

# Merry Christmas to You!

## Newbry Urges Safe Driving For Holidays

The theme of "peace on earth, good will toward men" must be applied to driving and walking if we are to avoid traffic tragedy during the coming Christmas holidays, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry declared today.

He said disregard for the welfare of others is largely responsible for the 305 lives lost in Oregon traffic during the first 11 months of 1949, and that past records show December constantly is one of the most hazardous months of the entire year.

Newbry said the major factors in the holiday problem are heavier vehicle and pedestrian traffic, bad weather, and more widespread drinking. "We can overcome these hazards by determining not to endanger ourselves or others by our actions in traffic," the secretary emphasized. "I know of no finer demonstration of the Christmas spirit."

December of 1946, when 56 persons were killed, was the worst single month ever experienced in Oregon. Fatalities in October and November of this year exceeded those recorded in the same two months of 1948.

## Official Derides Drunken Driving During Year

Conviction of driving while intoxicated brought revocation of their drivers' licenses to 188 Oregonians in November, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reported today.

An additional 64 licenses were suspended for offenses ranging from reckless driving to violation of the school bus stopping law. During the month a total of 2,819 convictions for moving traffic violations were added to individual driving records after being reported by the courts concerned, Newbry said.

Revocation of license is mandatory upon conviction of driving while intoxicated, but the number of such convictions is low in view of the frequency and gravity of the offense, the secretary declared. Frequently a charge of driving while intoxicated is reduced to the lesser one of reckless driving, to which the offender will frequently plead guilty. Some jurisdictions accompany nearly every conviction with a recommendation for license reinstatement. Newbry pointed out that although his office need not accept such recommendations, it can not investigate every case and must usually assume the request is justified.

Lack of uniformity in handling and disposing of traffic violations is annoying to the public and frequently defeats the efforts of officers who are conscientiously trying to enforce the law, he declared, adding that many traffic deaths every year are caused by drunken drivers who managed to keep their licenses despite long records of violation. He cited the case of a 22-year-old driver whose license had been suspended twice and revoked twice, being restored each time on recommendation of the court. Despite this record, a third conviction of drunken driving was accompanied by another recommendation for reinstatement.

## Junior Play Well Attended, Nets \$94

The Junior class of Mill City high school, presentation of "The Girl With Two Faces" Friday night garnered \$94 toward the Junior class fund. The play was given with an all girl cast and was well attended at both matinees, Wednesday afternoon for grade school students, Thursday afternoon for the high school student body, and the Friday evening performance.

The murder mystery involved an eccentric old lady who invited six young girls to her mountain estate, and shortly after their arrival, she informed them each would receive \$50,000 from her will. This was followed by a blackout, a shot was fired, and the old lady, Miss Runyon, portrayed by Joan Davis, was found dead.

A wild scramble ensued to find the

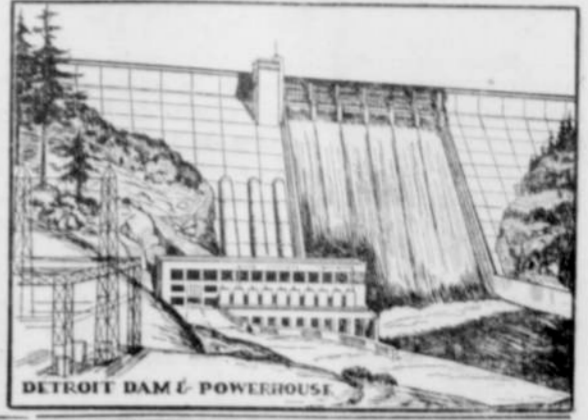
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## January 16 Election Day For Council

An election to fill two vacancies on the Mill City council has been postponed from January 10 to January 16 because of belated legal notice of the intent by the council, City Recorder Earl Ragsdale reported today.

The election will be held to fill the seats of two members whose terms expire in January. The two members are Robert Veness and Albert Toman, both of whom have consented to enter the race. Also two other local residents have filed intent of running for the positions. They are Byron Davis and Wesley G. Greene.

Five proposed additions to the city will be voted upon at the same election. The annexations include the Cain-Lake area between the highway and the river on the west city limits; the Ogden subdivision, borders the Shepherd, CBI and Swift tracts; a small tract on the ridge in the Marion county side of Mill City; and the Paul Jahnke site on the east boundary of town Linn county side.

Added this week to the proposed sub-divisions was the George Thomas addition, located in the southeast section of Mill City, Linn county side.

This is the first election since the adoption of the city charter in October.

## Canyon Folks Killed By Gas

Three former Santiam canyon residents were killed by carbon monoxide poisoning late Tuesday night when their car slide backwards into a snowbank and fumes from the motor exhaust overcame them.

Virgil Lee Johnson, 40, former resident of Mill City, who later established his home in Gates, Jack Virgil Friedley, 38, and his wife, Drucilla Friedley, about 30, of Idanha were asphyxiated when their car stuck in a snowbank on the Dalles-California highway seven miles south of Gilchrist, near Klamath Falls.

Johnson was a truck driver for various logging concerns while a resident here. He is survived by his widow, Virgie Johnson, and four children: Sue, Florinda, Byron and Joy, all residing at Taft, Oregon. He was employed, at the time of the accident, near Diamond lake in a logging camp.

It was believed Friedley and his wife were employed as a cook and waitress in a cafe near Bend. The three made their home at the Owl motel in Bend.

## Tree Contributors

Two local names were erroneously omitted from the list of community Christmas tree contributors. Mom and Pop's cafe and Coville Realty also were listed, but overlooked in the report.



## Silent Night

For one hundred and one years the world's Christian voice has been singing this most beloved of all Christmas Carols, which strikes as close to the source of divine inspiration in mankind as any music can.

Like much that is great, it had a humble, almost ignominious, beginning. It was created in a final, desperate effort to meet a local ceremonial emergency, by the combined efforts of Franz Gruber, school waster, and Father Josef Mohr, assistant priest of the Bavarian village of Oberndorf.

First sung on Christmas morning of the year 1818, the wondrous words and music of "Stille Nacht" are revered today by the whole civilized world.

## Christmas Spirit Reigns Over Canyon Area

By GEORGE HOPKINS

A glamorous forest-green Evergreen that adorns the city center, gaily trimmed in red, blue, green and white lights, coupled with many outdoor displays of illuminated front lawns and porches and a brisk, chill favored rain will usher in a bright Christmas day to residents of Mill City and surrounding area this Sunday.

Speculations of a white Christmas throughout the first of the week were halted by rain and forecast of more rain by weather bureau officials later in the week.

Citizens, however, were treated with holiday music from records, issuing from Stiffler's appliance center and Porter and Lau. Electric chimes will be placed on the community tree Saturday and Sunday, it was reported by Earl Ragsdale, local manager of the Porter and Lau store.

Colleges throughout the Pacific coast states also had their representatives in the local area for the holiday season. Students from the University of Oregon, Oregon State college, many of the smaller institutions of higher learning, and as far away as the University of Southern California in Los Angeles were present at home celebrations along the Santiam canyon stretch.

Milling, thrabbling crowds of local people thronged the stores of Salem, Stayton, Mill City and other localities along the slopes of the Santiam river. Skiing was participated in by the younger set at the favorite Hoodoo Bowl, high in the mountains.

Behind this scene of tranquility lay the bright of a Christ Child, born of the Virgin Mary. This beautiful picture had its setting many years ago in another small community of

thrabbling throngs. In a darkened corner of a barn, located behind the town inn, the small Child was born. This Child was one day to minister to the needs of His fellow man.

Local churches are throughout this festive season, re-inacting the scene. Youngsters and oldsters alike joining into groups to commemorate the birth give today's tribute to a person born many years ago who stood for what our country was established on, freedom and goodness for all, Jew, Negro, American, as well as the many peoples of our world. It would do well, at this memorable time, to engineer our thoughts to freedom and goodness to all nations. If we, as the man of yesteryear, saw good in all, war would indubitably be an unlikelihood.

## Coming Events:

FRIDAY—

Judging of outdoor lighting, Timberwolves vs. Jefferson, Detroit community Christmas party.

I.O.O.F. meeting.

SUNDAY—

Community church Christmas program.

MONDAY—

Community church family dinner, Boy Scouts 7:30

WEDNESDAY—

C. of C. banquet, Idanha Eagles 8 p.m.

THURSDAY—

Chamber of Commerce, noon

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

## Enterprise Correspondent Wins Newspaper Award

Jean Roberts, Mehama correspondent for The Enterprise, received an award for submitting the best feature story of the year at a correspondents' banquet held by the Salem Statesman Friday night.

The story first appeared in The Enterprise several weeks ago, entitled, "Mehama Elk Hunters." It was noted by the Salem bureau correspondent for United Press news service who sent it out by wire release to approximately 40 eastern newspapers.

## Local C. of C. Holds Dinner

To climax its most successful year, the Mill City chamber of commerce will hold a banquet the evening of December 28, in the high school recreation room.

An important feature of the evening will be the announcement of the name of Mill City's First Citizen of 1949, as chosen by vote of the members.

Robert Veness, newly elected president, and secretary of the past year, said the membership of the chamber had grown 600 percent by 1949, and the organization had taken a leading part in the major developments in Mill City.

An estimated \$750,000 in new construction and business was added to Mill City in 1949, the chamber reported. Biggest single achievement of the organization was getting Consolidated Builders, Inc., constructors of the Detroit dam, to locate temporary offices here and to build about \$250,000 in housing for top personnel.

In addition to housing and business construction, Mill City got a \$175,000 grade school building. More than a dozen new businesses were established. Bank and postal records indicate a growth in trade of 50 percent over the previous year.

Population also increased, from 1,223, as shown by a special census in 1947, to an estimated 2,000.

The program of the chamber for the coming year emphasizes a drive to interest new industries in locating in Mill City. Manufacturing processes utilizing wood waste are being sought particularly, as there is an abundance of the raw material in the Mill City area.

## Court Rejects Road Closure

Speculation as to whether several streets located north of highway 222 in Gates, would be closed, was squelched Friday when the Marion county court brought a decision to leave the streets open.

A large delegation of property owners and members of the Gates chamber of commerce attended a meeting held in the court room in Salem to protest, or favor, the closure.

Those attending the meeting were W. R. Hutcheson, president of the chamber of commerce, Norman Garrison, Glen Hennessy, Jerry Lyons, Ned Richards, Mr. Helvy, William Stitt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butler, Albert Millsap, Mr. Adams, Mr. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Shepherd, A. D. Scott, Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Vernon Smith of Mehama, Collis Heath, and several other residents of the local area surrounding Gates.

## FIRE LADDIES CALLED

The Mill City volunteer fire department was called out to put out a fire at the Herb Maag residence Monday morning about 7 A. M. Damage was slight, according to reports.

## School Officer Favors New Consolidation

By GEORGE HOPKINS

Marion county school superintendent Agnes C. Booth voiced her approval recently to consolidation of the Mill City school district with that of the Elkhorn school district.

She added, however, under present conditions, the school board would not allow transportation of students of the Elkhorn district over the Gates-Elkhorn road to Mill City. This decision came following a drive over the proposed route by the school official last August.

In answer to problems arising from the proposed consolidation of the two school districts, she said a joining of the two schools is in order. But, she added, the county school district board hopes there is no consideration of the mountain road as a transportation route.

She said it was brought out in a public meeting at Elkhorn that a consolidation would be of benefit to the small community. At the meeting, she and Walter Bell, member of the rural school district board from this zone, made it clear they did not approve of the road for any school transportation, she added.

Meanwhile, two members of the Elkhorn school board of director, G. D. Myers and Ray Siascho, have investigated feasibility of transportation over the route. They found a grade percentage of up to 21%, with an extended area for 300 feet wide a grade of 17 degrees and another of 600 feet with a grade of 16%.

Investigation with the Marion county court proved the county would not maintain the road.

Election on consolidation of the two districts will take place Friday, December 30. Actual union of the two schools, providing tabulation shows favor to the union, will take place Friday, December 30. Actual union of the two schools, providing tabulation shows favor to the union, will not take place until the fall term of 1950, because the Elkhorn district, No. 115, has hired a teacher for this school year. There are at present about eight to ten children of school age in the Elkhorn district.

The Marion county court had previously reported to the press that conditioning of the road would take place by the road commission. However, Mr. Myers and Mr. Siascho reported the commission told them finances forced them to stop work.

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Consolidation of the two school districts would be advantageous to this area with the increase of tax revenue for the school system, increasing possibility for improvements for facilities and increased pay for teachers.

A better road would bring the isolated community within seven miles of Mill City conveniences and four miles of Gates stores. Present conditions warrant a fifteen mile trade. (Continued on Page 10)

## ASSAULT CHARGE MADE

A complaint of assault with a dangerous weapon has been signed against Dave Porter, co-leaser of Viv's steak house in Mill City, by Les Mullins, his partner.

Porter hit Mullins in the head, warranting seven stitches to be taken on the victim's head, with a piece of steel as Mullins entered the cafe, police reported.

Cause of the attack is not known, police asserted. Porter is being held in the city jail.