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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

I have been watching with interest the developments taking place since that tribe of "stone age" people have been found in Taday Forest in the Philippines. I am wondering just how long it will take modern man to destroy their way of life. In this little section of the forest, which is now being in danger of obliteration by loggers, these people have lived in peace for no one really knows how long. What I am wondering now is if these primitive people can cope with modern day civilization. How long will it take the modern do-gooders, if I may use this phrase, to indoctrinate these simple people with rape, incest, robberies, dope and all the rest that seems to be running rampant in our country. I don't mean that I would like to go back 50 years to the ways of life then, and give up our modern conveniences, but I would like to see a stop, or at least a slowdown on our crime rate.

I feel that maybe these people could teach us a lot about life. They live in simplicity, have no formal laws, and apparently take pretty good care of each other. Time will tell how long it takes modern man to mess up their lives.

I am wondering just how much the workers under Cesar Chavez in California are gaining by letting him lead them around by the nose. I predict the time will come when the bulk of the work done by the hand pickers will be done away with—because the farmers cannot pay the wages being asked by the United Farm Workers Committee. You know there is a limit to what can be gained by these strikes. There is a point of no return on the investment and I feel that many firms are reaching that point now. Something is going to give, and I wonder who will be the first to give in.

Down Springfield way Weyerhaeuser opened their plant on Monday without union help. The reason they are using supervisory personnel to do this is so they can deliver paper board to their customers. They would rather negotiate a pay scale everyone can live with, but here it is again, just how long can industry keep up with the demands of the union bosses. Every time there is a prolonged strike, the worker loses. He cannot possibly gain back in net pay what he has lost during the long lay-off. The sooner the unions are brought down off their high horses the better off the economy will be. I feel that most of the workmen on the job would much rather work, and I do not think that there is any group of laborers who are now being underpaid. Certainly most of them get all or more than they are earning.

I wonder how many people in Oregon realize that welfare is one of the states' biggest industries. Oregon is one of the scenic meccas of the West, rich in Agriculture, industry, timber and fishing. It says in the ads that you can relax in a state of excitement. And by gosh that is right, not the relaxing part, but I get pretty excited when I think about the last session of the legislature when they passed a \$342 million budget for the state public welfare division covering the 1971-73 biennium—a \$100 million increase over the present biennium's budget. Of course, the federal taxpayer in Oregon as well as in every other state in the union will help foot the bill for the increase.

Even in this wonderful state where it is considered sparsely populated—you should go out on the highway on Sunday evenings—and where we are rich in nature's blessing it is disturbing to me that we have such a big relief roll. Something is radically wrong with the nation's welfare system.

U. S. Bank Moves Front Door



Banking operations at U. S. National here have been conducted under adverse conditions for the past several weeks. Of course the carpenter's strike didn't speed up the operation to any degree, which is usually the case, however now things seem to be progressing at a rapid rate and Manager John Fohl, seen in the window, says that by the time The Enterprise is on the press, the new fixtures should be installed.—The Enterprise photo.

School Board Rejects Bids For Cafeteria

The Board of Directors of Administrative School District 129J, at its regular June 30 meeting, opened bids for construction of the cafeteria addition to Santiam Auditorium. Since only three bids were received and board members felt the bid price was excessive, Architect Ben Cave and Superintendent Wesley Jahn were asked to negotiate with the low bidder, Melvin S. Johnson, of Salem. A report of negotiations was presented at a special meeting of the board July 19. After careful consideration of alternates submitted, the board rejected all bids.

Further action of the board at its meeting Monday evening called for readvertising the cafeteria construction project, with bids to be opened at a special meeting to be held August 24.

Californians Visit Detroit Ranger District Recently

The Detroit Ranger District was host to a group of 44 Forest Service personnel from California on July 14, 1971. They were from the Regional and Supervisor's Offices of Region 5. Timber Sale Officer LaVerne H. Behrens guided the men to Eagle Rock #3, Devils Ridge and Eastside Intermediate timber sales to view Skyline logging in action.

Some of the advantages of this logging method are: there is less soil disturbance, little damage to the residual stand, timber can be harvested on steeper ground and longer spans which eliminates additional road systems. Mr. Behrens explained to the group the capabilities, deflections and cost of the equipment used in Skyline logging.

Recently 30 Forest Service personnel and purchasers from the Mt. Baker and the Olympic National Forests visited the Detroit District. They were interested in timber management, brush disposal, and the yarding of unutilized material.

Mae Nietling Hurt Friday On Highway

Ida May Nietling, 67, Sublimity, was injured when she walked into the path of a logging truck on Oregon 22 about 1/4 mile west of Mehama Junction. State police said she had dismounted from her pickup truck and was crossing the highway when she was hit. She was taken by Lyons Ambulance to Santiam Memorial Hospital, Stayton, where she was later listed in fair condition with multiple bruises. The name of the truck driver was not immediately known.

2 Gates Businesses Get Licenses

GATES—At the recent Gates City Council meeting two applications for business licenses were granted. They were for the Thomas J. Murphys, new owners of Snookie's drive-in, and Donald Reitzer and Larry Vartley for D & L Refrigerator and Appliance.

There was discussion on the need of police protection in Gates but it was tabled as no funds are available in the budget at this time.

Gerry Kazunus was appointed as the new water caretaker with Marvin Edwards explaining the duties of the job.

It was decided to see if the highway department would lower the speed limit through town and put a double yellow, no passing line through town.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, owners of the property up near the water tank, were at the meeting to discuss the easements the city needs for the new water system. Mr. Parsons had a couple of requests to make of the city in return for the easements, and an agreement was reached and the easements signed.

Mr. Ferris from Westek was given approval of specifications plans for the new water system and was told to go ahead and advertise for bids for the construction of the new system.

Mayor Peck and two councilmen from Mill City were guests. The next council meeting will be held August 19 at the City Hall.

Philippine Man Visits To See Logging

Logging Engineer Keith McGonagill, from the Willamette National Forest Supervisor's Office in Eugene was on the Detroit Ranger District July 15, 1971. With him was Tony Principe of the Philippines who has a B. S. in Forestry.

Mr. Principe was on a training schedule of the Willamette Forest to become familiar with operations on the Forest. The objectives of Mr. Principe's training were: To study Forest Service timber management operations with emphasis on timber sale layout, timber measurement and planning, and engineering of necessary forest roads; to tour active timber sales to observe how Forest Service timber management policies are carried out and to see the network of logging roads necessary to obtain proper harvest of timber; and to observe tractor and cable logging methods especially applicable to selective logging on steep terrain.

While on the Detroit District Mr. McGonagill and Mr. Principe toured the Skyline logging layouts in the Devils Ridge, Eagle Rock and Eastside Intermediate areas.

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Fire Takes Out Gas Pump



What could have been a major fire occurred in Mill City about 8:45 Tuesday night, when one of the gasoline pumps at Vern's Shell Station burst into flames. Don Hutchinson and Joe Bennett, both volunteer firemen were working at the station at the time of the fire. They immediately got out the fire truck, while owner, Verne Ohrt, pictured above, sprayed the pump and area with a water hose to minimize the heat. Had the storage tanks blown up, the entire business corner could have gone up in flames. Workmen had repaired the pump that morning as it had been giving trouble. Just what caused the fire was not known at the time of going to press.—Enterprise photo.

New Occupational Safety And Health Act In Effect

On December 29, President Richard Nixon signed the Williams-Steiger Act (now known as the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970) into law, with an effective date of April 28, 1971.

On May 11, 1971, Governor Tom McCall put his signature on an agreement with the U. S. Department of Labor, which in effect, will allow the State of Oregon to continue to administer its safety codes until such time as the State plan for administering the federal rules is accepted by U. S. Labor Department officials.

Four State of Oregon agencies will be involved in the administration of OSHA: Accident Prevention Division of the Workmen's Compensation Board; Board of Health; Fire Marshal and the Department of Commerce. The Accident Prevention Division is concerned primarily with industrial safety for all of Oregon industry; the Board of Health with occupational health problems; the Fire Marshal with fire hazards and explosives, and the Department of Commerce with pressure vessels, elevators and certain electrical problems.

All of the state agencies will cooperate to produce a state plan under which they can administer the federal law. Jim Faulstich, assistant to the Governor, is co-ordinating the effort of the four state agencies.

According to James E. Wiles, administrator of the Accident Prevention Division, his organization is working on several programs with the federal government.

The first, proposed by the Education and Information Section of APD, is an extensive effort to present the details of the new federal law to the people of the state.

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Bean Festival At Stayton Starts Today

The 33rd annual Santiam Bean Festival at Stayton will get under way Thursday (today) July 22, with the Queen's Coronation at the Stayton Union High school at 8 p. m. The festival is sponsored by the Stayton Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Volunteer Fire Department, Jaycees and JayCettes, Stayton Chamber of Commerce and the Santiam Women's Junior Club.

Events are scheduled throughout the week with the Grand Parade at 5:30 p. m. Saturday. Miss Oregon of 1971, Lynn Grenz, will share honors as Grand Marshall along with Don Stathos, Jackson County Representative. Climaxing the parade, will be a chicken barbecue sponsored by the Stayton Kiwanis club at the Civic Grounds. The Merchant's sidewalk sale will be held from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

The Blake & Son Carnival will be at the Civic Grounds beginning Tuesday, July 27, through Saturday, July 31.

A Teenage dance, featuring "The 13th Story" is slated for this Saturday, July 24, at the Phillip Motor Carport from 9 a. m. to midnight.

Many other special events and attractions are scheduled throughout the week. For a complete list of events see the advertisement on page 4 of The Enterprise this week.

Jack Johnson Being Trained at Ft. Lewis

Cadet Jackie M. Johnson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jhue Johnson, Box 212, Mill City, is receiving six weeks practical work in Military Leadership at the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Advanced Summer Camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash., from June 18-July 29.

Johnson, who is attending Oregon State University, Corvallis, is one of more than 13,000 students attending ROTC Summer Training at six installations in the United States.

The Army ROTC advanced camp is devoted to the practical application of leadership principles. Field Training emphasizes the exercise of command and the making of sound decisions under pressure. These lessons reinforce the essential mission of army ROTC—to provide the nation with young men who have excellent civilian educations and who voluntarily qualify themselves during their student days for commissions in the Army.

Boy Found Safe After Being Lost

MARION FORKS — Gordon Rombough, 12, was found safe after the Santiam River Saturday night after being lost about nine hours. The boy, who is from the Los Angeles area and friends from Salem were on a fishing trip when he became separated from his companions in the Fir Lake area about 15 miles south of Marion Forks, the report said.

The Marion County Search and Rescue Squad came to assist in the search but the boy was found about 8 o'clock Saturday night by Joe Markee and Jim Humphreys of the Oregon State Fish Commission at Marion Forks and Game Warden Barry Drake of Mill City.

Firearms Meeting Set Here For July 28

A meeting of the North Santiam Arm of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms will be held Wednesday, July 28, at 8 p. m. in the Mill City Fire Hall.

Regular meetings of the Association are scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month and the general public is welcome to attend.