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the abolition, in many camps, of the practice of busheling—or pay based upon the footage cut. Most Canyon employers had substituted a straight rate of about \$17.40 daily. Loggers the year before had earned as high as \$30 a day under the busheling arrangement. It turned out that 1948 would just about bring to an end the old pay setup, and many loggers took off to other woods where piece rates were still in effect.

The school board of Mill City asked the townspeople if a new grade school building should be erected now—and the answer, in an unofficial meeting was a unanimous yes.

As the primary election neared, little interest was shown locally.

Pat Herron quit his post as IWA business agent, deciding to go to college. Two candidates, Wilbur Meinert and Paul Mason, had come out for the job. There was really more local interest in that election than in the state primary.

The Marvin Towells had a heart-warming story to tell. Their eight-year-old daughter, Charlotte who had entered the state deaf school in Salem, was already speaking and reading lips, after a few months there.

But the biggest news of the week, to about 95 per cent of the population, was the fact that the fishing season was opening that Saturday.

MAY
The month began with announcement by the school board to call an election on building a new school building. The district had been saving for that purpose during the war years, and there was \$42,000 in the sinking fund.

Three workers in a Forest Service crew were badly injured when a log rolled on them, and the rescuers had rough going to get them out.

The local 4-H Club won many honors at a county contest in Salem. A \$100,000 lawsuit, for false arrest, was filed by a local man, Joseph Dawes, against a hospital and ambulance service.

A favorable vote was cast throughout the Northwest on the IWA pay question. The pact with the employers established a \$1.45 an hour minimum in the lumber industry.

The Atkinson firm was losing no time getting going on the three miles of highway they had contracted to build. Big equipment and about 120 men were already at work in the second week of the month.

Three weeks had passed and not a single lodger had taken up residence in the local bachelorette, one of the finest roundabouts.

Lawrence Kanoff escaped serious in-

jury when the steering apparatus of his car went bad and the auto plunged over a cliff near Niagara. Two PRA workers were injured when a truck in which they were riding overturned.

Col. Walsh told a delegation at the damsite that 3000 men would be employed when the construction of the big North Santiam project was in full construction.

Herbert Smith died.

Next week the closing days of school absorbed most of the headlines. Biggest news was the outcome of the vote — 76 to 4 — on building a new grade school. H. R. Bayless was named high school principal, and a widened curriculum for the coming term was announced.

Interest in the coming primary election, which had lagged up to then, got a shot in the arm from the famous Dewey-Stassen debate. Both candidates got as far as Stayton but shied away from these woods and mountains.

Editorially the Enterprise plugged for changing the name of the projected Big Cliff dam to Walsh dam, in honor of Col. O. E. Walsh, chief architect of the Willamette project. Valleda Moberg was valedictorian of the graduating senior class which numbered 17.

The long vacant city jail had its first housewarming—and a big one. Two were held overnight and police court that week had seven cases.

Louis Verbeck was elected president of the student body for the coming year. Valedictorian of the grade school was Daryl Farnen.

Frank Fenel died at the age of 70. Chief news the following week was the outcome of the election. Mill City countered the Oregon trend by voting for Staasen over Dewey. The editor, already making up his mind to be wrong on the November election, was saying:

"The Republicans face the general election with a far stronger ticket than the Democrats."

Detroit won its fight against animals that strayed along its highways: voted a herd law.

The paper offered a few suggestions for a new name for Gooch: Eight Ball and Pucker Huddle but its influence was nil.

Byron Davis, who'd been learning to fly, decided to risk his neck in a plane of his own.

JUNE

The tragedy of the Vanport disaster saddened the nation as the month began. A community of 18,000 was engulfed when the flooding Columbia broke through the dike. Many from the Canyon were affected, some aided relatives who left before the city was flooded, others housed evacuees here.

Good news was the resumption of the lumber industry full scale. The town council had a good report to make, too. It had completed its first year under incorporation with a new jail and city hall, much new equipment, the streets in better order than ever before—and without a dime of debt.

Folks around here were pretty mad because they'd have to get up an hour in daylight saving time. ETAINET earlier, now that the big towns had gone on daylight saving time. The city council here had to go along.

Next week more important news about the dam made headlines. The Congress was authorizing power installations at the Detroit dam, which heretofore had technically been only a flood control project. Later in the summer Big Cliff dam was authorized by Congress. Col. Walsh, speaking at the instance of the Vanport disaster, said seven dams would be needed on the Columbia, as well as the entire Willamette project, before the Northwest would be spared more tragedies like that which struck the Portland suburb.

It was a week for iron men. Paul Smith, local 63-year-old marathoner, had challenged any horse and rider for a 100 mile walk, and he failed to find any takers—because the humane

society figured it would be too hard—on the horse. Another iron man, also in his 60s, took the much younger editor of the town paper for a walk around the mountains, and the scribe came back with Charley Horees.

Lyons succeeded in its consolidation plan, with six school districts voting to join in.

Mrs. Marvin Kindred, wife of a local mill worker, was drowned.

Other items, briefly: Two men who stole a power saw from Hollis Turnidge and Lawrence Johnson of Gates were indicted in Salem. Gates Picked Norma Jean Devine, Detroit and Idanha chose Shirley Hammer as princesses in the Stayton Bean Festival. The Ned Richards of Gates celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

By the middle of the month the last congressional barriers for Big Cliff dam had been hurdled. It was no longer on the Engineers' blueprints only: now it was a definitely scheduled undertaking of the federal government.

The upper Canyon was on the war-path again, for good reason. Despite the influx of hundreds of workers on the North Santiam Highway and other projects, the County officials had done nothing whatever about the law enforcement problems of Detroit and Idanha, both unincorporated and thus unable to establish a police force. It appeared that more urging would be necessary. For it was not until fall that a deputy sheriff was regularly assigned to that area.

Because of some legal difficulties another election on the school bonds for the new building had to be held again. Ramon Roberts replaced Don Sheythe as school board chairman.

Detroit boy that week found his way through 14 miles of wilderness parties scoured the woods.

Linn County officials had drawn up their tax schedules—the jolt of double taxes for many came later.

David Hoeys, 11, got back from a year and a half spent in Germany.

Throughout the early summer the paper carried frequent stories of the fight the Western Forest Industries Assn. was waging in behalf of the small logging operators and millmen against the 100-year monopoly plan of the government timber. It would culminate in September with almost complete victory for the little fellows and withdrawal of the so-called cop arrangement.

The M. & M. Woodworking Co. in mid June announced the purchase of almost half of the former Avery Richardson Green timber tract, involving almost half a billion feet of old growth timber. But old Sewell Avery, the Chicago tycoon who won fame during the war for defying a government labor order, and was carried by soldiers out of his office in his chair,

held a majority of the timber in the tract—and there was no assurance he would consent to its cutting—if his past refusals were any augury. Nevertheless, the timber sale may prove a powerful boon to this area, if it is opened up.

School meetings were held up and down the Canyon. In Idanha-Detroit it was Lloyd Girod; in Gates, Fred Butler; in Lyons, Albert Carr and in Mill City, Don Sheythe, the latter two re-elected as directors. Paul Mason won the IWA post.

Lyons was startled one evening in June by a crazed man, completely nude, stalking up the road. J. T. King Mill City police chief, was called, and he had a time on his hands. Before the man was taken into custody, it took several state officers, plus King, to subdue the insane man.

JULY
The first issue of July told of a series of fatal auto accidents in the Canyon. Three were killed, including Terry C. Drew of Gates.

Amandus Frank, Lyons lumberman took a post of leadership in the Western Forest Industries Assn., becoming a trustee in the Linn County affiliate.

The Lions Club sponsored the first Canyon-wide picnic for the Fourth. Highlight of that affair was Paul Smith's jaunt from Albany, a distance of more than 40 miles, in 7 hours and 19 minutes. For a man in his 60s, that was some walking.

A feature story told of the Elkhorn guest ranch, which a Salem couple, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Randall, had built in the rugged country along the Little North Fork.

Funeral services were held for C. C. Morrow, Mill City, and John Scott. It was a lively Fourth of July. But fortunately, the serious auto accident toll of the week before was not repeated. A few minor firecracker injuries were reported.

Paul Smith failed to equal his time made between Albany and Mill City by a few minutes.

It was a wonder there weren't lots of auto accidents, for the North Santiam highway was the route for thousands of vacationists.

Allura Chance took the noble grand post in the Rebekahs.

After Paul Smith's extraordinary feat the Oregonian came out with the opinion he could beat a horse in a 100 mile race.

Getting down to business again, there was reported much additional lumber producing capacity in the immediate area. Oregon Pulp and Paper Co. reopened its mill on Monument Peak, and the Karr and Wright mill at Gooch was ready for production. Lyons picked three directors of its newly consolidated school: George Nydegger, Vernon James and Paul Johnston.

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Little Jeffie Wolverton, who'd spent most of his three years in the Can-

yon, had some significant remarks on Portland. First: "Where are the trees?" about downtown Portland—
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