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Looking Up and Down the Canyon

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Lawyers often get in legislatures, editors sometimes do, but it's a rare thing for working newspapermen to make the grade. State Senator Dick Neuberger is an exception. And because it's a matter unusual for such a man to win a legislative post, one can possibly hope for a little more than the ordinary brand of politics from him. Up to now, it certainly proves to be true.

The state democratic organization doesn't quite know what to do about in the choice of senate president, who is second in line to the governor in this state, but the independent young Dick. He had a possibly decisive vote from Multnomah County chose not to choose. He said all the candidates were rascals, or words to that effect.

When the matter of a bond for young Sheriff Elliott came up in Portland, Dick found himself at odds with the state machine. Elliott had won the office by acknowledged falsification of his past record. Moreover, he had never been a Democrat before he filed for sheriff. The party maintained that Elliott had won an important office for the Democrats; therefore, he should be defended.

Dick took the opposite view. He maintained that Elliott was a phony, and that the party ought to disown him.

Dick has been mentioned for higher office in the state. It will be interesting, when the time comes, to see what the voters will do. Will they choose a man who's part of the machine, one who would gloss over the falsifications of an Elliott; or will they align themselves with Neuberger, who refuses to make a deal?

At the moment a bill which Neuberger has introduced — controversial, as are all of Dick's propositions — looks like a fair proposal. He wants a junior college of state standing established in Portland. His reasons make sense. He maintains that poor young men and women are unable to go to Eugene and Corvallis because so few jobs are available to earn their way; that thousands in Portland who could live at home and go to school are now unable to.

I don't think Dick is merely arguing for something to benefit Portland but that youths from all over the state would find more chance to pay their way in Portland, at a state-supported school.

The Oregon Voter, a conservative magazine which has little good to say for Neuberger, nevertheless credits him with an intelligence of a high order — a worthy foe of the old ways of doing things.

Once in awhile a writer comes along, one who can do more than just write. Such a man is Dick Neuberger, and we'll be hearing from him in the current session of legislature.

LATTER DAY SAINTS START CHURCH HERE

Another church has been added to the four denominations in the Mill City area.

It is a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Here organizing the church, which meets at the Fire Hall, are Elders William P. Furnell Jr. and Daniel F. Wood.

First services were held last Sunday. This church will become a part of the Northwestern States Mission, located in Portland. At present it is a branch of the Corvallis Sunday school.

TAVERN SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hauk and Mr. and Mrs. John Pershing Andrews of Bend bought the Davis and Dart interest in the D. D. Tavern. The new proprietors took over the first of the year. The Tavern will be known as the Canyon Club.

TWO ENLIST

Two Canyon residents enlisted in the U. S. Air Force, at the Salem Army and Air Force Recruiting station. They are Rodney O. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore, and H. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis White, both of Detroit. Both enlisted Dec. 15.

Bids Sought On School; May Start in Spring

The Mill City school district this week called for bids on the projected 12-room grade school building.

Bids will be opened Feb. 23, and R. L. Roberts, board chairman, said he hoped construction could get under way in the spring.

Inquiries are to be directed to S. R. Haatvedt, Albany architect, and Vernon S. Todd, superintendent of schools.

The board had directed the architect to draw up a structure which would cost no more than the amount of \$142,000 which has been provided by bonds and a sinking fund.

Monday, at 8 p.m. the annual budget meeting of the district will be held in the high school auditorium.

Lyons Advances New School Plans

The Lyons consolidated school district planned this week for an early start on a new school building, to cost about \$80,000.

A school meeting of District 29J was held at Fox Valley school last Tuesday evening. L. P. Bartholomew, Salem architect, described plans and showed some material which will be used for the structure. The plans were adopted by the voters and the board.

An eight-room structure will be built.

Saints Jinx Wolves Again

The Sublimity Saints still are a puzzle to Mill City High School's Timberwolves, who can beat other teams in their league by better totals than their valley rivals, but just miss when matched with them.

Tuesday's game in Sublimity was no different. The Wolves were skinned, 28 to 25.

Miller led local scoring with 6; E. Thornley, 3; Leo Poole, 4; Hunter, 4; Verbeck, 5; Lawrence Poole, 3.

Albus of Sublimity was high man with 12 points.

The B team also lost, 19 to 25.

Downer and L. Thornley tied for high with 6 each for the local boys.

The Timberwolves defeated the Aumsville Rangers on the local basketball court Friday night by a 38 to 34 score. It was a big night for Miller, Mill City center, who added up 25 points on his own.

Others points were: Leo Poole, 2; Hunter, 3; Verbeck, 5; and Lawrence Poole, 3.

For Aumsville Daryl Dalke and Smelser had eight each.

The Timberwolves were behind at the half, 10 to 13, but a second half rally put them ahead.

The B team also won, 31 to 29. Thornley of Mill City was high man with 13 points, with Ling of Aumsville had 10.

In their first league game after the holidays, the Timberwolves took a one-sided game from Gates, 79 to 24. Verbeck and Miller tied for scoring honors with 20 each; Baltimore had 2; Leo Poole, 9; Lawrence Poole 13; L. Thornley, 0; Hunter, 11; E. Thornley, 3; Keys, 0. Mulse of Gates was high with 11.

Last Tuesday the Timberwolves and Detroit played, the score 62 to 40 in favor of Mill City. Miller was high man with 19 for Mill City, but Fryer of Detroit led all with 22 points for the losers. Others scoring were E. Thornley 4; Hunter, 11; Leo Poole, 11; Baltimore, 2; Verbeck, 6; Lawrence Poole, 9.

The Turner basket ball team played Gates on the latter's floor Friday night, with the home five on the short end of a 17-28 score. Watson of Turner and Mulse of Gates were high men with 10 and nine.

Scoring for Gates also were, Crites 1; Eccleston, 2; E. Oliver, 3; Romey, 3; Jack Oliver, Carey, Knapp and Ziebert also played.

CREEK FREEZES BOTTOM UP

Sub-zero weather in the Marion Forks area last week was the cause of an odd phenomenon in Marion Creek. It was reported this week by Mrs. Scott Young there. The creek froze from the bottom up. It is several feet higher than usual, yet with less than normal water flow. The freak ice created a beautiful sight, with water cascading over the ice.

Horn Creek, in summer time the coolest stream in the area, has proven that it is after all warmer than Marion Creek because the salmon eggs being hatched there for the Fish Commission are developing faster.

The snow level here still stood at four feet. There's good skiing everywhere in the area.

Lodges Install New Officers

Open joint installation was held Saturday evening for newly elected officers of the IOOF Lodge No. 144 and Santiam Rebekah Lodge No. 166.

Noble grands of both lodges were George Veteto and Wilma Stewart.

Term of office is six months. Acting as special deputy and installing officers in the Odd Fellows were Otto Koenke, assisted by Otto Witt, district deputy grand marshal, Vera Hethaway, acting as district deputy president, was assisted by the following staff of installing officers: district deputy grand marshal, Crissie Henderson; deputy warden, Mel Robinson; deputy secretary, Mabel Shroeder; deputy treasurer, Ida Fleetwood; deputy chaplain, Martha Bows. Flag bearers were Lois Andersen, Julia Bassett, Eva Duffy and Blanche Syverson.

The following officers of both lodges were installed: Noble grand, George Veteto; and Wilma Stewart; vice grand, Ed Kellen and Dean Jackson; secretary, C. A. Bruder and Beitha Baltimore; treasurer, Ed Faynes and Hazel Nelson.

Appointive officers: Warden, Lowell Stiffler and Ada Dart; conductor, Earl Regsdale and Carmen Stafford; flag bearer, Lois Andersen; chaplain, Otto Witt and Rachel Olmstead; junior past grand, Mervin Dart and Allura Chance; R-SNG, Ed Chanve and Vera Hatha-way; LSVG, Elmer Stewart and Frances Merrill; RSVG, George Berry and Ida Fleetwood; LSVG, Willis I-Vine and Margaret Liberty; musician, Ruby Brisbin; inside guardian, A. T. Koenke and Mabel Veteto; outside guardian, Frank Merrill and Blanche Syverson.

Following the installation ceremonies the outgoing noble grand, Allura Chance, presented her officers with gift remembrances. Lois Andersen who was committee chairman for the program announced several numbers. Concluding the evening was a no-host supper.

Scout Court Held

The Mill City Boy Scout Troop 49 held its court of honor at the Church of Christ Monday night, with eight boys receiving honors. The meeting was led by Lawrence Kanoff, scoutmaster.

The meeting opened with a flag salute and candle ceremony. Richard Kanoff and Philip Goble gave a demonstration of artificial respiration and Charles Golden and Vernon Christensen, a demonstration on shock.

Field signals were shown by Richard Kanoff, who also won a public speaking merit badge.

Clyde Golden, scout committee chairman, awarded honors to the boys as follows:

Richard Kanoff, 1st class, star; Philip Goble, 1st class, star and three merit badges; Sealey Bennett, 1st class; Dan Roten, 1st class, merit badge; Glen Reed, 1st class; Charles Golden, 1st class; Herbert Hampton, merit badge; Arnold Webb, merit badge.

WORKER INJURED

Paul Pennington was injured Monday morning at Mt. Jefferson Lumber Co. mill in Lyons when a winch broke, striking him in the forehead. Four stitches were needed to close the wound.

Basin Hearing Set for Feb. 2 In Portland

An official hearing on the vast development of the Columbia and its tributaries will be held in Portland Feb. 2. The meeting includes in its agenda problems connected with the Detroit and Big Cliff dams on the North Santiam.

Call for the meeting was sent out by the Willamette Valley Basin Committee to citizens in the valley area.

Charles Wolverton, editor of the Mill City Enterprise, was asked by the Salem Chamber of Commerce to prepare a statement similar to one he had presented — in the form of letters from representative Canyon citizens — at a hearing in 1947.

The notice said: "The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors has for review as required by law the report of the Division Engineer on the proposed comprehensive development of the Columbia River and its tributaries."

"In order that interested parties may present additional statement if desired, the Board will hold public hearings."

"This report includes the Willamette River, and as the above board has authority to approve or disapprove, we should make as good a showing of interest as possible. The only way to do this is to have a good attendance at the hearing."

The hearing is in the assembly room of the Multnomah Hotel and begins at 9:30 a.m.

Ivan E. Oakes, executive secretary of the Commission, sent out the call.

Burglar Enters High School Office

The office of H. R. Bayless, high school principal, was entered Saturday night by a burglar apparently in search of student body funds.

Mr. Bayless' desk was pried open. The prowler used matches to make his search.

Student body funds had been put elsewhere. Money of the senior class which sometimes has been kept at the school had been deposited.

BERT KARR HEADS CO-OP PHONE GROUP IN LYONS

Bert Karr, Canyon mill owner, was elected president of the Lyons cooperative telephone company at its annual meeting Tuesday night.

Elected as directors for two-year terms were Harley Scott and Hugh Johnston.

Laurence Walworth was reappointed secretary-treasurer.

Continued improvement for the current year are planned. Among them will be a new switchboard at the Lyons exchange.

The company completed a cable to Mehama during 1948.

FIREMEN ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

A delegation of eight local firemen headed by Chief Arlo Tiers attended a meeting of the Marion County Firefighters Assn. at Mt. Angel last Wednesday.

About 175 firemen were present, representing 20 departments in the district.

ILLNESS CUTS ATTENDANCE

Last week there were more absences from school than at any previous week since school began in September.

DRIVER TESTS JAN. 28

A drivers license examiner will be in Mill City Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fire Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LYONS MAIL VOLUME UP

Mrs. Ruth Lyons, postmistress at Lyons, reported a 12 per cent gain in the quarter ending in December over the same period last year. It also topped any previous three month period in the history of the postoffice.

State Urges Towns Merge High Schools

Charter Ready For Legislature

Mayor Harold Kiewer announced this week that the city council had completed work on the proposed city charter and that the document would be submitted to the state legislature by next week.

The council adapted the charter outline furnished by the League of Oregon Cities, as a model for Mill City's. Mr. Kiewer said it was written in simple language, and that its provisions are easily understood.

Mr. Kiewer will confer this week with Dave O'Hara of the Secretary of State's office for further details on its presentation.

After the charter is approved by the state, it must be submitted to local voters for approval or rejection. Mill City voted to incorporate in May, 1947.

Lions Plans Amateur Show

The Santiam Lions Club will sponsor an Amateur Show Tuesday, Feb. 15 here, and a call was sent out this week for contestants.

Prizes will be \$25, \$15 and \$5 for the top three amateurs. An entry fee of \$5 will be returned to all contestants after the performance.

Auditions can be arranged for at Stiffler's Radio Store and the Mill City Theater.

Mrs. Luella Hasegan, 65, a resident of the Canyon for about 15 years died Wednesday afternoon in Lebanon Hospital after a long illness.

She was the wife of C. P. Hasegan, Idanha lumberman. Funeral services will be held in the Weddle parlors in Stayton Saturday at 2 p.m. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, R. R. and Jack Hasegan, Idanha, and a daughter, Mrs. Verna Rains of Laconia.

Recreation Is Topic At PTA Meeting

Despite near-zero temperatures, about 80 people turned out to the Parent-Teacher Assn. program Wednesday evening which featured a roundtable on teen-age problems.

Members of the Detroit and Lyons PTAs participated in the roundtable with Mrs. Robert Veness as moderator. Kirk Wirick, Mrs. Robert Fetters, Mrs. Otis White and Mrs. Eli Bangs were the speakers from the visiting organizations and Glen Shelton from the local group.

The discussion brought out a consensus that there were enough existing organizations to provide recreation for youth, and that lack of support of them by parents was to blame for lack of successful programs.

An original skit which highlighted the problem of youth recreation was presented with the following cast: Mr. and Mrs. Aray Podrabsky, Ernest Podrabsky Jr., Jerry Swan, Carol Jane Blazek, Patricia and Mary Jo Wolverton, and Frederick Rugh.

Miss Carmen Sattford played several accordion numbers. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Frank Blazek and Mrs. Ed Cruson.

INFANT HURT

Luella Ziebert, year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ziebert, cut her right hand, requiring three stitches, when she pulled a dish from the table and fell with it Friday evening. She was taken to Dr. Jack Reid.

FLUE FIRE AT APARTMENTS

A flue fire called the volunteer department to the Hill apartments Monday evening. No damage was reported.

Mill City, Gates Boards Meet to Talk Unification

An urgent message from Rex Putnam, state superintendent of schools, and Henry W. Sreck, supervisor of secondary education, to Mill City and Gates to pool their high schools resulted in a joint meeting Tuesday evening of the two boards.

Ramon Roberts, chairman of the Mill City board, said a friendly discussion was held with the directors from Gates and that further study of the high school problems of both schools would continue.

Gates directors are Elmer Stewart, Richard Nystrom and Fred Butler. Mill City was represented by Mr. Roberts, chairman, Donald Sheythe and Willis Potter.

Mr. Roberts said Mill City offered either to unionize the two high schools or to open the local school to tuition-paying Gates students.

Gates directors suggested the possibility of a new building — which might be built jointly by the two districts, if they unionized. To this Mill City members agreed with the argument that Mill City's facilities are able to take care of many more students than the present combined enrollment of high school students in both towns.

The letter, which was directed to Charles Kelly, Mill City school board clerk by the two state officials and was dated Dec. 10, read as follows: "The State Department of Education has recently made an evaluation of the Gates and Mill City High Schools. In both of these schools the physical education buildings are non-standard."

"This brings forth the question of justifying the expenditure of a considerable amount of money for the duplication of the same type of equipment in adjacent school districts. Since these two schools are only three miles apart, we feel constrained to urge your districts again to consider the matter of consolidating the two high schools, or suspending one of them and transporting the students on a tuition basis to the other school."

"We are aware of the fact that this can only be done through the favorable vote of the taxpayers in both districts. Your board recognizes the value that a large school offers, and the advantages to the taxpayers of a large assessed valuation."

"A long-range planning program for both schools calls for putting aside local prejudices in favor of a better educational program for the boys and girls of your communities. "The members of this department will be pleased to be of any assistance in effecting such a program."

Mr. Sorick, in a letter to The Enterprise, disclaimed any idea of his office had anything more than an educational interest in the matter. He wrote, in part:

"While we did bring the matter of consolidation, unionization or transportation of students to the attention of the high school districts of Gates and Mill City, it was not that we had singled out these two schools among others in the state. Smaller schools have a very difficult job in offering the type of education needed in today's world. We have felt that we should call to the attention of all high school districts of small enrollments, located continuously, that they give some consideration to the possibility of combining their efforts for the betterment of the boys and girls in their areas. In the case of Mill City and Gates, it involves a considerable expenditure of money to bring their physical education departments up to standard."

"We want it made clear that this department does not have any right to consolidate schools. This privilege is left entirely to the voters of the districts involved."

Mr. Roberts said the invitation to unionize might be extended to certain adjacent non-high districts.

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