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## Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

When I got up this Monday morning and looked at the thermometer on the front porch, I had a good notion to crawl back into bed and just sort of skip the day. It stood at 20°. We have about a foot of snow in the yard. It is a pretty sight, and takes me back a "fur piece" to my childhood on a North Dakota farm. Things then were quite different. We had to get out of bed in a cold room—no central heat, go down stairs and dress by an old coal heater, which Dad had fired up until it was a cherry red. Then there was that old outside toilet. That would really give you a bleak outlook on life, if nothing else did. We had to go to school in town, which was about two miles from the farm. There were no school buses in those days, so we had to drive a horse drawn sleigh to town. We didn't think too much of it then, but I'd certainly hate to do it now.

This also brings about a thought about nutrition. On the farm, we raised a lot of what we ate. We didn't have a bunch of long-named vitamins to add to our food. It was served just about as nature intended it to be eaten. Lots of good meat, pancakes, probably loaded with fat, with "sowbelly", side pork to you, served in large quantities. There was no worry of cholesterol fat in those days. We had to get out and move around a lot more then, and naturally we used up any surplus fat that went into our systems. We had plenty of good meat, poultry, and sometimes frozen fish from Minnesota. Lots of home grown vegetables, and about the only thing we were short of was fresh fruit. It was hard to come by in those days. However with lots of outdoor exercise and good normal foods not the kinds that come in fancy boxes, loaded with "nothing", we survived in fine fashion. I don't mean to knock our present day life, but I think we were about as well off when we didn't have all these "experts" telling us what to do.

This also brings to mind something that happened at a meeting I attended recently. I was talking to Al Sorseth, a former resident, and in the course of our visit, we remembered that we both came here from North Dakota. You always hear jokes about the "Arkies" and "Oakies." There was a wisnheimer who said, "You guys are a couple of Doakies." It about cracked us up, as it was said in jest. Never heard that one before.

I wonder if public pressure and there is a lot of it, isn't going to force a relaxation on backyard burning. This brings up the point of burning branches from trees following a storm, of which we have several during the course of a year. Many places now, disposal firms are not picking up this type of debris, so what is a householder going to do with it?

Most of these people who trim their trees would like to keep their property neat, but now they are forced with the mounting problem of what to do with all this pile of trimmings. More and more of this stuff is being dumped illegally along our highways, where it is causing a real problem. Not only it is unsightly, but it still has to be picked up and taken somewhere to be disposed of. Since our man Bud Cline has been forced to quit burning at the city dump he is running into real problems. The burning he did there, in an expert manner, caused little if any trouble here in our city. But now he is forced by government regulations to bury everything. This is going to cause a real underground pollution problem before many years and then what are we going to do.

I firmly believe that it is just another case of overreaction by some ecologists and the government agencies who are working with them. Some day probably the situation will be solved, but at the present time it is just one great big

## S. P. Plans to Abandon Tracks in City

A representative of Southern Pacific Railway was in Mill City last week and was talking to people relative to the abandonment of 2.17 miles of track in and near Mill City in Linn and Marion counties. This will mean that the train will no longer be coming into town. It will terminate its run near Frank Lumber Co. mill.

The reload station just east of the city has not been in use for some time and if there is no protest from residents, no formal hearings will be held.

As long as there is no business generated east of town, residents here have been in favor of abandoning this portion of the track as at times, the train coming into town has been hazardous because of the businesses located along Wall Street.

There will be loading facilities at the terminal west of town to take care of Wills Brothers Shingle Company, about the only firm using the rail service east of the proposed termination of the rails.

## Ullman To Speak At Albany March 5

Congressman Al Ullman will be guest speaker at the "Swing Into Spring—71 Dinner" sponsored by Linn County Democrats at the Fairgrounds in Albany, Friday, March 5, 1971, at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

Congressman Ullman is the third ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee. He is a major force in determining the nation's fiscal direction. When he has thought the course set by the White House was wrong he has been outspoken in his criticism of the present Administration's position in fiscal matters.

Congressman Ullman has represented Oregon's Second District since 1957. He has served on the Interior Committee and National Outdoor Recreation Review Commission; serves on the Democratic Committee on Committees, and is a member of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Reservations are Required—Please call: Stanley Ogden 897-2296.

## School Budget Hearing Set

The public hearing for the Administrative School District 129J budget, as advertised, will be held from 8 until 8:30 p. m. Monday, March 8 at Santiam High school in room No. 3.

Following the hearing a discussion will be held from 8:30 until 9 concerning the new proposed cafeteria addition. Any question anyone has will be answered at this time.

The election for the purpose of exceeding the six percent limitation has been set for April 5 at Santiam High school. This election is for the 1971-72 school budget.

## World Day of Prayer To Be Held March 5

The World day of Prayer will be held in the Christian Church on March 5th at 1:00 p. m. with a lunch to follow in the basement social room. All are invited to this service. The theme will be "New Life Awaits".

Many people will be participating in this service. Sponsored by the Mill City Ministerial Association.

mess. Personally I like the smell of wood smoke. It's a whole lot better than a lot of smells we're confronted with in our cities today. Better let the homeowners do a little burning on their own on the good days—it could help solve a lot of problems.

## New Owner at Mill City Pharmacy



Pictured above with Mel Eide, who has owned and operated the Mill City Pharmacy since the forepart of June in 1960 is Frank Stromquist, who with his wife, Margaret have just purchased the business, and became the new owners March 1. Mr. Stromquist who is an Oregon State graduate has served as president of the Lane County Pharmaceutical Association, was on the Emerald Empire Roundup Board of Directors, White Bird Clinic Board of Directors and was also active in the Eugene Jaycees. Mrs. Stromquist and 17-month old son, Erik will join him as soon as they find living quarters. She is a former teacher, being an Oregon State graduate and is currently president of the Eugene Junior Womens Club.—The Mill City Enterprise Photo.

## 28 Snowed In Sunday at Breitenbush

BREITENBUSH—Twenty-eight Portland persons were taken from their snow-bound cabins in the Breitenbush area near Detroit Sunday.

Ten snowmobiles, including five from Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club in Portland, made two trips Sunday into the Breitenbush Hot Springs Resort to bring out the 28 students and adult leaders snowbound since last Tuesday. One group, including small children, reached Detroit about 9:30 a. m. and the rest about 2 p. m. Sunday. Two teenage boys walked out alone on snowshoes about 9 a. m.

The 13 students and 16 adults, who left Metropolitan Learning center in Portland Tuesday, were in good condition, having kept warm by a fire and blankets at a central lodge, and were well fed. The three bus vans and another vehicle used to drive in, were left behind in 4-foot deep snow and may not be recovered for weeks.

Snowmobiles reached the stranded children and adults near Villa Maria at the Upper Spring Saturday night. Although plenty of provisions were in stock at the cabins, more was taken in by the snowmobiles Saturday night. Students ranged in age from 8 to 18.

Several members of the group had skis, snow shoes and other winter equipment, and a few adults were experts in winter survival, according to Amasa Gilman, principal of the school. The group had gone into the area on a five-day outing.

Members of the Portland Snowmobile club were housed Saturday night at Detroit Elementary school gym.

## Big Cliff Employee Burned Thursday

DETROIT—William R. Grant, 25, Sublimity, an employee at Big Cliff Dam power plant was burned Thursday afternoon while working on a 480-volt circuit breaker at the plant.

He received second degree burns over much of the upper part of his body, but was reported in satisfactory condition at Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton, where he was taken by Detroit Mobile First Aid Unit.

Project engineer Alvin Luehring said Grant was burned by an arc, but it was not certain how it happened.

Ambulance attendants said he received painful burns on the face, hands, arms and chest.

## Litter Plan For Year Started Now

Recently SOLV, INC. (Stop Oregon Litter And Vandalism) launched the first phase of its three-phase 1971 program for a cleaner Oregon. A program predicated on participation by every man, woman and child in Oregon, it already is the envy of many other states in the nation.

Phase I of the 1971 program is called Design for a Cleaner Oregon. All public and private school students in Oregon, grades 1 through 12, are being asked to participate in the design of an emblem (button) for SOLV. What SOLV needs and wants is a readily recognizable trademark. To get it they have gone to the schools seeking help from Oregon's nearly half-million school youngsters. And it is quite a carrot they've held out to promote participation by these young citizens. First prize is a \$500 Meier and Frank Co. gift certificate.

The design for a Cleaner Oregon contest ends midnight March 19, with winners to be announced at a breakfast March 27.

Phase II, Action for a Cleaner Oregon, follows closely after the approval of the new trademark: April 3, clean-up day throughout Oregon.

Official activities are being planned in 30 of Oregon's 39 counties where SOLV local chairmen have been preparing for months to zero in on clean-up activities in cooperation with other groups.

The establishment of the local county organizations is a measure of SOLV's state wide success. "We must have total involvement to do a credible job," SOLV officials say. The response has been, we think, exceptional.

Following closely after Phase II is the final emphasis of activities that will last through the year, and the most important.

Phase III is the fund campaign to finance SOLV programs.

"Nickels and dimes from youngsters mean commitment," Kel Kellner SOLV finance chairman says. "We must have a commitment from everyone. Our \$100,000 budget must be supported broadly across the state to operate a successful program."

What does SOLV do with the funds? How does it help Oregon to be a better place in which to live and visit?

In just this way. By example, SOLV officials say, they intend to show that good citizenship is the most important factor in litter clean up. Everyone must do his part. We help to show that part by education, by film showings throughout Oregon schools, by assisting all organizations who want to do their thing to prevent litter and vandalism, by making everyone in Oregon aware that there is something he can do individually.

We look forward to seeing SOLV's new emblem trademark. We look forward to the action for cleaner Oregon in April, and we pledge ourselves to make a contribution to buy our share in a cleaner Oregon.

From now on SOLV's success is dependent upon what we can do to support this organization that has received nationwide acclaim.

## Former Teacher Here Passes Away Feb. 18

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Loucks have received word of the death of Mrs. Clarence Hawkins of Dexter, Oregon February 18.

Mrs. Hawkins will be remembered here by her friends as Miss Golda Henry. She taught the second grade in the local school 17 years ago.

She had been ill from a malignant brain tumor.

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## House Memorial Honors Detering

The Oregon House Monday adopted a memorial to the late Rep. Gerald W. Detering, a Harrisburg Republican.

Detering, an orchardist, died August 23, 1970. He was cited by several legislators for his work for the Linn-Benton Community College, legislation dealing with children and youth, and for his "reasonable approach to problems" arising from the conflict between urban and rural interests.

Mr. Detering had many friends in both parties here. He and his wife, Marie, used to meet the people at The Enterprise office on several occasions to discuss their individual problems.

## Grange Speaker



State Representative Walter R. Collett, will be guest speaker at the Santiam Valley Grange meeting to be held Friday evening, March 5.

Mr. Collett's topic will be "Progress in the State Legislature."

## Wolverines Win Last Ball Game

Santiam hosted Colton Friday and defeated them 66 to 45. Garv Richards started the first quarter with 6 points. The team tallied 13 points, while Colton netted 9.

In the second quarter, Santiam made 16 points to outscore Colton by 3. High scorers were Gordon Plotts and Ron Podrabsky in this eight-minute period.

Starting off in the second half, David Pittam posted 9 points in the third quarter.

From the first quarter, Santiam was ahead and kept it that way throughout the game. The final score was Santiam 66, Colton 45. High scorer was David Pittam with 17 points.

## Travelers To Appear Here March 19th

The hilarious Harlem Travelers are coming to town.

Advertised as the funniest basketball team in America, the Harlem Travelers are a combine of Hoop stars who tour the country making people laugh. They are without a doubt "tops in comic basketball."

They will appear in the local gymnasium on the date of March 19, 1971 at 8 p. m. at Santiam High School Gym.

When the name "Harlem Travelers" is mentioned, hoop fans get ready for an evening of entertainment. The fans come out to see a fancy exhibition, razzle-dazzle ball handling, intricate routines, both planned and impromptu comedy and all sorts of shenanigans.

The Harlem Travelers are unique in the fact they never try to run up a huge score against opponents—it has been their policy to keep the game even, devoting much of the time to comedy stuff and ball handling routines.

And owner Bobby Blue remembers the line someone once said: "A real pro will never make you look bad."

There are times, naturally, when the Travelers have to extend themselves. When the home team is exceptionally strong or gets "hot," the Travelers have a ball game on their hands. Then you see some real action as well as comedy.

The Harlem Travelers are a happy bunch of ball players—no one individual is the big star of the team, so they all join in the fun of making people laugh.

## Gates Firemen Put Out Blaze

GATES—The Gates Fire Department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shewmake about 10:45 p. m. Monday to extinguish a fire.

Damage was confined to a wall in the kitchen utility room and upstairs with very little water damage. The cause is being investigated. The house was insured.

Mr. and Mrs. Shewmake are from California and praised the volunteer firemen for their quick action and also the firemen who stood by for a few hours after the others left.

The Shewmakes are staying temporarily with Mrs. Betty Kelle.

Repairs will be started immediately.

## Fast Ball Expert



Pictured above is one of the fast passing Harlem Travelers basketball team who will be appearing here Friday, March 19 at Santiam High School gym.