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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

The North Santiam Chamber of Commerce Whitewater Challenge is no more. And it is a crying shame that it had to come to an end. It is not the fault of the Chamber, nor the North Santiam River Guides that it is being called off this year. It is the fault of just a few—a small minority of people—who have no decency in their souls, that has caused the end of this splendid event.

When the Whitewater Challenge was started here some years ago, it was a sort of family-type event, that is so popular in this part of our country. The cancellation of this event should bring home to us a real lesson. How do you think Hitler got control of Germany or the communists got control of Russia. It was just about the same way we lost our Whitewater Challenge. It was because the many let the few take over, and ruin it. If all the good people of the country would only wake up, back their police officers to the hilt, then clean our courts so much permissiveness, so we could get good solid convictions, these things could not take place. As long as we sit quiet, like sheep, and let hoodlums like Hell's Angels, or like small organized groups, terrorize our country, we're going to be in BIG trouble.

Here in Santiam country we have had but very little trouble of this type, but if we ever do, and we sit idly by and let this type of people take over, it will be the beginning of the end for all our splendid family-type campgrounds. We, who live here, are proud of our area, and we sincerely hope that this year, more people will do their part to keep it that way. They can do this by reporting any uncouth people in camping areas, they can also help by keeping their own campgrounds clean and neat. It seems this year, more than ever before, residents are becoming more litter conscious. Let us hope they will keep it that way. The Scout groups in our area have done a fine job this spring in their clean-up drives. They have made some money too—but the main thing is they have shown real pride in their community. I sincerely hope the grownups will demonstrate a like pride and keep their litter in their own trash containers—not scatter it on the streets and highways.

Fishing season started off here Saturday with a boom, but rains over the weekend somewhat dampened the spirits of many, who were seen heading out of the canyon about noon. There were many good catches, however, some of the more hardy individuals came out with full limits.

Too bad we couldn't have had a little better weather for the opening of the trout season.

Frank Lumber Co. High Bidder at Timber Sale

DETROIT — Frank Lumber Co., Mill City was apparent high bidder at \$253,275 for an estimated 7,700,000 board feet of Willamette National Forest timber in the Outerson timber sale conducted at Detroit Ranger Station Thursday morning.

The firm bid \$41.75 per M for 3,100 MBF of Doug-fir logs and peeler blocks, 15c per M over the advertised rate. Included in the sale were 4,600 MBF of western-hemlock and other coniferous species logs at \$26.80 per M, an unestimated amount of Doug-fir special cull logs at \$3.20 per M and 228 acres of all species substandard logs which sold at the advertised rate of \$2.50 per acre. Doug-fir special cull logs sold at a fixed rate.

The tract is located about 12 miles east of Detroit via McCoy Creek road. There were four qualified bidders.

Gates Second Graders "Store Up" Math



Pictured above from left to right are Porter, Robby Drake. They are shown in their model of a grocery store.

Grocery mathematics is the current interest of Mrs. Wilma Stenbeck's second graders. These young people are learning through doing and will contribute much to sound grocery buying and stocking the family larder. To help them learn the ins and outs of buying, adding and subtracting the class has set up a model grocery store.

Mrs. Stenbeck implements such computation questions as: Is it a better bargain to buy two cans of fruit at 48c or four cans at 89c. Or is it less money per box to buy a 12 ounce breakfast cereal at 36c or three

boxes at 99c. A field trip to the local grocery store is also part of this interesting and practical learning program.

Students of this second grade take turns serving as buyer, store clerk, and adding machine. The latter student writes prices of purchased goods on the blackboard and adds them. The store shelves are stocked with empty but sealed cans and appear much as they do in the local grocery stores. To prepare the 28 students in her room, Mrs. Stenbeck first reviewed with them the various denominations of currency and coin. This was followed by

drill on how to make change, using toy money. Use of subtracting the amount owed on a grocery bill from the amount the customer tenders. Also practice was given with addition of coins or currency to the amount owed so that the total equals the amount tendered by the customer.

The store project offers a practical approach to learning arithmetic in addition to being exposed to simple economics. It has been very popular with the pupils. "I've never seen the children as enthusiastic" was Mrs. Stenbeck's comment.

Meeting on Guns Slated at Lyons Grange Hall

Jake Myers of Silverton, former resident of the area was in Mill City Saturday talking up interest in a meeting on guns which is scheduled for 8 p. m. Friday, at the Santiam Grange hall in Lyons.

Featured speaker at the meeting will be A. J. Hollowell, national director of a group against the confiscation of all handguns.

Proponents of the move to retain ownership of handguns says the association is working to "preserve our right to keep and bear arms."

There will be a showing of the film "Firearms and Freedom." There is no admission charge.

Lyons Soldier Earns Award of Bronze Star Posthumously

LYONS—Army Cpl. Floyd J. Craigmyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Craigmyle, Lyons, has been awarded posthumously the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for heroism in action.

Craigmyle killed in Vietnam last November 3, also was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Weather, Detroit Dam

	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pool
April 15	62	36	1553.16	0.00
April 16	56	36	1553.60	0.00
April 17	61	34	1554.00	0.00
April 18	62	38	1554.27	0.00
April 19	48	35	1554.77	1.73
April 20	43	33	1555.28	0.90
April 21	47	35	1555.62	0.24

House Numbering Map Ready for City Council Use

At a Planning Commission meeting held here Tuesday night, Dale Morrow, Linn County Planning Commission representative from Albany presented a complete set of maps showing all homes in Mill City with the new house numbers assigned to each house. These maps will be turned over to the City Council.

The Planning Commission is now working on a five-year development plan for the new city park, and Pete Adair presented maps showing some of the proposed improvements. In discussion Tuesday night it was agreed that the commission would invite citizens of Mill City to advance ideas for developing the park.

Citizens Committee For Chemeketa College Named

Several people named to a committee of citizen supporters from all communities involved met Monday morning in Salem to discuss plans for getting out an affirmative vote on the upcoming budget for Chemeketa college.

At this first general committee meeting, chaired by B. B. Stevens, Salem, plans were discussed on how best to get factual information on the college to the voters. Another meeting will be held in Salem Monday morning.

On the committee from this area are Curt Benefiel, Lyons; Dennis Frank, Stayton; and Don Moffatt, Mill City.

Cub Scout Pack Meet Scheduled for Friday

A Pack meeting will be held Friday evening, April 24 at the Scout house starting at 7:30 p. m.

All Cubs and their parents are urged to attend this pack meeting. A full schedule of summer events will be revealed. Also more information on the swimming course will be available.

The evening of events will close with refreshments being served according to Cubmaster George Long.

Memorial Day River Challenge Cancelled

The North Santiam Chamber of Commerce in session last Wednesday night at a dinner meeting at The Riverview to discontinue the annual Whitewater Challenge. This action came when the North Santiam River Guides Association said they did not feel that they should take on the responsibility of the safety factor of the run on Memorial Day each year. This is no fault of their own, and their decision came following the McKenzie White Water Parade, in which two lives were lost this year. This coupled with many other incidents on that day led to their deciding against taking any part in the Whitewater Challenge on the North Santiam.

Several of the North Santiam River Guides had been asked by the McKenzie Guides to come and help them when their run was held. Several of the Guides were present at the

Chamber meeting, and gave their reasons for the decision. Gene Teague, one of the local guides stated: "I have never seen so much long hair and filth in all my life. It was a disgrace, and the language heard on the river was not fit for anyone to hear."

Jerry Coffman, one of the main organizers of the White-

water Challenge and of the local Guides stated he had "never seen such a mess, and I would certainly not be in favor of having anything like that take place in our Canyon. It is indeed a sad situation when a few unruly and foul-mouthed people can cause such a popular event as our Whitewater Challenge to be called off."

Al Norblad, president of the Santiam River Guides said there were 25 arrests at the McKenzie affair. "There was much evidence of 'pot' being smoked and you could even smell it in the air. There was also lots of booze on hand. To cap the climax, I saw two men standing on a raft urinating on each other. There also was a motorcycle gang present to add problems to policing the event. Many of the people on the banks threw bottles and trash at those running the river."

Much of the trouble in these events is that too many inexperienced people get into the river, many without life belts or life preservers of any type. They go down the river in rubber rafts, inner tubes, and just in wet suits.

President of the Chamber, Harold Wiltse said: "We have been fortunate that we have had no loss of life in our Whitewater Challenges, and I feel we'd better quit now before someone loses his life."

Usually the normal flow of water in the Santiam on Memorial Day is not sufficient to make the river safe for navigation, but the Corps of Engineers has cooperated with the Chamber in the past to let more water into the river to insure a safe voyage for boaters. This year, without a request from the Chamber, the river most likely will be too low to make any kind of a run by individuals a foolish venture.

At the business meeting President Wiltse named Chris King as acting secretary for the balance of this fiscal year.

R. Duncan Talks On Hospital At Chamber Meeting

Richard Duncan, Jr., Stayton attorney, who is the president of Santiam Memorial Hospital, was guest speaker at the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday night. Mr. Duncan had been invited to give Chamber members a run-down on the status of the hospital since several doctors had left the community.

He said: "The hospital will have a hard time getting along without going into the red until we get more doctors in the area. The four remaining doctors we have are doing a good job of taking care of people, but not enough patients are being hospitalized locally to make it a paying proposition. We are fortunate in that we have cash money available at the present time so we can continue to give first class service even though our patient load is not up to what it should be."

Duncan said further, "even though we have been forced to raise salaries and have made many improvements in our service, we have not raised the cost of room rates. This we have done, as it is a community hospital, and we will not raise rates until it is absolutely necessary."

"It is not an easy thing to entice doctors to come to our area. Many are more interested in a guaranteed salary, and to work out of a clinic. We are not getting enough general practitioners out of our medical colleges these days to supply the need."

There are many communities in our country today who have no doctors at all, so we should feel fortunate that we still have four here in Stayton and one in Mill City."

Duncan informed the people that everything is being done to secure more doctors, and that several have indicated an interest in coming to the area.

Residents Turn Out for School Board Meeting

Between 40 and 50 residents of Administrative School District 129J were present at the high school here Monday night to attend a regular school board meeting. Because of the number present, the board passed a resolution that it be changed to a public hearing. Robert Monson, member of the faculty of Santiam High was present, requesting a hearing on why his contract was not renewed for the 1970-71 school term.

At the beginning of the meeting, Board Chairman Albin Cooper asked that "ground rules" be established on the hearing, as the board does not discuss personnel difficulties only in executive session, when all people, except board members, and those involved are excluded.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Cooper asked if any of the citizens wished to be heard. Mr. Monson presented his case to the board. None of the group spoke.

After the presentation was made, the board continued on in regular session, taking care of routine matters.

Fishing Good At Detroit Lake on Sat.

DETROIT — Detroit reservoir wasn't exactly the warmest place to be Saturday when the general trout season got underway, but it apparently was a hot spot for the fishermen (even if they were numbed with cold,) with limit catches of rainbow trout for both the boat and bank anglers. The weather, cloudy and cool during the morning changed to some pretty heavy showers at times during the afternoon.

Despite all of this some dandy catches were made. Monty Megarel of Mill City landed a rainbow trout that measured 23½ inches long, 6¾ inches deep and weighed six pounds. Next largest fish in his string of trout measured 18 inches long and weighed 2½ pounds. The catch was made near Detroit Dam powerhouse.

Floyd Peterman also of Mill City and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Macklin of Portland also made some nice catches. Angling at the lake was rated as very good for most everyone. The upper end of the Santiam arm of Detroit reservoir was crowded with anglers fishing shoulder to shoulder but everyone was catching fish and enjoying the sport.

Sunday was a blustery day, too. Snow showers fell throughout the day off and on. At times it was just plain rain mixed with a few snow flakes. The sun did try to peak through a few times but this was short lived. This, however, did not seem to dampen the spirits of the many fishermen in the area. Fine catches were reported during the day.

Driving snow hit Santiam Pass Sunday evening and stalled about 200 cars for some 40 minutes, State Police said.

The eight inches of new snow backed up traffic in both directions starting at 7:30 p. m. when several vehicles slid into ditches. Sanding crews from the State improved the traction.

Large Turnout Of Voters OK Budget

Over 200 voters turned out for the city budget election here last Thursday. This is a lot more than ever recorded here in recent years, according to Rex Ohmart, city recorder. There were 130 yes votes and 77 no votes.

The budget was some \$10,000 higher than last year, and included funds for improvements to the city hall, and city garage, and will provide funds for an additional police officer.

Marion County Housing Man Talks At Lions Meeting

Bill Bollman, executive director for the Marion County Housing Authority was guest speaker at the Lions club meeting Monday night. He gave a run-down on the Authority and its attempt to provide low-rent housing for low-income families. The Authority does not have jurisdiction in the City of Salem. Bollman says "the Authority leases houses, and then rents them out for a given amount of rent from the low-income people, with the balance of the rental fee being picked up by the Authority." For instance if a house is leased by the Authority for \$90 a month, the renter would pay only \$45 and the balance would be paid for them by the Authority. At the present time there is need for some 2,000 rentals in Marion county. So far 170 houses have been leased. Bollman says "we have 200 applications for low-rent housing now, and about 30 more are applying each month."

Other guests were Rebecca Earhart, girl of the month, and Gary Plotts, boy of the month at Santiam. John Lengacher, local building contractor was a guest.

This Saturday, according to Leo Poole, White Cane chairman, Lions club members will be selling the little white cans to residents who wish to make a contribution to the Lions sight conservation fund.

Officers nominated for the coming year are as follows: Bill Levellen, president; Geo. Long, first vice president; Gale Larson, second vice; Vernon Rulsh, third; Ed Whitmore, tail twister; Ozzie Mikkelsen, Lion tamer; Fred Berg, secretary-treasurer and Mel Rambo, director. Election will be held next Monday.