

## Amateur Show For Dime Drive Here

The March of Dimes drive in this canyon will gain an additional boost next Wednesday evening February 8 when an amateur show will be presented at the Mill City Theatre with no admission charge, Charles Kelly, drive chairman reported today.

Residents of this community are urged to hold the date open for an evening of good entertainment and superlative cause. Most of the talent will come from Salem.

The Mill City theatre turned in an offering for the drive amounting to \$85, while the Firemans Auxillary have raised \$10. It is hoped that more local organizations will feel the need and make further contributions.

The small models of "iron lungs" are now in local business establishments. They are waiting for your Dime to Drive off polio.

## Inspection of School Buses Alert Districts

Since August 1, 1949, two school bus inspectors of the secretary of state's office have traveled 15,000 miles into every school district in Oregon, crawled under and over 1252 buses of every size and description, and at year's end were ready to repeat the whole process.

The last legislature required the secretary of state to adopt minimum standards of construction and operation of school buses and to inspect them for compliance. The Public Utilities commissioner formerly prescribed regulations, with state police inspecting buses when requested. The new program is under direction of Captain Walter Lansing of the traffic safety division in Salem. Inspectors are D. V. Price, Monmouth, and J. O. Byerley, Albany.

### Most Buses Meet Standards

With the first inspection under the new regulations practically complete, inspectors were able to report that a majority of buses easily met the requirements, with many others requiring only slight corrections or additional equipment. A few buses were so obsolete, however, that no reasonable changes would render them safe for operation, and have been replaced. Captain Lansing explained that the standards adopted are considered minimum, and that manufacturers have been meeting or exceeding them for many years.

### Mill City Gets O.K.

Vehicles inspected ranged from 8-passenger station wagons to 72-passenger coaches, and from 1932 to 1949 models. The Mill City school districts bus passed the inspection with minor alterations made necessary. State inspectors asked that one cracked glass and tail pipe be repaired, school officials stated today. As many as 13 separate items were listed as needing correction or repair on some vehicles.

### Wood Bodies Noted

Inspectors report a few wood-body buses still in operation. They have avoided condemnation by being in continuous use since before the first regulations prescribing metal bodies were adopted in 1939. Promise was obtained in each case, however, to replace these vehicles before the next school year begins.

A majority of buses are owned by the school districts themselves, although many are owned by private contractors and under lease to the districts. In all cases the district is responsible for pupil transportation. Clackamas county reported the largest number of buses with 108, closely followed by Lane county with 106. Gilliam county was low with (Continued on Page 8)

## Coming Events:

- FRIDAY—**  
I.O.O.F. meeting.
- SATURDAY—**  
Santiam Riders Dance.
- MONDAY—**  
Lions club meeting.  
A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting third Monday.  
Boy Scouts 7:30
- TUESDAY—**  
Rockets basketball game 8 p.m.  
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.  
Lions Club Aux. 8:30 p.m. 4th Tues.
- WEDNESDAY—**  
Timberwolves met Aumsville  
Idanha Eagles 8 p.m.  
Altar Society meets 2nd Wed.
- THURSDAY—**  
American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.

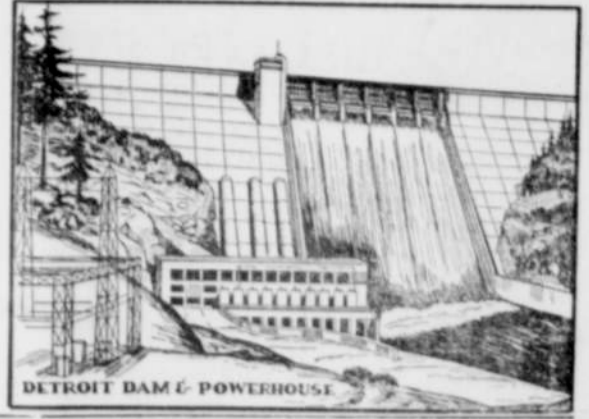
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## Chamber Plans Joint Meet With Gates

A proposal for the joint meeting of the Mill City and Gates Chamber of Commerce with invitations extended to Elkhorn and Lyons was accepted in last Tuesday meet of the Mill City Chamber. The dinner meeting will be held at the Manolis Cafe the second Tuesday of next month or February 14th.

Members of the Mill City group expressed the need for a greater cooperation and union with all canyon communities, if the Santiam canyon is to progress.

George Steffy, chairman of the chambers Industrial Committee made an interesting report to the chamber. Mr. Steffy pointed out numerous possibilities for new industry in this canyon. With Oregon's rapid growth, 39 per cent, in the last ten years and raw material and power potential the Santiam canyon was slated for outstanding development and consistent payrolls in the next few years.

The chamber voted to send five dollars to the March of Dimes. The meeting was closed after members were shown colored slides on recent developments in the Detroit dam area.

## Snowbound

BY JEAN ROBERTS

Mine Superintendent J. P. Hewitt and other families living at the old Amalgamated mine above Elkhorn who have been snow-bound since New Years day are well prepared each winter prior to bad weather for a period of inactivity when they fully expect to be marooned.

Not so were a group of miners who were isolated several years ago on Ogle Mountain. Bulldozers, jeeps and power wagons were unheard of at this time when a miner snowshoed out for assistance with the story that he was one of a group marooned five miles up a mountain trail from the Silver King and approximately seven miles from the present site of the Elkhorn Guests ranch.

Supplies were needed immediately and horses which had been used previously to freight supplies in to the mine could not be expected to plow through five feet of snow with help. There was no alternative but to establish a human freight line composed of men who would volunteer to carry a 40 lb. pack on their backs and struggle up the trail on snow shoes.

Perhaps the best known volunteer was Paul Smith (Mill City's walking man) and a figure not as legendary as Paul Bunyan, but almost as incredible. Others who volunteered for the daily trek were Low and Tant Myers, Charlie Graves, and Ray Sischo.

It was a grueling journey up the steep trail battling on snow-shoes and with a heavy pack, the men made it a two-day journey, staying overnight at the mine.

Not so Paul Smith, who was already widely known for his strength and vitality. Putting a 100 pound pack on his back he would then seize a 10 pound lard pail in each hand and start up the trail. Not content with this he would return the same night ready to load up and start out again the next morning.

All winter the trek continued keeping the miners well supplied with necessities via human beasts of burden.

Still another tale is told of the plight of a miner who was deserted by his partner in a snow bound mine high above Elkhorn.

A blizzard of swirling snow was deepening, the drifts already piled high when "Muddy" Sischo who then resided at Elkhorn heard a muffled sound outside and cautiously opened the door as the lone figure of a man staggered through a drift and tottered into the room.

The man was nearly unconscious from exhaustion and could not coherently answer questions as to food or fire. However, he roused suffici-

## Mountain States Nears Installation Completion

Thirteen of the new mercury-vapor street lamps have been installed out of the 14 ordered by the city council, Mountain States officials stated today.

Installation of the last lamp is waiting for decision for location by the council. The new mercury-vapor units which replaced the 100 watt type give 16 times as much light as the smaller bulb. The new lights are owned by the Mountain States company with the city paying for the operating cost, which is slightly over 4 times as much as the smaller bulb. More units will be installed as funds become available.

## Standards Met By Mill City High School

The annual report from the Mill City high school has been submitted to the Northwest Association of secondary and higher schools and has met approval, it was reported today by Mr. Bayless, high school principal.

The Northwest Association, which includes all of the Northwest states and reaches as far as Alaska, was originated many years ago to raise and standardize educational methods. The standards set up by this organization are higher in many respects than those of individual state systems. Mr. Bayless pointed out that the Mill City school has continuously passed association standards since 1933.

In as much as the institutions of higher learning are also members of the same organization, college entrance requirements are obviously met by the local school.

Approximately 35% of the graduates are now continuing to institutions of higher learning.

## C. of C. Industrial Committee Meets

The Chamber of Commerce industrial committee, headed by George Steffy, met Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Keith to make further plans for bringing industry into the Santiam canyon.

The committee members were able to submit reports that gave no small amount of promise for canyon prosperity. They will continue to welcome suggestions from all sources. The primary interest of the committee at this time is to establish an industry that will support a year round payroll. Plans were made Wednesday evening to obtain an industry to replace the old Mill City Manufacturing Co.

Present at the meeting were C. E. Coville, Bob Hill, Charles Kelly, Geo. Veteto, Geo. Steffy, and Allen Keith. Mrs. Keith served sherry and fruit cake to the appreciative group.

## Post Office Schedule

The schedule change announced by the Mill City Post office, to go into effect January 25th, and printed in last weeks Enterprise, again goes to press with one correction, as follows: The arrival time will be 8:55 a.m. and 4:16 p.m. Departures will be scheduled at 10:25 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Their will be no evening window service.

ently to consume a hot bowl of soup and after a nights rest was able to tell his story.

He and his partner had been marooned for weeks by the heavy snow fall and as he was sick at the time his partner volunteered to snow shoe out for help. A week passed and no help came, another came and went and still no sign of release from his snowy prison, or from hunger which was growing more pressing as the small supply of groceries dwindled. At last out of food and fire wood he decided to tackle the long journey out to civilization barely reaching the Sischo home before his strength deserted him.

He left the next day for Portland never divulging his name or that of the partner who had abandoned him.

## Timberwolves Play Decisive Game Wed.

The Mill City high five will meet the Aumsville quint in a game, originally scheduled for January 20, this coming Wednesday, February 1st in what will be the decisive game for the Marion County "B" league championship for 1950.

Should the Timberwolves cop the contest they will be in undisputed possession of first place. An Aumsville triumph would throw the league into a three-way scramble between Mill City, Aumsville, and Sublimity. The contest promises to be the hardest fought of this season and a capacity crowd is expected with standing room at a premium.

In the first meeting between these clubs Mill City edged Aumsville by the narrow margin of one point, 33 to 32. The Varsity game will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. following the "B" game which begins at 7:15 p.m.

## Polio Dance in Salem Jan. 31

A dance sponsored by the Salem Elks club for the crusade against polio will be held Tuesday evening, January 31st between the hours of 9:00 and 12:00 p.m. at Salem's Crystal Garden, the Salem March of Dimes office announced today.

The dance, designed for young and old, will feature two orchestras on two dance floors. DeSouza's modern dance band will furnish music for the modern minded while Pop Edwards will supply old time dance music.

Officials to be in attendance will be, Governor Douglas McKay, Secretary of State Earl Newberry, State Treasurer Walter Pearson and all state and county officials.

Tickets will be sold at the March of Dimes office at 409 Oregon building in Salem and also at the Crystal Garden ballroom. All proceeds will go for the March of Dimes.

## CBI Operations Resumed at Dam

After a short closure due to prevailing weather conditions CBI have again resumed operations and will continue without interruption if the weather will permit, so stated Mr. Murray, personnel director.

The new rock crusher equipment has arrived by rail and will be installed as soon as possible. The crusher equipment will be used to produce the gravel when concrete pouring begins.

The Santiam river in its sudden weekend rise poured over the spillway provided in the cofferdam but receded in a matter of hours with the diversion tunnel again caring for all the water.

## Council Meet Shows Tax Election Need

### Pedestrian Struck Down By Auto On Highway

J. F. Blackwell of Jefferson, and employe of the Southern Pacific railroad was struck by a car driven by H. W. Werner while Blackwell was walking to work.

Blackwell was said to be walking on the wrong side of the road and Werner had difficulty in seeing him because of prevailing weather conditions. Blackwell suffered a fractured leg and was taken to a hospital.

### Mayor Reappoints Commission With Minor Changes

The city council of Mill City met Wednesday night to cope with new problems and attempted to manage on a city income which proved woefully small, council authorities stated today. Mill City's new mayor, Albert Toman announced his appointments to each city commission. Evening office hours were established for the city clerk's office.

Appointed as police commissioner, the position formerly held by Toman, was Wes Green, new member of the council. The mayor left last year's appointments stand because funds for the operation of each commission were depleted and a change at this time would throw too great a handicap on new commissioners.

Arey Podrabsky remained as sanitation commissioner; Carl Kelly as street commissioner; and Robert Venes, not a council member, was re-appointed as building inspector. Mayor Toman stated his intentions to make a shift in the positions sometime during the spring when more funds become available.

### Mill City Assessment Lowest

Some citizens' hopes have been raised by the recent annexations believing that the city income would be increased. Council members pointed out that actually taxes would be lowered. Because of the fact that a specific tax level has been established by the recent vote, the annexations have simply supplied more people to pay the already established tax. Were the citizens to vote a new tax levy, their individual taxes, it was pointed out, would not necessarily be greater than last year's, but with additional taxpayers the city's revenue would be increased, enabling the city to meet more of the needs of the community and giving to each of us a nicer city in which to live.

Mill City's tax assessments are now among the 10 lowest in the state. This fact of course may be considered to be an asset in the eyes of some but closer examinations makes it evident that were the voters to pass an extra tax levy community problems, pertinent to so many, could be improved upon.

### City Drainage Needed

The drainage problems of the city held an important place in council discussion. The council was reminded of the flooding of Delbert Jenkins new basement. The fire truck was called to pump the water out but was unable to get close enough to the building to be of service.

Plans for a drainage system for the lower southwest portion of the city were shown to the council members. The system would include a series of open ditches and culverts constructed in such a way that it could be an entirely closed system at a later date as the necessary funds become available. The council is waiting for another consultation with the city engineer. Again, additional funds will be needed.

### Green River Ordinance Enforced

The need for co-operation on the part of householders with the police (Continued on Page 8)

## Rogers Company Finishes Graveling

The Rogers Construction company, who held the contract for graveling the highway between Niagra and Detroit completed operations this week and are moving equipment to their job.

Stock piles of finer gravel to be used on the final surfacing have been furnished. The rock crusher and other equipment is being removed to their next location. Many of the employees and their families, who have resided here since last October have moved and left a noticeable gap in several trailer courts and private homes in the Mill City—Gates area.

## Polio Fails to Daunt Her



Nine-year-old Doris Nash, her arms encased in splints, wears an Impish smile even though she has suffered a severe attack of polio followed by surgery at a Baltimore hospital. While Doris and thousands of other little victims stricken in last year's record polio epidemics smile their way back to health, they need your help. For funds of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis are dangerously depleted. Future aid to patients depends on the March of Dimes (January 16-31). Give as much as you can!