

# The Mill City Enterprise

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## Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

It appears that the present session of Legislature in Salem is getting the pulse of the taxpayers—no increase in taxes wanted. This was reflected when they turned thumbs down on the office of ombudsman and also the expense of maintaining an office in Washington, D. C. People are of the opinion that we have elected representatives in Washington to take care of us, and if they are not capable of doing it, new ones who will may be elected at the next election. As far as ombudsman is concerned, I feel that our elected officials can do the job themselves. Most likely no real problems have been solved by the office created by Gov. McCall anyhow.

Congratulations to Don Carey and his Stayton Eagles on their capturing the Class AA Oregon State High School basketball crown in Eugene. They had a wonderful season and are to be complimented upon their success. They have made the State tourney for several years, but this was their first state win.

This week The Enterprise has cause to feel elated over a recent readership survey that was conducted by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association in December. Each of the weekly newspapers in the state sent out questionnaires to a percentage of their subscribers asked them several questions relative to their reading habits. There is a story about the state-wide results elsewhere in The Enterprise this week. The thing that caused us at The Enterprise to be happy is the percentage of questionnaires which were mailed to the Portland office. The statewide average, according to Mary Lynn Tucker, ONPA representative, was 15 percent. She informed us by telephone last week that 46 percent of the readers of The Enterprise returned their answers. This was the highest score in the State, which naturally makes us feel real proud of the readers we have. The figures will be used to prove the drawing power of advertising in weekly newspapers. Thank you readers for your support.

Voters last week turned thumbs down on the city budget, and to my knowledge this is the first time that a budget has been defeated here—and to me it was a bad move. The budget was a sound one, and one that should have been passed. When the hearing was held on this year's budget, only three people showed up, and they had no real complaints to present. The city must have funds to operate, and now the budget will be placed before the voters again. When the next hearing is held, it would behoove people who had a gripe to present it to the budget committee so it can be explained. It is true, people are tired of paying high taxes, but I do not feel that our city ever spends money foolishly. We need police protection and we need street maintenance. I would like to hear reasons why the budget was defeated, and we have space in our newspaper we can devote to those who have complaints. The best way is to bring your gripes out in the open so they can be discussed. I am confident that the people in Mill City want progress, and I'm sure that if they understand what is being done with the money, they will take a different view when the budget is presented for vote again in the near future.

Personally, I think it is the Federal Tax bite that is killing us—not the taxes levied on the local level. Let us take a good hard look at our budgets before we go to the polls the next time.

When you reach middle age three things happen to you. First, you lose your memory. I forgot the other two.

## Four Taken in Narcotic Raid Monday

Many hours of work by State, County and City Police paid off in an early morning raid on a residence at 410 S. First street here. Four men were arrested following the raid.

Police Chief Don Gillenwater told The Enterprise that a large quantity of marijuana and other drugs were found, and also other paraphernalia used by those in drug traffic. The raid was pulled off at 1 a. m. Monday.

Chief Gillenwater said he had been watching the house for some time. Arrested were Tommy Lynn Thacker, 25, 410 S. First St.; Gary Leo Jennings, 21, same address; David Lee Wallace, 19, Gates, and James Frank Dee Smith, 23, of Gates.

## Lyle Rogers Sr. Seriously Injured in Fall From Tree

DETROIT—Lyle Rogers, Sr., of Detroit sustained serious injuries in an accidental fall while at work in the Blue River area the forepart of last week.

Reports indicated the accident occurred while he was climbing a tree which was to be topped. He was cutting off limbs on his way up, when in some manner his saw cut through his safety belt causing him to drop 100 feet to the ground. One of his spikes also came off at the same time, thus giving him no protection whatsoever. He fell face down, with arms across his chest, into a creek bed of moss which is believed to have cushioned the fall. He was taken to Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene. A relative said he sustained a broken neck, wrist, chest injury, and multiple bruises. She said he is in a body brace and is able to be up for short periods. When not up, he is in traction. She added that if he continues to improve he may be released from the hospital by the end of the week and will recuperate at home.

## Seniors Tops in Current Six Weeks

- The Seniors at Santiam were again leaders for number of students making the honor roll for the current six weeks.
- Freshmen**
- Kenneth Morgan ..... 4.00
  - Sophomores**
  - Lisa Kay Gabriel ..... 3.71
  - Linda Long ..... 3.57
  - Darrell Plotts ..... 3.85
  - Gloria Poole ..... 3.71
  - Leroy Shepherd ..... 3.85
  - Gary Taylor ..... 3.57
  - Juniors**
  - Francis Blumenstein ..... 3.71
  - Dan Cox ..... 3.66
  - Karen Davis ..... 3.50
  - Mary Gay Fleetwood ..... 3.66
  - Karen Hutchinson ..... 3.71
  - Toni Sewberg ..... 3.50
  - Vicki Olson ..... 4.00
  - Rebecca Savage ..... 3.57
  - William Wood ..... 3.66
  - Seniors**
  - Susan Crowther ..... 3.66
  - Bruce Bever ..... 3.66
  - Barbara Etzel ..... 3.83
  - Twyla Fultz ..... 3.85
  - Charles Geelan ..... 3.83
  - Kenneth Goforth ..... 3.57
  - Linda Hampton ..... 3.66
  - Robert Loveall ..... 3.50
  - Michael Moffatt ..... 3.83
  - Sandi Oliver ..... 3.57
  - Rick Posekany ..... 3.71
  - LaDonna Stafford ..... 3.73

## Police Checking Leads in Stewart Break-in

Mill City Police are checking up on several leads in the recent Stewart store burglary. It was reported today that they had several good solid leads and are working to run them down in hopes to find and prosecute the culprits.

This was the first time for several years that the store had been entered.

## Legislators Visit Here



The three Linn County Legislators can be seen here listening to some remarks made by one of their constituents who appeared at The Enterprise office Saturday forenoon. From left to right are Senator Hector Macpherson, Rep. Bill Gwinn and Rep. Bud Byers.

—The Enterprise photo.

## Legislators Meet Area Voters Here On Saturday

Several residents of the area had an opportunity to meet with the Linn County Legislators at The Enterprise office Saturday forenoon. Those who came piled the three men with questions on legislation, which ranged from gun control, to taxes, to air and soil pollution.

Rep. Bill Gwinn, the oldest in years of legislative service is not a newcomer to these Mill City meetings, as he had been here many times with the late Sen. Gerald Detering, who instigated the first of these sessions. The other Linn county Representative Bud Byers and Senator Hector Macpherson did their share in attempting to tell those present what was going on in Salem this session.

These informal sessions give people at the local level a chance to express their views, and also gives the legislators a chance to get the "grass roots" expressions of some of the people they serve.

Following the meeting at The Enterprise the Legislators and several other guests met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kelly, where they had lunch and continued the discussions. The three men went from here to Seio for another meeting.

## 'Elephant Trap' Snares Grandpa

By Jean Roberts

MEHAMA—Many a small boy has dug a pit, covered it with sticks and envisioned the trapping of an elephant or other wild game. A Mehama boy recently succeeded with his trap, not by capturing an elephant, but by snaring his grandfather in a pickup.

Kevin Holt, grandson of Merle Philippi, and a neighbor boy, worked for three days digging a hole out in the Philippi backyard. Playfully they covered it with sticks and then camouflaged it with an armful of straw. A few days later Grandpa Philippi drove across the backyard and right across the patch of straw. True to form the sticks broke and the front wheel of the pickup dropped out of sight.

With their prey just as helpless as a caged elephant, and almost as angry, the small boys fled.

## Suit Filed Against Plane Pilot's Estate

GATES—The widow of a Gates man killed last summer in a plane crash near Prineville has filed a \$140,000 wrongful death suit in Marion County Circuit Court.

Arlene Taylor, widow of John V. Taylor, 34, filed the suit against the estate of the pilot of the plane, Rodney D. Sharp, 36, Gates. The owner of the plane, Irwin C. Tucker, Gates, also was named as a defendant.

The suit said the plane had been flown with insufficient fuel.

## Attention Egg Hunters Easter Is Nearly Here

If you are between the ages of 1-10, come to the Jaycee's Easter Egg hunt at the City Park on Easter Sunday at 1 p. m.

Details of the egg hunt will be given in the next issue of The Enterprise.

## Free Vision Clinic Set for April 1st

A free Vision Screening Clinic is being held Thursday (today) at the Mill City Grade School from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. in Room One. The Clinic is being sponsored by the Mill City Jayceettes in cooperation with the Oregon State Board of Health.

Parents of 3-4 and 5-year-old children are urged to have their children screened as the differences between eyes may stop development of sight in one eye and successful treatment of Amblyopia needs early discovery. Remember, your child cannot tell you of his eye problems, as he does not know how well he should be seeing.

## Chemeketa College Budget Vote Polling Places Are Listed

Polling places for the April 6 Chemeketa Community College budget election have been announced.

Chemeketa President Paul Wilmeth said that the polling places are generally the same as regular school district election polling places. Lists of the polling places are available at the Chemeketa Administration building.

Applications for absentee ballots for the budget election are available at the offices of the County Clerks of Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Linn Counties.

Wilmet encourages all eligible voters in the Chemeketa Community College district to get out and vote April 6.

Polling places for the local area are: Detroit School District 123J at Detroit Elementary school; Mari-Linn School District 29J at Mari-Linn school, Lyons; Mill City School District 129J at Santiam High school.

## J. D. MacGregor Has Highway Accident

When J. D. MacGregor was driving to work at the dam recently he had a narrow escape. A large rock, about three feet in diameter came crashing down from a cliff onto the highway. It rolled right in front of the car, causing extensive damage to the vehicle.

If the rock had been directly in front, and hit head-on, it could have caused the car to go over the embankment. As it was Mac was able to drive the car on to work and back to Mill City where it was repaired.

All drivers on Highway 22 are urged to watch closely for rocks, especially during winter and spring.

## Banks Show Decrease in Debits For Jan. 1971

Bank debits for the 15 reporting banks including Linn counties were down in January, 1971, compared to January, 1970; the University of Oregon Bureau of Business and Economic Research has reported.

Debits for January, 1971 totaled \$81,266,000. For December, 1970, the total was \$93,671,000 and for January, 1970, the total was \$98,268,000.

Oregon with 266 banks reporting had a percentage decrease of 15.7 per cent in January, 1971, as compared with December, 1970, and a 4.8 per cent decrease in January, 1971, as compared with January, 1970.

Total bank debits for January, 1971, came to \$4,707,690,000. For December, 1970, the total was \$5,585,296,000 and for January, 1970, the total was \$4,946,942,000.

## School Budget Election Here Set for Mon., April 5

The polling place for school district 129J budget election which will be held Monday, April 5, will be located at Santiam High school. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

The budget as approved by the school board and budget committee, will reflect a proposed tax increase of approximately 4.3% over the 1970-71 budget. This represents one of the lowest over-all percentage increases in the State. Fuel, electricity, fixed charges, and insurance account for a considerable portion of the proposed increase.

The 1970-71 tax levy, voted on April 6, 1970, was \$10.90 per \$1,000 of true cash value. After the Intermediate Education District, timber severance, trailer house and other offsets were made by the County Assessor, the actual tax levy rate was \$7.46 per \$1,000 of True Cash Value.

This year's tax levy rate calls for \$10.46 per \$1,000 of TCV, to be voted on April 5, this year. After the above-mentioned offsets are made by the assessor, it is estimated that the actual levy rate will be \$7.89 for the school year 1971-1972. This would be one of the smallest rate increases for the coming year in the Mid-Wilamette Valley area.

Some questions have indicated questions concerning the vote to exceed the 6% limitation. "This is quite understandable, as the statement 'to exceed the 6% limitation' is misleading," said Wes Jahn, school administrator. He went on to say: "Administrative School District 129J has no established tax base; therefore, the voters in our district vote on the entire school budget each year. In other words, everything we spend in Mill City is in excess of the 6% limitation, excepting serial levy funds which are not affected." He said: "anyone with questions concerning the tax rate is invited to call at the school office, either in person or by telephone, where Edna Ross, or myself will try to answer the questions."

"While we are not familiar with the workings of the County Tax Assessor's office, we do

## Most Snow in Upper Canyon Gone

DETROIT—Following is the weather report for the week ending March 30th, 1971, with comparative readings for the same period in 1970.

The high temperature in 1971 was 49 degrees on the 24th with a low of 29 degrees on the 28th, and an average mean of 40 degrees. Last year during this same period, we had a high of 69 degrees on the 26th, a low of 27 degrees on the 24th and 30th, with an average mean of 48 degrees.

One inch of snow fell on the 28th, 1971 with none falling during this same period a year ago. This was a soft snow that melted rapidly. The precipitation (melted snow and rain) was 3.28 inches, the heaviest fall being .96 inches on the 28th and .91 inches on the 29th in 1971, against a total of .49 inches in 1970.

Snow has disappeared in most places, except where piled up by the snow plows or shoveled from roofs.

The weather as a whole was fairly erratic. We had considerable fog mostly in the forenoons, gusty winds on the 26th and 27th. The storm on the 26th with strong winds knocked out the T.V. Cable System in the area, broke tree limbs, both large and small, and scattered them about on the ground.

There were a few brief glimpses of the sun. Crocuses are blooming and a few brave daffodils are in bud, so spring can't be far behind. We even have a few flocks of hungry birds to prove it.

The above report was furnished by Detroit weather observer, Irene Paullin.

## Boosters Plan for Easter Breakfast

Plans are being made for the Easter Sunday Breakfast, to be held April 11, in the Grade School Gym. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 a. m. and tickets may be purchased at the door.

This year, the breakfast is being sponsored by the Santiam Booster Club with Mrs. Fred Krecklow as chairman. Proceeds will go to the Canyon Scholarship Fund and to the Santiam High School Student Body for furnishings in the Student Commons lounge of the new auditorium.

Tickets for the breakfast may be obtained now from the Booster Club members, the Enterprise Office or Jerry Pitman's Insurance Office.

## High Winds Topple Steeple



The high winds of the storm early Friday morning took the steeple off the Community church in Mill City and dumped it into the street. Some minor damage was done in the area by the storm, when wind gusts became real strong. Many tree branches were blown and a few yard fences blown down. A few roofs lost some shingles.—The Enterprise photo.

## Dog Catcher To Be In Town April 7th

Chief Don Gillenwater said Monday that the Linn County Dog Catcher was in Mill City recently and seven dogs were picked up. There have been complaints lately of dogs running at large, against a city ordinance. The dog catcher will pick up all dogs who have no owners, and those who may have too many dogs can have them picked up in this manner at no charge.

The dog catcher will be in Mill City again on April 7, and anyone having dogs to dispose of are asked to get in touch with the police department on or before that date.