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ON THE SCENIC NORTH SANTIAM HIGHWAY — OREGON'S FAST GROWING VACATION WONDERLAND

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## Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

This is Monday, February 15 as this is being written—but according to the new schedule of holidays we're "celebrating" Washington's birthday. Next Monday will really be the venerable old gents birthday anniversary, but all government offices will be open on this day. Sort of funny how some of our elected officials decide to change birthday celebrations, isn't it? And just why do they do it? Personally, if I wanted to be narrow about it, I would shout "discrimination" against the rest of us business people who have to remain open, as it appears that just state and federal employees benefit from it. As long as the birthdays serve only to give three-day holidays, instead of a day in honor of these great men, why not just forget about it entirely. I always was under the impression that the government agencies were to serve the public. After all we pay taxes to support these services—but a lot of people nowadays feel that the only reason they are working is to satisfy their own desires. Maybe I'm wrong, but I still believe in having holidays when they are supposed to be, and to heck with the long weekends. Oh, well, we'll survive all right, but soon when a holiday falls on Monday, people will want to take off the whole week. I don't blame individuals who have these jobs for taking advantage of these long holidays—as it is our fault for letting these laws be passed. The next time some legislator figures out one of these deals, he should be sent home permanently.

I'm still tired of hearing about all these tax bills which are supposed to relieve property taxes. I also am sick of a lot of other ideas produced in Washington, D. C. including President Nixon's plan of sharing the revenue squeezed out of all of us. I still maintain the only way to reduce our taxes is not to send the tax money to Washington in the first place, then these fat calf politicians can't have such a pile of money to squander. I never mind paying taxes when the money is not wasted, but when we hear of all these government duplications of programs it burns me up. Most of us work real hard to make a living, and we should be given a little more consideration when the money is appropriated, and spent. If we could cut our taxes in half, it would be fine, then we could afford to spend a little of this money at home to better our own communities.

While we wait for the ecologists to come up with a sensible solution to the disposal of trash, why not do a little trash collecting yourself. Pick up the junk, not just that, if any, in your own yard but in a nearby lot, or at some favorite picnic site, or along a roadside. You can appoint yourself unofficial clean-up man for some area. Blaming a sloppy neighbor and then turning your back on the situation will get you nowhere.

We have at least one man of this type here in Mill City. He is Otto J. Koeneke, retired bank employee. Many times you can see Otto with his broom and pail cleaning up all the trash along the street coming into town. A lot of us could follow his example and do a little something for "free" just like he does. The next time you see Otto with his broom and pail, why not stop and tell him you appreciate his effort in keeping Mill City, or at least the street where he lives, a little more presentable.

Nothing narrows the "generation gap" like a little age. Most of the young folks think their parents are square because they do not think like they do, and the same goes for the older people. But just wait until these young people get a little age on their shoulders, get married and have a child or two. It's surprising what this does to narrow the gap.

## Taxpayers To Meet Here February 22

The monthly meeting of the Linn County Taxpayers Protective Association will have its regular meeting at the Mill City Fire hall at 8 p. m. Monday, February 22.

The meeting will be held to discuss some of the advances being made by the organization and to tell of the advantages of presenting a united front in the movement to get taxes reduced.

Alice Toland, president of the Association will be present to lead the discussion and to answer questions presented by those present.

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings which are held on the last Monday of each month.

## Auto Emission Test To Be Given In Salem Feb. 19-20

A free auto emissions testing clinic is scheduled in Salem Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the Payless Lancer Mall parking lot. Originally scheduled in January, it was postponed due to snow.

Sponsors are Willamette TB and Respiratory Disease Ass'n. (WTRDA), Capital Jr. Woman's club and Mid-Willamette Air Pollution Authority. South Salem High School Environmental club members will assist.

Speakers at an auto pollution control forum sponsored by WTRDA and the Authority in January indicated that air pollution could be reduced considerably if all cars were properly tuned. Vehicles which fail to pass the test are producing hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide because of incomplete combustion. Wasted gasoline is also costing the motorist more money.

The test equipment will measure emissions of hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide, invisible gases.

This public service is an educational effort, with no enforcement penalties for polluting vehicles.

## Lions To Build More Bus Shelters

Mel Rambo, chairman of the bus shelter project of the Mill City Lions club reported at the Monday night meeting that materials were now on hand to build two more shelters. The material is at Ozzie Mikkelsen's work shop. These two men are working together on the project. When part of the prefabricating is done, a work crew of Lions members will take the materials to the sites and complete them.

Don Moffatt was given a 15-year chevron at this meeting. The Boy and Girl of the month at Santiam High will be honored at the meeting next Monday night, according to President Gale Larson.

## New Floor Laid At Post Office

Charles Kelly, local postmaster took advantage of the Monday holiday to lay a new floor in the Post Office building.

He told The Enterprise Sunday there is no money available at the present time for new construction so he is going to rebuild the present structure. The new floor is the first part of the project. A new acoustical tile ceiling will be installed soon and the interior redecorated.

## Sixth Graders Load Time Capsule



Herb Bastuscheck's sixth grade science students are loading up the time capsule above with all sorts of things. They will open the gadget up when they reach their senior year to see how things have changed. —The Mill City Enterprise photo.

## Loggers To Hear About New Ideas

L. James Bagley, U. S. Plywood-Champion Papers Inc., Eugene and Dick Posekany, Frank Lumber Co., Mill City, president and vice president of the Oregon Logging Conference, reported that "Night Logging" will be one of the features on the "New Ideas in Logging" session Friday afternoon, February 26.

Additional new developments in "Mobil Drill Base," "Snorkels," "Sykline Thinning," "Chipping Operations," "Scissor Boom," "Uphill Felling" and other methods and equipment.

The 33rd Annual Session of the Oregon Logging Conference will be held February 25, 26, and 27 in Eugene. The theme is "Creative Cropping." L. L. Stewart, President of Bohemia Lumber Company, Eugene will be the principal speaker. Panel sessions on "Benefits of Creative Cropping," "The Contract Loggers," and "Forest Roads" are scheduled.

More than 1700 are expected to register, starting Wednesday evening at the Eugene Hotel. The large display of logging equipment will be open to the public Saturday, February 27.

President Bagley encourages all loggers and suppliers to attend.

## Building Permits In Linn County Show Increase

Building permits were up in Linn County in December, 1970, compared to December, 1969, the University of Oregon Bureau of Business and Economic Research has reported.

In December, 1970, the total was \$293,025 compared to \$206,100 in the same month last year.

Building permits from 151 identical reporting centers in Oregon totaled \$31,822,458 in December, 1970. This was 29.7% higher than in December, 1969.

The state total for December, 1970, included \$18,099,542 for 1,266 new dwelling units; \$10,299,438 was for new non-residential construction, and \$3,423,478 was for additions, alterations and repairs to existing structures.

For the same month last year, the \$24,538,736 total of permits was composed of \$10,078,091 for 701 new dwelling units, \$9,934,058 was for new non-residential construction, and \$4,526,587 was for additions, alterations, and repairs to existing structures.

## Weather, Detroit Dam

7 a. m. Daily Weather Reading				
	Pool	Max.	Min.	Elev. Pcp.
Feb. 10	59	36	1484.60	0.79
Feb. 11	58	40	1488.58	0.00
Feb. 12	54	37	1490.79	0.00
Feb. 13	56	38	1492.93	0.00
Feb. 14	55	37	1495.09	0.00
Feb. 15	53	36	1498.12	1.26
Feb. 16	44	34	1501.27	0.30

## Sixth Grade Here Loading Time Capsule

Herb Bastuscheck's sixth grade students at Mill City Elementary school have been thinking ahead. For the past week during science class they have been preparing a time capsule, to be re-opened by themselves as seniors on or about February 8, 1977. Included in the capsule are letters to themselves, odds and ends of things they want to give themselves, written work they've done during the year, photographs, tapes, drawings, newspaper clippings of contemporary events including the current Apollo mission, and predictions of what they think things will be like during their senior year.

The time capsule consists of four large cans which will be welded together, enclosing all of the above-mentioned paraphernalia.

Sometime during the month of February, 1977 the present sixth graders, armed with a trusty can opener, will re-open their time capsule and reflect upon how things were in the "good old days."

## Dog Control Man To Be In Area February 24th

County Clerk, Del W. Riley, issued a reminder to all Linn County residents that 1971 Dog Licenses are available and were due January 1.

An extension of time, or grace period is granted until March 1, to obtain a license without incurring a penalty. After March 1, an additional charge of \$2 is imposed.

The funds derived from the licensing of dogs are credited to a separate account and are used to defray expenses incurred by the Linn County Dog Control officer. Any surplus in this account is distributed shortly after the first of the year to persons having verified claims arising from sheep, goats, or fowl, killed by dogs of unknown ownership.

Owners may obtain licenses by sending the fee of \$3 with their name and address, and the name, sex and breed of the dog to the Linn County Clerk, P. O. Box 100, Albany.

Bill Luton, Linn County Dog Control officer will be in Mill City from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. and at Lyons from 2:30 to 5 p. m. on February 24.

## Old Timer's Group To Have Picnic

Recently a committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Clark in Stayton for the purpose of planning the annual picnic for the Old Timer's Group. They have been having a breakfast in October, but it was decided for this year to have a noon potluck meal at 12:30 on Saturday August 14, 1971 at the Firs at Fisherman's Bend. Mark this date in your calendar.

Those meeting with the Clarks to plan the picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bassett and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Downing of the Lyons area.

## Little Red Romps Over Rams

Santiam was hosted by the Regis Rams, and they defeated the Rams 38 to 30 Friday.

Santiam was off to a good first half scoring 23 while Regis managed to net 11. The second half was much the same with Santiam scoring 25 and Regis 19.

Dennis Budlong with 22 was high scorer for Santiam.

## Susan Crowther Is Homemaker at Santiam High

Susan L. Crowther has been named 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Santiam high school. She was chosen on the basis of her score in a December 1 written knowledge and attitude examination for which 650,000 senior girls throughout the country were enrolled. From General Mills, sponsor of the annual education program, she will receive a specially designed award. Additionally, her selection makes her eligible for state and national honors, including one of 102 college scholarships totaling \$110,000.

The contest is sponsored by Betty Crocker. The only national scholarship program exclusively for high school senior girls, the Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow was instituted by General Mills in the 1954-55 school year to emphasize the importance of homemaking as a career.

## PP&L To Spend \$2 Million in Albany District

Pacific Power & Light Company will spend \$2 million in the Albany district including Mill City in 1971 for expansions and improvements to the firm's electric and water facilities, reports John Kohls, PP&L Stayton local manager.

The expenditure is the largest among seven districts in the company's mid-Oregon division and accounts for nearly one-third of the \$6.2 million budget for the division, he noted.

One local project, costing \$6,000, is the installation of a 400-gallon-per minute pressure pump in the firm's Mill City water system.

Largest chunk of the Albany district budget—\$920,000—will go for the basic ingredients needed to improve and operate an electrical distribution system and to meet local growth requirements, including transformers, conductors, poles and meters, Kohls said.

## Camp Fire Girls Hold Birthday Ceremonial

On Monday, February 8, the sixth grade Camp Fire girls held their birthday ceremonial at the home of their leader, Mrs. Gale Larson.

Guests were the girls' mothers and their sponsor, Mrs. Harry Mason of the Mill City Woman's Club. As the guests arrived, they were greeted at the door and "pinned" with emblems of their birth months.

Following the ceremonial, refreshments were served at tables decorated with signs of the zodiac.

Those attending were Mrs. Ralph Spurgeon and Patti, Mrs. David Meier and Joanna, Mrs. John Wills and Natalie, Mrs. Fred Krecklow and Pam, Mrs. Gale Larson and Lynn, Mrs. Clare Henness and Susan and the sponsor, Mrs. Mason.

## Snookies Drive In At Gates To Open This Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Don Whigham of Gates are announcing the opening of "Snookie's Drive In" this Saturday for the spring and summer season. The Whighams operate Snookies in Stayton the year around.

Hamburger specials will be featured this Saturday for the opening of Snookie's at Gates and they will be open on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Council Gives Variance to School Dist.

At the City Council meeting Wednesday, February 10 building variances were granted to School District 129J to add on to the auditorium to within five feet of the property line on S. W. 4th street and to Gale Dorothy to stable houses for a period of three years.

In other business, the council voted to allow 6 cents per mile for city policemen to attend various schools in Salem. The schools to be a selected number to better train the police for their duties and are to be attended on their days off.

Bills totaling \$1,535.22 were authorized for payment.

The police report showed 29 traffic citations issued and 14 traffic warnings. There were three municipal citations issued and one prisoner lodged. Twenty-six cases were processed, 15 complaints, 37 incidents and one accident reported.

At a special meeting on February 11, Joseph McDougall was hired as street maintenance man to replace Ray Therien who was hired in December to replace Art Hedge who will retire February 28, this year.

In tribute to Mr. Hedge, Mayor Peck read a letter of appreciation for his many years of faithful work as street maintenance man and presented him with an electric wrist watch.

Following the meeting, coffee and cake was served in honor of Mr. Hedge.

## Upper Canyon Shows Spring Signs

DETROIT — The following report was furnished by Detroit weather observer, Irene Paullin.

Weather readings for the week ending February 16, are as follows. High temperature for the week was 60 degrees on the 14th, low 30 degrees on the 16th, with an average mean of 43 degrees. This compares with a high of 60 degrees on the 10th in 1970, and a low of 29 degrees on the 13th, with an average mean of 37 degrees. Precipitation for the week was 3.14 inches of rain with 1.60 inches falling on the 10th, and 1.30 inches on the 16th.

Last year's precipitation for the same period was 3.89 inches with 1.40 inches falling on the 15th, and 1.35 on the 16th. No snow fell during this period in 1970 with only a light ground covering of snow on the night of the 15th this month with no measurable amount covering the ground in open areas. At present surrounding mountains are lightly covered with snow, and at present writing the sun is shining.

A foot-note from your reporter: A snow storm on the Santiam Pass caused several minor accidents Monday resulting in at least one minor injury, state police said. At Marion Forks about an inch and a half of snow was reported Monday morning, but had apparently melted away during the day.

Spring plant life in the area is continuing to progress. Wild violets and Pussy Willows are blooming, giving the area that welcome touch of spring. In addition, tulips, Lilly of the Valley, crocus, pansies, daffodils and other early plant life are progressing nicely.

On the pest-side, flies and ants are also making their debut known.

## Kiwanis Club To Have Benefit Crab Feed Saturday Evening

The Stayton Kiwanis club is sponsoring a crab feed at the middle school cafeteria this Saturday from 6 to 9 p. m. according to Jim Hanson, member of the club.

Money raised by the feed will be used to aid the exchange student program in Stayton.