

Citizens To Go To Polls Here January 16

Mill City voters will go to the polls for the first time since the adoption of a city charter Monday, January 16, to vote on addition of five proposed annexations to the city and also to decide who will fill two vacant seats on the city council due to expiration of the terms of two members in office.

The two members of the council whose terms expired this month are Robert Veness and Albert Toman, both of whom have consented to enter the race for their respective positions. Two other local residents have filed intention of running in the contest. They are Byron Davis and Wesley G. Greene.

Five proposed additions to the city, to be voted upon, includes the Cain-Lake area between the highway and the river on the west city limits; the Ogden subdivision, which borders the Shepherd addition, CBI and Swift tracts; a small tract on the ridge in the Marion county side of Mill City; the Paul Jahnke site on the east boundary of town on the Linn county side; and the George Thomas addition, located in the southeast section of Mill City on the Linn county side.

Voting will take place at the City hall, the Beebe residence, Jahnke residence, Koenig residence, Ester Ogden residence and the Cain and Lake addition.

Voters will commence casting ballots at 1 p.m., with polls closing at 8 p.m. the same evening.

Judges and clerks for the election are the Mesdames George Stewart, Louis A. Rada, John Swan, Charles Dolezal and Frank Blazek.

Street Debate Before Court

More than thirty property owners and business men of Gates formed a delegation to attend a session of the Marion county court in Salem last Friday to attend a hearing on the opening or closing of several streets in Gates. Those opposed to the opening of the streets which are shown on the original plat of "Gatesville" have secured the services of Joseph Devers, Stayton attorney, to represent their cause. John Steelhammer, attorney of Salem has been retained by the faction in favor of leaving the streets open to promote the sale of numerous building sites which at the present time are without ingress or egress.

Many years ago, with the coming of the railroad, hopes were high for the development of this place as a small city. The city was laid out in lots and streets. Two plats were made and recorded several years apart, the first never having abrogated. Since then property has been purchased by "meet and bound" rather than by lot number. Dwellings have been built and wells drilled without regard to street locations. The owners of these properties are opposed to having the streets opened. Now that there is the prospect of Gates growing and a demand for building sites for homes to accommodate the expected influx of dam workers the present situation has arisen. No decision was reached Friday, but must wait for the county commissioners to visit Gates and look the ground over to get a fair viewpoint of the matter, it was reported.

BRANNON FARM PLAN TO BE DISCUSSED AT POMONA MEET

Vern Livesay of the Friendly grange of Multnomah county will speak on the proposed Brannon farm plan at the regular meeting of the Marion county Pomona grange Wednesday, January 18, at 10:30 A.M. in the Ankeny grange hall.

The newly elected master of the Grange, Mrs. George Bensen, will be in charge of the meeting.

Agricultural committeemen of all subordinate granges in this area are urged to attend the session.

Coming Events:

- FRIDAY—
Lyons P.T.A.
I.O.O.F. meeting.
- SATURDAY—
Santiam Riders Dance.
- SUNDAY—
Folk Dance club 2 p.m.
- MONDAY—
Lions club meeting.
A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting third Monday.
Boy Scouts 7:30
- TUESDAY—
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.
- WEDNESDAY—
Idanha Eagles 8 p.m.
Altar Society meets 2nd Wed.
- THURSDAY—
American Legion No. 159
OES School of Instruction 7:30 p.m.

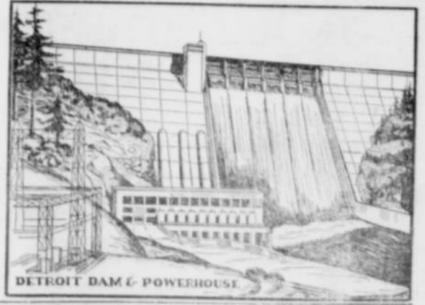
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The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis
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Polio Crusade Opens Monday

The March of Dimes campaign will get under way Monday with a parade in Salem for the Marion county campaign fund. Participating in the parade will be such notables as Gov-10:00 am. From Marion square on other dignitaries of the city, county and state.

The parade will get under way at 10:00 am. From Marion square on North commercial street and will end at the March of Dimes booth on the county court house lawn.

The high school bands, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Hi-Y Catholic Daughters, Shriners and various other fraternal and civic organizations will also participate in the parade.

Following the parade a contest will be held between the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to see which organization can lay the most dimes in a straight line, a block long.

At 11:00 am a program of entertainment with several talented personnel participating will be held at the booth. If it rains, the activities will be held in the Salem Armory.

A talent discovery show will be held Monday and Tuesday for Marion county folk with \$100 in cash prizes to be awarded. This will take place in the Salem high school auditorium. There is no age limit for contestants.

Already \$50 has been contributed to the new fund from the Salem Millmen's local union No. 1411, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. More is needed, Howard Ragan, Marion county March of Dimes chairman reported, at present fund is now more than two thousand dollars in the red.

Local Beverage Store Robbed

The Mill City state liquor store was pilfered of money and papers Saturday evening by one or more culprits while Mrs. Webb was working away from the counter, it was reported today by Chief of Police J. T. King.

No one was identified, it was reported, and the case has been turned over to state officials.

Two small accidents were written up on police reports this week, the chief said, but no injuries were listed. Otherwise everything has been quiet in the local area.

DR. FERGUSON GIVES INVOCATION AT BANQUET

Dr. David Ferguson, minister of the First Presbyterian church of Mill City, gave the invocation at the democratic Jackson Day banquet held in Portland Saturday, January 7. Several citizens attended the annual affair from the local area.

B.P.A. Repayment Of Dam Expense Ahead Deadline

The present rate of surplus power revenues being paid into the U. S. treasury general fund by the Bonneville power administration will warrant the final payment for power allocation to the administration to be paid by 1984, instead of the 1994 deadline, it was announced today by the BPA.

A transfer of \$2,000,000 was made recently by the BPA to the treasury department on the Bonneville power project account, bringing the total funds returned to the treasury to \$31,208,000, including operating expenses and interest. Repayment of the principle is estimated to be about \$4,500,000 ahead of schedule.

Cost of constructing the Bonneville project are estimated at about \$87,500,000 with \$59,000,000 repayable (Continued on Page 8)

Storm Cripples Gorge

North Canyon Feels Rage Of Thor

By GEORGE HOPKINS

Logging operations throughout the Santiam Canyon area have been halted by heavy snows, icy rains and 50-mile-an-hour winds that sped in from the Pacific ocean Friday night and have not subsided yet.

Extensive damage to power and telephone service was felt up and down the canyon vicinity and traffic was slowed to a crippling pace as county and state crews braved the storm to break way through drifts and slides to open roads.

The storm commenced with gale force winds Friday evening which was followed by a heavy downpour of snow. Saturday morning a light rain took over in some parts of the canyon which changed to snow in the late evening. The winds continued to blow throughout most of Saturday and well into Sunday, piling up snowbanks, knocking down power poles and trees and generally bringing all means of communication to a standstill.

Snow continued through Monday, subsided to a light rain in the afternoon and then continued with snow Monday night. Tuesday and Wednesday were somewhat calm, with some showers of snow falling in the Mill City and Gates area.

Traffic was stopped in the South Santiam pass by the unabated storm and one Trailways bus with seven passengers bound for Bend was stuck on the highway.

Travel continued via the northern route, however, although bus schedules were not maintained by Hammond stages. Many trucks returned to Mill City after attempting to make the crossing to Central Oregon. A truck loaded with hay did make it through without chains Wednesday morning from Bend, it was reported.

In Mehama, one driver ran over a telephone pole, entangling his vehicle in the wires. In the interim a wire caught on the radio aerial of another automobile and broke it off. The garage of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dark of that community collapsed (Continued on Page 8)

Heavy Snowfall Caves in Roofs In Local Area

A portion of the roof on Frank's lumber mill in Mill City gave way this week under weight of heavy snow drifts causing little damage to the plant and no damage to equipment, it was reported today by Arlo Tuers, plant foreman.

Work in the mill has been stopped during the heavy snows and bad weather, he said.

Meanwhile, in Idanha, the roof covering the Idanha Rod and Gun club gave way Tuesday morning about 10 A.M. as members of the club were preparing to scoop away the heavy snow. No one was injured, Mr. Gordon Skidmore reported, who also stated estimated damage to the building and piano was not determined at last reports.

President Says \$20 Million For Damsite

By GEORGE HOPKINS

Part of a \$53,000,000 allocation to be set aside for Northwest development asked by President Harry S. Truman in his 1950 budget plan submitted to Congress Monday, included \$20,000,000 for construction of the Detroit project east of Mill City.

Pacific Northwest congressmen expressed satisfaction to the request of the president for more than \$200,000,000 for hydro-electric development of the Columbia basin that is "vital to our security . . . and to the welfare of our people."

Mr. Truman placed a \$42,439,000 budget plan before a congress looking for means of economy in the national government spending program for the coming year in one of the longest presidential messages in history, 27,000 words.

The Columbia basin appropriations will include allocations to Chief Joseph dam, McNary dam, Detroit reservoir and dam, Lookout Point reservoir and the Bonneville power administration to carry on work dur- (Continued on Page 8)

Power Lines Blown Down By Winds

By GEORGE HOPKINS

One of the worst storms in the annals of history with winds hitting gale-force proximities, coupled with heavy downpours of icy rain and frigid snow nearly crippled traffic and slowed work throughout the North Santiam Canyon vicinity the past week.

A raw-bleak wind of almost 50 mile-an-hour proportions roared through the gorge, bringing with it one of the heaviest blankets of snow to hit this area and disrupted electrical power for more than five hours in the Mill City area.

Electric Power Out

Lights went out at 10:30 o'clock Friday night when a loaded conductor between Lyons and Mill City became overloaded with snow and pulled apart. Winds then blew lines across one another, as well as falling branches from trees, causing blown out fuses, some split wires, and men labored throughout Friday night and on into Sunday keeping service restored, Mr. McClain, Mountain States Power official reported today.

Main feeder lines in Mill City were kept intact through most of the storm, it was stated, but outlying lines were interrupted repeatedly by minor causes. There was, it was reported however, little material damage done to local equipment.

Telephone Service Halted

Partial service on long distance lines was restored from Mill City to Salem Wednesday following nearly five days without outside contact, Mrs. Gladys Mason, local chief operator reported.

Service went out Friday night about 10 p.m. when heavy snows tore out lines, broke insulators, and generally raised havoc with equipment. Service was again restored Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock, but again Monday night winds and snow toppled over a tree on a pole near the fish hatchery and cut off all lines until Tuesday afternoon. All leads were torn loose and the pole was broken.

Five truck loads of Pacific Bell Telephone men were brought into the area, as well as two crews from the local mutual exchange, and several key technical men from Salem and (Continued on Page 8)

Flametamers Busy During Past Year With 26 Alarms

The Mill City volunteer fire department didn't fare as well in 1949 as in the previous year, answering 26 calls, and sustaining injuries to one fireman. There were, however, no injuries to occupants of flame victimized homes, it was reported by Chief Arlo C. Tuers.

Two homes were destroyed by fire at Gates, it was reported, but local flametamers were not called because of location outside the jurisdiction of the Mill City district.

The V.F.D. sponsored two benefit dances during the year, it was stated, and an additional 1500 feet of hose was purchased for use by the department.

An overheated stove destroyed one home in the Mill City area and a tent used as a temporary house was enveloped in flames because of the same cause. A rubbish pile fire located too near a house was also called to the attention of the fire ladders.

The V.F.D. answered a call to a barn fire in Fox Valley, a clothes closet fire, gas stove explosion and over heated oil stove, a brush fire caused by boys playing with matches, one fire without a permit, one dry run and one unknown fire. Also ten fire blazes were squelched by the volunteers as well as five grass fires.

Gratitude is expressed by the local flametamers for the quick and prompt action of Gladys Mason for turning on the alarm and answering telephone inquiries of firemen as to location of the fires.

LOCAL SCOUTS WIN HIGHEST BOY SCOUT AWARD



Two Mill City high school students were among those who were awarded the Eagle Badge, highest honor offered in the Boy Scouts of America at the annual Cuswade area scout council's meeting in Salem Sunday. (Picture back row left to right) Charles Davis, Silver, scoutmaster who was awarded an "outstanding service to boyhood" honor; George Strotz, Hayesville, council executive board member, and Gardner Knapp, Salem, who was re-elected council president. Eagle badges were awarded to (kneeling left to right) Thad Roberts and Herbert Hampton of Mill City, troop 48, and George and Donald Bowshby, brothers in Hazel Green, troop 87. Photo Courtesy the Statesman