

# \$8 Million Fund Left For Dam

About \$8,000,000 is still available in the fund for the Detroit Dam this fiscal year, and scheduled work can be carried on without curtailment, Lt. Col. J. W. Miles, resident engineer, reported today.

Col. Miles said that Consolidated Builders, Inc., would have money to complete all work planned up to the end of the fiscal year June 30, and that the other subcontractors were in good position to carry on.

He said that there would be further clearing projects this fiscal period, but not to the extent formerly planned.

At a meeting of the Corps of Engineers in Portland district office on Monday and Tuesday, which Col. Miles attended, took up the problem of re-forming all projects to conform with general progress sought for the big dam on the North Santiam 12 miles east of Mill City.

Col. Miles reported all projects in connection with the dam are going along on schedule except the clearing contract of the Schroyer Construction Co.

The new trailer court being set up for 24 trailers at Mongold is the latest undertaking. It is progressing rapidly.

Approximate allocation of the \$8,000,000 remaining till July is about \$4,000,000 for the main project—the CBI contract, and about the same amount for smaller contracts and the engineer expenses.

Civil service examinations for federal jobs in the Detroit Dam area have been announced by the district engineer's office in Portland.

Tests include 11 positions, mostly mechanical in nature, with wages of \$1.45 to \$1.80 per hour.

Application forms and further information can be secured from William Fischer, Salem commission secretary, at the Salem postoffice.

## Blast Injures Fishery Worker

Henry Tadrta, 40, a laborer at the fish hatchery project at Marion Forks, lost two fingers and suffered other injuries in a dynamite explosion Tuesday.

Tadrta, an employee of the Gaasland Construction Co., Portland, was rushed by government ambulance to Salem Memorial Hospital where his condition Thursday was reported as improving.

### B & W LOGGING GOES CIO

Don Downing, business agent of the canyon local, IWA-CIO, received word today from the National Labor Relations Board of the certification of the union as sole bargaining agent for the B & W Logging Co. of Idanha.

Mr. Downing said the election held Nov. 23 by the NLRB carried unanimously for the union.

Noyes Whitten, Idanha, is superintendent of the logging company.

Mr. Downing said the regular \$250 death benefit of the IWA has been paid to the widows of the two fatalities in the truck accident last week.

### PTA ENJOYS INTERESTING MOVING PICTURES

An appreciative audience attended the Parent-Teacher meeting Thursday evening to see two highly interesting films produced by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and distributed through the Portland Public Library. They were, "It happened in Springfield," and "Brotherhood for Survival".

At the business meeting, conducted by Mrs. Robert Veness, president, the group voted to pay half the cost of a record player for the high school.

Miss Sigrun Grimstad, third grade teacher, led the singing of favorite Christmas carols, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Arey Podrabsky.

Cake and coffee were served by Mrs. Joe Podrabsky, Mrs. A. Ward, Mrs. Lawrence Kanoff, Mrs. Louis Verbeck, and Mrs. J. Davis.

### SPONSORING CHRISTMAS DISPLAY CONTEST

Mill City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas outdoor display contest for Mill City and Gates. Best outdoor display will receive a prize of \$15.00 with 2nd and 3rd prizes of \$10.00 and \$5.00. Entries in this contest must be filed with R. P. Veness, secretary, J. C. Kimmel at Mill City Pharmacy or at Mountain States Power Co. office, by December 29th to be eligible in the judging. Judging will take place Friday evening, December 23.

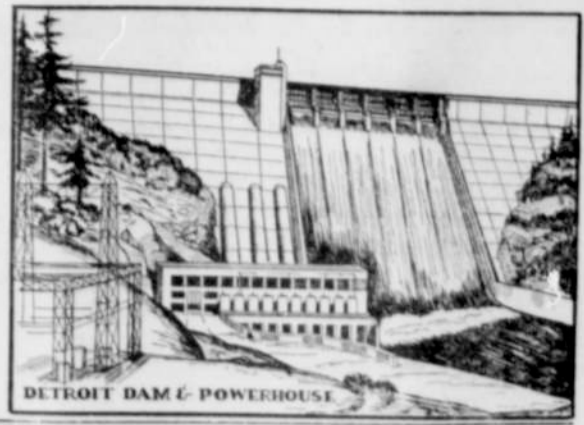
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## Two Injured In Car Plunge Off Highway

Two men were injured, both seriously Wednesday afternoon when the sedan in which they were riding plunged off the North Santiam highway into the canyon over 100 feet below.

The accident occurred not more than 100 yards from the scene of the wreck last week of a "crummy" which injured six and killed two.

The injured men were Anton Wichlac, 53, of Bend, and electrician, and Melvin W. Wallace, 28, of Nalin. Wichlac suffered severe head injuries and Wallace had a broken collar bone and back injuries.

The two men, traveling westward on the highway in a Ford sedan, were on their way to the valley. Apparently the car hit a chuckhole and went out of control.

The accident happened not far from the Consolidated Builders, Inc., warehouse. First aid men from CBI helped the injured men, and the government ambulance from Mongold took them to Memorial Hospital in Salem where their condition Thursday morning was reported fair.

Safety men said the road is very wide at that point, and that ordinarily a car could be kept on the road even if it encountered trouble.

## Crash Victims Gain Slowly

Little improvement has been reported in Salem General Hospital in the condition of several men injured in the truck accident which killed two last week.

Alton Haun, whose shoulder was broken when the "crummy" plunged 150 feet off highway 222 below the site of the Detroit dam last Monday, has been released from the hospital after x-rays showed the broken bones positioned correctly. His shoulder will be in a cast several months.

His brother, Cecil Haun, is still in a serious condition, suffering from shock and still undetermined internal injuries. He had several broken ribs. Wednesday there was little improvement reported in his condition.

James Moore's recovery was reported as very slow. He has undergone several operations for rib and arm fractures.

Clarence Estenson suffered a relapse this week from shock. His injuries were arm fracture and severe head bruises.

Also still hospitalized are Leo Kirsch, Ellwin Erickson and Tony Baker.

Killed instantly in the wreck were Ardell Webster and Claude Jack Nash.

One of the victims, Alton Haun, gave additional details on the accident this week. One strange circumstance of the wreck was that he, sitting to the right of the driver, was thrown out of the truck on the left side and the driver, Mack McCoy, was still in the cab on the right side when the truck came to a standstill at the bottom of the plunge.

Most of the men were piled up fairly closely together, somewhat above the spot where the truck

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## Coming Events:

Sponsored by Mill City C. of C.

**FRIDAY—**  
Presbyterian Ladies Bazaar 2 p.m.  
Tamale supper 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
Junior Class play 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY—**  
Timberwolves vs. Bible Academy  
Lions Club Football Banquet 6:30  
Boy Scouts 7:30  
Eastern Star

**TUESDAY—**  
Timberwolves vs. Sublimity 7:15

**WEDNESDAY—**  
Altar Society 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY—**  
Chamber of Commerce, noon

(This is a partial listing. All organizations are invited to use this space.)

# 4 Important Elections Set

## Two Council Seats to Be Filled Jan. 10

Election date has been set for Tuesday, January 10, for two vacancies on the Mill City council. Deadline for nominating petitions is December 13, next Tuesday.

At the same election four proposed additions to Mill City will be voted upon. The election will be the first since the adoption of the city charter in October.

Conciliatory election will be to fill the expired terms of Robert Veness and Albert Toman. Both Mr. Toman and Mr. Veness have consented to run again, and the petition of another nominee, Byron Davis, has been submitted. Mayor Harold Kliever said he hoped that several other names would be filed to make a good election out of it.

Mr. Kliever's term as mayor also expires in January, but he remains a member of the council.

He said this week he did not want the responsibilities of mayor again, when the council chooses among its number the chief executive of the city in January.

The annexations proposed are the Cain-Lake addition between the highway and the river on the west city limits; the Ogdan sub-division, which borders the Shepherd, CBI and Swift tracts; a small tract on the ridge in the Marion county side of Mill City, owned by Roy Beebe; and the Paul Johnke tract on the east boundary of town, Linn county side.

Mayor Kliever explained that the election, which originally had been planned for December 13, could not be held at that time because of legal details which had to be compiled with after the charter was adopted.

Nominating petition forms can be obtained from City Recorder Earl Ragsdale, or the mayor. They must be filed with the recorder by December 13, with the required signatures.

## Outlook Bright For Lumber Industry

A continued firm lumber market plus an ample supply of freight cars after a long shortage has placed the Canyon's major industry on better footing than it has enjoyed for many months, local mill men reported today.

Russell Kelly, co-manager of the Mill City Planing and Processing Co., said the only deterrent to an otherwise strong market was the approach of inventory—when retail yards try to cut down their stock for tax purposes. Even in this case, there has been no appreciable decline in prices—most of them holding the level of past months.

Over all, Mr. Kelly reported, the situation is better than before because ample cars mean getting the orders along to their destinations.

A representative of Freres-Frank Lumber Co., Lyons, said there is actually a surplus of freight cars for Canyon mills, the Southern Pacific spotting as many as are needed. As elsewhere the Lyons mill reported a firm price situation, with some sales a dollar a thousand above the previous month.

Improvement of the lumber market was responsible for putting the M. Jefferson Logging Co. back in operation above Idanha, Don Downing, IWA business agent, said.

### FIRE DESTROYS CABIN

A cabin owned by Otto Witt was destroyed by fire Thursday morning apparently the result of an overheated stove.

The cabin was tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Hayes. Most of their belongings and the furniture was removed from the house before the fire destroyed it.

## Elkhorn Votes To Join School With Mill City

The Mill City and Elkhorn school districts jointly announced this week that an election to consolidate the two areas will be held Dec. 30.

The election will be held in the high school building.

Charles Kelly, clerk of the Mill City district, No. 129-J, posted notices this week for the election. If the consolidation issue wins in both districts, actual union of the areas will not take place until the fall term of 1950, because the Elkhorn district, No. 115, has hired a teacher for this year.

There are at present about eight or ten children of school age in the Elkhorn district. If both districts favor consolidation, it will be up to the Marion County court to do something about the Gates-Elkhorn road, which at this time would be tough going for a goat.

The county court got around in late summer to regrading the road, but it was too late to gravel the north slope. A school bus could not travel the present route.

## Water Tank Nearly Ready

A big improvement for Mill City's water system will be effected by the first of the year when the Mountain States Power Co. will put in operation its new tank above town.

The big tank, which has been under construction for several months, is now receiving its final coat of paint, inside and out, and after chlorination, will be ready to put into operation.

The tank is the last big project of the \$75,000 water improvement program started by the company about two years ago. It has included the construction of a large settling basin and several miles of enlarged mains, some of which to newly developed residential systems.

The big water tank will permit the storage of water purified in the settling basin. Recently, because of a lack of such storage, the water has contained some sedimentation when the river was running muddy.

## Grader Smoothing City Streets

Fulltime operation of the grader and distribution of gravel is helping to improve the city streets, which have taken a beating during recent rains.

The grader has been busy on both sides of the river where chuckholes have developed.

In the Swift addition a layer of heavy gravel has been deposited on streets that had become well nigh impassible. This will be followed by a layer of finer gravel.

Almost beyond repair is the county road (Kingwood St.) where lakes 10 feet across and half a foot deep appear with every rain. Before long the section will have to be reached by helicopter.

## Butcher Brings Home the Bacon

Just like the cartoon, they'll do it every time—that is, when a prize is won, it's won by somebody who has a whole lot of the same.

At the Gates Woman's Club bazaar last Friday, Jack Colburn was the man who takes the fun out of going to such affairs. A partner in a meat market, he had to walk off with the slab of bacon.

To make it even more screwy, it was a slab contributed to the affair by a competitor, Harold Kliever.

And just to make Mrs. Barbara Pennick unhappy—after working all day at the dismal task of rendering lard—she too won a hunk of bacon.

## Santa's Coming, Snow or No



Santa Claus was looking over the weather reports this week and he remarked to Mrs. Santa for about the tenth time that morning:

"It looks like snow."

"You said that before," replied his wife, with some impatience.

"Everybody's been telling me to get me a helicopter," he added, "so I could turn in the sleigh as a down-payment. Think I ought to?"

"You mean, get rid of Prancer, Dancer, Donner and Blitzen? You will not!"

"No, I guess I won't," said Santa. "Maybe I can make it most of the way, riding on the snow up in the mountains."

"What's your hurry," remarked his wife. "What are you worrying about? Christmas isn't till the 25th."

"That's so, but I'm due at the Fire Hall in Mill City in the state of Oregon on Saturday, the 17th at 1:30."

"You'll make it, You always do."

## Work Begun On New Building

Construction began Wednesday on a new building for Shirley's Beauty Shop, on a site on Broadway just east of the Presbyterian Church.

The building will be used by Mrs. Shirley Laird on property she recently purchased from the church.

Al Adams, who built the Mill City elementary school, is the contractor. The structure will have a frontage of 17 feet and will be of frame construction.

Building operations general, are slow locally, due to weather. Walter Peterson is building a new home in the Swift addition, which will use varnished plywood cores as exterior. Charles Johnston is completing a two bedroom home in the same addition, with negotiations already under way for its sale.

In Fox Valley Pedersen and Hagen of Salem who have built many residences locally, are part way up on another, located on the north side of the highway.

Throughout the area, however, are many small homes being built by employees on the dam, during their spare time.

In one case, a worker has provided housing for his family and has spent for materials only about what he would have put out monthly for rent. Before long he'll have a new and comfortable dwelling, and no rent at all to pay. He is Paul Wagnier. His home is in the Swift addition. Other such homes can be seen in many sections of town.



## Idanha Election Gets OK

The controversial Idanha election will be held this Friday as scheduled, was the effect of a ruling Wednesday by Circuit Judge Rex Kimmel in Salem.

Judge Kimmel, declaring he had no power to intervene in a regularly and legally called election authorized by the Marion County court, declined to act upon a petition for an injunction sought by Edison Vickers, Idanha merchant, and others.

By the same decision, the election also called by the court for incorporating an area in both Idanha and Detroit, set for Dec. 13, would also go on as scheduled.

(If, by some turn of circumstance, the two elections were to receive a favorable vote, the people of Idanha would find themselves citizens of two towns.)

Background to the controversy is an effort begun by Mr. Vickers, justice of the peace in the district, to get an incorporated town formed in a six-mile-long canyon area, from below Detroit to above Idanha. This proposal was defeated in an election Oct. 19, by a vote of 206 to 99.

Mr. Vickers then presented another petition, to incorporate a somewhat smaller territory, and the county court set an election date for December 13.

The final hearing Monday in Salem brought forth fireworks between opposing counsel. State Senator Allan Carson roundly rebuked District Attorney E. O. Stadter for appearing as counsel for the defendant county court in one action and as plaintiff counsel against the court in the second hearing.

Mr. Carson and his brother, Wallace Carson, argued that the Vickers complaint was not on sound grounds, that the issue involved was a political matter, that the county court in calling the election was acting in a ministerial capacity, and that with the ballots printed and all arrangements made for an election, nothing could be done to enjoin it.

This was substantially the view of Judge Kimmel.

The decision upholding the election climaxes a series of moves on the part of Upper Canyon citizens. The lineup of forces has been mixed. At first, lumber interests and several businessmen opposed Mr. Vickers' incorporation as too ambitious, and covering to much territory. For tax reasons, Idanha lumber interests opposed incorporation on the grounds that most of the cost of government would be on them. However, in the petition to incorporate Idanha alone its supporters were largely the ones who had opposed Mr. Vickers' plan.

Also an issue in the controversy is the fact that the present Detroit is to be no more after the fall of '51, when it will be vacated for the Detroit Dam reservoir.

Attorneys for the Idanhans asserted Mr. Vickers had gerrymandered the district, drawing a line to exclude its opponents.

### 2-CENT STAMPS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Postmaster Charles Kelley reminded patrons this week that the 1½-cent stamp is no longer good for unsealed Christmas cards in envelopes, directed out of town. The new postal regulations require two-cent stamps.

Mr. Kelly pointed out that locally addressed cards, even sealed, can be mailed for one cent as before. He pointed out, however, that cards directed to other towns in the Canyon are the same as other out-of-town mail.

Although a complete check on current receipts has not been made, the volume in the local postoffice is running considerably above last year. Mr. Kelly said he believed the year-end figure will show an enormous increase.