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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Mill City lost a valuable citizen and friend in the passing of Ozzie Mikkelsen. Ozzie had been here in the years of dam construction and had made many friends in our area then. During the years after Consolidated Builders completed their work, he traveled extensively on construction jobs. Following the illness which ultimately took his life, he and his wife, Susan, moved back to Mill City. Ozzie was a public spirited man. He worked diligently on all Lions club projects, one of which he will be remembered for is the shelters erected by the club for students who wait along the road for school buses. Ozzie was the main spring on these projects and did most of the cutting of the lumber for their construction.

This was just one of the many things that he did in our city. He was a rare individual. He never complained, and continued to keep busy. During the last period of his life, he operated a fix-it shop in their home—just to keep occupied. He was always busy, a cheerful person, with a good sense of humor. We need more men of his kind in this day and age. He was a good friend and neighbor and he will be missed not only by his family, but by the many friends he had here.

I wonder if this pollution kick is truly getting out of hand. It appears that people on both sides of the fence on these emotionally charged issues usually swing too far to the right or left. I read this week where the costs of curbing pollution in factories and plants will put hundreds of small outfits out of business. This in turn will cut off employment for thousands of men over the country. Then when you multiply the unemployment caused by laying off of working people in related service businesses you have a perfect springboard for another big depression, even with all the props that are put under the economy by government.

I can't help but think of the hundreds of thousands spent by the mills of this canyon. We never did have any real pollution problem, but because Salem, Portland and Eugene had a problem, we all suffer. Why can't these people sweep their own porches first, then come out into the hinterland and see if we are really hurting up here.

The government dummies are continually talking about gross national product. Take the inflation out of the gross national product and you'll see that we aren't doing so hot. The only thing that really counts is how much money you have left after you pay the butcher, baker and candlestick maker—and that isn't very good now. Money is only a yardstick by which we measure our dollars against what we can purchase with them. If we continue to go at the rate we now are—soon we'll be carrying our worthless paper money in paper bags to get a few groceries.

This brings us to the wage and price freeze some time ago. It was purely a farce, especially when the government proved to be gutless and let pressure groups force them to let down the bars. What good was it to hold up a portion of their raises, then give it to them all in a lump sum. What did that do to inflation? Your guess is as good as mine. It was merely a stopgap. Like putting a band aid on a leak in a dam. We lost the whole shebang on that deal. Of course, Nixon gets all the blame for this inflation. I think he inherited a lot of this trouble from former administrations. If Johnson had had the guts, he would have frozen both wages and prices when he escalated the war. That would have solved a lot of the trouble. That is all water over the dam now, so it is no good

New Police Car On Duty



Above Joe Challenger of the Mill City Police force is shown standing beside the new police car. It has been in service for the past several days, and they say it is proving to be satisfactory. It is a Plymouth Fury I. —The Mill City Enterprise photo.

Mehama To Keep Local Grade School

Operation of the Mehama Elementary School will continue following a decision of the Stayton School board Monday night.

About 50 parents in the Mehama area of the district voted unanimously to continue operation of the school and a survey was conducted comparing the educational progress of the students.

The survey showed no significant difference between the Mehama students and the other two schools.

Gates Water System Complete

The new water system for the City of Gates is now complete. The road and street conditions will be completed as soon as weather permits.

With the new water system now completed and in operation, it is hoped that a lower fire insurance rate will be available.

Damages Paid off By Vandal

DETROIT—A Mount Angel youth has reimbursed the Forest Service for vandalism damages he inflicted at Hoover Campground in the Detroit District of Willamette National Forest, reports Ed Whitmore, resource assistant.

The incident occurred last October when the youth chopped the benches from a picnic table, removed a cedar site identification post and used the items for his campfire. An alert camper reported the incident, which was turned over to the Oregon State Police for investigation. The youth was billed for damages on the findings of the police investigation report.

"If more campers would report acts of vandalism when they see them happening, I'm sure these senseless and costly acts would decrease," said Whitmore. "The Mill City office of the state police has always cooperating with us in the fullest in solving these cases, but they need some leads to go by, such as a license number or vehicle description."

Error Occurs in School Budget Story

The Enterprise goofed last week in the story about the budget for Administrative School District 129J.

The error occurred in the percentage of raise in the 1972-73 budget. It said in the story that the raise amounted to 3 percent. This should have read 2.3 percent.

to dwell on that. However, I feel these upcoming candidates should shut their mouths about a lot of their campaign promises, as we all know that it is a crock of bull. They can't stop the war any more than Nixon could, and in their hearts they know it.

Jaycees Plan Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Mill City Jaycees met at the home of Vance Edwards recently.

Discussion was held on the Jaycee Regional meeting which is to be held in Mill City on Saturday, March 18. The Jaycees will assist by cleaning and decorating, serving refreshments, handling tickets and taking charge of the registration desk. Following the day's activities, a dance will be held in the evening at the Mill City Fire Hall. Chairman for the Jaycees is Laura Wilson.

It was announced that the Jaycee Press Secretary, Ken Hilliard and his wife, Dee, will visit the local club on March 22. They will talk to the groups separately. Mrs. Hilliard will speak about the main functions of Jaycees.

Plans were made for the annual Jaycee Easter Egg Hunt and the Jaycees will assist the club with this.

Nominations for officers were held and there will be a joint installation which is scheduled for April 8 in the Santiam High School Auditorium. The installation will be open to the public. A dinner is also being planned for the installation.

The recent baked food sale was termed a success for the club.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Anna Syverson.

Engineers To Inspect Minto Dam for Erosion

Minto dam, which serves as a barrier for migrating fish, will be inspected by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for erosion damage during the week of March 20 through 24.

The inspection will be made with the river flow cut at the Big Cliff dam to a level which will be just enough to maintain fish life in the North Santiam river. The reduced flow will be for 6 to 9 hours each of two consecutive days beginning at Big Cliff at 6 a.m. for the safety of survey personnel.

Hearing Held On Proposed Budget For Detroit School District

DETROIT—A public hearing was held Tuesday, March 14, in Detroit High School for the 1972-73 proposed budget of \$310,210.

The district budget is up nine percent from the current budget of \$285,940.

The district staff explained that much of the increase is due to the need to increase funds listed as unappropriated balance. These monies are used to operate the district until tax money becomes available.

Also contributing to the increase are higher costs for social security, retirement, insurance, materials and supplies.

Timber Firm Pays \$70.10 for F. S. Timber

Frank Lumber Co., Mill City, paid \$575,325, or \$70.10 per thousand, for approximately 9,800,000 board feet of timber in the Detroit Ranger District.

The timber was appraised at \$218,126, or \$23.10 per thousand. There were four unsuccessful bidders.

City Issues Building Permit for Residence

Bills were authorized for payment in the amount of \$1,708.27 at the Mill City Council meeting Wednesday evening, March 8.

In other business, a building permit was issued to Robert Pratt for private home construction on S. W. Kingwood.

The police reported nine traffic citations and seven traffic warnings. Municipal citations were issued to one adult and one juvenile and one prisoner was lodged. There were 15 court cases processed, 16 complaints and 35 incidents reported and three accidents.

Detroit Dam - Weather

	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pcp.
Mar. 8	52	35	1555.60	0
Mar. 9	60	36	1552.39	0
Mar. 10	57	41	1548.90	.21
Mar. 11	53	42	1547.55	.95
Mar. 12	54	42	1545.34	.91
Mar. 13	52	45	1551.31	1.57
Mar. 14	55	41	1555.64	.18
Total Pcp. for Week				3.82

City Residents Approve Budget

Residents approved the City Budget in Tuesday's election by a vote of 93 to 74. Endorsed was a levy of \$25,368 outside the six percent limitation.

Total budget for the 1972-73 year is \$92,713.

Baseball Practice Starts At Santiam

Under the coaching tutelage of B-b Williams and Bid Sanders, the Santiam baseball team started practicing for their 1972 season.

The team consists of four seniors, Mitchell Alban, Dale Grant, Loren Hagan, and Gordon Plotts; four juniors, Dennis Budlong, Dennis Corning, Dick Gruver, and Darrell Plotts; four sophomores, Bob Bennett, Russell Budlong, Jerry Grant, and Kenny Morgan; and three freshmen, Greg Crook, Brian Jones, and David Plotts. Among these are nine lettermen.

Coach Williams says that the strength in the infield and the veteran outfield will be strong assets this season. One new face on the team will be Dennis Corning, a transfer student, who plays the infield when he isn't pitching. Santiam will be a strong offensive team and Coach Williams plans on having an over-all good ball club.

Santiam's first game will be here on Monday, March 27, against Detroit. The next day, on the 28th, they will be traveling to Colton.

Easter Breakfast Tickets Now on Sale

A special meeting of the Mill City steering committee was held Tuesday night for final plans on the Easter Breakfast.

The meeting was conducted by Lillian Archer, president, assisted by John Fohl, secretary. There were 12 representatives present from various organizations.

George Long, chairman of the Easter Breakfast, distributed tickets to those present and advance ticket sales will begin immediately.

The breakfast will be held in the new cafeteria from 7 to 11 a.m. Easter morning. All proceeds from the breakfast will go towards the community July 4th celebration.

Error Occurs In Reid Real Estate Ad

In last week's Enterprise the name of David W. Reid was inserted on the Reid Real Estate ad as a salesman. This was incorrect as David W. Reid was not a salesman as of March 9.

He will be selling for the real estate firm in the near future.

Two Suspects Caught In Elkhorn Mans Death

Two persons were arrested Tuesday and a third still is being sought in the shooting death of Lester Eugene Davis, caretaker of summer resort properties near Mehama.

The slaying of the 62-year-old summer resort caretaker was a "pre-planned murder" for the robbery of guns and a pickup truck, Marion County District Attorney Gary Gortmaker claimed Tuesday.

Two members of an organization called Federation of the World were arrested on murder charges in Portland Tuesday afternoon. They are Arthur Gordon Lee, 27, and Candice Lee Golladay, 21.

A third—Robert James Baty, 20—still is being sought. They allegedly shot Lester Eugene Davis four times in the living-room of his Elkhorn cabin 15 miles northeast of Mehama and dragged him to the bathtub "in an apparent attempt to hide the body from view," Gortmaker said.

Davis was found Saturday afternoon and apparently had been dead since Friday night. "There was no forced entry, and Davis did not appear to have surprised a burglar. The motive appears at this time to have been robbery of the guns and truck and pre-planned murder," the district attorney continued.

A state police investigation led by Cpl. Harris Kirby revealed that taken from the scene were the dead man's billfold, keys, several guns and 1968 Chevrolet pickup truck bearing Oregon license number BCL-898, he said.

The truck—described as blue with a white canopy—and guns have not yet been recovered.

Lee and Miss Golladay were returned to Marion County jail by Kirby late Tuesday afternoon.

Baty is described as 5'8" tall and weighing 155 pounds with dark hair and dark or decayed teeth. Gortmaker said he has a noticeable limp and was last seen wearing a military-type uniform and Australian bush hat. He probably is armed, Gortmaker added.

The suspects apparently had occupied a campsite in the area prior to the slaying.

Measles Clinic Set For March 30 At Santiam High School

The Linn County Health Department will hold a Measles Immunization clinic at 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Mill City High School on Thursday, March 30. This clinic is especially for all pre-schoolers, ages one through five years, or those not yet in first grade; and children in grades eight through 12. It will be in Room 3.

A clinic for grades one through seven will be held at a later date. There will be no charge for these immunizations.

Wally Carson Speaks At Lions Club

Wally Carson of the West Salem Lions Club and a member of the Board of Directors of the Lions Club White Cane Sight Foundation was guest speaker at the Monday evening meeting. Mr. Carson stated that the \$35,000 annex to the Dever Eye Clinic in Portland had been completed through the efforts of the Lions Club Sight Foundation. The annex includes three more examining rooms and an office. The clinic handles about 6,000 patients a year with a 3,000 increase expected. There is normally a two to three month waiting list. The Lions annual white cane drive will begin in April.

The nominating committee, headed by Gale Larson, submitted the slate officers for the 1972-73 year. Nominated were Ed Whitmore, president; Vern Rush, first vice-president; Wes Jahn, second vice-president; Vern Peterman, third vice-president; Fred Krecklow, secretary-treasurer; Dick Blakely, tail twister; Burton Boroughs, lion tamer; and Gale Larson, director for a three year term. Election of officers will be held in April.

President George Long announced the Charter Night being held Saturday night at Mt. Angel for the new Lions Club being formed there. Several members from the local club are planning to attend and any others wishing to go should contact Mr. Long. The dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Melody-Aires Orchestra



Above are members of the Melody-Aires Orchestra as they performed at the special St. Patrick's day program at the meeting and potluck dinner Saturday for the World War I Veterans and Auxiliary Barracks.

No. 3263. Earl Loucks is director of the Orchestra. In the background are members of the World War I Barracks.—Stan Ogden Photo.