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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Beginning with this issue, The Enterprise starts its 27th year of service to the area. It wasn't even a teenager when we bought it away back July 1, 1953. It seems that time has a way of slipping by, but what a mess the world would be in if it just stood still.

I can remember when I finished my formal education, and that was back in 1928, some people in my class said there was no use of working at our trade as it wouldn't be long before things were so mechanized that we couldn't get work. That was a long time ago, and the newspaper business has continued to make great strides forward. With the advent of new electronic systems of typesetting and with offset printing, another major step is now being made in the publishing game. While The Enterprise still sticks to letterpress for production, as our equipment is far too good to scrap, many of the other newspapers in our two counties have gone offset, and The Statesman-Journal is now in the process of changing over, with a multi-million dollar expansion program. That much money would put lots of beans in the pot—but I'm sort of glad that we still produce our own paper in our own plant, where we have complete control of when we go to press, and a complete independence. To me that is worth a lot. There may come a day when this newspaper will be produced by the new process but that will come after my time.

I can't help but admire Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, when she put the finger on our Senators who are absent so much of the time, and NOT voting on important legislation. Mrs. Smith, who hails from Maine, states that many of our Senators are out around the country making speeches for fabulous fees, when they have been elected by us to represent us and to take more interest in the affairs of our country. Mrs. Smith says she'll propose a Constitutional amendment that would require automatic expulsion of any member of Congress not present for 60 percent of the roll call votes in any session. WOW! I wonder what I'd do to George or Norma if they only showed up for work 60 percent of the time!

The people of the United States have become so accustomed to poor attendance and lack of proper work from our government officials in high places that we deserve just what we are getting out of them. Maybe we should wake up and put a little pressure on our Congressmen to see that they take a little more interest in what is going on in Washington. If they want the job so badly, then why don't they take care of it.

I am somewhat ashamed of the John G. Blaine society in our state which is advocating the keeping of people out of Oregon. Sure we have a wonderful vacation land. And it is true that our area is real crowded during the tourist season. But I certainly am not in favor of attempting to build a fence around our state at any time of the year. We are still a part of the United States of America, and I would hate to see the day when I couldn't hook up our travel home and move freely in our own country. I know what I would think if when I tried to cross the border of Oregon and was told by some official to "go back home, we don't want you or your outfit traveling in our state, or our country."

It is just another case of some people over-reacting to a situation that exists. Better settle down and learn to live this modern world. We can't fence people in, nor can we fence them out. I mean our citizens. If these Blaine Society people really want to do something constructive about our population, why not cut down on people from foreign

Wolverines Take Dayton In O. T. Play

The Santiam Wolverines won a cliff hanger Tuesday night from Dayton in a rough and tumble game that found them tied when the final whistle blew.

The game which was marked by fouls ended at half time with the score tied 19 all. In the second half the game was tied many times, and at the end of regular play the score was 38-38. In the overtime period Gordon Plotts made four free throws to ice the game. Dennis Budlong was top scorer for the Wolverines with 17, some of them dropped was from away out in the corner. Gordon Plotts had 11. Dave Lambert led Dayton with 17. The final score was Santiam 48, Dayton 42.

The Wolverettes dance team, who had won first place in their division recently at Springfield, put on the half time show, with a precision dance routine that would put many television shows to shame.

DAYTON (42): Raymond 8, King 8, Lambert 17, Freeborn 1, Galaviz 4, Bansen 2, Baker 2.

SANTIAM (48): G. Plotts 11, D. Plotts 3, Budlong 17, Walker 11, Cox 2, Taylor 4.

Dayton 10 9 8 11 4-42
Santiam 8 11 9 10 10-48
JV Score: Santiam 38, Dayton 34.

Camp Fire Girls and Bluebirds Sell 2,360 Boxes of Candy

A Canyon Camp Fire Leader's Association meeting will be held Monday, January 10, at 10 a. m. at the home of Sharon Crook.

The meetings, which have previously been held on the first Tuesday of each month, have been changed to the first Monday of the month.

The Bluebird and Camp Fire girls have completed their annual candy sale. This year the girls sold 2,360 boxes with \$226.45 of this going to the local groups individual treasurers. Mrs. Fred Krecklow was the chairman for the candy sales this year.

City Park Gets Right-of-Way From W. S. ReMine

Mayor Herb Peck told The Enterprise this morning that the City had just obtained the deed for a strip of the old railroad right-of-way that intersected the new city park, from W. S. ReMine.

This will now enable the city to go ahead with plans for the new park without any restrictions. The park is located on the North Santiam River, east of the Jaycee hall.

War I Vets To Meet at Gates Sat.

A meeting of the World War I Veterans Barracks #3263 and Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, January 8. The meeting will be held at the Gates Club House.

Gates Union Service Has New Operator

Bill Dunn, of Aumsville has taken over management of the Gates Union Service station as of January 1.

Mr. Dunn has operated a dairy farm at Aumsville, and said this week that he had sold all his stock, and will move to this area as soon as he disposes of his farmland.

lands coming into our country. We flew a lot of Cuban refugees into our country during the past few years, and made them a lot of promises we cannot keep—but now these people are having a rough time, and we're supporting them. Doesn't make much sense to me.



Trees Come Down At Park

The old city park, which was deeded by the Lions Club to the school district a few years ago, got a face-lifting last week. Pictured above are Clare Hennes, who is removing the diseased trees from the area. Wes Jahn, school superintendent is assisting with the work. Thursday many of the trees which had been marked by Forest Service personnel as diseased were pulled over and the stumps removed. Hugh Johnston of Lyons trucked away the debris. The ground is being leveled, which will make it easier to keep the grass mowed.

—The Enterprise photo.

City Has Prosperous Year

By Goldie Rambo

Another year has passed bringing something to everyone—a little good and perhaps a little bad. But this time of year we all feel like starting afresh; it's like wiping the slate clean and to a great extent it is up to each one of us to make this year better than last.

For the area the past months have seen modest growth and the way things are shaping up the next year promises to be a good one.

As this is being written the snowflakes have tapered off leaving plenty of them in the hills, however. On a clear day, coming into the city from the west, our town looks very picturesque in a tranquil setting. There is plenty of recreation in the area, winter and summer, but the smoke (less now) coming from the nearby mills indicates that there is employment for most.

We will now turn the pages of The Mill City Enterprise printed during the past 12 months and recall some of the highlights for you.

January—
Snow had hit the area after a pleasant fall and early winter with every other car heading east carrying skis.

Society-wise, installations of new officers was the order of the day (or night). At the first city council meeting Gerald Caryl, Clyde Bate and Clyde Phillips were sworn in as councilmen and Herb Peck as mayor.

The Lions club placed trash barrels around town as an anti-litter campaign to keep Mill City clean as well as green.

Pacific Power & Light Company had donated a parcel of river frontage land for city park development. Pete Adair was appointed to serve as park supervisor.

February—
A Sanitation check was slated for the city with cesspools, septic tanks and grease tanks to be inspected by city officials. Mayor Peck said this was to comply with city sanitary regulations.

The school budget committee met and the tax increase was set at 4.03% or 0.47 percent thousand true cash value.

The weather, like the spring was very capricious—spring-like one day and snow the next. Old timers, Wildlife and flowers were all mixed up with the sudden changes.

However, "Weather" or not, plans were under way for the annual 4th of July celebration by the Steering Committee headed by Ed Whitmore. Mrs. Fred Krecklow was acting as co-ordinator for the coronation.

Of interest at the grade school was the Time Capsule placed by Herb Bastuscheck's 6th grade—to be opened when they were seniors in 1977. It will be fun for them and others to look back at the items placed in the capsule.

Susan Crowther had been named Homememaker of the Year at Santiam High school.

The Jaycettes were providing entertainment for oldsters in the community by giving a series of bingo parties.

The North Santiam Chamber of Commerce had placed a tourist information center at Hattie Golliet's Calico Cat at Mehama.

March—
The Southern Pacific railroad had announced plans to abandon tracks through city center, a traffic hazard that no one will miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stromquist were the new owners of the Mill City Pharmacy, purchasing it from Mel Elde who with his family now reside in Salem.

Dedication ceremonies of the new high school auditorium had been set for March 18 with Secretary of State Clay Myers to give the address.

Many friends attended the 85th birthday party held for Ruby Brisbin, who seems to get younger every year. It was also the Brisbin's 24th wedding anniversary.

Girod's Hilltop market was celebrating its 11th anniversary. Comparing prices then and now—only a slight rise noted.

At The Enterprise a new Fairchild Scanagraver had been installed, making it possible to have many more pictures in the paper. Don and George were like kids with a new toy!

A sure sign of Spring was the announcement that the Santiam Golf Club women were getting ready to start their new season. It really was a very open winter—the skies just stayed open a little too long. Letting out water that is.

April—
April came in on a high wind with some damage to the area, including the toppling of the steeple at the Community church.

Stewart's Grocery had a break-in with police running down some leads.

Also on the police agenda was the narcotics raid carried out by city, state and county officers with four young men charged.

Plans for Easter were underway with the Booster club planning an Easter breakfast and the Jaycees an egg hunt.

The school budget (for the first time) went down to defeat by a vote of 260-238.

Dental Office To Be Built Here Soon

A telephone call to Dr. Leonard F. Hayes in Salem today confirmed a rumor that a new dental building will be constructed here across from the Toman residence. Cost of the unit will be about \$40,000.

A building permit for a modular type office was picked up at the City office December 31. Work will be started as soon as possible, and it is expected that the office will be ready for use by March 1.

Dr. Lawrence Miller will be the dentist in charge, and he will be assisted when necessary by Dr. Hayes, it was learned here this week.

1971 Wet Year In Eikhorn Valley

Lou Myers brought in the following record of rainfall in 1971 from Eikhorn Valley. This past year had the largest amount of rainfall since keeping records from 1955. The lowest amount recorded was 73.79" in 1965.

Elkhorn Valley Rainfall 1971	1971
January	20.90
February	11.00
March	13.12
April	7.77
May	4.63
June	4.56
July	.62
August	2.62
September	8.81
October	6.73
November	18.13
December	21.03

Diseased Trees Removed from Old City Park

Some people have inquired why some of the trees in the old City Park, west of the Mill City Elementary School, were removed.

Over two months ago the Board of Directors of Administrative School District 129J consulted with the Forest Service, regarding the dead and diseased trees in the park. Their advice to the School Board was to remove those trees which were dead and diseased, so that the remainder of the trees could be saved. After much deliberation it was decided to ask the Forest Service to mark those trees which needed to be removed. It was also decided to remove some of the old stumps in the Park at the time the trees were removed, and to level the park grounds so that they will be easier to maintain. This spring new grass will be planted in the park, where needed, and additional trees will be planted to replace some of the dead and diseased trees which were removed.

Booster Club Makes Plans for Ham Dinner

The Santiam Booster Club will be holding its Annual Ham dinner next Thursday, January 13, at the Mill City Elementary School Gym.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. Chairmen for the dinner are Bobbie Budlong and Carmen Barnhardt.

Ticket Sales chairmen Fred Krecklow and George Long will be contacting Booster Club members with maps with designated areas for advance ticket sales.

Arrangements are being made for a cake walk to be held during the dinner.

The next Booster Club meeting will be held February 11 following the Colton-Santiam game.

All proceeds from the dinner go to the Canyon Scholarship Fund.

Car and State Truck Collide Near Mehama

MEHAMA—An automobile and a State Highway Division truck collided near here at 6:15 p. m. Sunday.

Sandra Kay Sullivan, 23, Box 174, Lyons, struck the rear of a highway sanding truck, according to police.

Mrs. Sullivan was taken to Salem Memorial Hospital for treatment. Her daughter, Sherry Kay Sullivan, 5, was given outpatient treatment.

Driver of the truck was John Howry of Detroit. He was not injured.

Hutchinson Again To Head Firemen Here

At the December meeting of the Mill City Volunteer Fire Department, Eldon Hutchinson was re-elected chief. Chief Hutchinson appointed Ray Porter and Don Hutchinson as assistant chiefs and Charles Golden as drill captain.

Bernard Bennett was elected President; Ralph Youmans, vice president; Clyde Golden, secretary, and Bud Cline as treasurer.

Power Co. Asks Hike for Water Rates

Pacific Power & Light Company reported today it is asking the Public Utility Commissioner for authority to increase water service rates in Mill City by about four cents per day for household services.

John Kohls, Stayton manager for PP&L, said about 600 Mill City residential and industrial customers will be affected by the increase, the first revision in water rates since 1964.

Kohls said the additional revenues are needed to help offset the higher costs of doing business and to help carry capital costs related to system expansion and improvements.

"Since 1964, Pacific Power has been engaged in an extensive program of plant improvement and expansion designed to furnish our customers with adequate, modern and efficient water service," Kohls said.

The water filtration system has been improved and a 250,000 gallon reservoir has been constructed to increase the total storage capacity to 400,000 gallons.

"During this period of construction and expansion our operating cost increased substantially," Kohls noted. "As an example, the average hourly water rates for our water service employees has increased 49 per cent and property taxes have increased for \$3,584 in 1964 to \$7,122 in 1970," Kohls said.

"We simply have to obtain additional revenues if we are to continue to provide Mill City customers with a high standard of services and a good water system," Kohls emphasized.

Earl Humphreys Out of Hospital

Earl Humphreys, former Mill City resident, who was injured in an automobile-train accident at St. Helens on Christmas Eve has been removed from intensive care at Good Samaritan in Portland.

Earl's wife and three-week-old baby daughter were both killed in the accident. His young son received minor head injuries.

Earl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Humphreys formerly of Mill City and Idanha and now of 3826 S. E. Lafette Court, Portland. The Humphreys family is caring for Earl's son, George, who is 14 months old.

American Legion Post To Meet Friday at 8

The Mill City-Gates American Legion Post #159 will meet January 7 at 8:00 p. m. at the Eagles Hall.

The newly formed post will hold initiation of members as well as installation of officers at this meeting.

Following the initiation and installation, refreshments will be served by the American Legion wives.

The public is invited to attend.

Area Students Make OSU Honor Roll

Names of local students who made the scholastic honor roll fall term have been announced by Oregon State University.

Local students on the list included Michael Long, a sophomore in Humanities and Social Sciences, with a 3.64 grade point average.

Also, Randy E. Wilkinson of Mehama, a junior in science with a 4 point.

Detroit Dam-Weather

	Pool	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pcp.
Dec. 29	34	23	1446.45	.31	
Dec. 30	36	32	1441.93	.20	
Dec. 31	39	35	1439.68	.22	
Jan. 1	40	36	1439.75	.01	
Jan. 2	43	36	1439.75	.24	
Jan. 3	37	25	1439.80	T	
Jan. 4	35	24	1438.80	.00	
Total Pcp. for week				.93	

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