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It Ain't All Roses

(by George Long)

If anything is capable of making taxpayers and voters see red, it should be current proposals of federal officeholders to form a government-run oil corporation. The vista of bureaucratic abuse and political empire building opened up by such a project overwhelms the imagination of an average intelligent person, especially anyone who has been an enforced customer of that star performer in public business — the post office. If the government ran its oil corporation like it run the post office, gasoline could easily cost \$50 a gallon, and the only place cars would be seen would be in museums.

Some of the things that would happen if the government went into the oil business have been pointed out by the president of the American Petroleum Inst. as follows: 1 — Creation of a government oil corporation would not solve current fuel supply problems because it takes anywhere from three to ten years to properly develop an oil field after it is discovered. 2 — The corporation would drain away skilled employees from private oil companies. 3 — The petroleum industry is already hampered by a shortage of drilling rigs and tubular goods to carry on exploratory drilling and production. If a government corporation entered the field and compete for scarce drilling supplies, this would only mean a further reduction of activity by private enterprise. 4 — The existence of a government oil corporation would discourage investment in private companies which need all the capital they can get for exploration efforts and the construction of more refineries.

The oil industry spokesman also noted that, "one excuse offered for this legislation is that it would increase competition in the petroleum industry. That is nonsense. The legislation would give the Federal Oil and Gas Corp. such overwhelming advantages that to call it a legitimate competitor of private enterprise petroleum companies is to turn the issue into a comedy. . . . The record of the oil industry proves that it can produce the petroleum if anyone can. Private enterprise found oil on Alaska's North Slope, the largest oil field yet discovered in North America. Private enterprise did not block construction of the pipeline which would have brought this North Slope oil to consumers. The political action of excessive environmentalism did that. Finally, taxpayers should take note of the fact that a government oil corporation would open a new siphon into the federal treasury. Untold billions of tax dollars would be needed to support a tax-exempt government oil business. Here is a clear case where the public interest lies on the side of taxpaying, investor-owned industry.

A political authority, who has specialized in running campaigns, has said that it is pure myth to suppose that members of congress have to watch their legislative voting record on tax and spending proposals and make sure that it corresponds to what they told the people back home they were going to do if they were elected. The authority states that, " . . . Legislators, especially at the federal level, have learned that they can vote liberal and talk conservative . . . People simply don't know, don't care and don't have strong feelings about what happens during the legislature so far as their own legislator is concerned, and, for that matter, so far as what the system itself produces or fails to produce."

Maybe this is why we are in such a fix — facing the likely prospect of accelerated inflation combined with unemployment and recession. If we want things to get better, maybe we should start paying more attention to what our legislators in congress are doing, instead of raising their own salaries and our taxes. It is not too late, but it is getting close.

Students Receive Patriotism Kits



President Dick Blakely of the Mill City Lions Club, George Long and Vern Peterman, club members, presented small American flags and patriotism kits to first grade students at Gates Primary School last Friday.

Each student received a desk flag and a brochure on Americanism. Main purpose of the annual event is to deepen the youngsters' interest in and respect for their nation's colors, heritage and history.

District 29J To Increase Travel Reimbursement

The Mill City School Board met Thursday, Feb. 14. The meeting started at 8:02 p.m. with Martin Hansen, Robert Levon, William Morgan, Fred Krecklow, Wesley Jahn and Edith Ross present. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with.

First on the agenda was the approval of the speech therapy contract with the Linn-Benton Intermediate Education District. This is a yearly item and needed, to continue with the speech therapy classes.

The board approved putting a new roof on the old Gates High School and on rebuilding the concession stand under the football field. Money for the projects will come from serial levy funds and are planned for summer work projects.

A motion was made and carried by members of the board to reimburse travel for school district personnel be raised from -10c to 12c per mile. This is due to the continued rise in the cost of gasoline and if prices go down, the reimbursement will also.

A discussion followed next on the student insurance coverage for the 1974-75 school year. The school now covers a student on a "secondary policy" costing \$3,750.00 per year. Costs were discussed on a primary coverage at \$4,500 annually or a total coverage at \$4,687.00 per year. Several parents were interested in an increased policy for students, however, the board decided that the insurance coverage is only meant to be a partial coverage and the school district could not afford the cost of total coverage for all students.

A problem involving "hot water" in the home economics room was next. It seems that by the time water reaches the room, it is too cold for use. A plan is being devised to install a hot water heater in the building in hopes of solving the problem. Women volleyball players were given the OK to use the Mill City Elementary Gymnasium for two nights per week due to their increase in participants. They said they will do without heating the building.

The board accepted a bid from Scheiky Equipment Co. of Portland for the no. one bus being sold. The company agreed to pay \$750 now and \$1,000 when the bus is picked up in the fall. This makes a total of \$1,750 for the bus.

School District 29J will receive \$188,441 from the Linn-Benton LED levy, providing their budget passes. Additional members of the "Right to Read" program are Dale Kirsch, Barbara Penrose, and Sherry Jeter.

Salaries for classified school employees and principals have been accepted by both parties involved. They will receive a 10% salary increase plus fringe benefits.

Also agreed upon by the board was a \$10.00 per month increase on district rented houses effective July 1, 1974.

Last on the agenda was an offer from Linn-Benton County Health Nurse, Mrs. Schaeffer to conduct free classes for grades 7-12 in family planning, which includes sex education. A written survey will be conducted in the near future by the school district through the parents to determine if they are to have their children attend these classes. Participation would be voluntary and not required. This information has already been presented in the junior and senior high schools in Albany and the high schools in Scio and Lebanon.

The next school board meeting will be held Thursday, March 14, 8:00 p.m. at the Santiam High School.

New Councilman



James Jaquette is pictured above being sworn into office by City Recorder Judy Bogle. Mr. Jaquette fills the vacancy created when Councilman Brunner resigned last month after more than seven years service to the City of Mill City. The new Councilman was sworn in at the Wednesday, February 13 meeting and was assigned the job of Sanitation Commissioner.

Variety Show Set For Saturday Night

The variety show sponsored by the Mill City Junior Woman's Club scheduled for this Saturday night at the Santiam High School Auditorium promises to be a full evening of entertainment for the entire family.

The show will feature a wide variety of talent from the canyon area and as far away as Salem and club members are anticipating a large crowd.

Door prizes will be given during the evening and the winner of the five-speed bicycle will be announced. Tickets for the show and the bicycle may be purchased from any club member or at the door.

Mill City Company Is Lone Bidder At Friday's Timber Sale

DETROIT — Lowell Cree Logging Co. of Lyons was successful bidder Friday in a Detroit Ranger Station timber sale intended to clear the site for a new power substation.

The firm was the sole bidder at \$6,270 for 55,000 board feet of Douglas-fir and other coniferous species. The Willamette National Forest timber sale, known as the Tuck Sale, is located approximately one mile west of the ranger station under the power line.

The timber was sold for \$114 per 1,000 board feet, compared to an appraised price of \$113.95.

Clearing of the site is expected to start soon, with construction of the new electrical substation for the BPA slated for April. The \$360,000 facility is slated for full completion.

MILL CITY WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Pcp.
Feb. 10	43	25	0.00
Feb. 11	46	28	0.00
Feb. 12	48	38	0.09
Feb. 13	47	31	0.04
Feb. 14	51	39	0.56
Feb. 15	52	37	0.30
Feb. 16	45	40	0.94
Total Pcp. for the week			1.93

Detroit Dam - Weather

Date	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pcp.
Feb. 13	43	34	1490.70	0.13
Feb. 14	44	35	1481.74	0.53
Feb. 15	46	37	1482.33	0.18
Feb. 16	46	38	1484.18	1.24
Feb. 17	43	37	1486.25	0.85
Feb. 18	44	34	1488.13	0.92
Feb. 19	48	34	1492.20	2.33
Total Pcp. for week				6.18

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Family Leader Of Tomorrow Named

Mary Diane Wills has been named Santiam high school's 1974 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. Miss Wills won the honor by scoring high in a written knowledge and attitude examination administered to high school seniors here and throughout the country Dec. 4. She will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, sponsor of the annual Betty Crocker Search for Leadership in Family Living and also remains eligible for state and national honors.

Diane, a senior at Santiam, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wills of Mill City.

From the ranks of all school winners in the state, a state family leader of tomorrow is selected through judging centered on test performance and receives a \$1,500 college scholarship. The second-ranking student in the state will receive a \$500 scholarship. Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation will present "The Annals of America", a 20-volume reference work, to the state winner's school.

Representing every state and the District of Columbia, the 51 Betty Crocker Family Leaders of Tomorrow, together with a faculty advisor, will gather in Washington, D.C., in April, for an expense-paid educational tour of the capital city and Minneapolis, Minn. During the tour, personal observations and interviews are added to state level judging which results in the All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow, who receives a \$5,000 college scholarship. Second, third and fourth place national winners receive scholarships increased to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

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Property Tax Filings Due For Exemptions

Disabled war veterans and veterans' widows must apply for their annual Oregon property tax exemptions by April 1, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs said this week. Applications should be filed with the county assessor.

H. C. Saafield, VA director, said the exemption amounts to \$7,500 of the true cash value of property. Entitled are war veterans 40% or more disabled, war veterans.

Saafield said this is not an automatic exemption. Even though an exemption was granted last year, the property owner must file a new application to be considered for the exemption this year.

If the taxpayer still has property tax to pay on his residence after the veteran's exemption, and has an income of less than \$15,000 a year, he is eligible for a refund under the new homeowners and renters property tax refund program passed by the 1973 legislature.

A.A.R.P. Chapter To Meet Wed., Feb. 27

The Santiam Chapter AARP, will hold their meeting at the Santiam High School commons Wednesday night, Feb. 27, at 7:30.

Large Crowd Attends City Council Meet.

About 60 residents appeared unexpectedly at the city council meeting Wednesday, Feb. 13 seeking information on the proposed sewer system.

Clark & Groff Engineers, Inc., Salem, conducted a study for the system and presented it to the council about three months ago.

As the sewer system was not scheduled to be on the agenda, the council postponed all other business after authorizing payment of the bills until the next regular council meeting.

Wayne Taylor, representative of Clark & Groff Engineers, Inc. was unprepared to provide specific answers for questions put to him by local residents.

Many of those present asked what their personal hookup costs and users fees would be under the proposed \$2.8 million system. Questioning lasted for about 2 1/2 hours.

Councilman Howell stated that Mayor Bate was in the process of selecting a citizens committee to study the proposed sewer system and bring back recommendations to the council which would enable them to act on this issue much faster. It was also stated that the city council has hopes of putting it on the November ballot for a vote.

Girls Volleyball Group Plays Mon. and Wed.

The women's volleyball group will begin playing two nights a week, it was announced this week.

The girls will be playing on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the grade school gym. They were playing on Monday nights only, but, due to the large attendance, decided to have two nights a week so everyone can play. All those attending will be able to play either night, or both nights if they wish.

Lion Pres. Blakely Presents Students With Kits



Pictured above are some of the first grade students at Gates Elementary school receiving their flag kits from Lion President Richard Blakely of the local Lions Club.—Mill City Enterprise photo

Win Puts Wolverines In First Place

The Santiam Wolverines won their ninth league game of the year, upending the Scio Loggers, 64-42 Friday night.

The win put Santiam in sole possession of first place in the Tri-River Conference. Last Friday, both Regis and Salem Academy were upset by lower division teams, giving them identical 8-3 records, while the Wolverines sport a 9-2 conference record.

Santiam jumped off to a quick 17-8 lead, but Scio closed the gap to 24-18 at the end of the first half. Santiam then outscored Scio 40-24 in the second half to nab the victory.

Santiam shot well from the floor hitting 27 field goals for 44%. Scio could connect on only 30% of their shots, making 16 goals. Santiam controlled the boards, outrebounding the loggers 45-27. Scio turned the ball over 24 times, to only 16 times for Santiam.

The Wolverines stole the ball 16 times, with Gary DeMain coming up with eight of them. Frank Bryant hit the boards for 13 rebounds. He was followed by Gary DeMain with nine and Roger Davidson with eight. Frank was also the leading scorer with 17 points. David Plotts netted 16 points and Gary DeMain added 13.

Santiam's next game will be against the Jefferson Lions at Jefferson on Feb. 22, Friday. The next home game for the Wolverines will be on Feb. 26, when the Kennedy Trojans travel to Santiam.

Scio 8 10 9 15-42
Santiam 17 7 17 23-64
Scio 42 — McDonald 22, Bohman 1, Ortig 7, Lassetter 6, Cloud 6.

Santiam 64 — Plotts 16, Bryant 17, G. DeMain 13, Davidson 8, M. DeMain 2, Wright 3, Morgan 2, Bill Tippet 2, Bob Tippet 1.

City Of Detroit To Pursue Claim

DETROIT — The City of Detroit, which spent more money determining how much money had been taken in city funds allegedly by a former city recorder, Judy VanFleet, is going to fight to get back both its auditing costs and embezzled funds from the company which bonded the former convicted recorder.

At Tuesday night's meeting of last week, the city council authorized City Attorney Ralph Wyckoff to pursue a claim against the bonding company for over \$2,200 it cost the city to determine how much they lost in city funds.

Mrs. VanFleet resigned in June, 1973, and was subsequently convicted of a theft charge. The bonding company has agreed to pay back the \$2,173 Mrs. VanFleet allegedly took but refused to pay city auditing expenses.

JFK Freshmen Scalp Santiam 51-30

The Santiam Freshmen dropped another game, this time losing to JFK, 51-30. The loss dropped the Santiam record to 2-9 for the season.

Santiam played well the first three quarters. JFK led by only one at the halftime and two at the end of the third quarter. But Greg Schmidt and Greg Swia combined for 18 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Trojans to a 21 point victory. Santiam could only manage four points in the last quarter.

Santiam shot 32% from the floor hitting 13 field goals. Kennedy made 20 field goals and shot 57% from the foul line. Santiam only made 36% of their foul shots.

Don More, Jerry Payseno, and Ken Larsen all had eight points to lead in scoring. Don More also had four steals.

JFK 10 8 10 23-51
Santiam 10 7 9 4-30
JFK 51 — Schmidt 13, Povara 4, Sura 21, Beyer 4, Raah 9.

Santiam 30 — More 8, Keen 4, Larsen 8, Andermatt 2, Payseno 8.