

# Mill City Continues To Grow In 1972

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April. The Easter breakfast was served there, sponsored by the Steering committee.

There was lots of activity at the new City park, sparked by Mrs. Dean Mowry. The State Correctional Institution at Salem had donated some 350 shrubs. Various organizations were serving food to the volunteer helpers at the park which included local people, Seebas, Scouts and others.

Mill City and the area was braced for the tourist season with state parks to open April 14.

The Ministerial Association was sponsoring Easter services and Donald Dishong delivered the main message.

## April

The Mill City Eagles had agreed to have charge of the 4th of July parade with Jerry Coffman in charge.

April Fool's Day—and No foolin', despite cold rain laced with snow, trees and shrubs were planted at the park, with workers and cooks shivering over the coffee breaks. But thanks to Willis Brothers Shingle mill the eats were served under cover. Mae Mowry, Elaine Russell and Doris Rogers headed the committee.

At Santiam High School it was announced that their yearbook received second class honors in the All-American awards. Mrs. Leo Poole was annual advisor and Nancy Harris was the editor.

The Marigold flower had been proposed by the Mill City Garden Club as a city flower, which caused something of a "stink" in certain areas.

A bomb threat had been received by the school which proved to be false but school was dismissed until it was thoroughly checked. The school board ruled to add an extra day to the school term each time such a threat was received.

Patty McClintock had been selected as the first princess for the 4th of July celebration, sponsored by the Garden Club. At Santiam, Karen Hutchinson was named Queen of the Prom.

## May

The newly organized Junior Woman's club had named their new officers with Judy Bogle, president; Margaret Strom-

quist, vice-president; Mary Lou Suckling, second vice-president; Kathy O'Donnell and Candy Grant, secretaries; Pam Morris, treasurer; Gloria Urban, historian and Marilyn Jahn, advisor. The Junior club was sponsored by the Senior club with Mary Kelly and Goldie Rambo in charge of the installation ceremonies.

Girods were having another Birthday sale with prizes and goodies for their customers.

Cool, wet weather greeted the many fishermen who came to the area, but didn't seem to dampen their spirits.

Lions club members placed more litter barrels around town to help keep the city clean.

The Santiam track team took first in district track meet. Mr. and Mrs. William Lyness were installed as Worthy Matron and Patron of the Eastern Star lodge.

Many politicians were pictured in The Enterprise as they battle their way to the primaries.

U. S. Ply at Idanha, where a number of local men are employed, had received certificates of merit for their Safety program.

Some \$500 was given by trustees of the old Mill City Telephone company for use by board members at the new city park.

John Kohl had been elected to serve as head of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce.

The Mill City Pharmacy had been burglarized, with entrance gained through the roof. A quantity of drugs had been taken.

Fran Bradac of Eastern Oregon had joined The Enterprise staff as printer. He and his wife Mary reside in Gates.

## June

The Lions club and auxiliary held installation ceremonies at the Frontier Inn. Mrs. Fred Krecklow was installed as auxiliary president and Ed Whitmore for the Lions.

There were eleven young people inducted into the honor society at Santiam with 42 to be graduated from high school. At the grade school, 55 young hopefuls got their diplomas.

The Summer recreation program was underway headed by Rebecca Savage and Mr.

## Suckling.

Jackie Clark, sponsored by the Jayceettes, was crowned Queen of the 4th of July celebration by the previous year's title holder, Sonja Martin.

Charles Kelly, Mill City postmaster, had been named president of the Oregon chapter of the National Association of Postmasters. The induction ceremonies were held at Lincoln City, and began a year of much travel for he and his wife.

The Mill City Masonic lodge celebrated 50 years of fraternalism in the city. A large crowd attended with many long-time members present.

## July

Record crowds were here for the 4th of July celebration with many lovely entries in the parade. Beautiful weather added to the day's enjoyment, sweepstakes winner was the Lions club float, "Luv Is". First place winner went to the Mill City Rebekah-Oddfellow float, "The Lazy Daze of Summer".

Besides Queen Jackie, others in her court were Patti Babbitt, Debra Barnhardt, Patty McClintock, Nancy Lalack, Linda Long and Starla Neal. Jill Girod and Frank Shephard were Queen and King of the Junior court.

A new sound system was presented to the Presbyterian Church by Miss Daisy Geddes.

The Junior Woman's club sponsored a vision and hearing clinic with Mrs. Wm. Boester serving as chairman.

Men retiring at Detroit Dam and receiving recognition were Charles Wirkkala, Bill Shuford and Ed Atchison.

AARP members enjoyed beautiful weather, bountiful food and good company at scenic John Neal Memorial Park at Lyons.

A new sewer drainage system was ordered for the Lark addition at a cost of \$10,480. This met the demands of state sanitation requirements.

Shields Remine had been given the green light to construct a housing development at Gates on property he owned adjacent to the highway.

Another burglary occurred, this one at The Sportsmen Center with the thief later apprehended.

Closing of the city dump forced a raise in the garbage rates as wastes are now taken to a central collection station.

## August

Over 80 attended the Old Timers' picnic at Fisherman's Bend Park—and now is a good time to plan on attending the 1973 picnic to be held the first Saturday in August.

It was a long, hot month and a water shortage developed for a short time in the city.

A new, modern fire truck was delivered to the Volunteer department—just in time for summer grass fires. However, forest fires were kept at a minimum this year, despite hazardous conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Umphress retired after 20 years in the shoe repair business. They plan to travel and to "just take it easy". New owners are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Willeman of California.

The City was to have a new Sears catalog store with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nelson of Seaside the pleasant owners of the franchise store.

It was being announced that school would open September 5 and the temperature soared to 101. WOW!

## September

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shaw were observing 50 years of married life and a large group of friends and relatives turned out to greet them at a reception.

Lois Scott, U.S. National Bank personal representative, had been officially named Operations officer.

Sen. Mark Hatfield was in town doing a little "politicking" at the attractive new Frank Lumber company office west of town.

After much pro and con, new emergency hours had been set up at Santiam Memorial hospital. This is all well and good—but what if it's not convenient to have an emergency during those hours?

Delores Dishong had been named to head the Salem Christian Business and Professional Women's association. She is a bookkeeper at the Stayton Canning company.

Junior Citizens named at Santiam were Linda Long and LeRoy Shephard and they participated in Veterans' Day ceremonies at Albany.

A new gift shop was to be opened in Mill City, The Hedge Toad, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Swanson. She is the former Carol Schaefer of Gates.

Another business changing hands was the Western Auto

and Supply store, operated by James and Iris Rose. The new owners were Dale and Mary Kirsch.

Bill Stange had won the Willamette Speedway championship at Lebanon.

Mrs. Dean Mowry, OFWC conservation chairman, was busy with her new duties and had just been a guest speaker at the Junior Woman's club.

## October

The political pot was brewing with a little more spice added than usual, particularly on the local level with considerable steam showing. Clyde W. Bate, councilman, was opposing incumbent mayor, Herb Peck. Arthur Howell, Rod Pfoertner and John Willis were running for the two vacant council positions. Howell was an incumbent and Larry Plotts did not seek re-election.

Another new business, in rapidly expanding Mill City—law offices were being opened in the former Madison-Davis Insurance office. Two Salem lawyers, Myrtle (Mick) Davis and Dennis Corderman are there on designated days.

It was also rumored that a new Malt shop was going in at the Lions Park site and a new donut shop on the highway in west Mill City.

Another bomb threat had been received at the schools—another day added to spring closing. No sign of a bomb was found.

Raymond Porter, assistant fire chief had been chosen Fireman of the Year. The department members were busy working on their annual benefit to be held November 18.

Wes Jahn, school administrator, was appointed to head the UGN Fund drive.

After many years of planning, Mr. and Mrs. Don Moffatt, owners of The Enterprise, decided to take off on a long vacation. They are traveling through the United States in their mini-home. They plan on spending the winter in the south.

New owners of The Enterprise are George and Norma Long, who have worked there for some time.

## November

Santiam clinched the Triver football conference with a win over Regis 56-8.

The second annual Junior Miss pageant was underway with the Junior Woman's club sponsoring the event. Contestants were Judy Benton, Lisa Gabriel, Iris Hampton, Gloria Poole and Sherry Williamson. Selected as Junior Miss was Iris Hampton and she was crowned by Karen Davis, last year's Junior Miss.

At Santiam High School Lisa Gabriel had been named Homecoming Queen. The fate of the Steering committee AND the 4th of July events was in the balance as new officers could not be obtained. Another meeting was to be held later in the month with representatives from all organizations to be present.

The Lions Paw, an Auxiliary Thrift shop, was to close its doors as the building had been leased and the Lions auxiliary was on an inactive basis.

Well, back to regular TV programs again as the elections were over and it had all been hashed and re-hashed as to why favorite candidates did or did not win. In Mill City Clyde Bate was elected Mayor over incumbent Herb Peck by a 323-253 vote. Dale Howell was to serve another term and John Willis was the new councilman.

The area had a slight freeze and snow was in the hills. However, the autumn foliage remained beautiful. Many residents said over and over (including me) that never had they seen such a beautiful blaze of color. Many a shutter bug will record this lovely fall.

Of interest to area people was the announcement that two more doctors would be added to the staff at Santiam Memorial hospital—after a critical shortage there in doctor care.

Big news was still football as the Wolverines rolled over St. Paul 43-12 and went on to meet North Douglas in the A-II Semi-finals. By a strange coincidence they overwhelmed that team by a score also of 43-12. Craig Blackburn was again the high scorer with much help from his teammates. Santiam was gearing for the game the following weekend for the state title with Lost River. Santiam team and boosters hoping again for another state championship win.

Thanksgiving gatherings went on as usual and the Volunteer Fire department had a record turn-out for their big night.

Again, back to football as the Wolverines climaxed their great season by defeating Lost River 13-0 to capture the A-II championship for the second consecutive year. Coach Gib-

son said that he felt the reason they were able to produce a winning team was a "togetherness effort".

## December

The last month of the year dawned bright and clear with warm sunshine contrasting with the snow peaked mountains. Driving into town from the west was indeed a beautiful picture. However, for those liking a warmer climate the "picture" gets a little soggy before spring.

But what a contrast to the second week in December when snow and cold east winds hit the area. Those going into Salem that week found even worse conditions with chains mandatory to "climb" the Salem hill on Highway 22. (We were lucky to have chains in our car, but waited in line for over an hour at the busy service stations.)

The new donut shop in town, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall, postponed opening for a week as scheduled deliveries were not made.

J. C. "Doc" Kimmel was reported to be recovering in Santiam Memorial hospital from a heart attack.

With their football championship secured the Santiam Wolverines started basketball practice with the Jamboree held at Regis High.

Starla Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Neal and a senior at Santiam, was named Good Citizen. This is sponsored annually by the DAR.

Of interest to area residents was the announcement that a Doctors' clinic had been proposed for Stayton. A much needed service.

Year-end figures had started to come in with a number of new homes in the area. There were also many additions and improvements to buildings.

Judy Bogle, city recorder said permits to November 28 totaled \$225,487. It might be of interest to residents to know how this was utilized: Permits were issued for nine new homes; eight garages and carports; five shops and sheds; 12 alterations or additions to buildings; one store; five additions or alterations to stores; one addition to church; four mobile home installations and one school addition.

Snow and record-breaking cold continued with a low of 5 degrees. School closed for one day.

Holiday activities were in full swing with school and church Christmas programs and many other social activities.

A Walt Disney movie was to be shown December 30 at the Santiam auditorium and sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club.

The Santiam Wolverines were competing in the Holiday Basketball Tournament at Detroit. The girls' volleyball team and the Wolverettes also participated.

Tragedy struck the area as the Avery Bowman residence was destroyed by fire in an early morning blaze on December 14. Contributions, household furnishings and miscellaneous items have been donated to the Bowmans by

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local residents.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall suffered injuries in an automobile accident, forcing temporary closure of the Doughnut Hut which had been open only a short time.

Pete Adair, city planning commission chairman, resigned that position.  
Senator Ken Jernstedt and Representative Jack Sumner held an open meeting at the Eagles lodge. Public response was good with about 50 attending.

The Santiam Wolverines won first place at the Detroit Basketball Tournament over Tillamook Catholic.  
A happy and prosperous new year to all.

Willamette Speedway Announces Banquet Saturday, January 13  
A banquet will be held January 13 at the VFW Hall in Albany. The affair will begin at 8 p.m. and all racing members and their wives are invited.

Included in the program will be trophy presentations for the 1972 racing season at Willamette Speedway in Lebanon.

Canyon area drivers placing in the top ten and receiving trophies will be Bill Stange,

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