

Colonel Miles Transferred To Okinawa

Chamber of Commerce Wires Objection to President Truman

Lieut. Col. John W. Miles, resident engineer at the Corps of Engineers' Detroit dam on the North Santiam river, has received orders transferring him to Okinawa for duty with the 20th Air Force there, according to Col. Donald S. Burns, Portland district engineer.

The transfer order met with bitter disapproval of canyon business men and district leaders. The Mill City Chamber of Commerce wired their objection to President Harry S. Truman and the Gates Chamber followed suit. Local statements gave high praise to the work of Colonel Miles because of his personal interest in canyon development. Colonel Miles, a man who rose from the ranks to his present commission has demonstrated a keener insight than have some West Point graduates.

Miles was assigned as resident engineer at Detroit in March, 1949, by Col. O. E. Walsh, then Portland district engineer. Previous to that Colonel Miles served as special assistant to Colonel Walsh in charge of all flood control design and construction programs in the Portland district, except those in the Willamette river basin.

Colonel Burns said Colonel Miles would be replaced by Lt. Col. Clarence C. Davis, former civilian engineer with the operations division of the Portland district. Colonel Davis is returning to Portland from (Continued on Page 8)

Voters Choose Idanha Council Next Wed.

Nine men have filed their names as candidates for council post in the city of Idanha. Voters will make their decisions next Wednesday February 15th. Five members will be asked to take the council post and they in turn will appoint the city's mayor. Idanha citizens are urged to respond to the responsibility given every voter.

The nine candidates seeking the council positions are:

Sam Palmerton, age 43, high school graduate, at present co-owner of Idanha Shingle mill.

U. S. Floyd, age 36, 10th grade education, at present employee of Idanha Veneer Plant, advocates street improvement.

Noyes Whitten, age 35, one year college, partnership, B. W. Logging company.

Lloyd Girod, age 39, college graduate, former teacher, owner of general store in Idanha. Also candidate for state representative.

Ted Gillespie, age 50, high school graduate, grocery store employee at present.

Fred Anderson, in Oregon 30 years, at present in mercantile business. Advocates "Pay as you go plan" for city government.

Charles T. Haseman, age 69, high school graduate, at present lumberman.

Gates Cochran age 69, grade school education, and business college. At present has 130 acres at old CCC site.

Humber Ray, age 42, part interest in Idanha Lumber Co.

The polls will be open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Election board members are LaVelle Haseman, chairman; Rilla Schaffer, Gladys Alvin, Eva DeBolt and Floy Storey.

Coming Events:

- FRIDAY—**
I.O.O.F. meeting.
- SATURDAY—**
Santiam Riders Dance.
Legion Dance at Legion hall.
- MONDAY—**
Lions club meeting.
A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting third Monday.
Boy Scouts 7:30
Rockets vs. Aumsville at Mill City.
- TUESDAY—**
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.
Lions Club Aux. 8:30 p.m. 4th Tues.
Laborers Local No. 441 meeting.
Garden club food sale at Jenkins Hardware 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY—**
Idanha Eagles 8 p.m.
Altar Society meets 2nd Wed.
- THURSDAY—**
American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.
Garden club meeting.

THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

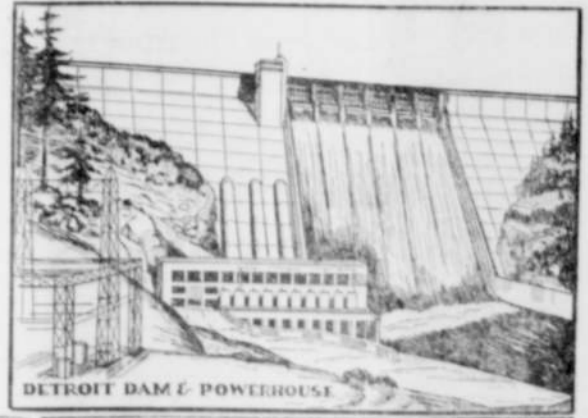
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Thefts Cause Crackdown By Police

Numerous car prowls, burglaries, and thefts have caused curfew restriction and police surveillance of late hour traffic. Police Chief J. T. King announced at last night's city council meeting.

King stated that the five cars prowled at the Mill City Theatre and two break-ins at the old grade school have been solved and the juveniles were apprehended.

This week the fire hall and American Legion hall were entered and approximately \$50 was taken from the 'juke box' at the firehall. On the same night of the latter burglaries a 1949 Ford was stolen from W. G. Stover and was later returned to the owner.

On Sunday night, James Halverson, Fairview Home escapee, was picked up at the Meander Inn by local police. The car theft and burglaries were not yet solved.

Police stated that youngsters under 18 years will be picked up after the 10 P.M. hour unless they can offer an adequate reason or are accompanied by adults. All cars on the street after 2:00 A.M. will be under suspicion and will be subject to investigation.

According to city statutes parents will be held responsible for the conduct of minor children. It will be the police prerogative to both fine or jail parents of delinquent children. It is believed the strict "crackdown" will halt the wave of thefts and citizens are urged to report suspicious actions. In other cities where the parents have been responsible for the action of their children, delinquency rates have dwindled.

DETROIT ROAD BLOCKED

Highway 222 was blocked for over an hour Thursday afternoon when snow slid onto the road near the Detroit dam site. Plows worked on the slide for an hour and then were only able to open the road to one way traffic.

Cars were lined up for half a mile in each direction and buses were thrown behind schedule. State police were present and directed the congested traffic.

LINCOLN'S LEGACY



Institute for American Democracy, Inc.

Gates C.C. Talks Incorporation

The Gates Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Gates Furniture store. A large delegation was present from Mill City. Also in attendance were Bell and Devers Stayton attys.

Mr. Devers spoke on the advisability of incorporation of Gates and advised on methods of forming boundaries. A boundary committee was appointed to determine by public opinion of property owners, where the dividing lines should be. At a later date a public meeting will be held before final decisions would be made.

A possible water supply for the community also was brought before the discussion group. Mr. Veness, of the Mill City chamber, spoke on the difficulties of obtaining new roads.

The next chamber meeting will be held at the Manolis cafe with Mill City, Elkhorn and other interested communities. The dinner will be for men and women alike and will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Mill City Tops Amateur Show Gifts for Polio

The "March of Dimes" all-star talent show played before an appreciative crowd Wednesday night at the Mill City Theatre and garnered a record offering for the polio fund taking the lead from Salem when Mill City topped the giving with \$131.42.

The show which began at 8:15 P.M. held the attention of the 350 persons present for over two hours. Attenders stated "it was a wonderful show".

Bobby Christensen, 4 year old dancer and singer presented a determined version of "Room Full of Roses". Carol Jean Shower came with an excellent ability to tap dance.

Lennie Dibbern, Salem accordionist was slated and proved to be exceptionally good. Mary Burke, did a take-off on Sophie Tucker in "Some" (Continued on Page 8)

Commission Okays \$350,000 to Build Santiam Highway

The long sought Santiam highway between Mehama and Mill City was approved Monday in a meeting of the state highway commission shortly before a special delegation from this area was to appear before the commission in protest to past delays.

T. H. Banfield, chairman of the commission announced. The \$350,000 appropriation was made to cover the cost of grading six miles of new road directly west of Mill City. The contract will be let some time in May, R. H. Baldock, state engineer stated Monday evening. The remaining three miles to Mehama was not included in the allotment in as much as new surveys must be made to determine the exact route of the new road. There is some discussion as to whether the road will follow directly along the river at this point or whether an alternate route will be selected.

Right-of-Way Cleared in Depression

The right-of-way for the new road was purchased by the state many years ago and was originally cleared during the depression days by transient labor. State officials stated they have realized the critical need for the road for some time but offered a new angle for delay when they remarked the delay was enforced because they were afraid heavy trucking in correlation with the construction of the Detroit dam would damage the new road. The recent announcement that the cement would be shipped to the dam-site by rail was said to alter the situation. Earlier reports had indicated expectancy of federal government construction of the road.

Bridge Contract to Follow

Shortly after the beginning of the new fiscal year when more funds will become available the contract for the bridge across the Little North Fork and the remaining 3 miles will be let. The road will probably end somewhere in the vicinity of the fish hatchery below Mehama. Also there

was hope for some federal aid in as much as Oregon is scheduled to receive some ten million dollars from the federal government for highway aid. The road is expected to be completed and ready for use in 1951.

Governor Refers as Baldock Hill

When C. E. Coville, member of the Mill City chamber of commerce, highway commission recently talked to Governor McKay's secretary in reference to the highway need the governor made reply by letter to chamber president, Bob Veness, referring to the road as "Baldock hill" Baldock stated however in good humor at Monday's meeting that the name had been changed to Banfield bend.

While committee members had (Continued on Page 8)

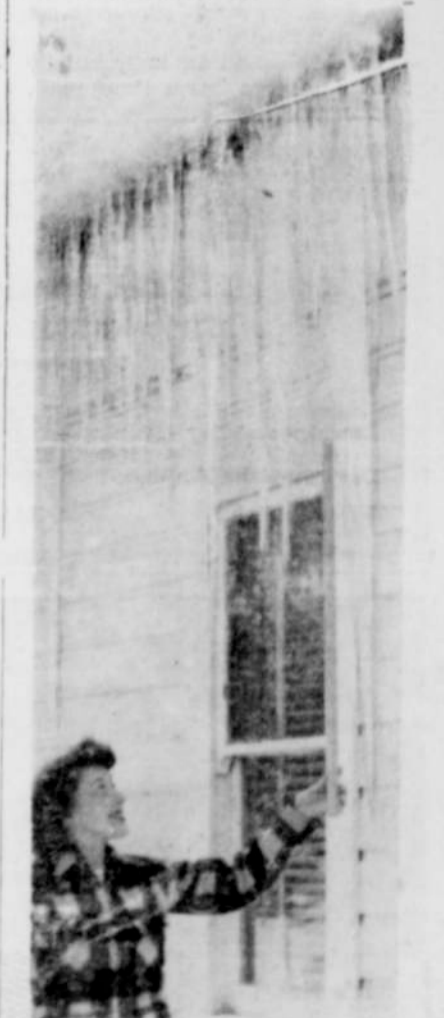
American Legion Show Activity

American Legion members activities have not been hindered by winter weather. They have recently completed the roof and outside repairs, and have added inside finishing to the recently acquired Legion hall. Plans are now underway to build on to the present structure, a kitchen, reading, and rest rooms.

In tonight's meeting the Legion honored three past commanders by presenting past commander's badges. During the month of January the Mill City group led all of Oregon in a membership drive.

Plans have been completed and Saturday night dances will start this weekend. Next week the hall is rented and no dance will be held, but on the following Saturdays there will be dances held regularly. The general public is invited. No admission will be charged.

GIANT ICICLES AT MILL CITY



Courtesy Capital Journal
These icicles grew on the residence of the Virgil Cribbs family at Mill City. Mrs. Cribbs is shown here trying to measure them with a yardstick. The longest one is 6 feet and 2 inches. (Photo by Bob Veness)



It was this scene of heavy snow in the recent winter storm that halted all operation at the Detroit dam site. The white coating that covered the area measured approximately 18 inches. Pictured above are the administration building (foreground) and shop of Consolidated Builders, Inc., located just below the dam site. The photo was taken looking southwest from the North Santiam highway. (Statesman-Pacific photo.)

Farmers Union Convention At Salem

The 40th annual convention of the Oregon State Farmers Union will open at Salem Tuesday, February 21. The session is expected to last for three days. Convention sessions will be held at Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, with a public meeting Wednesday evening, February 22 at Waller hall on the campus of Willamette university. Presiding at all sessions will be Pres. Ronald E. Jones of Brooks.

This year, for the first time, the annual meeting of the Oregon Farmers Union Cooperative association will be held jointly with the state organization. Reports by officers of both organizations will be given on the opening day and election of officers and directors of both organizations will be held Feb. 23.

Pres. James G. Patton of the National Farmers Union will attend the convention February 22 and will address the delegates at the morning session.

Gov. Douglas McKay will also speak at the convention at the morning session, February 22. He will be the only outside speaker.

Resolutions on the Brannan plan, the CVA and legislative reapportionment are slated for discussion.

Several hundred delegates and members are expected to be in Salem for the three day session.