

Looking Up and Down the Canyon

By CHARLES WOLVERTON

A city charter soon will be presented to the voters of Mill City. It is the final step of the program for incorporation begun two and one-half years ago.

When the election is held, it would be a good thing for the town to get out a rousing vote, affirming and recognizing the benefits we have received from incorporation.

Not the least of these has been upwards of \$15,000 returned to us as a city in proportional state taxes. We'd never have had that money as an unincorporated community.

We've had needed police protection and better streets. A building code has raised the standards of construction. And there's more pride taken in a town that has a city government.

We've been lucky, too. Consistently there has been a first-rate city council, working cautiously at times, but always looking forward.

These are factors which ought to be considered by another Canyon area—Detroit and Idanha—who will vote Oct. 19 on incorporating into a single city. There is need for a stable and enduring town in the upper Canyon, and the people of Detroit, not far away from the time when they must evacuate because of the Detroit Dam, ought to have a chance to carry on.

I'm not wise to all the conditions or arguments being considered in Idanha and Detroit in the forthcoming election.

Yet, I believe it would be the testimony of most of the people of Mill City that its incorporation has been a good thing. And there's no reason I can see why it wouldn't be good for the two upper Canyon towns.

In fact, Gates, Lyons and Mehama equally as well might study the same proposition.

There's one overriding reason for incorporation in this Canyon. We have watched the struggle of the various communities to get from the state or counties things they need—roads, street work, police protection, etc. We've all seen how many times we got the runaround. But you just can't give an incorporated town the offhand treatment dealt out to unorganized communities. For one thing, certain tax money has to be given them by law. And their influence in the state and counties is greatly increased.

Jack Lacey, Consolidated Builder, Inc. executive, was chosen to head the newly formed and incorporated Mill City-Gates Community Chest in a meeting at the Fire Hall last Thursday.

First vice president is Tony Ziebert, and Mrs. Albert Toman Sr. is second vice president.

City Charter Draft Ready

City Council members this week were studying the newly drafted city charter, just received from attorneys, and planned to set a charter election date at their next meeting Wednesday.

The charter was prepared by the Staytan law firm of Bell and Devers. It has been mimeographed and bound. Several copies are now available for study, and the council hopes for a thorough critical examination before it is presented, Mayor Harold Kliever said.

H. Kaplinger Dies

Funeral services for Henry Kaplinger, 88, a resident of Mill City since 1903, were held Thursday in the Mill City Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Dr. David J. Ferguson officiated. Mr. Kaplinger, who had been in ill health for several years, was born in Greenfield, Mass., May 9, 1861. Surviving are a son, Leland Kaplinger, Mill City; a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Kane, Kalama, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Dunnigan, Salem; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

CHURCH TO SHOW FILM
A film, "China's Challenge," will be shown at the Lyons Methodist Church at 8 p.m. Tuesday evening, Oct. 11. There is no admission.
The WSCS of the same church will give a tamale social Oct. 13, with a dinner to be served beginning at 6:30. The public is invited.



Hunters Get Back With Deer 1st Day

George (Sparky) Ditter was first to return to Mill City with a buck he killed on the ridge north of town as the opening day of the deer season virtually emptied the Canyon and brought thousands of hunters over the new North Santiam highway.

Mr. Ditter had his buck in the meat market by 8:30 a.m.

Herb Maag and Pearly Cribbs also were first day deerlayers. Twenty or more deer were handled by local meat cutters.

But reports from Mehama put that town's hunters ahead of the Canyon in the deer hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts each boaster a forked horn killed at 6:45 opening morning.

Gib Wagner, Whitey Wagner, Bud Johnson and the two Blum boys got four bucks, a five point weighing 191 pounds, a four point, a three point and a forked horn, all killed between 6:30 and 11:30 a.m. the first day.

Hunters east of the mountains seem to be successful this season, as several trucks and trailers laden with deer have returned.

PTA SLATES HEALTH FILM

The Mill City Parent-Teacher Assn. has arranged for its first meeting of the school year Oct. 13 a movie on communicable diseases, presented by Howard Pyfer of the Marion County Department of Health.

All parents of school children are cordially invited. Entertainment will follow the program, and the social period will include refreshments.

Mrs. Arthur Kriever, ways and means chairman, will present plans for the annual progressive dinner.

Siren Bandit Returns Here

The siren bandit is back again, or was last week.

A motorist reported to Chief of Police J. T. King that his car had been halted near here by a car trailing him and blowing a siren. When the motorist saw the car trailing him, he suspected that it was not a police car and pulled away returning to Mill City to report to police.

Fish Hatchery Rises Rapidly

The Marion Forks fish hatchery located on Horn Creek is progressing rapidly.

Several crews are fast shaping the buildings and ponds of what will be one of the largest fish hatcheries in the state. The hatchery is being built by the Army Engineers for the state and is one of many projects co-ordinated with the Detroit Dam.

The main hatchery building is under way with the concrete floor poured for the refrigeration plant. The flat roof for about 12 circular ponds have been gouted. The weather has been perfect up to the last few days for the concrete work. No frost has yet hindered.

The dwellings on the hill are taking form and soon should be ready for interior work. About 75 men have been employed the past week.

Traffic cases:

Earl Dean Forrest, no operator's license, \$5; Clarence Skinner, no operator's license, excessive noise, \$15; William Rickert, no operator's license, \$5; Orville Miles, faulty lights, \$4.50.

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Gates Rushes School Annex As Roll Rises

New students at the Gates grade school are literally pushing out the walls.

With the big rise in population in the North Santiam Canyon town, due largely to construction of the Detroit Dam, Gates school directors found at the opening days of school that enrollment had doubled. So an additional classroom went under construction this week.

The room, 25 by 40 feet, will house the second grade which was pushed out in the main school building.

Ed Kadin, Gates, is in charge of the construction. Effort is being made to finish the addition before the winter sets in.

New pupils continue to register each week, and there were 106 pupils attending in that building, which houses the first six grades, at last report.

Trailer court population has accounted for a large part of the increase.

Gates showed a 100 per cent increase in school population this fall.

An appropriation of \$9,500,000 for the Detroit Dam this year was approved Wednesday by a joint conference from the United States Senate and House, for the fiscal year of 1949-'50.

The proposed appropriation, which now awaits routine House and Senate passage and signature of the president, permits construction at about the rate planned for by the Army Engineers. The Army corps had asked \$10,300,000.

The appropriation is contained in the omnibus rivers and harbors bill. In it other Northwest projects such as McNary Dam, with \$35 million, and Lookout (Meridian) Dam, with the same amount as Detroit, were listed.

At the Detroit Dam the past week, a major step in construction was made, but it was accompanied with some dramatic moments.

Last Friday the North Santiam was diverted into a tunnel, which will provide a dry area at the damsite for construction.

But the temporary dam built to turn the river into the mountain was bombarded by a four and one-half foot rise of the river, and workmen and superintendents worked overtime to combat seepage, which threatened momentarily to delay the work on the dam itself.

However, according to Jack Murray, public relations executive for Consolidated Builders, Inc., said today that the problem had been whiped and was not serious. Mr. Murray stated that seepage had been expected through the temporary dam.

Work will begin soon on a permanent cofferdam at about the site of the upstream bridge. This dam will be built to contain the Santiam in its high flow, to insure a dry area for excavation and later concrete work on the dam.

Mr. Murray said employment was unchanged from last week when 525 workers on the dam were reported.

The week saw continuing work on excavation for major installations, including a road to the south cableways site, the cooling, mixing, aggregate and power plant sites, and other projects.

Disorderly? Sorta

A disorderly conduct case developed into a rambunctious one in city jail Thursday night.

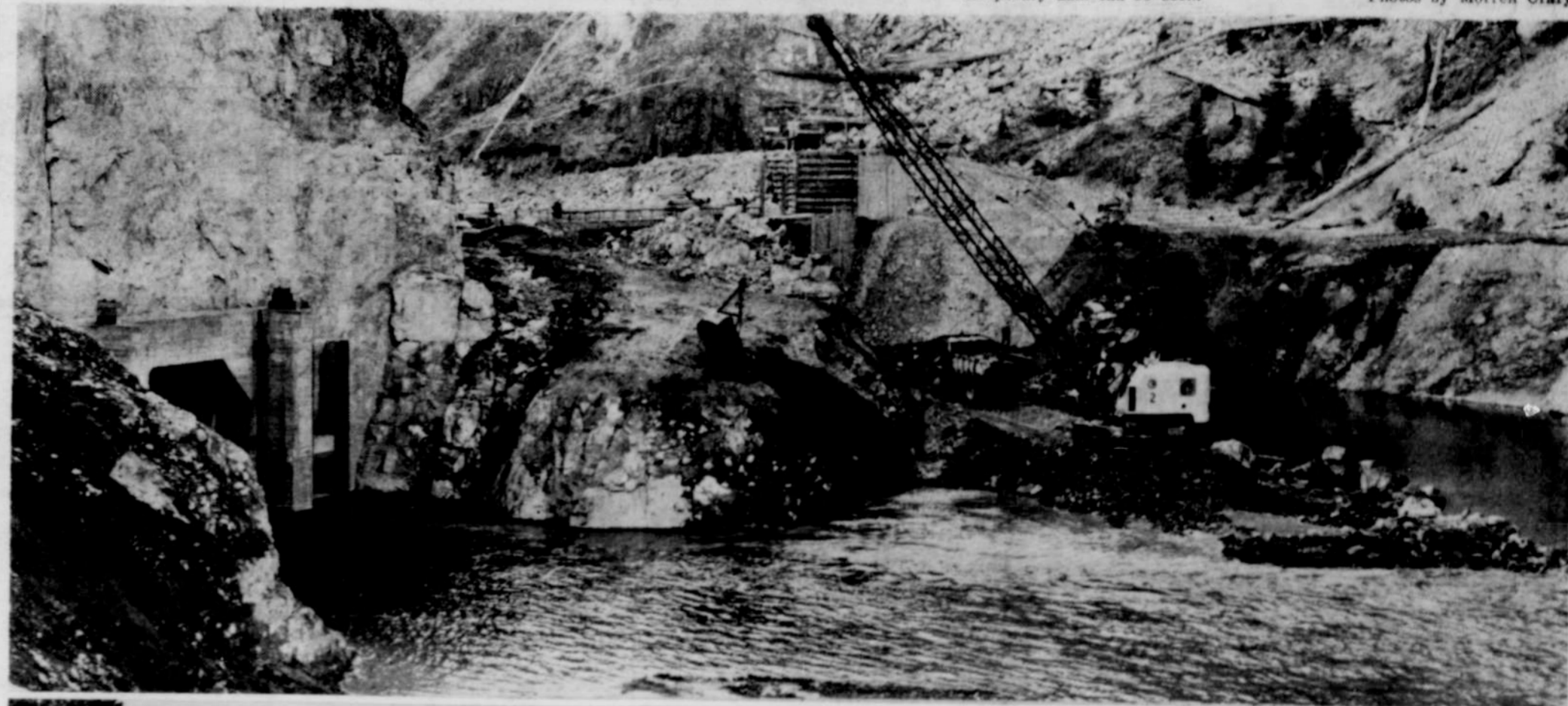
Trevor Stayton, of Stayton, truck driver, was put behind bars by Chief of Police J. T. King on a disorderly conduct charge and, as if to prove the charge correct, proceeded to tear up chairs in the jail.

According to King, Stayton returned on bail of \$75. Stayton was released to Stayton. An attorney notified the local court that Stayton was forfeiting his bail.

Mrs. Lorna Schraback, Mill City, was fined \$79.50 in city court by Judge Donald Scheythe on a charge of reckless driving with liquor involved.

Lonnie Burns forfeited bail of \$75 on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Something Started, Something Done



ABOVE, the North Santiam finds a new course, as its waters are diverted into a tunnel. In the background, the temporary dam can be seen.

BELOW, the completed Mill City grade school, a fine example of beauty and functionalism.

—Photos by Morrell Cray

