

## New Publisher Pledges Paper Worthy of Area

The new management of the Enterprise assumes the responsibilities and duties of providing the Canyon with a publication worthy of its people, background and possibilities without illusions. To give the North Santiam area the kind of paper it deserves will be a real job, and we approach the task with a thorough awareness of its importance and implications.

Don Peterson, owner and publisher, has a background of accomplishment and standing as a typographer, printing shop executive and public-spirited citizen. He has already invested several thousand dollars in new and modern equipment to add to the Enterprise facilities, especially in the commercial printing department.

Mr. Peterson is a brother of Walter L. Peterson, recent Mill City newcomer and contractor, and of Mrs. Ed Cooke, a resident of Mill City for several years.



DON PETERSON, New Publisher



LEO C. DEAN, New Editor

Leo C. Dean, who will tackle the editorial and advertising departments, is an old-timer in printing, advertising, and allied activities in Iowa and South Dakota, and more recently saw service on the advertising staffs of the Salem Capital Journal and Salem Capital Press.

The present Enterprise management takes this opportunity to pay a deserved tribute to Charles Wolvertson, outgoing publisher. The annals of journalism must be thoroughly searched, indeed, to find a record of accomplishment equal to his. Landing in Mill City fresh from a New York City editorial desk, totally without training as a printer or pressman, he proceeded to produce a consistently-improved newspaper. To grasp the enormity of the mechanical problems he faced and overcome it is only necessary to state that five years' close application is ordinarily required to become a journeyman printer, and presswork presents its own numerous intricacies and miseries. To a printer Mr. Wolvertson's successful struggle is amazing and humbling. His editorial prowess was never in question, and should he decide to re-enter journalism that paper which employs him will be most fortunate.

### INJURED BOY BETTER

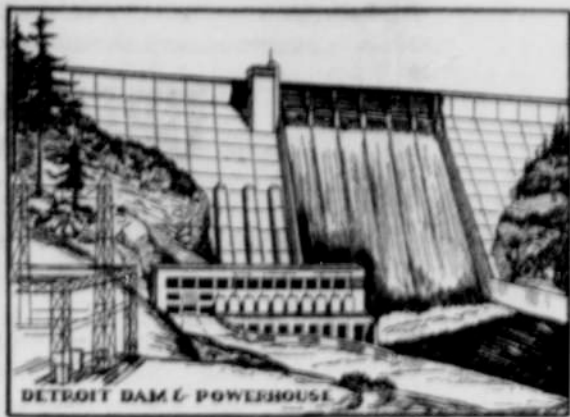
Phillip Seeger, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seeger of Meham, is reported to be improving in the Duernbecker hospital where he was taken late last week after suffering a fractured skull as the result of a fall from the family's automobile.

His condition until now has been critical due to a blood clot.

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church meets with Mrs. Frank Caraway Wednesday, November 9. Mr. Glen Shelton is leader. All interested are invited to attend.

### NOTICE

The Mill City Parent Teacher Association will meet Wednesday, November 9 at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.



## Women Save Infant as Trailer Burns

An alert mother and a neighbor last Thursday saved an infant boy from a burning trailer house in the Marion Forks vicinity.

The trailer house of Richard N. Peters located at Minto Creek was completely destroyed by the fire. Mrs. Peters was at a neighbor's trailer for just a few minutes with her small daughter. The baby Danny lay asleep in the trailer alone. When Mrs. Peters glanced through the window of her friend's place she saw flames leaping past the window.

Mrs. Cleveland grabbed a tarpaulin and the two rushed over, Mrs. Cleveland throwing the tarp over the blazing kerosene heater, snuffing the mother, while she pulled the seven-month-old boy to safety. He had a burn on the cheek and only a few seconds would have meant death to him.

Mr. Peters is working on the fish hatchery.

### MRS. BERTHA BERGHOLZ DIES AT AGE OF 77

Mrs. Bertha Bergholz died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bergholz at Mill City, on October 30 at the age of 77 years, 22 months and 3 days.

Surviving are two sons, Herman Weber of Roundup, Mont., Walther Weber of Watertown, Wisc., and five daughters, Hulda Bergholz and Duella Langhoff, both of Mill City; Frances Ward of Gates; Dorothy Wright of Milwaukie, Ore., and Esther Weber of Madison, Wisc.; also four grand children and two great grand children. Services will be held in Watertown, Wisc., and burial at Johnson Creek, Wisc.

### WHEW!

Tax statements are being received in the Meham area, with taxes due Nov. 15. Most property owners are whistling at the advance in taxes, with some of them increased by 100 per cent.

### DR. HAMMERICKSEN MOVES

The office of Dr. Mark Hammericksen, optometrist, has been moved from its former location in the Mill City Furniture company building to the building formerly occupied by the jewelry store at Broadway and 2nd street, next to the Jenkins Hardware.

### CALL FOR BIDS ON CLEARING

The Bonneville Power Administration is calling for bids on Invitation No. 4869 for clearing the right-of-way for the Lebanon-Goshen 250-kv line in Lane and Linn counties, Oregon. The bids are to be opened in Portland on Tuesday, November 25, 1949 and copies of the invitation may be obtained from the Bonneville Power Administration's procurement officer in Portland.

The section of land to be cleared is approximately 40 miles in length and the width of right-of-way to be cleared is 125 feet, plus danger trees. The invitation provides that the project is divided into three schedules, so that award may be made by schedule or as a whole, and that the entire work will be completed within 240 calendar days after date of receipt of notice to proceed.

On November 3 contract for clearing the right-of-way for the Eugene-Goshen 115 kv Transmission Lines Nos. 3 and 2 to Mike E. Porter, Salem. The contract was awarded on a low bid of \$32,846.

The total length of line is 12.5 miles and lies entirely within Lane county. The width of right-of-way to be cleared is 150 feet. The contractor will be allowed 180 calendar days to complete the work.

A special program in observance of National Education Week will be presented on the evening of Thursday, November 10 in the new Mill City grade school gymnasium. A committee representing several neighboring communities is sponsoring the program, which starts at 8:00 P.M.

Don't forget the Mill City Firemen's benefit November 10.

### LINE MISHAP CAUSES POWER OUTAGE

An unusual accident disrupted telephone and power service within a 25-mile radius of Lebanon Monday, including Mill City, but six telephone company workers escaped injury.

Manager Kenneth Sims of the Mountain States Power company said a telephone wire, held by the six men, came in contact with a 12,000-volt power line.

## Half of Lights In at Damsite

Forty-eight, or approximately half, of the cable lights strung 50 feet above the prospective top of the Detroit dam, are in place and in operation, and on the main dam Consolidated Builders, Inc., have concentrated their effort in extending their access road system to reach the head tower area high up on the south abutment of the dam and up Cumley Creek toward their quarry site. The north head tower excavation is essentially complete, and preparations are under way to place their track.

The upstream cofferdam, which shuts off the river flow from the dam area, is being strengthened and completed.

Foundation exploration by the means of core drilling is under way on the north abutment and in the river bottom.

### LIONS CLUB TO PRESENT HOME TALENT PLAY

The Mill City Lions Club will present the home talent play, "Laff It Off" at the Mill City theater on the evenings of November 16 and 17.

According to reviews the play, a newspaper review, is a terrific hit wherever presented. Local men and women furnish the talent, the men doing the speaking parts and the ladies impersonating children and beauties from foreign lands. Mildred Duncan Williams, who will direct the play, arrived Tuesday from Gresham, where the Rotary club put the play on for an appreciative audience. A large cast is necessary for the production.

The box office will open at 7:30 P.M. on the evenings of November 15 and 16, and curtain time is 8 o'clock.

### CLEARING RESERVOIR ON NORTH SANTIAM

The area on the north side of the North Santiam River for a distance of approximately 2-1/2 miles above the dam has been all slashed and burned over. Final cleanup operations are under way. This work is being performed by Thompson-Hendrickson Logging Company, and E. L. Gates and Company, Inc. The area south of the river is not so far advanced, although about 60 per cent of the slashing has been completed, and burning is in progress all over the area. This work is being performed by George Shroyer.

### PAVING CIRCULAR PONDS AT FISH HATCHERY

At the Marion Forks Fish Hatchery the Gaasland Company, Inc., have been paving the circular rearing ponds and have 24 out of 48 completed. They have essentially completed the exterior work on the three residences and are on interior work. The roof is being placed on the large hatchery building. The concrete base of the large rectangular rearing pond has been completed and the walls are being poured. The race is on to complete all outside work prior to the first snowfall.

### IDANHANS IN WRECK

Three Idanha residents were injured, none seriously, when the car in which they were riding overturned en route from Fort Angeles, Wash.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cannon and daughter. The accident was the result of slick pavement. Mrs. Cannon suffered a head cut. The car was badly damaged.

About two hundred people attended the P. T. A. international progressive dinner Thursday evening. Officers reported the affair the biggest ever.

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

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# Plan to Incorporate Stirs up Lively Fight

## Mill City Will Decide Charter Fate Tuesday

Mill City's first charter, to accept or reject, will be presented to the voters Tuesday here.

Polls will open at 1 p.m. at the City Hall and will close at 8 p.m.

The draft charter is posted at several local stores and the City Hall for review before the election.

Judges and clerks of the election are Mrs. John Swan, chairman, Louis Rade, Charles Dolezal, Sr., Mrs. Louis Rade and Mrs. George Stewart.

The election may be more than formally, inasmuch as even until recently there has been action to disincorporate, in one instance a petition to that effect was circulated and had over 100 signatures.

The original vote to incorporate the town won by only seven votes.

Proponents, however, are confident that the charter will not be turned down because they believe most of the townfolk have been won over to benefits desired.

The election call states: "The following act shall be submitted to the electors of said city for their approval or rejection, to-wit:

"To enact a charter for the City of Mill City, Linn and Marion Counties, Oregon.

"Said ballots shall also contain the words 'Yes, I vote for the proposed charter' and 'No, I vote against the proposed charter' which ballot each voter shall mark and cast according to law as each such voter may desire to vote."

## Timberwolves Face Chemawa Indians

Friday on the fourth of November the Mill City Timberwolves will meet with the Chemawa Indians on Mill City's field. Game time will be at 2 o'clock. The Indians are now ahead of Mill City in the league but if we can win this game Friday it might put us ahead of the other team (the Indians) at the end of the season. Why don't some of you town people come to the game and support the kids on the team. After all it is the school that possibly some of your kids will go to some day, so let's everyone that can, come to the game Friday afternoon.

Next Friday, on Armistice Day there will be a game here with Banks. As it is a holiday the team will expect to see a lot of the home town people there at the game rooting for them. The boys promise to put on a good game for the benefit of the people attending.

At Gervais last Friday the Mill City Timberwolves and the Gervais high school team finished a tight game all tied, 7 to 5. Mill City scored first in the second quarter on a 39 yard pass, by Lawrence Poole to Leo Poole. It was all Gervais in the third quarter, although the first half ended with the Timberwolves on the Gervais two-yard stripe. Early in the fourth quarter Gervais reached Mill City's 10-yard line, but were stopped there when Lyle Fleetwood tackled the big Gervais fullback, who had been responsible for most of the Gervais gains. Lyle tackled him with such vigor as to cause him to fumble with Mill City recovering.

Mill City high school students are busily canvassing the community for subscriptions to the Curtis publication, following a plan whereby the publishing company co-operates in financial assistance to the school system.

## Opposition in Detroit, Idanha Voiced Against 2d Election

Election on the second attempt to incorporate the city of Detroit has been tentatively called by the county court for Tuesday, December 13 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Detroit high school.

The date and the election itself, however, are subject to report by the district attorney as to whether the petitions and the proceedings so far are all in regular form.

Members of the county court pointed out that the extreme final date for calling the election would have been December 16, but to be on the safe side it was called three days earlier. This will give the residents of the vicinity a full nine days to register as books must close 30 days before the election. Criticism was directed at the court because the preceding election was called just before the election date which automatically closed the registration on the day of the call and a number of residents said they had been shut out from voting for that reason. It is now felt they will all have ample notice and also have ample time to register.

Also, with the date set, if the election carries there will be time to elect officers in February and sufficient time given to prepare a city budget in May.

If the election goes ahead on the date named members of the election board will be Margaret Rasmick, Lavale Haseman, Nora A. Wright, Edna Mattson and Florence N. Bunt.

### Opponents Submit Objections

In a letter mailed to the Enterprise James E. Gordon encloses another letter which was submitted to the interested voters on October 11th. In his letter, among other reasons for voting down the proposed incorporation, Mr. Gordon states:

"The citizens here are not against incorporation as such if it is reasonable—as in the case of Mill City or Sisters. We can see many advantages. For a place this size, it is perhaps doubtful, but a reasonable argument could be made for incorporating Idanha or even Detroit alone—although Detroit is or will be Federal property and is TAX-EXEMPT. One thinks of incorporating a fairly homogeneous settlement. Consider what could be done: You could start at Gates, continue on to Detroit, Idanha and Marion Forks, and take in the whole blazed canyon. There must be a rule of reason. Because one spoonful of medicine is good for the patient doesn't mean that he should take 20.

"The argument was made that better water service and cheaper power could be secured in no other way. Farming communities by the acre have cheap power for their milking machines, pumps, churns, etc., but they didn't go out and incorporate thousands of acres of pasture land to get it. Mill City has been incorporated two years and it still is served by a private power company. It still has 'Baldock Hill' so incorporation works no magic. We no doubt will have cheaper and better power in good time and we are all for it.

"This community has a new school and auditorium of which a much larger place might well be proud. We have a fire district with a volunteer force which even the opposition admits does good work. Little Idanha has a first aid station and an ambulance. These things were all secured without incorporating a town."

The letter to the voters, signed by opponents of the proposed incorporation, follows:

Dear Voter: We, the undersigned, a representative group of the citizens of Detroit and Idanha, are taking this opportunity to present to you, our fellow citizens, our reasons for opposing the measure which is being presented for

your approval or disapproval at a special election to be held October 13. This measure proposes to incorporate as a city to be known as "Detroit" an area of land extending from a point below the present town of Detroit up the Marion County side of the Santiam River to the vicinity of Mary's Creek, or a distance of some six miles.

We feel that to incorporate such an extensive area, the larger portion of which is undeveloped, uninhabited stump land, into a city and then saddle ourselves with a tax burden in order to provide the area with public utilities is not only unsound and unreasonable but actually fantastic.

It has been suggested by the proponents of this measure that a municipal water system to service this area of some six miles in length would be financed by selling revenue bonds. In the opinion of a registered civil engineer of Portland, it would probably cost at least \$150,000 to install a water system to service this large an area. At the present time there are approximately 175 residences and business houses, or potential water customers in the area above the flow line of the reservoir. We do not have to be bankers or mathematicians to know that it would take an exorbitant charge for water to maintain an office, pay for the necessary line maintenance and service work and meet the interest on \$150,000, not to mention the matter of making payments on the principal.

The manner in which this proposal was placed on the ballot is not in our opinion the democratic, American way of doing things. There were no public meetings where such vital factors as boundaries, financing, possible benefits and probable costs were discussed by the public. Instead, a small self-elected group decided that the boundaries should be such and such, the name of the proposed city should be "Detroit" and then told the signers of the petition that there would be no increase in taxes. We do not sanction this method of government and we can't help thinking that you, as a voter in this district, feel as we do about this issue. We all know that everything in this old world sooner or later must be paid for in cold, hard cash and certainly no one else is going to pay our bills for us.

The promises of better water and power service to signers of the petition have been exaggerated and may be slower of fulfillment than the voters have been led to believe. It is possible to have the same improved service without incorporating such a large area.

Signers were: Earl Parker, Sam Fairmont, Huber Ray, C. T. Haseman, Harold T. Duncan, Velia Alderman, G. J. Skidmore, Milo Harris, Ruth Skidmore, P. E. Fry, R. F. Sophy, Mabel Parker, Hazel L. Baldwin, Howard J. Baldwin, Edna Mattson, Rose J. Macmillan, Mabel W. Moore, John Arthur, E. W. Bray, Otis J. White, and E. C. Cochran.

On Thursday morning Justice Edson Vickers of Idanha, principal advocate of the proposed incorporation, informed the Enterprise that he would state the case of those in favor in an article in next week's Enterprise.

### FALSE ARREST CHARGED

A suit seeking damages in the amount of \$16,250 was filed this week by Velma Smith of Mill City against Mrs. D. E. Stevens of Gates.

In the action it is alleged that on July 8 Mrs. Stevens signed a complaint charging Velma Smith with obtaining money under false pretenses, which complaint was later dismissed. Velma Smith alleges the original complaint was filed only to damage her reputation. She asks \$5,250 compensatory damages and \$10,000 exemplary damages.