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It Ain't All Roses

(by George Long)

To look at it, you wouldn't expect great things from the krill. The microscopic creature spends its days floating aimlessly about the ocean depths. Yet viewed in large numbers, this member of the plankton family is crucial to the marine food chain. We are much like the krill. We drift along life's byways, often passing up chances to help change the world around us because it seems one person's actions are unimportant. How wrong that supposition is!

Each of us is part of a whole which, in our case, is the United States of America. Individually, we may not be able to rock the world, but multiply our efforts by the millions, and we can make history. Now we are approaching the 200-year mark in the epic of our national existence and attempts to enhance and further the American way of life must continue or the world structure, which depends upon U. S. leadership to keep the interchange of goods and ideas flowing, may very well crumble. Do not think for one moment that you are unimportant. The fate of future generations virtually rests in your hands.

Before cheering too loudly at the prospect of passage of a National Health Insurance program, the tax-burdened public should realize one thing. No matter what political slight-of-hand techniques are used to obscure the true costs of medical care, those costs must, in the end, be paid by consumers and taxpayers.

The Charleston, South Carolina, Post has analyzed the \$40 billion-a-year National Health Insurance program proposed by the administration. The plan provides that no family would have to pay more than \$1,600 per year for medical expenses — at first blush an apparent bargain. The post then goes on, "As Secretary Weinberger explains the measure, employers would pay 75 percent of the estimated \$320 annual premium. Employees would pay the rest." The catch is the illusion that employers will be paying the lion's share of the cost. Commerce Secretary Frederick B. Dent warns that a 75 percent "contribution" to the health plan on the part of employers would be too costly for businessmen. In the words of the Post, "Employers already face possible increases in costs of unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation benefits and pension plan reforms. They also are bracing themselves for increases in social security taxes, minimum wage requirements and new costs for safety standards. . . . Employers do not have printing presses in their basements on which to turn out money to meet those taxes and bills. Any added costs often pose the choice between going out of business and raising prices. 'Employers,' in short, would not pay 75 percent of the insurance plan's cost. . . . The cost will be paid one way or another by the nation's consumers. . . ."

There is no way under the sun of achieving free or cheap medical care anymore than the price of groceries can be returned to a preinflation era. Acceptance of this one irrevocable fact would do much to clear the way for reasonable and sound improvements in the nation's health care system.

Lyons Council Raises Building Permit Costs

LYONS — At the meeting of the Lyons City Council Wednesday night, July 3, the usual business was carried out. The building permit price was raised \$1.00 per \$1,000 to be effective July 1.

It was reported that all streets needing repairs were completed. Building permits for the month of June were \$9,500.

Recorder Named At Gates Council Meeting July 3

GATES — The Gates City Council held their regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 3, at the Gates City Hall. Present were Mayor J. Howard Jenks, councilmembers Tom Wood, Ray Presler, Bert Wells and Doris Rogers. Alexis Winn filled in for Morgan White as city secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. by Mayor Jenks. Minutes of the June 20th meeting were read and approved. Bills were then presented to the council. They included General Fund: \$55.23; Street Fund: \$126.05; Water Fund: \$173.91. The council voted to pay the bills.

From the correspondence file items included copies of letters sent to Dick Blakely and Mike Horner concerning logs and debris placed on the city street (Cedar Lane). A letter was received back from Mr. Horner stating he no longer owned the lot and to contact Mrs. Horner.

No word has been received from Marion County concerning the road work done in 1971.

Correspondence was received from Marion County concerning the canceling of the contract between Gates and the county. The county agreed to this and made it effective as of July 1.

A letter was received from M. G. Boatwright, Eng. of Salem, stating that final inspection of Water District #1 was done on June 21, 1974. The attorneys are now getting the assessments figured out and hope to present them at the next council meeting.

The mayor appointed Alexis (Mrs. Rodney) Winn as the new city recorder and city secretary replacing Betty Kelle and Morgan White. Betty has been the legal recorder as Mr. White lived outside the city limits. Mr. White is getting married and plans on only a parttime residence. Mrs. Winn has resided in Gates approximately 1 1/2 years. Her appointment was unanimously approved by the council.

Reports were next on the agenda. Doris Rogers reported she had attended a meeting with the Mill City Mayor concerning the sewage problems. She said another meeting was coming up but that the DEQ was giving Mill City a year to resolve matters.

The mayor reported on the water leak in the Harman Peters driveway. Work is underway to solve this and the council authorized Ray Presler to act in conjunction with the city attorney after receipt of a letter from the Oregon State Health Dept.

It was reported that during the hot weather the #2 pump would overheat and shut off. This has been a past problem. It was decided that putting in two vents at the bottom of the pumphouse might solve the problem. Tom Wood is to give an estimate, and Mr. Presler will authorize the work if the bid is acceptable.

Bert Wells, street commissioner, reported he had found a place to obtain the street signs. They will cost \$270 and are aluminum reflector signs. The council also approved an additional \$200 for painting and replacing additional posts before attaching the signs.

Problems concerning dust and base rock on Linnwood, Cedar Lane and Dogwood were presented. As Mr. Wells is going out of town, Mrs. Rogers said she would help in obtaining prices.

Tom Wood asked for \$30.00 from the budget to cut grass and brush around the city hall. This was approved.

\$5.00 was budgeted to Bert Wells to cut grass on the corner of Oak and Central.

The recorder is to look up election requirements and term times for council members. This is to determine which terms are up and how long the other members have left.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Gates City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bikes Division



Jeff Girod was first prize winner and Eric Stromquist, second, in the kiddie parade, bikes division.

First Place Trophy



Eric Neustadter and his dog won first prize in walking entries in the kiddie parade. Eric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Neustadter of Beaverton.

Well Child Clinic Scheduled For Tuesday July 16 At Stayton

A well child conference and immunization clinic will be held by the Marion County Health Dept. Tuesday, July 16, at Stayton Middle School from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Parents wishing to bring their children to be seen by the physician should make an advance appointment by calling Mrs. Melvin Peck at 769-2684.

Medicheck screening is available to welfare recipients who qualify. Immunizations for all ages are given at the clinic. No appointment is necessary but parents must accompany the children for these services.

School District Budget Reduced

It was reported this week that the tax levy of \$517,915.00 for operation of school district 129J for the 1974-75 school year which was passed on June 18 will be reduced slightly in excess of \$33,000.

The additional amount is due to unanticipated excessive state forest products receipts and public law 874 receipts.

Old Timers Picnic Set For Sat., Aug. 3

All people in the Santiam Canyon area are again being reminded of the annual picnic to be held at Fishermen's Bend Park at The Firs shelter on Saturday, August 3. The event will start with a noon potluck and all residents, former residents and their friends are invited to attend.

It is hoped that the gathering, which has been known as the Old Timer's Picnic, will draw from a larger group this year with anyone in the canyon or surrounding areas welcome to attend. Coffee and punch will be provided with those attending asked to bring one or two potluck dishes and their own table service.

Carl Podrabsky is chairman of the event and anyone wishing more information may contact him by calling 769-2254.

Mill City Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
July 1	64	52	0.01
July 2	71	51	0.00
July 3	80	43	0.00
July 4	77	52	0.00
July 5	65	54	0.32
July 6	72	47	0.00
Total Pcp. for the week			0.33

Sprucing up the Town



Two ambitious Mill City Junior Women's Club members, who refused to be identified, were busy last week cleaning out the weeds on the hillside by the bank.

Festivities Attended By Many Local And Former Residents

Spectators lined the parade route Thursday to view the annual Fourth of July parade which was the largest in recent years. Colorful floats, marching units, antique cars, bands, riding horses and comical groups made up the approximate 90 entries in the parade. Grand Marshal was Ray White of Gates. Former Fourth

of July Queens rode in cars furnished by the Willamette Valley Corvette Club.

The 1974 Queen Verlene Peterman added beauty to the attractive Lions Club Float which won the grand sweepstakes honors. Theme of the float was "The Year of Queen Verlene" and was decorated in pastel colors of flowers and a large butterfly with the "queen" in the center.

Princesses Susy Wilson, Barbara Gillenwater, Rhonda Meader and Clary Pedersen were all beautiful on floats entered by their sponsors.

Leading the "kiddie parade" were Queen Heidi White and King Kenneth Penrose. Winners in the kiddie parade were: Jeff Girod, first; Eric Stromquist, second; and Sharon and Julie Bevier, third place tie, in the bikes division.

The float entry "The Littlest Devil" won first place for Melissa Jenkins and second place winners were Renita Richter, Darlene, Dorothy, Myron and Verna Clark. In the walking entries Eric Neustadter won first and in the trikes division Johnny Stromquist won first prize and Joey Bias received second.

Sparkling the parade this year were several bands and marching units such as the Eugene Highlanders, The Silverton Senior Citizens Band, the Mill City Grade School Band and the Pin Hook Banjo Band of Lebanon. The Melody-Aires Orchestra presented a concert prior to parade time which was enjoyed by all.

Following are the winners in all divisions:

Sweepstakes trophy — Mill City Lions Club. Theme: "The Year of Queen Verlene." Float chairman, Charles Tate.

Floats — adult: first place, Mill City Garden Club, theme: "The Year of the Marigold," float chairman, Doris Rogers; second place, Mill City Junior Women's Club, theme: "The Year of the Gas Line," float co-chairmen: Ellen Tuers and Connie Brewster; third place, AARP, theme: "Time for Retirement," float chairman: Ben Saalfeld.

Floats — youth: first place, Camp Fire Girls, theme: "The Years from 1913 to 1974" float chairman: Lynette Morgan; second place, Rainbow Girls, theme: "The Year of Getting Back to Nature," float chairman, Sally Jenkins; third place, Cub Scout Pack #49, theme: "The Year of a Better Environment," float chairman, Janice Baughman.

Best individual trophy — Vern Golden, Mill City; most unique trophy — National Guard Drill Team — Lebanon, commercial — Davilas Restaurant, Mill City.

Mounted Groups — first: Linn County Sheriffs Posse, Albany; second — Mount Peak 4-H Group, Mill City.

Band — first: Silverton Senior Citizens, Silverton; second: Mill City Band, Mill City; third: Pin Hook Banjo Band, Lebanon.

Horse Drawn Vehicles — first: John Tate, McMinnville;

second: Cecil Martn, Albany; third: Frank Bates, Lyons.

Best Western Horse and Rider — first: Bob Netter, Rte. 1, Lyons; second: Julie Miller, Albany; third: Sharon Blaylock, Rte. 1, Lyons.

Best Parade Horse and Rider — first: Roy Lee Baker, Mill City; second: Linda Netter, Rte. 1, Lyons; third: Peggy Tate, Rte. 1, Lyons.

The antique car entries arrived too late for judging. Following the parade, concessions, games and contests continued throughout the afternoon in the park. The Lions Club cook shack was kept busy serving breakfast from 6:00 to 11:00 in the morning and hot dogs and beer sausages in the afternoon.

There were approximately 15 to 20 displays, all by local people, in the hobby and crafts exhibit in the grade school gym.

Pee Wee ball games began at 3:00 in the afternoon, followed by little league, junior state and mens slow pitch games.

Winners in the bike rally were Jeff Girod and Lance Davis in the junior division and Nancy Girod, Scott Lynn, Mark Peterman and Muriel Phelps in the senior division. Prizes for the bike rally winners were donated by the Mill City Pharmacy.

Winning the Honda in the Eagles drawing was Dan Nugent of the Frontier Inn at Gates.

The volunteer fire department put on a spectacular fireworks display to complete the celebration.

The community can well be proud of the festival this year and all those who worked to make it a success deserve praise. Charles Tate, parade chairman, and his committee, along with Ed Davis, steering committee chairman, all members of the steering committee, the various organizations and numerous individuals who gave of their time are to be commended.

Salem Driver Hurt In Collision Wed.

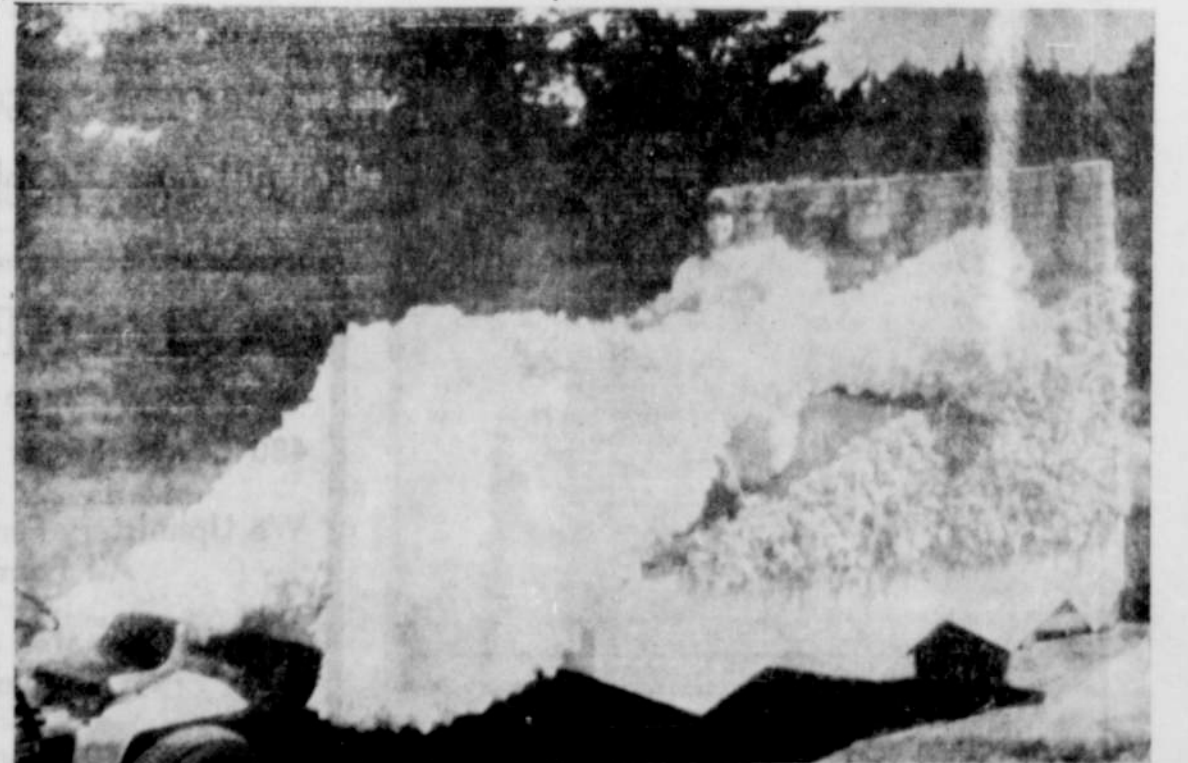
A 50-year-old Salem man was injured Wednesday when the pickup he was driving and a Santiam Sanitary Service dump truck collided on Highway 22 here.

Willard D. Murphy, 1807 Chelan St. NE, Salem, was listed in fair condition Thursday at Salem Hospital Memorial Unit with a neck fracture and internal injuries.

Driver of the dump truck was Steven M. Carpenter, 20, 620 1/2 7th St., Stayton, Mill City police said. He was not injured.

Carpenter was charged with failure to maintain reasonable control of a vehicle, police said.

Grand Sweepstakes Winner



1974 Queen Verlene was radiant atop the Lions Club Float entitled "The Year of Queen Verlene." — Stan Ogden Photo