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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

I recently had a visit with Dick Posekany of Frank Lumber Co., at which time he was telling me about the damage bears are doing just north of Mill City in Frank's tree farm. Several years ago I went up there with Dick to see how the newly planted trees were doing. They seemed to be coming along all right.

At this time, though, bears have killed many young trees, and some of the older trees, nearly 50 feet tall have been killed by these mauling Bruins. It seems the bears like the tender cambium layer of the trees, when other feed is not available. The powerful bears are able to literally tear a tree apart in their search for food.

Bears are protected by law, and the preservationists say they should not be killed. That may be all well and good, but what about the timber men who spend thousands of dollars planting trees so we can have a sustained yield. Are they not entitled to some protection from these destructive beasts?

There is considerable tree damage in Washington state also. In 1968 the tree damage was slight, but this year some 10,000 acres have been damaged. Test plots in that state show damage as high as 41 percent. Possibly something should be done in areas where the bears are doing this much damage. Where now are our people who are raising their voices to protect the forests. Seems it is better to have a planned manner of harvest in all areas, rather than let bears destroy the trees, so no one can get any good out of them.

I read the other day where a survey of the editors of 21 major magazines with a combined circulation of over 50 million reveals an amazing lack of understanding of the U. S. Timber Industry, timber management and the forest resources of the nation. The public is even more confused. Many think the United States is exhausting its forests. This is not true. The fact is that 75 percent of the continent's original forest land is still growing trees. Many editors believe that trees can be "saved" in perpetuity by simply tightening controls over harvesting. For many years, thanks to the advancing science of forestry practiced by the timber companies, timber growth, harvesting and utilization has steadily improved.

Trees, like other crops, grow to maturity and die. We need the forests, we need to harvest them, in order to create a balance in the full cycle of tree production.

The old political pot is beginning to boil. Down Minnesota way, one candidate made a statement recently that he is planning to run for presidential nomination. In this statement he said: "the juices are flowing." He meant to convey that he is really going out for the job. Others interpret like statements from politicians, "the sap is running."

The Democrats are having a hard time to concentrate on any one man, and they are in dire financial straits. It is indeed going to be an interesting political year.

School To Close for Holidays Dec. 23

Schools in Administrative School District 129J will be dismissed early Thursday afternoon, December 23, for the Christmas holidays. Students at Gates Primary School will be dismissed at 1:30, while students at Mill City Elementary and Santiam High will be dismissed at 2 p. m.

Buses will be delivering students to their homes as usual, but will leave Gates school at 1:30 and Mill City school at approximately 2, arriving at students' homes from 1 hour to an hour and a half earlier than usual.

Wolverettes Take First at Springfield

The Santiam High School Wolverettes traveled to Springfield High school Saturday for competition in the Springfield Invitational Drill-Dance competition.

More than 30 schools entered the competition and the Santiam Wolverettes, in addition to winning first place in their division, had the added distinction of being from the smallest school.

Competition began early Saturday morning, and the finalists were announced before lunch.

The final competition began at 7 p. m. The Wolverettes were the third group to perform in their division. Canby, Woodburn, Amity and Gervais were the other finalists in the dance division number 1. Santiam won the first place trophy, Canby won second and Amity received honorable mention. Corvallis won first place in Division No. 2 with Centennial second, Pendleton third and North Eugene honorable mention.

This is the third trophy the group has won in dance competition but the first time to win first place.

Providing transportation for the girls was their advisor, Miss Michelle Foster, and Mrs. William Gabriel, William Buckley, and Mr. and Mrs. George Long.

Two Firms Buy State Timber

Two parcels of timber offered for sale by the State Forestry Department went for a total of \$199,373.00 on December 9, 1971 at their Santiam headquarters. The minimum price required was \$121,000.

The largest block containing 2,073,000 board feet of Douglas fir, which is located in Marion County approximately 13 miles southeast of Silverton, went to Avison Lumber Company, Molalla, for \$70.00 per thousand board feet for the Douglas fir. An estimated \$4,280 of road improvement and construction is required as a condition of the contract.

Milwaukie Plywood Company, Estacada, bid \$64.25 per thousand board feet for an estimated 791,000 board feet of Douglas fir, \$26.30 per thousand and for 102,000 board feet of True Fir and \$23.70 per thousand and for 32,000 board feet of Hemlock located in southern Clackamas County.

School Closures To Be Broadcast on Radio

Linn County Administrative School District 129J will have all school closures due to weather conditions, broadcast by KGW (620 on AM Dial), KGW TV (Channel 8) and KINK FM (102 on the FM Dial.)

The information will be broadcast on KGW Radio beginning at 5:45 a. m. and every 15 minutes thereafter. KINK FM will broadcast the information at 30 minute intervals and KGW TV will broadcast the information as it is received.

This will include Gates Primary school, Mill City Elementary and Santiam High.

Classes May Be Offered at Santiam

Santiam High school is making plans for winter term (January-March) would like to find out how many are definitely interested in either a welding class or a machine tool class. Only one of the above courses will be offered during winter term.

The tuition will be approximately \$25. Anyone interested in either of the above courses, please notify the school before December 22. The school telephone number is 897-2311.

Award Winning Wolverettes



Above is the Santiam High School Wolverette dance team which won first place in the Dance Division One Saturday at the Springfield competition. From the top row, they are Toni Newberg, Nancy Lalack, Lisa Gabriel, Vicky Olson, Linda Long, Gloria Poole, Starla

Neal, Christy Spurgeon, Verlene Peterman, Karen Howell, Patty Howell and Betsy LaMunyan. Not pictured is the alternate, Melissa Lawrence. Advisor is Miss Michelle Foster.—Photo courtesy Sue Poole and Paul Freeman.

Timber Sales Slated for December 28

DETROIT—Two Willamette National Forest timber sales with an estimated 16,700,000 board feet of federal timber are slated to be held at Detroit Ranger Station December 28th at 10:00 a. m.

Largest of the two sales is the Box Canyon #2 Sale with an estimated, 9,600,000 board feet of timber. The stand located about 7 miles South of Detroit Dam via Kinney Creek Road consists of 5,200 MBF of Douglas fir, advertised at \$49.20 per thousand, 4,400 MBF of Western Hemlock and other coniferous species appraised at \$19.40 per 1000 and 348 acres of all species logs priced at \$23.71 per acre which the bidder is required to purchase.

The Skunk Creek #2 sale located approximately 15 miles East of Detroit, has an estimated 7,100,000 board feet of timber. This stand has an estimated 3,500 MBF of Douglas fir advertised at \$56.45 per thousand, and 3,600 MBF Western Hemlock and other coniferous species advertised at \$30.00 per thousand.

463 acres of all species logs are included in the sale priced at \$26.75 per acre, which the bidder is required to purchase. Another timber sale, with an estimated 20,500,000 Bf of timber is scheduled at 10 a. m. December 28.

The Cub Point sale has an estimated 15,600 Mbf of Doug fir advertised at \$62.50 per M; 2,600 Mbf Western Hemlock and other coniferous species at \$37.85, and 2,300,000 Bf of Western Red Cedar at \$2.40 per M. Western Hemlock and other species and Western Red Cedar will be sold at fixed rates.

The stand, located about 8 miles Southeast of Detroit via Coopers Ridge road, includes 413 acres of all species logs, which the bidder is required to purchase at \$108.69 per acre.

Christmas Tree Permits Available

The Detroit Ranger District reports that Christmas tree hunting was poor over the weekend. Those people brave enough to try looking for a tree were met with extreme snow conditions.

District people report that there are only about 250 permits available as of Monday morning. At that time the snow was still falling.

Permits will be sold again this weekend until the supply runs out.

People are cautioned that tire chains are necessary for anyone wanting to leave the highway.

Dog Catcher To Be Here Dec. 16

Chief of Police Don Gillenwater informed The Enterprise today that a drive is underway at this time to pick up all stray dogs in the city.

He said: "sometimes residents have dogs they wish to get rid of. If they do, call the police department, and the dogs will be picked up free of charge Thursday, December 16."

The police department states that there are many dogs running at large in the city at this time, which is against the dog leash law which is on the books.

New Cafeteria About on Schedule

Construction on the Cafeteria Addition to Santiam Auditorium is progressing about normal in spite of the inclement weather conditions. However, it is too early to tell just when it will be finished.

All of the equipment which is to be installed in the school kitchen has been received, with the exception of one item. The district recently received a check from the federal government for \$24,125, which pays for 75% of the new equipment, the stainless steel counters, and the walk-in cooler and freezer.

Free Methodist Church To Present Story Of Christmas Sunday

The Mill City Free Methodist church will present in choir cantata the "Story of Christmas" by John Peterson on Sunday, December 19.

The program is scheduled to begin at 4 p. m. and the public is invited to attend.

Football Squad, Coaches Honored

On December 7 the Santiam Pep Club and the Santiam Boosters jointly sponsored a potluck that honored the recent State Champion football team. About 110 people attended the affair. The manager of this year's football team, Randy Richter, acted as Master of Ceremonies. He introduced the three football coaches, Jerry Gibson, Bob Williams, and Doug Suckling, who each gave a short reaction to this year's season. The two co-captains of the Wolverines, John Ruby and Gordon Plotts, were introduced and gave short talks.

The food was prepared by the Pep Club girls and the Boosters. Mrs. Podrabsky made the banquet rolls and along with Mrs. Gordon directed the cleanup.

Census Shows 1,480 Residents

Wayne A. Taylor of Clark & Groff Engineers, Inc., of Salem gave a progress report on the City survey at last Wednesday's City Council meeting. The firm will deliver elevations and aerial maps to be used in planning proposed storm sewer drainage for the city. Notices explaining the survey work are available in various businesses for the citizens to read.

The council was advised that the official census taken July 1971, was 1480. The last official census in 1970 was 1,429.

The City Council also received approval of the acquisition for the City Park project. Total bills of \$2,356.21 were approved for payment.

The police reported five traffic citations and 11 warnings. There were two prisoners lodged, 19 cases processed in court, 12 complaints were reported, 42 incidents and one accident reported.

District Governor At Lions Meeting

District Governor Ralph Jackson of Salem, made his official visit at the Mill City Lions club meeting Monday night. He brought a good message on Lionism to the members. The slogan of Lions clubs this year is "commitment." He said it takes the work of all clubs to make it succeed. He also reported that Mt. Angel will charter a club right after the new year. About 50 members will be initiated.

President George Long announced that the Boy and Girl of the month for October and November will be guests at the meeting Monday night. Dick Blakely will present the program that evening. Long also said there will be no meeting on the 27th, as there are so many activities during the holiday season.

Linda Long Honored In Masonic Publication

Miss Linda Long, Worthy Advisor of Marilyn Assembly No. 60, Order of Rainbow for Girls, has been selected as Youth of the Month by the Oregon Masonic Lodge.

Each month a youth is selected from Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls or the DeMolay Orders throughout Oregon and presented in the Oregon Freemason magazine.

An article and picture of Linda is featured in the December issue of the magazine.

Winners of C I L Flag Football Championship



Pictured above are the football players from Mill City Grade school who went through the Flag Football season undefeated. In the top row left to right are Mark Moffatt, David Blair, Bruce Harris, Mike Morgan, Rick Lady, Coach Al Glover and Maurie Richards. Middle

row, Mike Ohrt with trophy and Kevin Long. In the third row are Mike Berry, Bill Gabriel, Danny Bradley, Don More. In the Bottom row are Jerry Payseno, Danny Legasse and Jim Wright.—The Enterprise photo.

Santiam Emergency Service Cut

By Don Moffatt

Several important decisions were made at the December meeting of the Board of Directors of Santiam Memorial hospital, Stayton, Tuesday night.

The main topic of business was emergency room service at Santiam. This has been a bone of contention for several years, especially since some of the doctors have left Stayton and emergency room service has not been the best. The public in general has complained to the hospital board many times about this matter. It all boils down to the simple answer that there are not enough doctors to maintain a 24-hour emergency room service.

Dr. N. S. Meyn stated at this meeting that if Santiam tried to keep a 24 hour emergency room available to the public, that they must have a doctor available to reach the hospital within 15 minutes. He said: "this is humanly impossible with the small staff we have now. What if the doctor on call has an emergency minor surgery in progress at his office when the call comes. He cannot leave his patient and go to the hospital. He therefore is open to legal suit."

Chief of Staff Dr. Thomas Van Veen concurred, stating "it would be fine if we could provide this service, but there are not enough hours in the day to perform this service." Dr. Meyn said that things are much different than when the hospital was open about 20 years ago. Better highways make it easier to reach Salem Memorial which does provide emergency service on a 24-hour basis. He said: "many times it is much faster to take an emergency patient directly to Salem, than to stop at Stayton, then be forced to send the patient on to Salem where specialists are available."

The doctors said, however, that a treatment room will be maintained at Santiam, where any patient who does have a family doctor in the area can be treated. This, in fact, is about the manner in which the present emergency room has been operating for the past few years, so service will not be curtailed to any great extent.

One director said, "this is a good hospital and the patients get the best of care. The problem is to get into the hospital."

In other action, the report of the nominating committee made up of Bob Weddle, chairman, Noyes Whitten and Utah Cruson was accepted.

From the Gates-Mill City area candidates for board positions will be J. C. Kimmel, Julia Bassett, Don Walker and W. S. ReMine. From Lyons-Mehama, Don Huber, Howard Naue, Don Teeters and Hugh Johnston. Stayton, George Carter and Harold Cox. For director at large Gus Kirsch and Richard Heater, and Sublimity, R. Boedigheimer.

Lura Fair, president of the Auxiliary stated they will purchase the new X-ray equipment in the amount of \$12,000. She said they now have \$6,000 to pay on the account. The gift shop in the hospital lobby has taken in \$550 since September 1.

In executive committee action prior to the big board meeting, Salem Steel was awarded the medical gas contract; Arco was low bidder for diesel PS 200; and Economy Oil was low bidder for PS 300 oil.

Santiam Chapel To Have Yule Program

The Santiam Chapel Assembly of God Church in Lyons will be holding their Christmas program Sunday evening, December 19.

The program, which will include all the Sunday school classes, will begin at 7 p. m. All families and friends of the church are invited.