

Idanha Voters Reject Detroit Becomes City

The town of Idanha became the City of Idanha Wednesday afternoon. The Marion county court in Salem certified it after voters Friday approved incorporation by a vote of 190 to 8 and Tuesday rejected by a vote of 163 to 113 to consolidate the communities of Detroit and Idanha.

Speculation throughout the court house as to what steps, if any, would be taken by Edison Vickers, champion of consolidation for the two towns, were squelched for the time being by the death of his father. Mr. Vickers has left the area to attend the funeral.

Action was taken, following the Friday election, by the upper Canyon business men to have the earlier election canceled on the strength that voters would become confused by the two dates.

Mr. Vickers also filed a request in county court asking deferment of certification of either election, but the request was tabled by the court. He also announced that he would go as far as the supreme court if necessary to nullify the Friday election if it favored incorporation, but to date no steps have been taken.

The first election supposedly nullified the second vote, but, despite this, the Tuesday ballot was held. Certification by the court was delayed when the ballot box, containing the tally sheet, was locked.

Mrs. LaVelle Haseman, a member of the Idanha election board appeared before the county court Thursday afternoon with a secondary tally sheet, the vote was certified and the unincorporated town became a city prepared to elect officials and function following a city election, as yet undetermined, as to date.

Hoodoo Bowl Set For Winter Sports

Santiam Pass, Sisters, December 6—The Santiam Pass Winter Sports area, of which Hoodoo Bowl is a part now has sufficient snow for skiing. There is more than two feet of snow and more is coming, according to the Weather Bureau forecast.

The rope tows in Hoodoo Bowl are ready to operate, and it is expected that the big new double chair lift, rising to the top of famous Hoodoo Butte, will be in operation by late January.

Senators Lodge, on the highway at Santiam Pass, is ready to give skiers the same courteous, efficient service for which the lodge became popular last year. Many improvements have been made for the convenience and comfort of skiers.

A complete cafeteria style restaurant is in operation.

Skis, clothing and accessories may be purchased from a complete stock of skiing equipment. For those who do not have their equipment, a rental shop provides skis, poles, boots, toboggans and snow shoes.

A rope tow is in operation at Santiam Lodge on a slope which can be floodlighted for popular night skiing.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO BE GIVEN THURSDAY

The annual Mill City grade school Christmas pageant will be presented Thursday evening, December 22 at the high school auditorium, starting at 8 p.m. A Christmas card fantasy will be given by the primary grade, while the upper grade will present a Christmas pageant, His Star Still Shines. The affair will be open to the public. Superintendent Todd said today.

Coming Events:

Sponsored by Mill City C. of C.

FRIDAY—
Community church no host supper 6:30 p.m. at Presbyterian church. Timberwolves at Jefferson.

SATURDAY—
High school formal dance.
Fireman's Auxiliary kiddies party at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY—
Presbyterian Sunday school Christmas program.
Christian Church Christmas program 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY—
Boy Scouts 7:30

TUESDAY—
Lions Club to Stayton.
Mill City Womens' club 8:00 p.m. Timberwolves at Aumsville.

WEDNESDAY—
Santiam Rebekah lodge.

THURSDAY—
Driver's Exam 9 to 4 p.m. Fire hall.
Chamber of Commerce, noon

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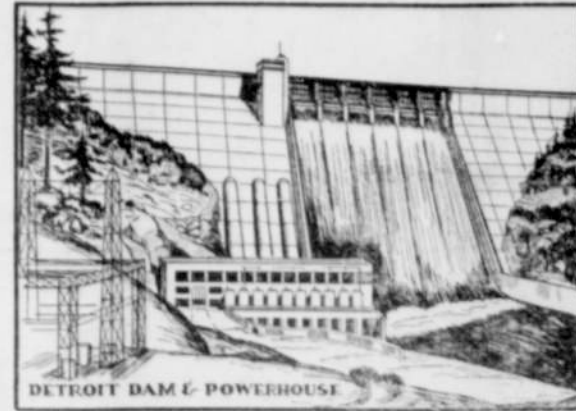
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Dam Materials To Be Carted By Railroad

Cement for construction of the Detroit dam will be transported via railroad because of lack of passable highway conditions. Lt. Col. J. M. Miles iterated this week.

Henry J. Kaiser owned Permanente will transport cement for the project over Southern Pacific tracks to the damsite, under contract to Consolidated Builders, Inc., it was reported. Several months ago it was announced that several thousand tons of cement and steel would be driven to the site by trucks. Col. Miles said, however, due to the construction of roads in the area and slowness of the state highway to act on construction of a new road between Salem and the site, the transportation problem had to be met through rail traffic.

It was also announced that material required for construction of the Big Cliff dam, two miles west of the Detroit project, will also be transported by the same method.

It was estimated that 240,000 tons of cement would be poured into the Detroit project and an additional 16,000 tons would go into Big Cliff. The powerhouse will use approximately 5,000 tons of cement.

At the same time, state highway and Marion county officials said they were elated over the prospect of the contractors decision to carry the materials over the railway.

Nearly 2,000 men will eventually be employed at Detroit alone by early 1950, Col. Miles said. County officials iterated that this would increase traffic over the narrow roller-coaster from Salem to Mill City and beyond by many fold.

Santiam Canyon and Salem Chambers of Commerce and residents have been pushing a campaign to the state highway commission for improvement of the road, but efforts have been blocked by commission chairman T. H. Banfield, who believes the state should not be required to construct roads for the government.

W. E. Trommershausen, district manager of BPA, has announced awarding of contracts for right-of-way clearance for a Lebanon-Goshen 230-volt transmission line.

Schedule I was awarded to the R. and C. Construction Co. of Tillamook on a bid of \$60,030.

Schedule II was awarded to Emmett and Reezor of Sweet Home, with a low bid of \$54,930.

Schedule III was awarded to F. E. Wilder of Olympia, Wash., on a bid of \$97,200.

Work is expected to get under way on the entire job in the next few weeks and the complete section of line is scheduled to be completed in 240 calendar days.

The clearing work below Lebanon, is on part of the new Bonneville transmission line connecting the Detroit dam with the entire grid.

Bonneville Power Administrator Paul Raver reports the current rate of \$17.50 a kilowatt year is now in effect until 1954, when the Columbia river power system will include McNary, Hungry Horse, Albeni Falls, Roza, Chandler, Detroit, Big Cliff and Hills Creek projects. Approval of the effective rate was made by Secretary of Interior Julius A. Krug.

Meantime, opening of bids for outlet gates at the Detroit reservoir will be opened by the Portland office of the army engineers January 15, 1950, according to Col. O. E. Walsh, North Pacific division engineer.

Other bids to be opened during January are for 15 permanent houses and utilities at the reservoir on January 10 and a new booster barge for use with a 24inch hydraulic dredge at the power plant on January 5, Col. Walsh said.

He added that seven contracts in connection with the dam and reservoir, totaling approximately \$4,000,000, are scheduled for bid opening between January and July of next year by the Portland district. Largest among these is a powerhouse contract which will go out for bids about the middle of May for opening early in July.

Colonel Miles said this week work on the dam site is progressing slowly due to snow and rain. He added that work is expected to pick up as the men get used to conditions.

RAPE CHARGE DROPPED BY MARION COUNTY COURT

The Marion county circuit court returned a verdict of not guilty to a rape charge filed against William William (Red) Hamilton of Mill City, who has been held in the Salem county jail since August 28, when the charge was filed.

A charge of assault to commit rape in her apartment the night of August 26, was made by a Mill City woman. The jury returned the verdict after short deliberation.

Four Running For Position On Council

Four local residents have filed intention of running for the position of Mill City councilman in the election Tuesday, January 10, to fill the expired terms of two councilmen.

Those filing with City Recorder Earl Ragsdale were Albert Toman, for re-election; Wesley R. Greene; Robert P. Veness, for re-election; and Byron Davis for the three year term.

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 of this year.

Mayor Harold Kliever's term as mayor will also expire in January, but he will remain as a member of the city council. Mr. Kliever said he does not intend to run for mayor again because of other business.

The annexations are the Cain-Lake addition between the highway and river on the west city limits; the Ogden subdivision, which borders the Shepherd, CBI and Swift tracts; a small tract on the ridge in the Marion County side of Mill City; and the Paul Johnke site on the east boundary of town, Linn County side.

King Gives Talk On Traffic Safety

Students of the eighth grade of Mill City grade school assembled Wednesday morning, December 7, to hear a talk by Chief of Police J. T. King on traffic safety and problems that confront the local police. A lively discussion of these problems was held following the talk, with the students taking part.

Plans have been formulated by the local police department to treat the school Safety Patrol to a free theatre party Saturday night at 7:30.

School District Votes On Consolidation

Notices were posted in the Elkhorn district Thursday calling for a special election to be held on December 30, for the purpose of consolidating Elkhorn district No. 115 and Mill City district No. 129 of Linn-Marion counties.

There would be a great many benefits derived from such a consolidation by both districts. The Elkhorn children would have the advantages which a larger school can give them. The Mill City district would benefit from a larger area from which school taxes would be drawn.

Everyone is urged to turn out and vote at this election.

COMMUNITY CHEST AWAITS APPROVAL

Papers for articles of incorporation of the Gates-Mill City Community Chest drive should be ready by next week, and approval by the state corporation commission by the first of the year, Walter Bell, Stayton lawyer said in a report to Tony Ziebert, local representative.

The approval would give the two cities an incorporation to grant fund for local use only with money gathered from the Chest drive.

TROUT TANKERS ADDED

Three new large trout liberation tankers and five small auxiliary liberation tanks are now being constructed by the Oregon State Game Commission. Additional equipment has been needed to transport trout to the lakes and streams of the state.

Road Casualties Rise

Car, Trailer Hits Pole, Cut Off Power

Electric light and telephone service was disrupted in the Santiam Canyon area for two and a half hours Saturday afternoon when an automobile towing a house trailer left the highway west of Mill City and plunged into a power line pole. The accident happened a few feet west of the railway tracks at the west end city limits at 2:10 p.m.

The mishap occurred when the house trailer whipped out of control as the driver attempted to make the turn on highway 222 while approaching town from Salem. Driver of the vehicle was James Ray Crissman of Boise, Idaho, a construction engineer, who was headed for the damsite.

More than six feet of a power pole was knocked out by the impact, severing a 20,000 volt line, and disrupting service from Niagara to Albany, crossing of the volt line with a 2,300 volt line knackered at three 100 kilovolt transformers at the Mill City plant of the Mountain States Power company making it impossible for local facilities to be used during the black-out. Approximately \$3,500 damage was done to the company's property, according to power company officials.

Traffic was diverted from the scene until damage could be repaired by servicemen from Salem by Patrolmen Rich, who said excessive speed caused the accident. Crissman was cited by local police for being drunk on a public highway with ball set at \$20. Police Chief J. T. King reported Tuesday. He added that the house trailer was demolished, but the car was repairable. There was no insurance carried by the driver, according to police.

Lighting Contest To Be Held Soon

Mill City soon will be illuminated like a Christmas tree when the City Chamber of Commerce holds its first annual judging of home lighting in Mill City and Gates.

The best outdoor display will win a first prize of \$15 with second and third prizes of \$10 and \$5. R. P. Veness, chamber secretary reported this week.

December 20 is the deadline for filing entry in the contest, with entries to be filed with Veness, J. C. Kimmel at Mill City Pharmacy or at Mountain States Power Co. office.

Residents are urged to get out a couple of strings of lights and see what novel display of Fairy land or Biblical stories can be concocted, Veness said. Final judging will take place Friday, December 23 by a Mill City Chamber of Commerce committee.

Christmas Tree Adorns Center Square Of Mill City, First Since the War

Mill City's first community Christmas tree since the war was erected the middle of this week and is now on display for public approval at the cross section of South First and S. W. Broadway street.

The tree was contributed to the community by Johnny Coville, who also helped George Stewart bring the tree to Mill City with the wrecking truck.

Solicitors for funds to decorate the tree wish to extend thanks to those individuals who contributed money for lights and time expended. Further contributions can be made to improve the tree by contacting Chief of Police J. T. King or Patrolman Ray B. Rich. Those contributing were:

Mountain States Power Co., Mill City Wrecker, Mill City State Bank, Mill City Pharmacy, Mill City Theatre, Mill City Enterprise, Mill City Taxi, Mill City Meat Market, Mill City Service Station, Mill City Disposal, Mill City Variety Store, Mill City Tavern, Meander Inn Tavern,

SANTA WILL BE HERE



Hey kiddies, you had better start being good because it won't be long until that big, fat union-suited man with the long white beard, and his six tiny reindeer makes his debut to town.

In a telephone conversation with the old gentleman, he iterated he was going to put the whip to Dancer, Prancer, Donner, Dasher, Thunder, and Blitzen, and come Saturday afternoon the seven some would be right here in Mill City at the Fireman Auxiliary kiddies party.

So my little children, as the song goes, you better be good, you better not cry, cause Santa Claus is coming to town this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Mill City, Oregon, fire hall. The party is for all grade school and pre-school kiddies.

Water Tank Now In Use

Official starting of operation of the new all-steel water tank reservoir north of Mill City was announced Wednesday by R. B. McClain, local manager of Mountain States Power Co., which will give this locality a reserve of water supply to rely on when electric service is disrupted, causing stoppage of the local water supply.

The big tank, which has been under construction for several months, was given its final coat of paint last week, chlorinated Monday, and put into operation Wednesday.

The tank, replacing the old wooden structure, 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 are newly developed residential systems.

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

One Killed Five Injured In Wreck

Two of the five victims of the two-car collision two and one-half miles west of Mill City on highway 222 Monday morning have been released from Memorial hospital in Salem, it was reported today. The other three were reported resting easily. One person was killed in the fatal mishap.

Martin Kenneth Watkins, of Salem, and Elvin Alexander Penrod, of Salem were released immediately after being taken to the hospital by ambulance, each escaping without injury. Still hospitalized were Tony Butterfly, of Salem, with severe lacerations on the forehead, Paul Lozden, of Salem, with a fractured nose and concussion, and Eugene Thornley of Mill City, with a partially severed ear. All were reported doing fine today by attendents.

Killed in the accident was Carl Martin Hamre, of Salem, a CBI worker, who died instantly when the two vehicles met head on on the wet, slippery highway.

Hamre was east bound from Salem to the dam-site, where he and his passengers, Watkins, Penrod, Butterfly, and Lozden were employed by the Consolidated Builders, Inc., and Thornley was driving from Mill City to his place of employment at Lyons. Decreased visibility because of rainy weather and slippery pavement was blamed for the collision, Bob Steele, local state enforcement officer reported.

The injured were taken from the scene of accident by the Memorial hospital ambulance to the hospital in Salem.

The 1946 Ford sedan driven by Thornley is now being repaired by a local shop. A 1948 Plymouth sedan, driven by Hamre, was demolished, police reported.

Truck Victims Improving

Five victims of the fatal truck accident on the North Santiam highway two weeks ago, still in the Salem Memorial hospital, are reported recovering rapidly today by hospital attendants.

Alton Haun, whose shoulder was broken when the "crummy" plunged 150 feet off the side of highway 222 below the site of Detroit dam, was released last week with his shoulder in a cast.

Tony Baker was released this week hospital attendants said.

Still hospitalized are Leo Kirsch, Ellwin Erikson, Cecil Haun with internal injuries and shock, James Moore with rib and arm fractures, and Clarence Estenson, who suffered shock, an arm fracture and severe head injuries.

Killed instantly were Ardell Webster and Claude Jack Nash. Driver of the vehicle, Mack McCoy, escaped with slight injuries that did not require hospitalization.

It was reported, meanwhile, Melvin W. Wallace of Nalin was injured when his car toppled over the side of the road in approximately the same place, has been sent in for a cast and is in fair condition. Anton Wiehlac, of Bend, the other victim in the accident, has been released.

