

Mill City Faces 'Ghost Town' Prospects on Shutdown

HODGE WILL MOVE TO MILL LOCATION

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 to that place as soon as a residence property is available. John Beck and family plan to occupy the Hodge property here.

The Scio town council, which is to meet March 7, will take up routine and other matters for consideration at that time. SERRA proposals were discussed at the last meeting but no definite action was taken. It appeared to be the opinion of some members that the city could make needed improvements more economically than would be the case if cooperating with the state relief movement.

Mrs. Grace Christiansen of Portland has announced that she expects to visit Scio Rebekeah lodge on Saturday night, March 30, in her official capacity as president of the Oregon assembly. Degree work will be exemplified.

India, Worse Off

Dr. C. Fica, 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. Fica 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. Fica is a sister to Mrs. C. E. Tatro of Jefferson, formerly of the Scio home.

Transfer Services to School Building

LIBERTY, Feb. 28. — Sunday school, church services and Christian Endeavor meetings will be held at the schoolhouse from now on until the new hall is completed. Benches from the old hall have been placed in the south side basement of the schoolhouse, where local meetings of various organizations may be held. Sunday school hour will be the same as usual, at 9:45 a. m.

Indications Are Hammond Heirs to Keep Machinery 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 going 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 fact.

During the past two weeks a sadness has come to the people of the happy and prosperous little city on the North Santiam, most of whom depend either directly or indirectly upon the work in the mill and logging camps for a living. When one considers that approximately 75 per cent of the employees own their own homes, that for the most part they have given the best years of their life in the interest of the sawmill owners and that in all probability at least two thirds of the wages received have gone back into the coffers of the employers, it is not to be wondered at that dismay had struck the hearts of the people. Had Mr. Hammond lived it would in all probability have been a different story as it is understood that he wished the mill here to continue operations. However, the heirs are centering their interests in the California holdings. Much of the camp equipment from Camp 17 above Detroit as well as the rails, was sent to the Hammond mills in California, although it is understood that some was sold to other interests.

Diamond Camp 26

Camp 26 which was allegedly closed early in 1934 because of fire hazard, after operating for only a few weeks, is being dismantled, the equipment being sold to camps elsewhere. This camp was a small town in itself during the logging season. Running water and electric lights were in the houses occupied by the families of the loggers, the company receiving recompense for same. A big bunk house and cook house took care of the single men and foodstuff was supplied by the company store in Mill City. A standard gauge railroad run from Mill City to the camp, a distance of six miles or more, although in fact it covered a longer distance as the road was continued on up the mountains several miles to the scene of logging operations. In addition to the employees in the logging camp

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Mill History Given

The Curtis Lumber company continued to operate the mill until about 1907 when it was sold to Hammond. The capacity of the mill was raised to 250,000 feet per day although there have been

a regular train crew was employed and also a section crew of five men.

Tuesday the office equipment consisting of desks, chairs, cabinets and other articles were being removed, having been sold to the big CCC camp above Detroit. And here is a little joke, if you wish; the people who are being deprived of their livelihood as far as the mill is concerned will continue to help pay for this equipment which their employers are selling to the government.

According to those in charge the mill will probably run from three to eight months, depending on whether the logs in the pond are sold. If they should be sold the mill will stop operations at once. This does not mean that the entire mill would run for that long but the planers would continue. Men are being laid off in various departments every day. Some few have secured work elsewhere but for the most part the majority do not know where to go to find employment, and as 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 to go into the NRA, wages were raised a trifle but hours were cut down and in the long run the men did not receive as much as they had before, and by the time the water bill, the electric light bill, and the grocery bill was paid, the company not only had received the labor of the employees but had as well received the wages.

Close Store Shortly

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times when it has run as high as 250,000 feet. During recent months the mill has only been cutting 160,000 feet on an average of 25,000 an hour, with approximately 265 men employed in the mill and shingle mill. Before the company had to sign up the NRA almost 500 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 shooks 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 yard with a capacity of 12,000,000 shooks for lumber.

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 largest incorporated city in the United States, having a population of over 1200, the majority of whom are dependent on the mill for a living. There are no police officers, and there are no productions. One seldom hears of a fight, there are no drunken men on the streets, no robberies. The schools of which there is an accredited high school employing a superintendent, five teachers and a coach, and the grade school with 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."

Contagion Visits Zena School First for Several Years

ZENA, Feb. 28. — Although Zena school district has been almost entirely free from communicable diseases the last several years, this year the exception as chicken pox and mumps have appeared. The flu has caused school attendance to be very irregular the past two months.

Forty-four guests were present at the informal old fashioned dance given by Frank Butler at his home, Saturday night.

Mrs. Walker Purvine of Glendale, formerly of Zena, is at a Portland hospital where she underwent a major operation. Her report was that her condition is satisfactory.

MRS. BEYER SCORES

MT. ANGEL, Feb. 28.—Mrs. William Fessler was hostess at a bridge party at her home, Tuesday evening. Two tables of bridge were in play. Mrs. Matt Beyer received high score honors. Present were: Mrs. Matt Beyer, Mrs. Joseph J. Wagner, Miss Terese Flicker, Miss Marie Eberle, Miss Clara Keber, Miss Hilda Eberle, Mrs. Leo Schwab, Mrs. Lawrence Zeis and the hostess Mrs. William Fessler.

Community Clubs

LABISH CENTER, Feb. 28.—The men's program in the community club, contest series will be presented Friday night at the schoolhouse. Woven into the program are three plays: "The Cat's Whiskers," "Loose Nets," and "The Consumed Pig." Clyde Boehm will give a monologue, and musical numbers include a seven piece orchestra directed by J. Fred Pugh, a Hawaiian duo, and four vocal numbers by the male quartet.

While a small door charge will be made, refreshments will be served free in the basement.

NORMAN EASTMAN HEAD OF GOLFERS

SILVERTON, Feb. 28.—At a meeting of the directors of the Silverton country club, the following officers were elected and committees appointed for 1935: President, Norman Eastman; vice-president, C. L. Bonney; secretary-treasurer, C. G. Rue. Directors, C. Bonney, Frank Syring, R. Cowden, W. J. McGinnis, Guy DeLay, J. A. Werle, Norman Eastman, Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, M. C. Woodard.

Committee appointments: Greene, C. L. Bonney, R. A. Cowden, H. W. Preston, R. Cowden, W. J. McGinnis, H. R. Irish, Mrs. A. Adams, Publicity, Henry Alm, Mrs. Larry Austin.

Social, Mrs. J. A. Werle, chairman.

Finance, Robert Goetz, R. G. Allen, Dr. H. E. Johnson.

Membership, Frank Syring, Otto Legard, Guy DeLay.

Tournament, L. C. Eastman, J. A. Werle, A. W. Simmons.

Auditing, George Hubbs, T. T. Leonard and Dr. Kleinsorge.

Townsend Meeting Slated on Sunday for Middle Grove

MIDDLE GROVE, Feb. 28.—A Townsend meeting at which Dr. Davis of Salem, will be the main speaker, is scheduled for 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Middle Grove church. All interested are invited.

The Woman's Missionary group met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clara Walm. Mrs. Lena Bartruff led devotionals, A reading, "From Bondage to Liberty" was given by Mrs. Lydia Scharf. The March meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Thillie Davis.

High School Boy Buys Gilt Sired by Big Champions

MOLALLA, Feb. 28. — Roy Lay, a member of the Future Farmers of America and a sophomore at Molalla high school, has bought Molalla Queen, a "Duroc jersey gilt, from A. N. Doerfler, swine breeder near Silverton. This gilt is closely related to first prize winners at the Pacific International and the Ogden, Utah, Livestock exposition. She is sired by Supreme Anchor, grand champion boar at the Pacific International this year. Supreme Anchor is sired by the Iowa champion boar, Wave Ace.

Molalla Queen is bred to the Aristocrat, first prize fall boar at the Utah show this year.

Membership Drive is Slated for Knights

SUBLIMITY, Feb. 28. — At a recent meeting of the Knights of Columbus here, plans were outlined for an extensive membership campaign with Grand Knight Gus Kirsch as chairman of the drive, assisted by Financial Secretary Edward J. Bell and other members. Among the visiting members present was F. W. Hanker of Timberlake, S. D.

SERVING OF GREEN ST. PATRICK'S IDEA

"Wearin' o' the green" is no more important than serving of the green at your coming St. Patrick's fete. Keep in mind the goodness of such green delicacies as asparagus au gratin, pistachio ice cream, dates stuffed with fondant, mint jelly with clover leaf rolls. And here is a red and green salad which is "just too pretty to eat," only it is so delicious that you can't resist eating it:

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 until set. Cut the cranberry jelly in eight circles and place one of each of eight salad plates. Cut the lime gelatin in circles of the same size and lay one on top of each cranberry circle. Make a rosebud of mayonnaise in the center of each and tuck bits of water-cress around the salad, forming a shamrock shape.

START CHICK HATCH

SILVERTON, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Tom Hanson will soon begin her season of custom hatching of chicks at her home on route 1. 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.

GOODWIN GOES HOME

SILVERTON, Feb. 28.—Charles Goodwin, who was able to leave the Silverton hospital this week following injuries sustained when a limb struck him, cutting his upper lip necessitating six stitches. His front teeth were loosened and his nose badly bruised. Goodwin is caretaker at the Silver Falls pa and is also foreman of the Silver Falls SERRA crew.

Farmers' Union News

BETHEL, Feb. 28.—Bethel local of the Farmers' Union will receive the young people into membership at the Monday night closed meeting. All the young people of Farmer Union families are invited to join. There is no charge. A. M. Church will address the meeting.

HUBBARD GIRL HAS CENSORSHIP IDEAS

HUBBARD, Feb. 28.—Betty Brown of Hubbard, who is now attending the University of Oregon, spoke with three other Oregon students at the First Methodist church of Dallas on "Motion Picture Censorship." Miss Brown and the other students will speak next Monday in Salem and Independence. Following this they will speak in southern Oregon and then in eastern Oregon.

Edmund and Reinhold Schmidt, who have been living on the E. A. McKey place, have moved to Victor, Calif. A. M. Jacobs now lives on the place.

Harry West has returned from a trip to California. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dew have moved to Dayton.

Rev. W. I. Orr returned Wednesday from Nelscott, Ore., where he had attended the annual ministers' convocation of the Congregational churches of Oregon. Mrs. Orr and Jean spent three days visiting in Portland.

Dr. Ruth M. Dougherty EYES EXAMINED GLASSES FITTED

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LEECH SURPRISED BY CHURCH GROUP

PRATUM, Feb. 28.—Thursday night William Eike of Los Angeles spoke at the Mennonite church.

Wednesday night the prayer meeting group pleasantly surprised Dr. Leech at his home in Salem on his birthday.

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

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

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Sugar, best fine cane, 100-lb sk \$4.79, 10 lbs 49c	BILL'S MARKET Boll Beef... lb. 9c Hamburger... lb. 10c Rolled Roast... lb. 15c Mild Cured Hams... lb. 21c
Dog Food, Trixie brand - - 5c	Three Sisters String Beans 2s 3 cans 29c Tomatoes 2 1/2 3 cans 29c
Pineapple broken slices 2 1/2s 15c	Fruits and Vegetables Lemons 2 doz. 19c Oranges - real fancy fruit, 100s and 126s 25c
Oysters - - - - 5-oz. 11c	Extra Large Jumbo Head Lettuce, 2 for 9c
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