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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Things out on the highway Friday were really jumping as people headed for the upper reaches of the canyon for their favorite camping place for the Memorial Day weekend. These long weekends really are nice for the people who can take time off. Personally, I like to take off when things are not so crowded. Besides that, it is much safer at home in our own yard. That just might be sour grapes, as we always have a certain amount of work to do on the newspaper on Mondays, even though many people get the day off.

There is a bill, S. 1592, which is being kicked around Congress in Washington that certainly should be killed—before it kills us. This is a bill that will, if enacted, place a moratorium on the clear cutting timber sales. I don't know if the public is aware of it, but nearly all of the Forest Service sales are clear cuts, and rightly so, as that is the best way to grow Douglas-fir, which does better in sunlight. A Douglas-fir in a heavy overstory of trees is slow to develop and it will not produce an even stand, which is necessary to get the most growth in a given time. The bill has a lot of political overtones. This you can tell by the people who, with Sen. McGee, are sponsoring it. A lot of the men pushing the bill, are trying to muster enough political strength to be presidential candidates. On the list are Case, Cranston, Humphrey, Javits, Kennedy, McGovern, Mondale, Muskie, Nelson and Tunney. Read 'em and weep. They want to establish an "Interdisciplinary Clearcutting Practice Study Commission." We need that like we need the National Debt. The duty of the commission would be "to conduct a full and complete study and investigation of the practice of clearcutting of timber on Federal Lands." There are a lot of words in the bill, naturally, as they always veil the real meaning in a lot of government gobbledegook, so we ordinary folks can't understand it. They can't either, and that is where the trouble lies. The Commission would have 18 months to transmit their findings to Congress, and Congress would have endless hearings, so you know how long that could take.

Then comes another stickler. The Commission is authorized \$2½ million to carry out its function. Tidy little sum, isn't it?

The keys to whether this ridiculous bill has a chance of enactment are Interior Committee Chairman Henry M. Jackson (Washington) and Committee Member Mark O. Hatfield (Oregon). Both of these men should know better than let this bill get anywhere, but I have found that any bill, no matter how foolish, has a chance to pass in Washington.

It would therefore behoove every resident in this area to write both Sen. Jackson and Sen. Hatfield at once. Not just one letter, but several giving your views on this type of legislation.

Dick Posekany, timber manager for Frank Lumber stated this week: "To issue a mandate stopping all clearcutting on Federal lands would mean that in our area alone, the 500 people in the Marion Forks-Idanha, 400 people in Detroit, 1,300 in Mill City, 1,000 in Lyons-Mehama, plus Stayton, Aumsville, Turner and part of Salem would all lose their source of income because all the people in these communities depend upon Federal Timber for their living."

Isn't that something to think about? People should concern themselves about these matters, as it doesn't make any difference what your profession or work is in this area, it is pretty much tied to timber.

If you wish to protect the value of your business or home, get on the ball and get these letters written at once.

Leave Log Booms Alone Says Ranger

Detroit Ranger Lee Boeckstiegel reports that a log boom on Detroit Lake was opened allowing a sizeable quantity of debris to float free.

Each spring the Detroit District collects debris in log booms up until the time that the lake is at full pool. This debris is stored at strategic points around the lake while the cleaning operation is in progress. When the lake reaches full pool and starts to recede the debris tends to beach itself until the next season. At this time the collected debris is towed to permanent sites where it is stored until it is disposed of in the fall.

While these debris booms may not appear too important to the casual observer, they represent considerable effort. "When we have the debris confined in booms, we know that it won't be hit by an unsuspecting boater," said Boeckstiegel. For this reason the public is asked to leave the booms alone.

Salem Men Rescued By Helicopter from Ice on East Lake

DETROIT—Two Salem men were rescued by helicopter from East Lake Thursday night of last week after they were trapped by floating ice.

They were William Clausen, 29, and Tom Morley, 24.

They were fishing from a boat on a clear portion of the lake when ice in another area began breaking up. Wind blew the ice toward the South shore and it trapped the boat with them aboard.

Clausen's father, William, Sr. of Cottage Grove, who was on shore, called the Bohemia Lumber Company and asked for help. The company dispatched a helicopter which picked up the men about 8:30 p.m.

East Lake is about 40 miles Southeast of Bend.

Cold Weather Spoils Holiday Spirit Memorial Day

DETROIT — Cool and wet weather conditions somewhat dampened the spirits of anglers and vacationers in the area over the season's first three-day holiday. Although there were a number of people around, it did not appear to be overcrowded.

Detroit State Park, and U. S. Forest Service camps were reported to be filled to capacity. Many of the Forest Service campgrounds are still snow-bound. Fishing was reported all the way from good to fair.

The relatively poor weather west of the Cascades sent an unusual proportion of the holiday campers east of the mountains where it was mostly sunny. The Metolius area, as the most convenient Central Oregon recreation area to the Mid-Valley, had a crowd which overflowed from the campgrounds to any place along the river, where a car, a camper or a trailer could be parked. The Camp Sherman area was also loaded with visitors.

With thousands of vacationers and anglers returning home Monday following the long holiday, traffic on the North Santiam Highway was noted to be heavy beginning early in the afternoon.

Grants Fine Foods Treats the Seniors

Grant's Fine Foods just east of Mill City each year honors the graduating class of Santiam High school by treating them with a hamburger, soft drink and french fries.

The cafe has been doing this for several years. This year the Senior class, to show their appreciation sent Mrs. Grant a bouquet of red rose buds.

Rebekah's Choice



Miss Susan Crowther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crowther, has been selected as the July 4th Princess to represent the Santiam Rebekah Lodge. Susan will graduate this year from Santiam High. She has been active in school activities and was recently awarded the Character award presented by Girod's Hilltop Market. She was also selected as girl of the year.

Timber Sale at Detroit Scheduled for June 21st

DETROIT—Sealed bids will be received by the District Ranger here, up to and not later than 10 a. m. June 21, for an estimated 10,100 b.f. of Willamette National Forest timber in the Hawkins Creek No. 3 timber sale.

The sale consists of 7,500 MBF of Douglas-fir advertised at \$67.40 per M; 1,000 MBF of Western-Hemlock and other species at \$34.35, and 1,160 MBF of Cedar at \$5.95 per M.

The latter two species will be sold at a fixed rate.

In addition there is within the sale area an estimated 171 acres of all species logs which the bidder is required to purchase at \$99.77 per acre. The stand is approximately 10 miles west on Blowout road.

Eagles To Hold Joint Installation Here Saturday Night

The North Santiam Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 3384, will hold joint installation of officers Saturday evening at the Lodge. Dinner and dancing will follow the installation ceremonies.

The State Auxiliary President, Dorothy Hansen of Albany, will be the installing officer for the Auxiliary. Lola Poltreiz of Stayton will be installed as president for the coming year.

Installing officer for the men will be Robert Hansen, past State President. Ivan Clason, of Mehama will head the lodge for the 1971-72 year.

Baccalaureate Held Here Sunday Night

Approximately 150 friends and relatives attended Baccalaureate services Sunday evening in the Santiam High School Auditorium for the graduating class of 1971.

The invocation and benediction was given by Rev. Wayne Blake and the sermon by Rev. Charles Fultz. Hymns were presented by the High School Chorus.

Immediately following the services, a reception was held in the First Christian Church by the Free Methodist Church for the graduates and their families and friends.

Graduation ceremonies will be held Friday evening, June 4, at the Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Wednesday Last Day Of School Here

Wednesday, June 9, will be the last day of school for all students of Admin. School District 129-J.

There will be no lunches served on the last day as all students will be dismissed at 11:00 a. m. and the buses will leave at that time.

Jaycees To Help With Mail for Prisoners of War

Would you believe it! Someone actually said that 25c was too much expense to send a letter to North Vietnam for the purpose of helping the prisoners of war. Would you send one for 6c. If you will, please send your letters to the Mill City Jaycees, P. O. Box 521, Mill City, Oregon, 97360.

The letter should be addressed to:
President:
Democratic Republic of Vietnam,
Hanoi, North Vietnam.

The Mill City Jaycees will be circulating a petition the first week of June. If you are interested in easing the lives of our men held prisoners, please sign when the volunteer knocks on your door.

Grade School To Graduate Class Next Tuesday

The Mill City Grade School will hold their Eighth Grade Graduation exercises Tuesday, June 8, at 8 p. m. in the High School Auditorium.

Brian Jones will lead the flag salute and the welcome address will be given by Melissa Lawrence. Presentation of the class will be by Vernon Peterman, Principal, and Martin Hansen will award the diplomas. There are 53 pupils in the graduating class this year.

Four from Area Get OCE Degrees

MONMOUTH—One student from Mill City, and two from Mehama and one from Idanha will receive bachelor of science degrees in education at Oregon College of Education commencement Friday, June 11, at 2 p. m.

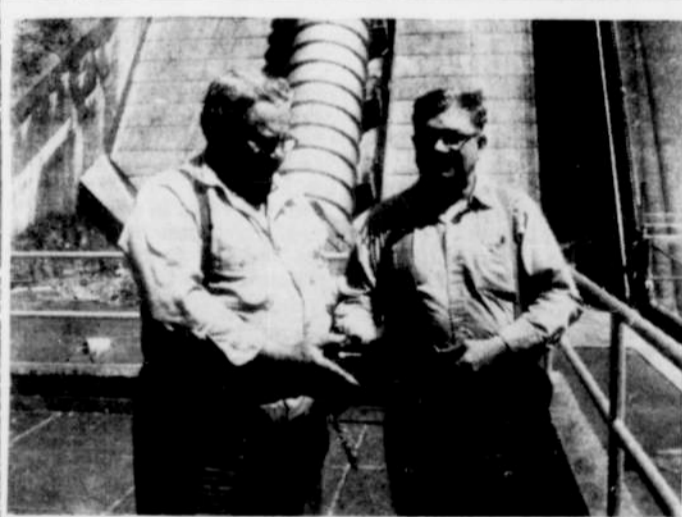
They are Marion Erma Dorothy, Mill City; Zona Pearson Nebrija and Eugenia Roberts, both of Mehama, and Howard Vincent Drago, Jr., Idanha.

The college will confer 818 degrees. Dale Parnell, state superintendent of public instruction, will be the commencement speaker.

Santiam Chapel To Show Film on St. Paul

This coming Sunday evening, June 6, at 5:30 p. m. youth service, Santiam Chapel, Lyons, will show the "Conversion of Saint Paul." This is a vivid dramatization of the Biblical narrative, produced by Cathedral films, that makes the Bible come alive.

There is no admission and the public is welcome.



Bill Shuford Retires Friday After Over 30 Years With Corps of Engineers

Bill Shuford, who arrived in the Detroit area in July of 1947, probably has seen more of the construction of Detroit dam than any man left on the scene. When Bill and his wife arrived, the trees were still standing in the canyon which is now flooded since Detroit dam has been completed.

Bill said today that "when we came here we had to live in a tent, and we lived in that tent in one of the wettest years in the history of the Canyon, or at least that is the way it seemed to us. We didn't get moved into a house until December 24th of that year." Mrs. Shuford said that was about the best Christmas present she had ever received. There was snow on the ground then. The road down the Canyon to Mill City was nothing much to write home about either.

Bill was in charge of the plumbing crew at the site. About 25 crew members

Loggers, Mill Owners and Businessmen Discuss Facets Affecting Timber Industry

About 30 loggers, mill owners, land owners and businessmen attended a meeting at Santiam High School Thursday night, when Steve Woodard, district forester, Eugene and Dick Posekany, member of the Industrial Forestry Association and Timber Manager for Frank Lumber Company, Mill City, led a discussion on various phases of the industry.

It came out in the meeting that various recreation and preservation groups in the country have protested to about 80 timber sales in the state, 23 of which are located in the Detroit District. This group or groups, feel that the sales are too close, in some instances, to the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area.

The Detroit Forest District was represented at the meeting by Ranger Lee Boeckstiegel and Gale Larson.

Zane Smith, Willamette National Forest Supervisor is holding a series of Sales and Trails meetings in an attempt to find a common ground on the sales that will be compatible with all concerned. Many of the Sierra club members and other recreation minded ecologists have the idea that the trails should be maintained. Some have not been in use for many years. In some instances a trail might run through a timber sale which is being harvested. In these cases, the logging contractors are being asked to possibly mark the spot where the trail enters and leaves the area being logged. It is also possible that the logger might clear a temporary trail around the edge of the area, so hikers will not have to climb over the debris before it is cleaned up after the logging is completed.

Loggers were asked to do the best job possible in cleaning up the ground after the timber is removed.

Dick Posekany said: "I feel that it is more important to build roads into timber areas enabling a working man and his family closer access to hiking trails. The number of people using the Wilderness area represents only about 1.1% of the population. By building these roads, use of the area by a greater number of people could be possible. It is not feasible anymore to tie up huge tracts of timber for the use of such a small percentage of our people. It is, in a way, discrimination against the greater portion of the population."

Much of the problem comes from lack of proper indoctrination of the preservationist of what the Forest Service is trying to do to provide "trees forever." An instance came out before the meeting closed all present were asked to write Sen. Henry Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. Also write Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, who is a member of that committee.

Not only that, spread the word to all residents and businessmen, that it is vital that Senate Bill 1592 be killed. These Senators should be bombarded with letters by the thousands, as the bill is a bad one—especially when it asked that there be a moratorium on all clear-cutting of timber. Clear cutting is necessary for proper growth of Douglas-fir, which is the predominate timber crop west of the Cascades.

Bible School To Open June 7 at Idanha

IDANHA—Bible School is scheduled to open at the Idanha Community Church June 7th and will run through June 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The study will be for children age 4 through the 8th grade. The program will include Bible stories, craft, singing, games and refreshments.

(Theme of the study is "Search for God's Hidden Treasures." All children in the community in the age brackets mentioned above are invited to attend. Missionary project, will be for each child (who desires) to bring a wash cloth which in turn will be sent to various missionaries. Directing the Bible School will be Mrs. Harold Roth. A staff of 18 will assist her.

Fisheries Meeting Held at Detroit

DETROIT—A two-day fisheries management workshop which ended here last Thursday, attracted over 40 Detroit District Forest Service personnel to slide shows, lectures and field trips.

The workshop, sponsored by the Willamette National Forest Service, was staffed by Detroit District, fisheries experts, officials from the Eugene office and members of the Oregon State Game Commission. The sessions were held in the Elementary School gym.

Jake Myers Heads Keep and Bear Arms; Unit Formed Thursday

MEHAMA—More than 50 adults gathered at Santiam Grange hall Thursday evening to organize a Santiam Unit of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms.

Jake Myers was elected president and Bill Hirte vice president. Speaker was Arthur Hollowell of Medford, national director of the association which opposes gun controls.

Santiam Chapel To Honor Graduates

Santiam Chapel, Lyons, will honor its graduating seniors at a special graduation banquet to be held this Saturday evening, June 5.

The special speaker for this occasion will be Rev. Robert Cornwall, pastor of Salem Christian Center.

Stayton Man Assaults State Policeman

A Stayton man was charged with assault Saturday night after a state policeman was struck while investigating a report of a family disturbance. Officers said Lawrence Oscar Conover, 25, Stayton Rt. 1, Box 135, was accused of hitting Officer Glenn Bigness at the Conover home.