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It Ain't All Roses

(by George Long)

The after effects of the Watergate revelations could well have a silver lining. The experience of Watergate should teach skepticism toward officeholders and politicians that advocate more government in every aspect of life as a sovereign remedy for every human problem. Government is made up of men, and men are fallible in public life just as in private life. Merely assuming the mantle of office, endows no one with superior wisdom. The old fable that the king can do no wrong was precisely what the founders of the United States came to America to escape. On the whole, we have done pretty well in this country thanks to freedom of speech and freedom of the press. These life-saving attributes of a free society have time and again stripped bare the innermost machinations of public servants and the threat of centralized authority gaining too much power over our lives. This is the great lesson of Watergate, and it should not be lost on a nation whose people place a high value on individual independence.

Miniskirts are invading the business world in greater numbers than ever before. The Wall Street Journal explains why 42 percent of the female population is out working: "... it isn't to support any war effort. Nor is it to flex their rights and strike blows for women's liberation. Rather, it's for a more basic reason: money."

The upsurge in female workers may be attributed to several reasons. More employers are living up to the spirit of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which requires that men and women be given equal consideration, and to the Equal Pay Act of 1963, which requires equal pay for equal work. Also many employers have been pinched for skilled labor and are discovering that women can do the jobs as well—and at times better—than men. This could account for the fact that nearly two thirds of the labor force increase in the last decade has been female.

In Sunday's Statesman there was a picture of a young lady cinching the binders on a load of logs of which she was hauling for her husband. She covers some 300 miles a day. So the next time the "lady of the house" is nowhere to be found, just follow the sound of hammering—she may be down the street building a new city hall!

A leading forest industry official, in describing advancing production technology of the wood products industry, opens up startling new vistas of the future so far as laymen unfamiliar with the forest industry are concerned. Most public attention has been concentrated on what companies are doing solely in such matters as pollution control. In this regard, the timber industry has made substantial progress. It spent \$1 billion prior to 1972 in cleaning up mill operations. It will be spending about \$1.1 billion in the 1972-1974 period on air, water and solid waste control.

But this is only part of the story—and a somewhat negative part at that. The main goal of tomorrow's wood products industry is the development of technology which will achieve maximum utilization of every tree that comes out of our forest lands. In short, the idea is to eliminate waste which, of itself, eliminates many environmental problems. For example, today half of the total raw material for the pulp and paper portion of the forest products industry comes from the use of waste materials. As the industry authority points out, "Many of the new mills in the industry... are designed to use nothing but such wastes." Moreover, new forest technology is rapidly improving wood utilization. In Oregon the overall harvest volume during a 10-year period has increased by 46 percent while harvest acreage has declined 8 percent—in other

Thefts Cause Concern For Forest Service

Ranger District Recreation Officers on Willamette National Forest have expressed mounting concern over the steadily increasing incidence of crimes in the Forest during the early part of the camping season. "Theft has become a serious problem in this area," said Robert Bryant, Detroit District Recreation Assistant. "We have had a real rash of reports of thefts from cars parked at trail-heads." These are mostly break-ins where hikers have left valuables inside the car. Bryant recommended that campers and hikers leave all valuables securely locked in the automobile trunk.

Dan Wilt, Lowell Ranger District Assistant reported that on one recent weekend thieves went through a number of Fall Creek campgrounds stealing food and equipment from unattended camps. Wilt also stated that in spite of the tragic accident that occurred in the fall of 1970 when two campers were accidentally killed by youths shooting into their camp, people continue to target practice and shoot guns in and near recreation areas. Wilt said, "This is illegal and practically a guarantee that sooner or later that tragedy will be repeated."

"Deliberate or thoughtless acts on the part of outdoor recreationists can be a problem and a real danger to other people", Rigdon Ranger District Assistant Thomas Condron reports. "In Packard Creek Campground, boaters have deliberately come too close to the swimming area, harassing swimmers. Beer party participants break bottles on the shore of the swimming area, creating another hazard for swimmers. After a recent beer party, it took half a day to clean up the broken bottles and other debris."

As another example of problems, Condron said "a family with an extremely expensive camping unit pulled into Packard Creek Campground recently and began to dig up rhododendrons and other shrubs. When other campers protested that they were committing an illegal act, they ignored the protests, took what they wanted and left."

On McKenzie Ranger District, Recreation Assistant Robert Schramek reported that a California family pulled into a campground, selected their campsite, and walked back to the entry to pay their fee. In the few minutes they were gone, thieves removed all the money and valuables from their car. Schramek said "we are warning all campers to leave no money or valuable items at their campsite."

Lack of firewood continues to be a problem in campgrounds. In spite of the fact that firewood in most camping areas is only a matter of walking a few feet, campers continue to rip shingles from shelters, chop up posts, signs and even tables. A toilet door chopped for firewood in one campground cost \$60 to replace.

Forest Supervisor Zane G. Smith, Jr. stated, "serious violations of state and federal laws involving life and property are occurring more and more frequently on forest lands. Increasing numbers of vandals and toughs, the carelessness and the indifferent are destroying property, harassing people and generally disregarding regulations for insuring the safety of the visitor and the protection of the environment."

Smith continued, "it is simply impossible to effectively enforce regulations without public cooperation and involvement. Because of budget limitations, the Willamette National Forest will no longer be able to provide all of the services that people have come to expect. However, we will actively pursue prosecution of violators whenever possible, and in this we must solicit the cooperation of the Forest user in helping to maintain a quality environment for all to enjoy."

Detroit Boat Dock To Close Due To Water Shortage

The State Highway Division said Tuesday it will have to close boat docks at Detroit Lake State Park "in the near future" because of the extreme low water level in the lake.

State Park Supt. David Talbot said that the docks have been moved several times because of receding water levels, but said it is not feasible to again move the docks further away from shore.

Talbot said that no firm date has been set for dock closures, but that it will probably be soon. The boat launch ramps at the park will remain open "for the time being," Talbot said.

Santiam To Play Woodburn August 1

Mark Lund's pinch-hit single in the bottom half of the second inning scoring two runs put Santiam ahead to stay and began a rally which downed Stayton 6 to 1. Pitcher, Rick Roth, as usual, was in excellent form as he sat down 17 Stayton batters by strikeout. This was Roth's seventh win with two saves and only one loss. Roth's fast ball kept the Stayton would-be hitters swatting thin air all night long.

Jim Wright, the Santiam second baseman and pitcher, went a perfect three-for-three at bat with one double and two runs batted in. Santiam's other extra base hit came off the bat of David Plotts, who just missed putting the ball in the centerfield bleachers. Rich Roth and Brian Jones rounded out Santiam hitting with each tallying a single and both accounting for a run batted in.

The win over Stayton gave Santiam the Minor Division championship and an opportunity to get into the state tournament. Santiam will play Woodburn at Mill City or August 1 at 7:30 p.m. and will then travel to Woodburn for the final game on August 3. If Santiam can get by Woodburn, the team will participate in the state tournament at Springfield which begins August 9.

Stayton Falls To Santiam 7-1

Pitcher Jim Wright limited Stayton to only one hit as Santiam downed the Eagles seven to one Monday night. Wright handled the Stayton club with ease as he struck out eight batters and ended the game with three consecutive strikeouts after allowing the first Stayton batter a single to start the seventh inning. Wright now has a three win loss record for the season.

David Plotts, Brian Smith, Randy Roth and Mark Lund supplied the power at bat for Santiam with each player rapping the Stayton pitchers for four doubles. Plotts and Randy Roth were the leading Santiam hitters accounting for four hits, three runs batted in, and three runs between them.

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Tour Group Listens Closely



Dick Posekany tells the group that this area was spot planted in 1970 and before that nothing was in this area but brush. —Mill City Enterprise photo

The Old and The New



One of the first stops was this clear-cut area that was logged in 1966 and is now back in production. In the background of the picture the trees are 100 years old.—Mill City Enterprise photo

About Ready For Thinning



Pictured here is a stand of timber that has grown since it was logged in 1933.—Enterprise photo

Scouts Rescue Youth At Detroit

DETROIT — A 17-year-old Salem boy was dramatically rescued this weekend from the bottom of a 200-foot embankment on the Little North Fork about 10 miles northwest of Detroit.

Eleven members of the Explorer Post 18 Search and Rescue Unit spent three and a half hours of Sunday night and Monday morning freeing Aaron Wygant, 2514 Front St. N.E., stranded with a leg injury.

The Explorers used ropes to descend the embankment and secured Wygant in a stretcher and hauled him to a road above. Loose rocks and shale inhibited their descent to the victim, Marion County sheriff's deputies said.

Wygant was treated for a bruised leg at Salem Hospital Emergency Unit. He reportedly was fishing on the river when his foot got wedged between two rocks, and a friend climbed the bank to summon help.

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Reforestation Practices Shown On Recent Tour

We hear a lot of talk about clear-cutting of timber, and for the most part all we see in the newspapers and on TV are the pictures of the worst areas, this is what most of the ecologists want.

On Thursday, July 19 this writer had the opportunity to join a tour given by Dick Posekany, timber manager for Frank Lumber Company of some areas that had been clear cut and planted back to Douglas Fir, also some areas that mother nature had reseeded. The tour was to acquaint some of the office staff and other employees with the procedures of clear-cutting and what it looks like in a short period of time.

To get the best use out of the land two-year-old Douglas fir trees are planted approximately 8' x 8' apart, with the expected survival of about 60 percent.

Santiam Shuts Out North Marion 6-0

Santiam strengthened its hold on first place last Thursday night by shutting out second place North Marion six to 0. Excellent defense, good baserunning and the standout performance of pitcher, Rick Roth, who allowed only two hits while striking out eight, formed a combination too tough for the North Marion club to handle. Roth ended the game by striking out the last three North Marion batters in the seventh inning.

Randy Roth, Jim Wright, Jeff Crosier and David Plotts all turned in outstanding defensive plays aiding Rick Roth in gaining his second shutout of the season.

Santiam now needs only one more win to get into the playoff for the state tournament.

The Junior State Baseball Tournament will be held in Springfield on the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th of August. It will host 16 teams in a single elimination tournament.

Women Softball Players Needed

The women's softball practice is still being held every Thursday morning at ten o'clock at Allen Field.

All interested women and teenage girls are invited to join the group for good exercise and fun. It is hoped there will be enough participating so that teams can be organized to play.

Further information may be had by contacting Gloria Urban at 897-2617 in the evenings.

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The Douglas Fir needs a lot of sun and with this spacing they feel the trees will grow and not become too bushy. Some of these new trees put on as much as three feet of new growth a year. In some areas where there is a problem of Alder and Vine Maple growing rapidly, this has to be sprayed to control its growth so the Douglas Fir can get a good start and get ahead of the Alder and gradually crowd it out.

One of the pictures on this page shows an area that had been clear-cut about 10 years ago. These trees are now good size and barring any unforeseen hazards they will be ready to harvest in another 30 to 40 years, with thinning operations to take place before that. Although the thinning operation is expensive, with the salvagable timber, and the good even growth from the trees left, Frank Lumber Company feels that it will make a much more profitable tree for the future.

On some of the timber holdings that Frank Lumber Co. has, they might clear-cut a small section due to a disease in the trees. During the tour several small areas were visited that had not been forested 15 years ago, but now were planted to young trees and growing rapidly.

Frank Lumber Company spends considerable time and money on reforestation on their timber holdings which amounts to over 8,000 acres.

Dick Posekany also mentioned that along with the rest of their operation they go through their stands of timber that are mature and take out the dying trees at least every two years.

In one of the pictures of the young timber the company is also competing with bears, as they kill from 200 to 400 trees annually by eating the bark off of the trees.

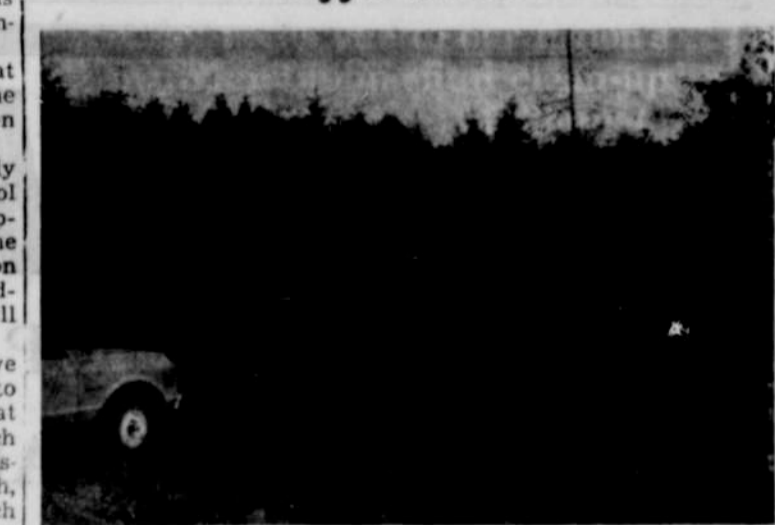
Those on the tour noticed there was an abundance of wildlife in the area, and the deer and elk are multiplying. This is because clear cut timber lands offer ample browse for these species. These bushy plants will not grow in the shade of most mature old growth forests.

City Budget Passes By Slim Margin

The City budget election held Monday passed by a slim margin of four. There were 87 yes and 83 no votes, a total of 170 voters going to the polls.

The proposed budget of \$161,145 is up from last year but, with revenue increases including \$43,178 in federal revenue sharing funds this year, the tax levy is down \$1,141 from last year.

Logged In 1951



This area was logged in 1951 and the reseeded done by mother nature. Mr. Posekany stated this method is sometimes spotty and the trees are not as even as when planted.—Enterprise photo