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Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

Congress has right now a real good chance to play "Santa Claus" to the American taxpayer. It could sustain President Ford's veto of the Agency for Consumer Protection, and thus, by their action, eliminate another government bureau, of which we have too darned many now. The way we have continued over the years to add more bureaus to our government, in wages, than there are workers to pay the taxes to support them. The burgeoning of the federal bureaucracy is beginning to disturb even some of the most liberal Democrats, and that is really something. They have been so busy feathering their own nests, and putting more people on the payroll so they can be assured of their votes, that it is really becoming perturbing. I've read where the initial appropriation for ACP would be about \$10 million. You know what that would mean. It would be just a drop in the bucket in a few years, as these agencies continue to grow like weeds, and there seems to be no stopping place.

I can't help but admire President Ford's idea of lowering taxes, and tying this to a ceiling on government spending. And who is bucking it. One is our Oregon friend, Al Ullman. I used to think that he really had his head screwed on right, but I'm beginning to wonder about him, too. I think that Hatfield and Packwood, should stand up and be counted on these throw-away expenditures on bureaus we don't need.

I'm beginning to wonder if the consumer movement, along with Ralph Nader, who is the father of a lot of this damphool legislation, is not beginning to lose some of their power. Let's hope so.

It is hard to comprehend the extent our government congressional staff has grown since 1954. In that year the congressional staff was some 4,200 people, and now it has grown to around 16,000. The budget to maintain the huge staff of "workers," and I use the term loosely, has swelled from \$42 million to over \$300 million. Makes a person wonder why in the devil we work like heck to pay all these taxes just to have a flock of bureaucrats piddle it away.

And while on the subject of increasing office staffs in Washington, D.C. how about the deal of House Speaker Carl Albert, who is trying now to take over the still uncompleted Madison Annex to the Library of Congress. And Why? To house bigger office staffs! Maybe some of our legislators should stay on the job and do a little work themselves. A lot of this so called "busy work" would be left undone. If they had to do it themselves, and who knows, we just might be better off without the work being done. It has been estimated the cost to convert the Madison Annex would be some \$28 million. A tidy sum, isn't it?—and to what avail?

It is a shame at this time of year, when we should be thinking happy thoughts of Christmas, that we have to break our necks, just to keep even with the game.

I think another good Christmas present would be for Kissinger to quit appeasing Russia, and sort of put a little pressure on the "big bear" to live up to some of the treaties we've made in recent years. Few long will it take our big bets to realize that Russia is after our hides, and they'll get it if we keep letting them off by whatever they wish. We're not in the saddle

Pose With March Of Dimes Poster Child



Recently members of the Santiam Chapter of FBIA were photographed with the 1974-75 March of Dimes Poster Child Jamie Weaver. Members are Patti Richardson, Mike Ohrt, Sally Jenkins and Jill Kreeklow.

Santiam Wins Sportsmanship Trophy At Portland

Santiam found the going easy on Friday night at the Concordia Lutheran basketball tourney as they defeated Corbett 63-39. On Saturday night, however, the road got rougher as Santiam lost the championship to Concordia Lutheran 65-61.

Santiam's high scorers in the Corbett game were Don More with 12 points followed by Mike Morgan with 11 points. Don More was also the leading rebounder with 11 rebounds. All the players participated in the game.

The Wolverines high scorers in the Concordia Lutheran game were Mike Morgan with 24 points and behind him was David Etzel with 19. Don More, again was the leading rebounder with 11 rebounds.

Jim Wright sprained an ankle in the Corbett game, causing him to play at half speed for the Concordia Lutheran game. His injury was part of the formation of the defeat Saturday night.

In spite of losing the tournament, Santiam won the sportsmanship trophy and placed three out of five members on the all-tournament team.

anyone, in my way of thinking. We'd better saddle up old paint, get on the ball and stop some of this foolishness of detente, especially when we are the only ones keeping our part of the bargain.

Kissinger also should knock off this old stuff of giving away the Panama Canal. We own that; have bought and paid for it. Just because some pips-squawk in that country decides that Panama would like to have the canal back, what do we do? We ponder the question, when we should just politely tell them to go to hell.

Anyway, I surely hope that this will find the readers of The Enterprise enjoying life in this Joyous Season.

City Of Gates To Take New Census

GATES — Gates City Council held their regular scheduled meeting on Thurs., Dec. 18. The meeting was opened at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Art Skinner. Councilmembers present were Art Sowle, Dave Cook and Bob Johnson. Absent was Oliver Winslow. Also present was Darrell Childress, Tom Wood, Alexis Winn, city recorder, and Joyce Presler representing the press.

The minutes of the Nov. 20 meeting were read and approved as corrected. The bills were then presented for payment. They included General Fund; \$517.29, Street Fund, \$162.44, Water Fund, \$345.83.

According to a recent population figure appearing in the newspaper, the census count for Gates has dropped from 315 last year to 280 this year. That would mean a drop of 35. The council did not feel that this was accurate, so it was decided to divide the town into sections and take another count. If it is more than 280 the city will challenge the other census count.

A letter was read from Mr. Haley, asking that a light that was moved by PP&L in 1973 be moved back to its previous location between his residence and the drive-in. The council is to ask questions of PP&L before asking for approval of the move.

Council members passed a motion to permanently suspend any previous zoning regulations that were in effect and to approve the following new zoning: The south side of highway 22 from O'toole to the East line of the Oak Park Motel and south to Sorbin, as commercial; the North side of Highway 22 to be zoned as residential, which would automatically leave the commercial as non-conforming use.

The council approved a \$10,000 bond for the City Recorder, Alexis Winn.

A letter was read from Darrell Childress asking to be appointed to serve on the city council. The appointment was unanimously approved by the council. Mr. Childress, a logger in the area, was sworn in by the city recorder and was appointed to fill the vacancy of the resignation of Doris Rogers.

An open house will be held at the Gates City Hall on Jan. 11, from 2 until 4 p.m. This is to enable residents to view the redecorated interior and to meet the mayor and councilmembers. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thurs., Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the city hall.

Lyons Man Injured In Logging Accident

DETROIT — Michael Stuckart, Lyons, was taken to Santiam Memorial Hospital, Stayton, by Idanha Rural Fire District ambulance Thursday morning following an accident at Stuckarts Lumber Plant, Idanha.

The accident occurred about 7:45 a.m. when he reportedly was pulling on a reefer of his load and the binder broke causing him to fall.

Ambulance attendant EMT Harold Baker said he fractured his leg above the ankle.

If the number following your name on The Enterprise label reads 12-75 it's time to send a check for renewal.

Speaks At Meeting



R. L. Angstrom

Angstrom Speaks To N. S. Chamber

North Santiam Chamber of Commerce held a 12:00 noon dinner meeting at the Frontier Inn on Dec. 17.

Main speaker for the meeting was Richard L. (Dick) Angstrom, AOI Natural Resources Director, whose subject was the problems caused to all business by the Land Use Plan and ecology restrictions.

Mr. Angstrom has been with AOI since September, 1973, and is the head of the Forestry, Land Use Planning and Natural Resources Committee. Prior to serving for AOI, he worked with the fish and game commission and was in charge of the fish commission environmental protection program.

During the business session, the chamber voted not to support the formation of the Marion-Polk Mass Transit District. No other business was conducted at this meeting.

Woman Escapes One Car Accident Injuries

DETROIT — An Aurora woman escaped serious injuries about 12:45 p.m. Saturday when her car spun out after encountering ice on a curve on Highway 22 about three miles east of Idanha.

Mrs. Elga Lee, Aurora, the lone occupant of the vehicle sustained apparently mostly bruises when the car left the highway and rolled over on its side into a ditch.

The Idanha Rural Fire Dist. ambulance was called to the scene of the accident, but she did not seek its aid.

Local C of C Asks No Vote January 13

On Tues., Jan. 13, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., there will be a special election held in the counties of Marion and Polk, at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of these counties the question of the formation of a Marion-Polk Mass Transit District.

If this election carries and the district is formed, there are seven ways possible in which to tax all of the residents of these counties in order to pay the expenses of this district: (sales tax, employer's tax, property tax, etc.), even though all areas of the counties are not served by the transit system.

The North Santiam Chamber of Commerce has gone on record as opposing the formation of this district.

Polling places in both counties will be the regular precinct voting locations.

Equipment Co. Broken Into

Thieves broke a rear window to gain entry to the Raymond Branch Equipment Co., in Mehama, sometime between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Dec. 2.

Chain saws, valued at \$2,300 were reported stolen.

Investigation into this burglary is being continued by the Oregon State Police Dept.

Four Arrested On Drug Charges

Four area residents were taken into custody late Thursday night and early Friday morning by Linn County Deputies assisted by local state police officers.

James Michael McCall, 22, Teresa Roxene McCall, 22, of Gates, and Allen Raye Severs, 22, and Nancy Nannette Severs, 18, of Mill City were indicted by Marion County Grand Jury on charges of criminal drug promotion and possession of narcotic drugs.

They have been under surveillance for some time and it is believed that with the arrest of these individuals, one of the largest source of drugs in this area has been eliminated.

Senior Citizens Judge Decorated Elementary Doors

A number of senior citizens went to Mill City Elementary School on Mon., Dec. 22 to share seasons greetings and a feeling of Christmas spirit with the students.

The Eighth Grade Cheerleader squad, comprised of Sherry Blaylock, Ginger Gabriel, Lori Krieger, Tammy Payseno and Sue Wright, enjoyed greeting the visitors and guiding them through the building. They voted for the room doors which were decorated with a Christmas theme.

The winner, grades 4-6, was room 10, Mrs. Well's room "A Charley Brown Christmas." The winner, grade 7-8, was Mr. Glover's room three. Theme here was "Christmas Is For Everyone."

The student body of Mill City Elementary School, wish to thank all who gave them the pleasure of their company. An enjoyable time was had by all.

They also wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Detroit Dam-Weather

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Dec. 17	43	34	1455.28	0.00
Dec. 18	44	35	1455.07	0.10
Dec. 19	47	34	1455.24	0.00
Dec. 20	54	33	1455.37	0.00
Dec. 21	41	32	1455.39	0.00
Dec. 22	42	32	1455.13	0.22
Total Pcp. for Week				0.32

Award Winning Doors



From grades four through six, the decorated door of Judy Well's room ten, "A Charley Brown Christmas" was the winner, as judged by the visiting senior citizens on Monday.

December 22. From grades seven and eight, the winner was the door decorated in the theme, "Christmas is for Everyone", by the students of Al Glover's room three.