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## It Ain't All Roses

(by George Long)

Automobiles cost as much as a home did 30 years ago. A big cause is inflation. But added to this is the cost of super-bumpers, air bags, catalytic mufflers and other expensive emission control devices, electric seatbelt warning beepers and all sorts of other gadgets mandated by law. A good many people rip out the warning buzzers in an effort to preserve their sanity and sneakily dismantle the gas-consumption pollution control equipment in an effort to keep rolling. Still, all these devices must be bought and paid for with every new car. Some of them are good, many are nonsense.

Every law passed to protect the environment or the consumer results in higher prices paid by everyone. It is time to take a hard look at the cost, relative to the benefits that can be expected from any legislation contemplated in the areas of safety and environmental or consumer protection. If we don't watch out, we may be protected right out of our pocketbooks.

Postage rates increases have become a perennial affliction that the public has come to accept with a fatalistic resignation — along with the seemingly inevitability of deteriorating service. However, since postal rates are subject to no true regulatory review or public hearings, such as is the case with regulated private industry, virtually no one really appreciates the impact of postal rates on living costs. The average person figures he can beat the game by mailing fewer postcards and letters. It is not quite that simple.

An investor-owned electric company serving the Rocky Mountain region — for example, a company whose rates are stringently regulated — has reported the effect on its operations of the increase in U. S. postal rates imposed in March, 1974. The increase will boost this company's mailing cost to about \$1 million per year — an increase of \$200,000. The company, which happens to be located in the State of Colorado, is one of that state's largest users of the mail. It sends out about 600,000 bills each month. In addition, there are some 165,000 mailings of notices to shareholders, 60,000 mailings of company publications, 47,000 mailings of annual reports and 600,000 mailings for each notice to customers of proceedings before the Colorado PUC. Multiply the postal cards for this one company by tens of thousands throughout the nation, and it is easy to see why postal rates are an item in the cost of living for every family, even if not a single letter is mailed.

Postage is an essential government service. It is also a cost of doing business ultimately paid by customers. Moreover, it is a cost that has risen many times faster than the general price level — including the rate increases of investor-owned electric companies.

One of the limitations of government service has traditionally been a prohibition of the right to strike. Historically, striking against government has been considered tantamount to anarchy and revolution — and could not be tolerated. But, times change.

Now there are teachers' strikes, municipal employees' strikes and even strikes in such essential public areas as police and fire protection. San Francisco suffered a nine-day walk-out by 10,000 municipal employees. The strike halted all public transit and curtailed hospital and other services. Since 1960, the number of government workers joining unions has more than doubled. Nearly one fifth of all public service employees now belong to unions.

The question that must eventually be faced is how far can these workers go, via strike, toward imposing their will on the public. Crippling government services by strike action ignores the elementary principle that a strike against government is anarchy. If pursued to its ultimate conclusion, it can spell the death of freedom.

## Local Bank Asks For Pennies

One of the most patriotic acts Americans of all ages can perform today is emptying the family piggy bank, according to John R. Fohl, manager, Mill City Branch, U. S. National Bank of Oregon.

John Fohl said the nation faces a penny shortage that costs taxpayers millions because people are withholding some 30 billion pennies from circulation.

This means that nearly half of the 62 billion pennies the U. S. Mint has produced in the last 15 years are in hiding, Fohl said. The mint is still producing one-cent coins at a rate of 35 million a day, he added, yet there still aren't enough pennies to go around in many areas of the nation.

Mr. Fohl urged that families start gathering those pennies that are hiding in pickle jars, old socks and piggy banks and bring them into the bank so the nation can get Mr. Lincoln back among the people where he belongs.

June has been declared penny redemption month by the U. S. Treasury in an effort to cure this artificial shortage, according to Fohl.

"For every \$25 worth of pennies cashed in at the bank, the U. S. Treasury is going to award an Exceptional Public Service certificate to the individual or group responsible," Fohl said.

## Sixty-two Graduate At Mill City School Tuesday Evening

Sixty-two students received diplomas Tuesday night at the Eighth Grade Graduation exercises at the Santiam High School Auditorium.

Laura Hoover gave the address of welcome and Sandi Burge the address of appreciation. Jim Rose, Santiam High School student, spoke to the class.

Vernon Peterman, principal, presented the graduates and William Morgan, chairman of the school board, awarded the diplomas.

## 1974 Junior Queen and King



Making up this year's Fourth of July Junior Court are Queen Heidi White and King Kenneth Penrose. Heidi is the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry White and five year old Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Penrose.—Enterprise photo

## Absentee Ballots Are Now Available

Wes Jahn, Superintendent of School District 129J, said this week that voters who will be gone during the school election which will be Tuesday, June 18, may vote by absentee ballot.

Absentee ballot applications may be obtained at the Santiam High School office and should be picked up as soon as possible if you plan to cast an absentee vote.

Residents are reminded that Santiam High School will be the only polling place for the June 18 school election and all voters will cast their ballots at the school, regardless of their precinct number.

## Lyons Blood Drawing Reaches Quota Set

The blood drawing held Monday, June 3, at the Mari-Linn School was termed successful. Quota for the drawing was 50 pints and donors totaled 52 pints.

The blood bank was sponsored by the ladies auxiliary of the Lyons Rural Fire Dept. with the Lyons Garden Club in charge of the canteen.

## Colorado Man In Need Of Blood

DETROIT — A Colorado man, Albert Leonard, is seriously ill in Mayo Hospital, Minn. He is a friend of Rev. and Mrs. Arvin Johnson's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Every, who reside in Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Johnson said that in a letter received last week from her daughter that Mr. Leonard is in need of 68 pints of blood.

## Backyard Burning Is No Longer Legal

The Mill City Fire Department has received word from the Mid-Willamette Valley Air Pollution Authority, informing that backyard burning is now prohibited. The ban came into effect May 31, 1974. Burning will probably be allowed again in the fall.

Anyone found guilty of backyard burning will be fined between \$25 and \$500.

## Local Students Named Oregon Scholars For 1974

Names of 1,500 students have been announced as 1974 Oregon Scholars by the State Scholarship Commission.

Students earning this honor are selected from all high schools in Oregon on the basis of their outstanding academic achievement.

Students from this area selected as Oregon Scholars are: Kenneth Lee Morgan, Santiam High School and Bonnie Denise Young, Detroit High School.

Purpose of the Oregon Scholars award is to give recognition to the academic attainments of students who have excelled in high school, whether or not they have financial need which qualified them for state scholarships.

The group chosen as Oregon Scholars was selected from the 1974 graduating classes of Oregon high schools totaling approximately 35,000.

Each recipient will be presented with an Oregon Scholar certificate by the commission. In addition, Gov. Tom McCall has sent a letter of tribute to the Oregon Scholars of each high school.

## Budget Committee Meets With City Council Monday

The budget committee was called back into session Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. by the Mill City Council.

After about three hours of discussion of various ways for the budget to be reduced, the committee voted to convene at a later date when the council had more figures and facts for them to work with.

The council informed the budget committee that there was an additional \$8,000 carryover which would be used to balance the budget. The committee also recommended that \$3,000 be cut from the police department and \$3,000 from the general fund.

## Conference All-star Team Chosen

The Santiam Wolverines placed two players on the first team baseball all-stars and three on the second team in the Tri-River Conference all-star team.

David Plotts was selected on the first team as a third baseman. Bob Bennett was also selected to the first team as an outfielder.

Wayne Wiege of Regis and Dan Sanders of Jefferson were selected as the pitchers.

Rounding out the first team was Ted Highberger, Regis, first base; Doug O'Neal, Salem Academy, second base; Dennis Lulay, Regis, catcher; Nick Kintz, Regis, shortstop; Jim Bryant, Jefferson and Doug Lulay, Regis, in the outfield.

Jim Wright from Santiam was a second team pitcher. Maurie Richards of Santiam was second team catcher; Jerry Grant also of Santiam made the second team as an outfielder.

Also on the second team were: Bob Girt, Jefferson pitcher; Bob Keith, Jefferson, first base; Ron Beyer, JFK, second base; V. Boedighelmer, Regis, third base; Gilbert Rodriguez, JFK, shortstop; Rick Dieker, JFK, and Randy Craig, Scio, outfielders.

## Baccalaureate Held Wednesday, May 29

Impressive Baccalaureate services were held in the Santiam High School auditorium Wednesday evening, May 29, for the 46 members of the 1974 graduating class, with John DeMain, pastor of the Free Methodist Church, as the main speaker assisted by Donald Dishong of the Community Church.

Rev. DeMain's sermon topic was "Privilege of Living," stressing the fact that people should live together peacefully in a community, trusting each other, showing affection, not pretending, standing on the side of right, being against wrong, and realizing that it is a privilege to live in this day and age, as all things are possible with God.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the High School Chorus, who sang the hymns "Choirs of Angels Praise Thee" and "Green Pastures," directed by Spence Hillebrand and accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Doris Sheythe, who also played the prelude and the recessional.

Reading of the scripture and the benediction were given by the Rev. Dishong.

Large baskets of white and blue flowers decorated the stage, and the girls in the chorus, as well as most of those graduating, wore long dresses, some with wide-brimmed hats. The boys were resplendent in suits or jackets and slacks.

## Painting to be Done At Detroit Dam

The Portland district, Corps of Engineers, has invited bids for painting the exterior metal surfaces of the two turbine penstocks at Detroit Dam.

Bids will be opened in the Portland District office at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, for the work, which also includes painting a test conduit at the dam.

## Five Princesses To Compete For July Fourth Queen

Five pretty and talented Mill City Girls are making preparations for the annual 4th of July Queen's Coronation to be held Saturday, June 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The girls competing this year are Barbara Gillenwater, Rhonda Meader, Verlene Peterman, Clary Pedersen and Susy Wilson. The girls will be judged on their poise and appearance, talent, personality, and a question which they will answer. One girl will receive a check for \$25 from the steering committee for selling the most tickets to the coronation.

This is the 16th annual coronation and it always proves to be a delightful evening of entertainment for the whole family, and sets a stage of excitement for the up-coming Fourth of July celebration.

Tickets to the coronation may be purchased from any of the princesses or at the door.

## Detroit Residents Vote Down Tax Base

DETROIT — A three-vote margin spelled defeat in Tuesday's election last week in a 38 to 35 vote on a \$9,250 tax base for the City of Detroit.

The measure would have cost an estimated \$2.95 per thousand true cash value and compares to .81 cents per \$1,000 true cash value to a current tax base of \$1,680.

Citizens may feel the pinch this summer if there is a heavy water demand. Marion County Health has told Detroit to replace the old water tank (30,000 gallon) within the city limits, and move the location of the tank. This has to be done.

The new tax base would have helped to eliminate water problems, and all property owners would have paid a fair share of the cost.

In-as-much as Detroit has not had a new tax base since the city charter was accepted, there is not enough revenue coming in to meet the demands.

If the new tax base had been approved, the new anticipated lower water rates would have compensated for the increase in your tax, but still bring the city more revenue.

If the city has to borrow money, it would have to be paid mainly by the water revenue which could mean an increase in water rates, city officials said.

The city had planned to lower the water rates but this may be questionable now.

## Vacation Bible School Starts Mon.

The Mill City Christian Church is sponsoring daily vacation Bible school beginning June 10 through the 14th.

Kindergarten children through sixth grade will be held each morning from 9 to 11:30 with a varied and exciting program being planned.

## Hospital Rates To Increase

At the May 23, 1974 meeting of the Santiam Memorial Hospital board of directors, it was voted to bring the hospital's room charges into line with other area hospitals. Effective July 1, 1974, room rates will be increased by \$5.50 for semi-private rooms, and \$6.00 for private rooms.

Even with these adjustments, the room rates at Santiam Memorial Hospital are the lowest in the Willamette Valley.

During the two and one half years under the wage and price freeze, the hospital's charges were increased by only four and one half percent per year, yet during this same time span, expenses increased at the rate of ten percent per year.

Certain other hospital services have also been increased to reflect the increase in costs.

## Gates Library To Be Open Thursdays

The Gates school library will be open this summer on each Thursday morning from June 20 to August 15 except on July 4.

Hours will be from 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. Students from the Mill City school are invited to use this facility as there are many interesting books for easy summer reading or re-reading.

## Cec's Garage Has New Owners

LYONS — Ronnie and Karen Adams from Mapleton have purchased Cec's garage and took over Monday morning, June 3. The Adams are former residents of this area, having lived at Mehama, and will move to Lyons as soon as they can find living quarters. They have two children, Mark and Cheryl.

Cecil and Vera Grimes have owned and operated the garage since June 13, 1958.

## Mari-Linn School To Graduate 25 June 6

LYONS — The eighth grade mothers of Mari-Linn School will honor their sons and daughters with a desert following the presentation of diplomas on Thursday evening, June 6. Mrs. Hazel Wirth is baking a cake in their honor, decorated in the classes chosen colors of blue and gold. Immediate family members are invited to the affair, seventh grade sisters of the eighth grade graduates will help with serving punch and coffee. They are Christine Mahurin and Karen and Kelly Silbernagel.

The welcome will be presented by Shannon McGuffin, the history by Wayne Miley, a speech on "The Future" by Don Hughes, the will and testament will be read by Janine VanAgmael and a speech on "Career Awareness and the Need for an Education" will be presented by Cindy Rowell.

### Detroit Dam - Weather

	Max.	Min.	Elev.	Pcp.
May 29	65	43	1564.43	T
May 30	54	43	1563.10	0.05
May 31	66	43	1561.71	0.00
June 1	73	45	1560.30	0.00
June 2	79	49	1560.11	0.00
June 3	70	52	1560.49	0.00
June 4	66	50	1560.87	0.59
Total Pcp for Week				0.64