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Mill City Faces 'Ghost Town' Prospects on Shutdown LEECH SURPRISED HODGE WILL MOVE SERVING OF GREEN times when it has run as high as ommunity **Indications Are Hammond** 290,000 feet. During recent Farmers' Union months the mill has only been cutting 160,000 feet on an ave-TO MILL LOCATION Heirs to Keep Machinery BY CHURCH GROUP rage of 25,000 an hour, with ap-News proximately 265 men employed in LABISH CENTER, Feb. 28 .the mill and shingle mill. Before The men's program in the com-

Scio Councilmen Hold Town Can Do Improving Sans Relief

SCIO, Feb. 28. - Charley Hodge, who has been operating a sawmill at Crabtree for more than a year, contemplates moving 10 that place as soon as a residence property is available. John Becieka and family plan to occupy the Hodge property here.

The Scio town council, which is to meet March 7, will take up fact.

routine and other matters for consideration at that time. SERA sadness has come to the people men. proposals were discussed at the of the happy and presperous litlast meeting but no definite actle city on the North Santiam, tion was taken. It appeared to be most of whom depend either dithe opinion of some members that rectly or indirectly upon the the city could make needed improvements more economically camps for a living. When one than would be the case if cooperating with the state relief movetheir own homes, that for the ment.

Mrs. Grace Christiansen of best years of their life in the in-Portland has announced that she expects to visit Scio Rebekan that in all probability at least lodge on Saturday night, March 30, in her official capacity as two thirds of the wages received president of the Oregon assembly. Degree work will be exemplified.

continue operations. However,

the heirs are centering their in-

terests in the California holdings.

from Camp 17 above Detroit as

Hammond mills in California, al-

though it is understood that some

Dismantle Camp 26

was sold to other interests.

India Worse Off

Dr. C. Ficq, for several years a dentist here and in Albany, is reported returning from India with his family to locate at Klamath Falls or in that locality. The family left Albany three months ago with a view of remaining permanently in India where Dr. Ficq was in business for several years before coming to Oregon. It is stated he found conditions in India much more discouraging than in the United States, hence his return to Oregon. The family landed in India about Christmas time, following a voyage of about six weeks. Mrs. Ficq is a sister to Mrs. C. E. Tatro of Jefferson, formerly of the Scio hotel.

Transfer Services to School Building

company receiving recompense LIBERTY, Feb. 28. - Sunday school, church services and Chris- cook house took care of the sin- building designates it, will be tian Endeavor meetings will be gle men and foodstuff was sup- closed within a month it is unheld at the schoolhouse from plied by the company store in derstood. The 10 clerks were told now on until the new hall is com- Mill City. A standard guage rail- sometime ago that if they could pleted. Benches from the old road run from Mill City to the find work elsewhere not to heshall have been placed in the camp, a distance of six miles or litate to take it. more, although in fact it covered basement 8100

Going 3 to 6 Months Only

By ANNA A. LAKE

MILL CITY, Feb. 28.—Rumors, rumors and more rumors to the effect that the Hammond Lumber company intended to close their big saw mill in Mill City have been go-

ing the rounds for so long that the majority of people had come to believe it a joke. However two weeks ago several members of the office force said they had received notice the office would be closed within 30 days and at the same time clerks in the store said they had been given notice. As a result those employed in the mill who have always held hopes that the mill would never close down, have at last given in that such will become a O-

a regular train crew was employ-During the past two weeks a ed and also a section crew of five

Tuesday the office equipment. consisting of desks, chairs, cabinets and other articles were being removed, having been sold to work in the mill and logging the big CCC camp above Detroit. And here is a little joke, if you considers that approximately 75 wish; the people who are being per cent of the employes own deprived of their livelihood as far as the mill is concerned will conmost part they have given the tinue to help pay for this equipment which their employers are

terest of the sawmill owners and selling to the government. According to those in charge the mill will probably run from have gone back into the coffers three to eight months, depending of the employers, it is not to be on whether the logs in the pond wondered at that dismay had are sold. If they should be sold struck the hearts of the people. the mill will stop operations at Had Mr. Hammond lived it would once. This does not mean that the in all probability have been a entire mill would run for that different story as it is understood | long but the planers would conthat he wished the mill here to tinue. Men are being laid off in Some few have secured work elsewhere but for the most part the Much of the camp equipment majority do not know where to well as the rails, was sent to the they have families, it is next to impossible to take them as very few of the workmen have saved money enough to go elsewhere. With the forcing of the company

Camp 26 which was allegedly to go into the NRA, wages were closed early in 1934 because of raised a trifle but hours were cut fire hazard, after operating for down and in the long run the men only a few weeks, is being dis- did not receive as much as they mantled, the equipment being had before, and by the time the sold to camps elsewhere. This water bill, the electric light bill, camp was a small town in itself and the grocery bill was paid, the

during the logging season. Run- company not only had received ning water and electric lights the labor of the employes but had were in the houses occupied by as well received the wages. the families of the loggers, the **Close Store Shortly**

The big company store or Red for same. A big bunk house and & White store as the name on the

the company had to sign up the NRA almost 300 men were employed in the mill, with 250 more men at the logging camps. While the greater number of men are residents of Mill City, there are many from Lyons, Gates, Fox Valley and Stayton working.

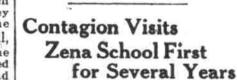
In addition to the mill the electric light and water system for the city is operated and owned by the Hammond people.

Mill Ranks High

The mill is one of the largest and best equipped on the coast, having seven planers, head saw, pony saw, two band saws, a hog with a capacity of seven cars a day, a chipper which has been used mostly for hemlock for paper, seven dry kilns with a capacity of about 60,000, sheds for dressed lumber, moldings and finished products, green chain or sorting chain across river for green lumber, three Stetson Ross lumber carriers, and two timber machines, and a vard with a ca

pacity of 12,000,000 feet. The shingle mill has two machines, knee bolter and a cut-off saw. It has recently been cutting about 40,000 but has a capacity about double that.

Mill City is undoubtedly the argest unincorporated city in the R. A. Cowden, W. J. McGinnis. United States, having a popula- Guy DeLay, J. A. Werle, Norman tion of over 1200, the majority Eastman, Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge of whom are dependent on the M. C. Woodard. mill for a living. There are no police officers, and there are no depredations. One seldom hears of a fight, there are no drunken men on the streets, no robberies. The various departments every day. schools of which there is an accredited high school employing a superintendent, five teachers and a coach, and the grade school with go to find employment, and as a superintendent and eight teachers, three churches, the four service stations, confectioneries, two pool halls, and a printing plant. If the mill closes these will all suffer and the beautiful little city will undoubtedly be fated to join the ranks of other "ghost towns."



ZENA, Feb. 28. - Although Farmers of America and a soph-Zena school district has been al- omore at Molalla high school, has most entirely free from commun- bought Molalla Queen, a Duroc ception as chicken pox and mumps have appeared. The flu has caused school attendance to be very irregular the past two months.



munity club, contest geries will be presented Friday night at the "Wearin' o' the green" is no schoolhouse. Woven into the promore important than serving o' gram are three plays: "The Cat's the green at your coming St. Pat-Whiskers," "Loose Nuts," and rick's fete. Keep in mind the "That Consarned Pig." Clyde goodness of such green delicacies Boehm will give a monologue, as asparagus au gratin, pistachio and musical numbers include a ice cream, dates stuffed with seven piece orchestra directed by fondant, mint jelly with clover

Fred Pugh, a Hawaiian duo, leaf rolls. And here is a red and and four vocal numbers by the green salad which is "just too male quartet. pretty to eat," only it is so deli-While a small door charge will cious that you can't resist eat-

be made, refreshments will be ing it: served free in the basement. St. Patrick's Salad Chill a small can of cranberry jelly, cut off the top and slide it

out in cylinder form. Dissolve one

package of lime gelatin in two

cups of boiling water and turn

into a large flat pan (about one-

half inch thick) and let chill un-

til set. Cut the cranberry jelly in

eight circles and place one on each of eight salad plates. Cut the SILVERTON, Feb. 28 .- At a Hme gelatin in circles of the same meeting of the directors of the size and lay one on top of each Silverton country club, the folcranberry circle. Make a rosebud lowing officers were elected and of mayonnaise in the center of committees appointed for 1935: each and tuck bits of water-cress President, Norman Eastman; around the salad, forming a shamvice-president, C. L. Bonney; secrock shape. retary-treasurer, C. G. Rue. Di-

rectors, C. Bonney, Frank Syring, **Townsend Meeting** Slated on Sunday

for Middle Grove Committee appointments: Greene, C. L. Bonney, R. A MIDDLE GROVE, Feb. 28 .-Cowden, H. W. Preston. Townsend meeting at which Dr.

House, Robert Duncan, Davis of Salem, will be the main Irish, Mrs. A. Adams. speaker, is scheduled for 2:30 Publicity, Henry Alm. Mrs Larry Austin. Social, Mrs. J. A. Werle, chair-

Finance, Robert Goetz, R. G. Allen, Dr. H. E. Johnson. Membership, Frank Syring, Otto Legard, Guy DeLay.

Tournament, L. C. Eastman, A. Werle, A. W. Simmons. Auditing, George Hubbs, T. T. Leonard and Dr. Kleinsorge.

man

Vis. High School Boy **Buys** Gilt Sired SILVERTON, Feb. 28 .-Charles Goodwin was able to by Big Champions

leave the Silverton hospital this week following injuries sustained MOLALLA, Feb. 28. - Roy when a limb struck him, cutting Lay, a member of the Future his upper lip necessitating six stitches. His front teeth were loosened and his nose badly bruisicable diseases the last several jersey gilt, from A. N. Doerfler, Silver falls park and is also foreyears, this year proves the ex- swine breeder near Silverton. This man of the Silver Falls SERA crew.



BETHEL, Feb. 28 .- Bethel lo-PRATUM, Feb. 28 .- Thursday cal of the Farmers' Union will renight William Pike of Los Angeceive the young people into memles spoke at the Mennonite bership at the Monday night closchurch. ed meeting. All the young people

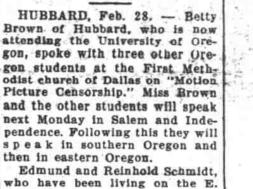
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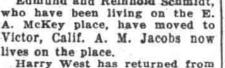
meeting.

Wednesdays night the prayer meeting group pleasantly surpris-ed Dr. Leech at his home in Saof Farmer Union families are invited to join. There is no charge. lem on his birthday. A. M. Church will address the

Mr. and Mrc. Ralph Kleen of Brownsville were weekend guests at the Geo. Kleen home. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hersch returned from a three weeks' trip in California and Mexico.

Irvin Branch, who has been ill CENSORSHIP IDEAS for several weeks, has returned to school.





trip to California. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dew have moved to Dayton. Rev. W. I. Orr returned Wed-

nesday from Nelscott, Ore., where he had attended the annual ministers' convocation of the Congregational churches of Oregon. Mrs. Orr and Jean spent three days



Her mother, Mrs. Severen Nelson, has several incubators set for commercial hatching, Mrs. J.C. Larson in the Brush Creek district has started on her spring incubation work



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