

Search Begins For Industry In Canyon

The Chamber of Commerce industrial committee held its third meeting of this year at the home of C. E. Coville Wednesday night to make further plans for canyon industry, it was announced today.

It was the consensus of committee members that the Mill City Chamber of Commerce make immediate application for affiliation with the United States Chamber of Commerce and thereby put this community in line to receive the many services available to chambers of commerce, which would include aid in bringing industry to this community.

It was also the recommendation of the committee that the chamber procure a list or directory of the manufacturers in these United States. Queries have already been sent in search of manufacturers wishing to relocate somewhere in the west and more particularly in the northwest.

The committee will soon be bombarding those areas of the United States, particularly those industries most adaptable to this canyon, with invitations to re-locate here.

A need was revealed for a local inventory of available land and on what basis it might be procured. In order that we may place ourselves in a position to attract industries, committee members stated, we must match the effort and the enthusiasm of our sister cities here in Oregon, many of them making out and out gifts of sites. The cities making a practice of such a course are the cities gaining new industry today.

A sub-committee was appointed to garner information on land availability and suitable manufacturing sites.

A ways and means committee was appointed to determine methods of raising funds for promoting potential canyon industry.

George Steffy, committee chairman, wished to make it known to all the people of the community that suggestions will be welcomed and urged community co-operation in promotion of this vital need. Possible industries that might be established would again be well received by the group.

Mrs. Coville served delicious apple pie ala mode with an abundance of coffee.

Good Ol' Days

Yes, those were the good old days, remarked, Mr. Sullivan, pioneer resident of this canyon, in an interview held this week.

I was just a boy, he continued, in 1873 when I first came to this canyon. At the present site of the Mill City Hotel there was one log cabin, the only building in the area. Old growth fir covered the entire town site and the first clearing of any size was made by the Santiam Lumber Co. which established a mill on what later became the old Hammond location. All logging at that time was done with oxen with eight yoke making up the average number used.

Sullivan stated that parents considered it unsafe for children to be out after dark because timber wolves roamed the area. Early pioneers hunted frequently with dogs and it was not unusual for wolves to kill the dogs. Fishing was good enough to give any angler sleepless nights.

The early residents were not interested in fish smaller than 12 inches and frequently brought a tub-full home in less than half a day.

This fishing was said to be done with ease with nothing but a dry fly. The fish, Mr. Sullivan, believed were destroyed when the Willamette river was stocked with black bass and the young trout wintered down stream.

Mr. Sullivan logged in this area for years and finally retired when the tall timber got "too far back in the hills".

Yes, Mr. Sullivan, those were the good old days.

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—**
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.
Lions Club Aux. 8:30 p.m. 4th Tues.
- WEDNESDAY—**
Christian Church Missionary group meets 2 p.m.
Idanha Eagles 8 p.m.
Altar Society meets 2nd Wed.
- THURSDAY—**
American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.

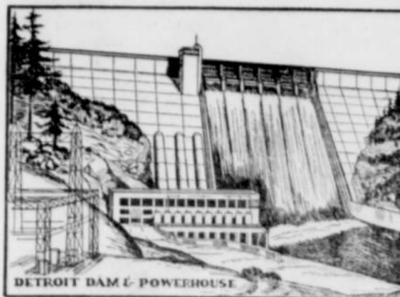
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THE MARCH OF
DIMES

Amateur Show With Variety Here Wed.

The "March of Dimes" all-star talent show Wednesday evening February 2, at the Mill City Theatre will feature 15 outstanding entertainment acts, according to Gene Malecki of Salem who will act as master of ceremonies. The program will start at 8:00 p.m. and no admission charge will be made.

The roster of talent for the show has been announced as follows: The Neal Twins, Gary and Jerry, of Salem tap dancing youngsters, who took a page from Ted Lewis' Book with the presentation of "Me and My Shadow." Bobby Christensen, 4 year old dancer and singer who will present a determined version of "Room full of Roses." "The Dancing Darlings", Barbara Stutzman, Julie Sharp and Carol Jean Shower, a trio of rhythmic Salem youngsters.

Lennie Dibbern, Salem accordionist, Mary K. Brown, tap dancer with a comedy twist. Diana Bray, a black-face imitator of Al Jolson. Mar Burke, singer with a take-off on Sophie Tucker in "Some of These Days." Betty Jean Mullin and Robert Gwinn of Willamette University, vocal duet. Carolyn Miller, impersonator of Beatrice Kay. Vern Esch, Male vocalist, Patricia Whelan singing and dancing "My One and Only Highland Fling".

Sandra Lee Allison, talented acrobatic-waltzer. Janice Olson and Mrs. Elaine Fry two popular vocalists, Dewey Robinson, piano and guitar and vocal duet.

All of the performers took part in the "March of Dimes" talent discovery shows in Salem Monday and Tuesday night. Several of the youngsters appeared on programs during the 1949 drive.

Accompanying the unit will be: Gene Malecki, master of ceremonies, Howard Ragan, chairman of the county March of Dimes committee, E. J. Church, president of the Salem Shrine club and last year's committee chairman.

Aid Sought for Kindergarten

The Parent Teachers association, sponsors of this year's kindergarten, have asked the school board budget committee for official recognition in next year's budget, it was learned today by P. T. A. head, Mrs. Robert Veness.

Mrs. Veness stated that were the school board to pay operating cost of the kindergarten, it would enable more parents to enroll their youngsters who can not now afford the \$6.00 a month fee. While their are 28 youngsters between the ages of four and six, now enrolled, a larger number could be adequately handled.

The youngsters have learned clay modeling, block building, and recognition of numbers and letters. Parents with children in the kindergarten have commended it.

In as much as the P. T. A. has already purchased the little chairs and basic equipment it would leave the budget committee with the cost of replenishing supplies and caring for the teachers salary.

VOTERS MAY REGISTER

Voters, who reside on the Marion county side of Mill City and who are not registered in the proper precinct may do so at the home of Mrs. C. M. Cline.

Airport Scene of Landing for Lost Redmond Flyer

Kenneth Foster, Redmond pilot lost his course on a recent cross state flight and found Davis air field a welcome port when gas supplies began to dwindle.

Foster left Redmond January 22nd for a flight via The Dalles to Portland and Salem. He left Portland for Salem but missed the Salem field altogether landing at Davis airport. After refueling, Foster, took off for Salem where he made a safe landing. There was some anxiety over his whereabouts when he failed to report his safe arrival in Salem.

This was not the first occasion that the Davis field has aided in emergency landings.

So You Think It's Tough?

BY JEAN ROBERTS

Despite unusually bad weather the past two years the Elkhorn area has been kept open by the diligence of a county road crew. Many old timers in that area however, can recall earlier times when the community was snow bound for weeks, and existence was a struggle of pioneer life.

Residents then pooled their resources and bought a year's supply of staple groceries each fall, consisting of several barrels of flour, sugar, cans of coffee, and sacks of beans, and to even attempt coming out to civilization during the winter months was practically unheard of.

Ten short years ago the road was still a narrow ribbon of breathtaking curves closed during the winter months and partially repaired in the summer by the residents themselves. It was so rutted that one of the first logging trucks attempting to bring out a load, tipped over in the middle of the road, spilling the logs upon the bank where they remained for many years.

At this time the C. and H. Logging Co. undertook extensive road work. With bulldozer and grader working full time the road was widened and rocked but it was still impassable part of the time. A huge slide blocked the road one Thanksgiving, marooning the community for several weeks and from then on that area was consistently plagued with slides.

One night Earl Hichman, one of the owners of C. and H., climbed out from his new Ford and left it stranded in the middle of the road with mud from a recent slide halfway up on the car doors. A big white truck pulled it and two other vehicles to safety.

At another time a work crummy belonging to the Kirsch mill was nearly coaxed off the road by the ever present mud. The men however escaped in time.

The winter of 1943 which was almost as severe as the last two, found the North Fork road closed with snow, ice and slides. A young couple expecting a baby struggled for 12 hours to drive the 15 miles of road to Mehama, tearing up a new set of chains and using a tankful of gasoline.

A good many families left their automobiles on the Mehama side of the slide and walked the remaining four miles home. Boards were laid across the mud by accommodating truck drivers and anyone slipping off was buried to the hips in the slimy muck.

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Zero Weather Slows All Local Work

Freezing temperatures and heavy snows have set a record during the first month of this year that has not been paralleled for over 50 years forcing hundreds in the canyon out of work and costing property owners unaccountable loss.

One pioneer stated he remembered only one other winter more severe than this year, when in 1898 the temperature dropped to 10 degrees below zero. While on several other occasions snow in the canyon has been deeper, such an extreme drop in temperature is unusual. Many people were without water when lines froze and in numerous instances broke. Local hardware stores and plumbers experienced an influx of business selling pipe fittings and making repairs caused by the frigid air.

Despite difficulties suffered by Mill City residents this community seemed to receive some special favor by the weather man. While Salem suffered from a minus 10.3, Detroit minus 12, Elkhorn minus 8, Mill City was basking in a plus 3.

CBI Stops All Operations

Consolidated Builders, Inc., have stopped operations indefinitely until favored with a rise in temperature. Mr. Murray, personnel manager, for CBI stated they were able to continue operations in the snow but the freeze necessitated all work stoppage, when it became impossible to move men and equipment over the ice bound road.

Groundhog Sees Shadow

As if the sub-freezing blasts had not already out-stayed its welcome, Mr. Groundhog added to the country's discomfort. Thursday was Groundhogs day, and certainly the little creature had opportunity to see his shadow as bright sunshine prevailed for the day. Believers in the myth will know that six weeks of winter are still ahead.

Immediate Relief Not in Sight

Relief from the cold spell was not immediately in sight and weather forecasters hinted at a new storm. While the now storm was reported to be not too severe in intensity, forecasters avoided telling how much snow if any would fall. Only once this year has snow melted enough

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Boddaker Rites On Monday

John Boddaker, well known resident of Lyons, passed away suddenly Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Boddaker, was 63 years of age at the time of his decease. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Berry of Lyons, and Mrs. P. P. Bierley of McMinnville; and three brothers, Ben of Mill City, William of Alsea, and Alex of Lyons. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon February 6th at the Weddle funeral home in Stayton.

Bigger-Better Earthquakes

You'll have earthquake insurance whether you like it or not if the League of Oregon cities has its way. According to their recent report, during the last 94 years we've had more than 100 quakes, and since there are numerous fault lines on the earth's crust in the Northwest, their forecast is for bigger and better quakes in the future.

Telephone Strike Not to Interrupt Service Here

The tentative strike of the Bell System scheduled for February 8th will not affect the Mill City office it was believed this week.

While the strike includes only a relatively small number of Bell employees, thousands of operators, linemen, and technicians will not cross picket lines to report to work.

In as much as the Mill City phone system is privately owned, as is Stayton and some other outlying communities, and is not directly affiliated with the Bell system or their union, local service will probably be allowed to continue without interruption. All toll calls will of course be eliminated if the strike is carried out as planned.

Dime March to Be Extended

Oregon's partially snowbound 1950 March of Dimes is just getting its second wind and will be continued for a week or 10 days beyond today's scheduled closing date.

Extension of the critical fund-raising campaign was announced by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It was authorized by Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland, state chairman for the March of Dimes who described the winter weather as the "most crippling" he has experienced in the 12 years he has headed the annual polio drive in Oregon. Despite this considerable drawback, Dr. Hedlund said that public response had been "nearly up to par".

The Oregon state board of Health issued figures at the same time which indicated that 1950 might be another troublesome polio year in the state. The state epidemiologist, Dr. Samuel Osgood, reported that 12 cases had been counted in Oregon thus far in 1950. He pointed out that only seven had been recorded for a corresponding time in 1949, the third most severe year in Oregon's infantile paralysis annals.

Thirty-two states—highest number in history—reported polio case rates in 1949 of more than 20 per 100,000 persons put her in 34th place among the states. Idaho ranked first with a case rate of 28.5, California was 27th with a 24.4 rate and Washington 30th with a 23 rate.

The March of Dimes organization commented that infantile paralysis is not only on the rise but outbreaks are becoming more general than sporadic. Eighty per cent of the 1949 cases were assisted financially by the National Foundation and its chapters at a cost of \$31,000,000.

Postal Change Disliked

A change in postal service which went into effect January 25 at the Mehama postoffice and other valley offices met with considerable criticism from postmasters as well as the general public.

The change of schedule delays the outgoing mail to Salem by three hours or more, as it has been transferred to the Bend to Salem bus which arrives at 10:30 a.m. and is often late due to road conditions on its route. The mail previously left Mehama at 7:15 arriving at Salem in time for departure on the noon bus.

Incoming mail is also delayed with afternoon mail being held over in Salem until morning.

The new schedule is an attempt by postoffice officials to cut expenditures explains Jack Ryland, Mehama postmaster.

VENISON PROVES EXPENSIVE

Bob Steele of the State police arrested Russel Clair Lake at Mill City, January 10 for illegal possession of venison fined \$100 in Albany justice court, \$4.50 court costs and 30 days in jail.

Clifford Joseph Widmark arrested in Idanha for reckless driving. He was driving his truck 60 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone.

Kenneth Flak Ramsey arrested for driving 50 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone. He appeared in Breitenbush justice court on Thursday.

1949 Progress Reported On Detroit Dam

Progress on the Detroit Dam through 1949 has, in general, been as planned, it was reported recently by Col. J. W. Miles, resident engineer on the project. The contract for the main dam was awarded to Consolidated Builders, incorporated, in March, 1949, and minor contracts for permanent operation buildings, temporary construction facilities, reservoir clearing, and for a salmon hatchery were awarded to other contractors during the summer.

Construction of the main Detroit Dam is 10 per cent complete over all. Accomplishments to date include construction of access roads, completion of river diversion, and excavation of about one-third of the dam foundation. To be accomplished during the fiscal year 1950 will be completion of the foundation excavation, and erection of construction plant, including highline cableways, quarry and aggregate processing plants, concrete mixing plant, and cement handling facilities. Pouring of mass concrete in the dam structure is expected to commence in June, 1950.

The salmon hatchery being constructed at Marion Forks as a part of the project is 60 per cent complete, and will be ready for use in the spring of 1950.

Contracts for clearing of 800 acres within the reservoir area were awarded during the summer. These contracts and future similar contracts, in addition to reservoir clearing, provide for the salvage of merchantable timber occurring in the area to be cleared. Four hundred acres of the 800 under contract are completely cleared, and the remainder will be finished in May, 1950. All reservoir clearing will have been accomplished by the fall of 1951.

Plans are under way for the construction of permanent houses with attendant utilities and facilities for the use of permanent operating personnel. These include permanent residences, which will be constructed during 1950. A contract for the construction of a warehouse, motor repair shop, and utilities in the permanent housing area was awarded to Minnis and Shilling of Eugene, Oregon, in August, 1949, and is now approximately 90 per cent complete. Relocation of the Forest Service Detroit Ranger station in the general area of the permanent houses will be accomplished during the winter of 1950-51.

Contracts for turbines and generators for completion and delivery in 1952 and 1953.

Excavation for the Detroit Dam powerhouse will be completed in May, 1950. The construction contract, however, will not be awarded until the latter part of 1950, for completion in the spring of 1953. Installation of the first generator at Detroit Dam will be completed in December 1952, and the second generator in 1953.

All exploratory work for the Big Cliff Dam, which is located 2.8 miles below the Detroit Dam, will be completed in June 1950. Contracts for construction of Big Cliff Dam and powerhouse will be awarded early in 1951, with completion scheduled for early spring, 1953.

Peak employment during the year, considering all contracts, but excluding Government employees, reached 850. The relocation of State Highway No. 222 was completed, except for a short section, the construction of which will be commenced in 1950. Surfacing of the completed section is now under way, and will be completed in the early summer of 1950.

The project as a whole is progressing as scheduled, and depending upon timely Congressional appropriations, should be completed in June, 1953.

FIRE AT KENNEDY HOME

A flu fire called the Mill City fire department out Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Louise Kennedy. There was no damage. The firemen responded to the call and were at the scene in four minutes. The fireplace flu burned brilliantly for a short time and firemen stood by.