

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Ed Note: The Mill City Enterprise welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. However, all letters must be signed by the writer with his or her actual name which may be withheld upon the individual's request.

#### TO THE EDITOR:

We, the residents, have just received notice of the PP&L's request for a 50% increase in our water rates.

Why, when the water flows through our community should we pay for the company's extravagances? They spend millions on advertising each year which is unnecessary as we all have to use electricity and water.

With the large number of retired people in the community who never use the allocated amount of water allowed in the basic charge, why should we have to pay half as much again?

You, Sir, keep complaining about the government excess spending, why not arouse the community to Big Business's stranglehold on the citizen unless he or she makes an effort to protest. There's a free phone number to call, so let's all make the effort to pick up the phone and make our protest known.

Sincerely,  
Maud Frickett

#### Lowell Cree Attends Masonic Installation

Attending Masonic installation ceremonies at Independence Sunday afternoon was Lowell Cree, worshipful master of Mill City Lodge #180, AF&AM. Installed as worshipful master of Lyon Lodge #44 was Gale Abrams. Ed Jordan, deputy for Dist. #35, was the installing master.

Mr. Abrams is a former Mill City man. He was employed as a forester for Mt. Jefferson Lumber Co.

#### Presbyterian Church Welcomes New Members Sunday

New members of the Presbyterian Church welcomed Sunday morning were Lori Levon, Kay and Bob MacGregor, and Mark and Elizabeth Heidbrink, the latter by transfer. Haven and Alexandra Heidbrink will join the group next Sunday, when the latter is home from college.

Friends were happy to see Herbert Schroeder, who now makes his home at the St. Benedictine Home in Mt. Angel, attending church Sunday morning. Carl Kelly had gone after him, and the Epperson family took him back later in the day.

Food and money are being collected in the Deacon's Box in the church entrance each Sunday for low-income people in the area. This is in conjunction with other churches.

Sunday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. a moving pantomime will be presented in the sanctuary, entitled "Our Lady's Juggler." Edwina Wills, a Portland cellist, will play and read from her collection of published verse. There will be added special music.

At 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 24, the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Holy Communion will be held.

The Christmas White Gift offering for emergency funds of the United Presbyterian Church for unexpected costs in overseas work is being received through the month of December.

#### Demonstrations Held At The Owl's Nest

LYONS — The Owl's Nest had its Grand opening of the new shop in Lyons on December 13 and 14.

Demonstrations were given by Reta Moorman, of Leisurely Crafts in Stayton, on shirt painting, and by Sarah Tichelaar, of Tualatin on macrame. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krise of Beaverton were on hand to help.

Kelly Silbernagel drew the ticket for the Norelco coffee maker and the lucky winner was Cathy Barnett of Lyons.

Mrs. Krise is Mrs. Cimino's sister and Mrs. Tichelaar is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cimino, owners of the shop.

#### FROM OUR FILES

##### 20 YEARS AGO—1955

Orville Downing had been elected president of the Gay-nighters Square Dance Club. A total of \$223.00 had been collected from the sale of Christmas seals for the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. in this area.

Mrs. A. T. Barnhardt, Mrs. Gwen Schaer and Mrs. Don Paul were hostesses for a teacher's dinner at the Barnhardt home. These dinners were for the teaching staff at the Gates High and Grade Schools.

##### 15 YEARS AGO—1960

Mr. and Mrs. E. Podrabsky and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Podrabsky and Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Podrabsky and children had attended a pre-Christmas gathering of the Podrabsky clan at the Salem home of J. C. Podrabsky.

Mary Gay ReMine had a surprise party for Jeanie Kelly on her 17th birthday.

Santiam Union High School won the cheering section trophy for the first time at the Holiday Basketball Tournament held at MacLaren School. The Santiam team also won their game, giving them consolation place.

##### 10 YEARS AGO—1965

Two men had been arrested while cutting Christmas trees on Young and Morgan land. They had cut seven trees.

The Mill City Presbyterian Church Choir was ready to present their annual musical program, Spencer Hillesland was director of the choir.

Seventeen cabins in the Breitenbush area had been broken into, but not much vandalism occurred. Bedding, beer, food and some equipment were missing.

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##### 5 YEARS AGO—1970

The high school library at Santiam was to remain open on Monday and Thursday evenings for public use.

Mill City Council had requested PP&L to replace six street lights with brighter lighting. The city had hopes to improve the street lights of the city by replacing the old system with up to ten lights per year.

A fire had destroyed North Santiam Sales and Service Shop building in Marion Forks.

Owner Bob Johnson, estimated there to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000 loss. Hand tools, power saws and other light equipment were destroyed but the heavier equipment had been removed.

#### Gates Community Church Christmas Program Sun., Dec. 21

The Gates Community Church will have their Christmas program this Sunday, Dec. 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m., according to Rev. Dean Cade, minister.

On Tues., Dec. 22, the Christmas caroling program will begin at 6:00 in the evening.

#### OBITUARIES

##### George E. Ginther

George E. Ginther, 48, a resident of Mill City for 1½ years, died on Dec. 10, 1975. He was laid to rest in the Veterans Cemetery in Roseburg, Ore. on Dec. 12.

Mr. Ginther served in the Navy Submarine Service with 13½ years of honorable service to his country. He was a member of the Mill City-Gates American Legion Post #159.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Hazel M. Therien, of Mill City, one son, Michael J. Ginther, Los Angeles, Calif., sister, Mrs. Bonnie Thomas of Carson City, Nev. and a brother, Richie Ginther of Los Angeles, Calif.

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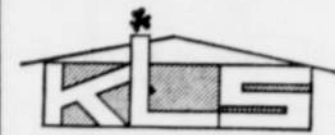
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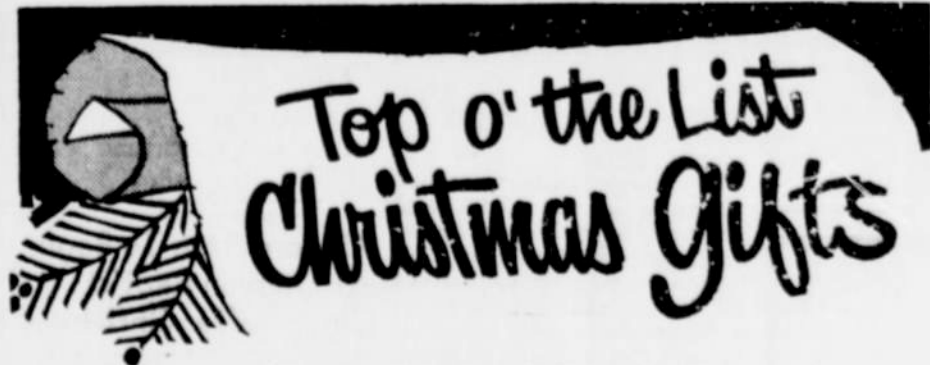
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