed rates.

Some 575 acres of all species of substandard logs advertised at 0.10 per acre (optional) were included in the sale.

Other firms represented were Young & Morgan, Inc., Mill City; Frank Lumber Co.; and Freres Vener Co., Lyons.