

Looking Up and Down the Canyon

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There was an accident Saturday night—one of the usual week end affairs of an intoxicated man driving a car off an embankment.

The man was taken to a Salem hospital, badly injured. No arrest had been made early in the week. I do not know if any arrest is contemplated.

But, if not, an arrest should be made. To me, it seems a matter of no real bearing that a drunken man injured himself while driving, rather than someone else. The law states plainly that drunken driving is drunken driving, whether or not an accident is the consequence. And the fact that the man injured only himself does not mitigate the circumstances, any more than, in the case of armed robbery, would a holdup man get off any easier because he was filled full of bullets at the moment.

This man's intoxicated condition was known to officers prior to the accident. He is not known to have become any more sober in the course of the evening.

If these facts are conclusive, there seems to me to be but one course for the officers to follow: To serve a warrant for his arrest on drunken driving charges, even if it has to be served at his bedside.

Bankers are supposed to be conservative. But I believe the officers of the Mill City State Bank have proven themselves progressives to the core.

The building, which will be ready for occupancy next week, is modern in every respect. Its construction is an expression of faith in the future of the town which now might be adequately served by the present bank quarters but which would not be big or fine enough for the Mill City that's on its way.

The bank, an old institution, has been alert to facts that are also apparent to many new industries and businesses. When I came here Don Jenkins had not long before opened his hardware store. No doubt there were local pessimists who told him it wouldn't work. Yet his is a firmly established business in three years.

Just as many more have found a niche that needed filling. A good baker—John Muir—found a market for his wares, where none had been before. George Veteto's dry cleaning shop, Stiffler's radio store, Porter & Lau, Baker's jewelry store—all these businesses made a place for themselves long before the construction of Detroit Dam began.

Dave Epps built up a two-store business of considerable magnitude from a few loads of used furniture several years ago in a ramshackle building.

And the older businesses found it necessary to expand.

Since work started on the dam, other businesses have already placed themselves firmly in the trade of the town and the Canyon. It used to be said that women would not buy their fancier raiment here. Yet two stores, Wood's Store and the new Oleson's Apparel Shop, have proven that isn't true. Untried lines of trade here are proving themselves. A recreation center is doing good business. An auto body repair shop is on an overtime schedule just to keep abreast of its work.

Along with their record of success, there have been few instances of failure.

Is there opportunity here? Lots of it to the man who'll pick out some line of trade which now draws dollars out of the canyon and hold them here. The buyers' wants will be satisfied whether here or elsewhere. Why not satisfy them here?

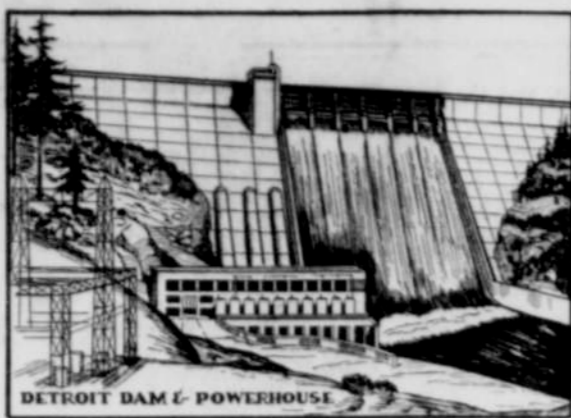
I'm hazarding a guess that by May or June employment on the dam will be three times what it is today. That would be a lot of customers.

Anywhere in America you'll find that the finest building in town is the school building. Certainly, here, we can say the same thing.

There's something noble about the motives of people who will see to it that even if the taxes that built the school were on a hovel, the child that goes for from that shack each day spends part of his life in the comfort of the American school.

Children aren't expected really to understand this. School to them can be as dull in the big new modern edifice as the little red school house. Yet even if the kids never even said thanks for this fine new school, everyone of us is happy we bought it for them.

It won't happen again this year—or will it?—that Ed Kelson can do his deer hunting from his back



Open House Oct. 20 for New School

Open house for Mill City's new grade school will be held Thursday evening, Oct. 20. The entire community is invited to inspect its beautiful 12 room edifice.

A tour of the rooms will be conducted by School Superintendent Vernon S. Todd, and pupils from the first to sixth grades will present a program in the new auditorium.

Parents and others are urged to be at the building by 8 o'clock. Officers and members of the Parent-Teacher Assn. will serve refreshments.

Timberwolves Lose

The Mill City Timberwolves matched touchdowns with the Jefferson Lions Friday afternoon but couldn't convert. Consequently Jefferson won the Marion County B league contest, 13 to 12. Leo Poole scored Mill City touchdowns. Jim Grimes performed a similar feat for the Lions and aerialled for the point that won the game.

Driver Sought After Accident

Five vehicles were damaged in an accident 8 miles east of Marion Forks about 8:30 p. m. Tuesday night, October 6.

A 1936 Chevrolet, whose registration card read Jacob Friesen, Alpine, Ore., which was going east on hi-way 222 sideswiped a Dodge pick-up, owned and operated by W. R. Collect, Rt. 2, Salem, damaging the left side of the pick-up; it then swiped the right hand side of the 1949 Plymouth coupe, which was going west on their right side of the road. The Plymouth was driven by George Barney, Idanha and owned by him. Estimated damage of \$300.00 was done to the Plymouth.

After hitting the Plymouth the Chevrolet went into the ditch. About 10:00 a loaded truck, traveling east stopped to pull the Chevrolet out of the ditch. In the process of doing so he was on the wrong side of the road, and George Barney, Jr. going west, hit the truck breaking a spring on the truck thus disabling it. The 1942 Plymouth driven by the younger Barney had the motor driven back and that with other minor damages caused it to be towed away.

Melvin Peck, cousin of George Barney, Jr. passenger of the '42 Plymouth, was the only one injured. He was treated by Mr. Ross of the Idanha First Aid station for a lacerated cheek. Mrs. Barney was with George Barney.

The driver of the Chevrolet refused to show his driver's license or to give his name.

CLEARING BIDS REJECTED

All bids for clearing about seven miles of transmission line right of way in the Detroit Dam area were rejected this week by the Benton-Lincoln Co-op, Inc., were turned down as too high, the Corvallis office announced.

Cascade Electrical Contractors, of Corvallis were low with \$31,395; and Thompson, Hendrickson Logging Co. now working in the Detroit area, bid \$46,800.

Effort will be made to reduce the requirements and resubmit the job for bid.

Clearing is on right of way of a line to the permanent housing area for Detroit Dam personnel.

The nation's production of goats' milk is valued at \$100,000,000 a year. The word goat originally meant one who sold by the gross or whole sale.

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Lyons Couple Creates Business

A Lyons merchant and his wife have had trouble getting supplies of plastic cloth articles—so they started making them with the result that the demand is growing far beyond their own sale needs.

The couple is Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson who operate the Lyons Variety Store. Mrs. Johnson, an expert seamstress, soon mastered the technique of sewing the plastic sheets—called Velon—into aprons, curtains, table cloths and many other items. The material is heat-resistant and easily washed.

The couple plans to manufacture aprons of heavier stock for canning work.

They have been able to price their products far below the going price of similar products manufactured elsewhere.

The Lyons products are in attractively designed patterns and workmanship is excellent.

Enterprise Is Sold to Montanan

The Mill City Enterprise was sold last week to Don Peterson of Helena, Mont., and the new owner will take charge the latter part of this month. The former owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolverton, plan to remain in the Canyon.

Mr. Peterson has been with a Helena weekly for many years. He is an experienced printer, having been continuously at that occupation since his 12th year. He is a graduate of Silverton high school, and a sister, Mrs. Ed Cooke, has been a resident of Mill City for several years.

Besides his activities in his profession, Mr. Peterson has three times been given the Democratic nomination for state legislature in Montana. Mrs. Peterson is an accomplished pianist. They have six children. Mr. Peterson has purchased a home here.

In order to take care of an increasing market for job printing, Mr. Peterson has purchased a Kluge automatic press, which soon will be installed. He plans many other improvements.

The Enterprise was founded in 1944 by M. McKittrick, and was managed by Paul Robinson until its purchase by Dave Epps in 1946. Originally it was a small, handset weekly, usually just two local pages. During the past summer the paper has grown to 10, 12 and occasionally 14 pages.

This May it moved from a back shop location to a new building erected by and leased to it by Frank Blazek.

In less than five years, The Enterprise has grown from a circulation of about 200 to over 1000.

It is the only newspaper serving the Canyon area—now being transformed by the activities of building the Detroit Dam.

FIREMEN'S BALL DATE TENTATIVELY SET

A tentative date of Nov. 19 for the annual firemen's ball has been set, pending word whether the high school gym is available on that day.

The firemen will hold another organization and planning meeting on Tuesday. Committees have been appointed and work is under way.

The firemen's ball, a real local razzle-dazzle, usually draws up to 1200 people.

This year, with a large local increase in population, the attendance should be even better.

GAS STATION PLANNED

A new gasoline station on Santiam Blvd. will be constructed soon by C. H. Jones, formerly of Richland, Wash. Excavations already have been made. The station will sell Clipper brand. It is located on property formerly owned by Mrs. D. J. Ferguson.

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Vote on Draft Document Scheduled for Oct. 28

Hooks 40 Pounder

Pink Mason hooked 42-inch, 40 pound salmon in the Yaquina River near the coast this week.

Mr. Mason also brought home another one, about 30 inches in length. It was almost a record for Pink, who has been an active angler most of his life.

STATION MANAGER NAMED

Allen Keith, Inspiration, Ariz., will be the manager of the new Standard Oil Station when it opens on or about Oct. 22.

Mr. Keith is living in the Reid motel.

The station is one of the Canyon's largest and was reportedly built at a cost of \$21,000.

Rock Excavation Begins On Keyways for Dam

First rock excavations on keyways for the Detroit Dam were made this week by Consolidated Builders, Inc., at the site 12 miles east of here on the North Santiam River.

The rock drills were made on the south face of the damsite, fairly high up above the river.

Nearly to the stage of completion this week was cribbing for the coffer dam, a temporary structure which will hold back the river, which now has been diverted through a tunnel.

Seepage, which engineers and employees of CBI were fighting last week at the diversion dam, has subsided. Pumping has been discontinued at the river below the tunnel entrance because no excavations are to be made in the area.

The keyways are the extensive ex-

cavations made into the rock—and the concrete dam is locked in the rock formation. In some places the keyways will be 300 feet wide as deep as 100 feet, depending upon the nature of the rock encountered.

Test drilling conducted for several years by the Army Engineers has determined, for the most part, the necessary depths.

Excavations continue on access roads, plant areas and the cableways and favorable weather the latter part of this week speeded up operations.

The corps of engineers expect to move into their permanent quarters this week, on the highway near the damsite. The real estate division, housing administration, and firemen will retain their present quarters, but the center of activities will be at the office building which is just being completed. The men who work there will commute daily from Mongold.

The fish hatchery which is being built by the army engineers is progressing. Concrete walls for the hatchery building which is 60 x 110 have been poured and work on the roof is next. The three 2-bedroom houses with attached garages are in various stages of construction. The hatchery area itself has 38 of the 48 concrete bases for the circular rearing ponds poured. These ponds are 25 feet in diameter with concrete walls about 3 feet high. They are getting ready to pour bases for the rectangular which is 165 x 80 feet approximately, having 16 subdivisions when completed.

This fish hatchery is just off to the right of the state highway, about 1/2 mile above Marion Forks.

Ivan Oakes, secretary, and Rollin Jones of the Willamette River Basin Commission visited the army engineers' office here on Sept. 29 and were shown over the different projects by P. M. Othus, special assistant district engineer.

There are three jobs of clearing being done from the dam axis to blowout creek. Thompson Hendrickson have completed cutting and have logged practically all merchantable timber. They are now completing their burning and are starting down stream and working up the north bank of the river approximately 1/4 mile from the damsite.

The Gates Co. have completed cutting, and nearly all their logging work and are working on the clean-up. George Shroyer who has an area on the south side of the river about as large as the other two combined is about half through with the cutting and is working on clean up along the river.

At Mongold the engineers are clearing a space just east from the main offices large enough for 24 trailer houses which are to be brought in soon from Dorena dam.

WORD OF FATHER'S DEATH

Otto Witt received word Thursday of the death of his father, Henry D. Witt, age 92, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. W. Whitlock.

Funeral services will be at the Presbyterian church in Mill City, Sunday afternoon.

cation, name and boundaries.

Section II defines the legal powers of the city.

Chapter III describes the form of government. Powers are vested in a city council of five members elected annually. The mayor is chosen by the council, the charter provides for a municipal judge, a recorder and such other officers as are deemed necessary.

Section IV sets up council procedures. Meetings at least monthly are mandatory, with special meetings called either by the mayor or at the request of at least three councilmen.

A journal of proceedings must be kept. All meetings of the council are open to the public. A vice chairman must be elected, to preside in the absence of the mayor.

Chapter V deals with the powers and duties of officers of the city. The mayor "shall appoint the committee provided for under the rules of the council," "shall sign all proceedings of the council," and must sign all ordinances within three days of passage by that body.

The powers of the municipal judge are largely confined to all crimes and offenses "defined and made punishable by ordinances of the city." However, the court may assume duties in respect to violations of laws customarily in justice courts. Powers include issuing of processes for arrests, jail and bail commitments, issuance of subpoenas and punishment for contempt of court.

The duties of the recorder are defined as ex officio clerk of the council and signing of all orders on the treasury.

Chapter VI covers election procedures. Terms of office begin Jan. 1 in the year following the election. A specific procedure is mandatory for nominations to council. Petition must be signed by 10 voters, but each elector can sign but one petition. A signed acceptance of the person proposed by a petition is required.

Chapter VII lays out procedures in the event of vacancies in office. A vacancy must be filled by a majority of the entire membership of the council.

Ordinances are the subject of Chapter VIII. It provides for two readings of an ordinance before passage. However, a unanimous vote of the body may place an ordinance in the city law in a single meeting.

An ordinance takes effect 30 days after its passage except in cases of emergency when immediate effect is provided for.

Chapter IX deals with public improvements. Under its sections are provided the legal steps for the acquisition of property for public use. Powers include right of condemnation.

Street, sewer, sidewalk and other improvements may be undertaken on motion of the council or petition of two-thirds of the property owners benefiting from the proposed improvement. However, two thirds of the property owners, by remonstrance, can veto a proposal.

Special assessments must follow the procedures of state law, where applicable, or by general ordinances enacted by the council. All work in excess of \$500 "shall be done by contract" to ascertain the lowest bidder.

Chapter X sets up procedure for financing. Except by consent of the voters, bonded indebtedness is limited to \$10,000 on floating indebtedness, with a \$50 limitation at any one time. Bonding procedures follow the state Bancroft act.

The same chapter deals with annexation procedures, the manner in which bond elections must be conducted, and other miscellaneous legal problems.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
Services of the Church of Christ, Scientist, began last week here. The meeting place is the Legion Hall at 11 a.m. Sundays.