

## Record Year of Power for Bonneville

Fiscal year 1949 saw the Columbia river federal power system become the second largest producer in the nation, exceeded only by the Tennessee Valley authority, according to the twelfth annual report of the Bonneville power administration, made public today. Record energy sales, revenues and transmission construction were reported for the year.

Administrator Paul J. Raver in his letter of transmittal to Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman said the financial condition of the power system as of June 30, 1949 is excellent. Revenues and receipts returned to the federal treasury continued to be more than adequate for repayment of the federal government.

"Operating revenues of \$27,821,029 for the fiscal year showed a net return of \$10,665,769, bringing accumulated surplus revenues to \$42,735,094," Raver said.

Generation of 12,925,788,000 kilowatt-hours at Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams for the year ending June 30, 1949, represented two-thirds of all electrical energy produced in Oregon and Washington, and half the energy in the Pacific northwest region, the report said.

Power sales reflected the added generation with an increase of 16 per cent over the preceding year and brought deliveries during the administration's 11 years' operation to over 62 billion kilowatt-hours sold at a composite average rate of 2.46 mills per kilowatt-hour.

First serious effects of the delay in developing multi-purpose projects on the Columbia river system, commensurate with the region's population and industrial needs, caught up with the Pacific Northwest in fiscal year 1949, Raver advised Secretary Chapman.

"With construction work on McNary, Hungry Horse dam and several smaller projects under way, some relief for the region beginning in 1952 may be anticipated when first storage at Hungry Horse will become available to increase generator production in downstream plants," Raver said.

"Additional generation capacity of 732,000 kilowatts will be installed at Grand Coulee by October 1951 but little energy can be supplied from these generators under critical water conditions. Consequently, the region must depend upon better than average stream flows to meet increasing power requirements of its homes, farms, and industries until 1952."

Construction on the federal transmission system of 168 circuit miles of high voltage lines and seven substations, comprising a network of 3,451 circuit miles and 93 substations serving Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho and western Montana, were reported. Substation capacity during the year was increased by 141,275 kilovolt amperes giving a maximum capacity of 2,964,941 kilovolt amperes to the system under force-cooled conditions.

Administrator Raver pointed out that overloading of transmission facilities brought the entire northwest power pool to the brink of instability and caused frequent region wide outages during the fall and early winter of 1948-49. Energization of the 230 kv Coulee-Snohomish line 1, and the 230 kv Bonneville-Trousdale line after the close of the (Continued on Page 8)

## Lumber Output Reaches Low

Old man winter took a heavy toll of lumber production in the Douglas fir region as output from West Coast sawmills in January dropped off more than 50 million feet below December figures, according to H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of West Coast Lumberman's association.

Deep snows, frozen log ponds and low temperatures closed hundreds of the region's lumber manufacturing plants, Simpson said, and many have not operated since the Christmas holidays. Logging camps are virtually all battened down tight, except for a few along the Oregon and Washington coast.

Freezing weather cut sharply into shipments, Simpson pointed out, and only 577,772,000 board feet were loaded out during January, some 32 million below December. Gross stocks at mills dropped in the face of short production to 594,720,000 board feet, lowest in 16 months while unfilled order files jumped to 804,320,000 board feet as orders continued briskly.

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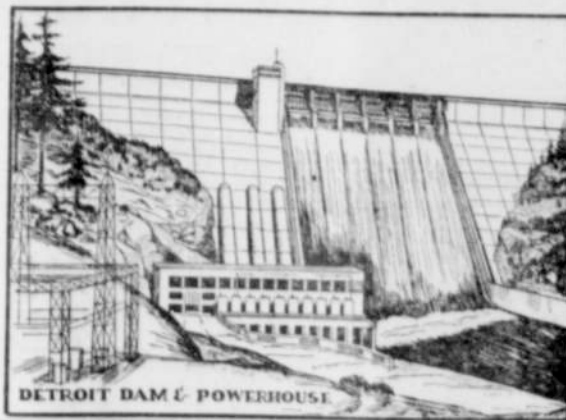
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## They Called Me Flower

By JEAN ROBERTS

We live in the woods and were visited last week by a small black and white forest inhabitant who moved into our unfinished upstairs.

Always having heard that a civet cat makes a nice pet, the youngsters promptly named him "Target" and started feeding him. He in return behaved as befitted a guest but unfortunately held no fear of anyone.

Our hospitality must have publicized for soon another striped visitor appeared to partake of the daily handout, and was affectionately dubbed "Bullseye" by the kids.

Bullseye, it seemed was a glamour girl with innumerable suitors. Our once quiet evenings were then shattered by the stamp of small feet and the ceaseless meows of rejected swains, not to mention the lingering aroma of the vanguard. Scratching and scuffling, thumping and bumping disturbed our slumber—

but who wants to interfere in the love life of a skunk?

At last deciding that our liberality had been overtaxed we decided to hasten our guests by means of a trap. A box trap, easily made, proved quite efficient in catching, but not holding them. In fact it served only as an exclusive dining room wherein they would enter, devour the bait, then cleverly lift the door and depart.

A steel trap next employed caught them easily but raised the problem of what to do when one was caught. Did you ever try leading a skunk? It can be done, we found, quite easily and odorlessly. One by one they were led downstairs, very carefully however as at times the least jar will spring a trigger. Needless to say no slack was allowed on the trap chain. Through the sights of a 22 rifle we bade adieu to Target, Bullseye, and four of their playmates.

## Police Jail Hit-Run Driver

Frank Woodrum of Stayton, was driver in a hit-run accident and his companion Murray Champaign, were in jail Saturday night five minutes after they had crashed into three parked cars and attempted to make their getaway. The quick arrest was attributed to the alertness of Chief of Police J. T. King who heard the loud crash in the vicinity of the Mill City Theatre and investigated.

Damage to the parked cars was estimated to be over \$250. Woodrum was charged with reckless driving and fined \$200. Champaign was charged with disorderly conduct and fined \$24.50.

King also stated the recent enforcement of the 10 o'clock curfew has met with little difficulty. It has been apparent that parents have been keeping their youngsters off the street.

Earl Schroeder was fined \$9.50 for having more than three passengers in the front seat.

Patrolman Ray Rich arrested a violator of the Green River ordinance. Bail was set at \$25 and the case was to come to court on Friday night.

## Brotherhood Week Budget Made

Three and one-half million dollars has been budgeted by the 200 representative Americans who comprise the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in order to carry forward in 1950 the principles of Brotherhood Week in an expanded year 'round program, according to Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president.

The film industry has asked every motion picture theatre, he said, to serve as a center for receiving the public's subscriptions during Brotherhood Week, currently being observed (February 19-26).

The expanded program will include a strengthening of activities to improve intergroup relations in industry, the establishment of human relations centers in universities and a broadening of the work with religious, educational and community organizations.

The national conference program is under the leadership of Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric Co. and Roger W. Straus, chairman of the board of the American Smelting and Refining Co.

## World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer service will be held at the Presbyterian church on Friday, February 24th, at 2:00 p.m.

Special music will comprise the program with the Rev. T. Courtney, Jr. bringing the afternoon address. A devotional talk will be given by Mrs. Gladys Chance with the meditation led by Mrs. Herbert Schroeder. Dr. David Ferguson will bring the doxology and the benediction. All races and creeds are invited to worship.

## King and Queens At Karnival

The Kiddie Karnival, a baby contest sponsored by the American Legion at Salem is now well under way. The babies are entered into various age groups from 6 months up to 5 years. Kings and Queens will be chosen on the highest total of health points, beauty points, and popularity points. Popular points will be scored through the sale of Kiddie Karnival tickets, each ticket will count 25 votes.

Funds from the tickets, which will sell for 25 cents will be used to further hospital and service work among veterans and families.

Michelle Manolis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Manolis of the Manolis cafe as been entered from this area. She now has sufficient number of votes to place her in the position for queen of her age. Her position has given her the honor of being in a 16-mm movie taken of the highest candidates in each group. Information on obtaining tickets may be found at the Manolis cafe.

## Mehama-Stayton Talk Consolidation

The question of consolidation with Stayton is gaining in interest in the Mehama area with a meeting scheduled for March 6, primarily one to vote on the proposed budget for the coming year, but also for discussion on the consolidation subject.

Tentative plans are to continue with school in the present Mehama building for first and second grades or to capacity, and send remaining older children to Stayton. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are transported to Stayton at present but the Mehama school is still too crowded for best results, report school officials.

School board members, Ira Kirsch, Russell Wilson, and Harry Monroe attended a special meeting in Stayton last week with board members of other outlying districts to obtain information pertaining to school problems and consolidation.

Ira Kirsch local school board chairman led an informal discussion on consolidation at the meeting of the school hot lunch club last week.

## Coming Events:

- FRIDAY— I.O.O.F. meeting.
- SATURDAY— Santiam Riders Dance.
- SUNDAY— Folk dance at 2 p.m.
- MONDAY— Lions club meeting. A.F. & A.M. No. 189 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. Lions club auxiliary 8:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY— American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.

## Bicycle Registration Here On Saturday

Police will be at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday the 18th for the purpose of registering bicycles. All owners of bikes should either take the vehicles or the pertinent information to the police on that day.

The registration is designed to prevent thefts and to aid in recovery of stolen "wheels." Police will want the serial number make, size, and other identifying marks.

Parents are urged to see that the youngsters co-operate in the registration drive.

## Timberwolves Take Division Crown Wed.

The Mill City high Timberwolves downed the Aumsville Rangers Wednesday night by a score of 26 to 20. The game, played at Parrish Junior high in Salem, marked the Timberwolves 15th win in 17 starts and gave them the southern division championship of the Marion county "B" league.

Del Lake, of Aumsville, opened the scoring with a one-hander from the side but the Timberwolves bounded back with three field goals by Ollie Muise and a free throw each by Muise and Lawrence Thornley. The first quarter ended with Mill City on the long end of a 8 to 2 score. The Wolves soon spread the lead to a 14-2 margin before Al Cox of the Rangers caged a two-pointer. Lead by Cox the Rangers closed the gap to 16-9 at halftime. The third quarter found the Aumsville five closing the gap to 20-15 as Worley and Speer bucketed field goals and Speer and Russell caged a charity toss each. Mill City was held to two driving layups by Lawrence Poole during the third period. When Orv Speer of Aumsville caged a field goal early in the fourth quarter it brought the Rangers within 3 points of the Mill City team. It was the closest margin since the opening minutes. With only two minutes remaining the Timberwolves clung to a narrow 24-20 lead where it remained until Mill City's Bob Baltimore dropped in a layup as the final gun sounded.

Ollie Muise lead all scorers with 13 points, 7 of them in the opening quarter. Lawrence Poole followed with 8 points. Al Cox, Aumsville reserve, tallied 7 points to lead his team in scoring honors.

Mill City (26) Aumsville (20)  
Thornley (1) F Dar. Dalke  
Leo Poole (2) F Russell (4)  
Ollie Muise (13) C Worley (2)  
Law. Poole (8) G Del Dalke (2)  
Baltimore (2) G Speer (5)  
Aumsville subs—Cox (7) and Ling.  
Officials—Williams and Johnsrud.

It is with mixed feeling of pride and sadness that I take leave next Friday, February 10, of all my good friends and fellow workers on the Detroit Dam Project to assume duties elsewhere. My pride lies in the knowledge that you all have given me your loyal support and full cooperation to make this job the successful one we know it to be.

In the comparatively short time we've been together, we have grown from a small group, working more or less as individuals into a well organized and coordinated company of several units, each of which not only carries its own burden but contributes daily to the success of others in the finest exemplification of "team work" it has been my pleasure to witness. The credit is all yours, and you all may also be justly proud.

Your successful organization and administration of the Detroit Dam recreation association is a commendable work. Its various committees and groups, through their untiring effort, have made this place a little better in which to live and work, and it is hoped that upon completion of construction, your association will be turned over to the operating forces, and will remain a monument to your ingenuity and foresight.

My pride also lies in the knowledge that I may commend you all to my successor, with certain assurance that you will give him the same loyal support it has been my privilege and pleasure to receive.

Lastly, while a feeling of sadness is natural under the circumstances, it is tempered somewhat by the expectation that at some time not too far in the future, we may again join forces, and, profiting by our association here, be better equipped for our future assignments.

Until then, Adios and—Good Luck.—J. W. MILES, Lt. Col., Corps of Engrs. Resident Engineer.

## Chamber of Commerce First Dinner-Meet Draws Crowd Pledges Canyon Co-operation

A capacity crowd overflowed the Manolis cafe banquet hall Tuesday night in the first dinner-meet in canyon history to represent each township in the immediate area. It was marked as the new beginning of cooperation between the people to promote industry and economic stability in a long noted unstable area. Roy Hewitt, Salem attorney, brought the challenging address to the 118 people present.

The dinner-meeting brought about by the joint cooperation of the Gates—Mill City chambers of commerce extended beyond any optimistic estimation of attendance and spirit.

### Hewitt Address

Roy Hewitt, attorney and world traveler was credited with inspiring the group to closer cooperation and greater ambition for new industry with his address. George Steffy, chairman of the chambers industrial committee introduced the speaker. Hewitt's address stressed the need for improvement in human relationship. He stated, "perhaps more is known on the human relationship field than on any other" and challenged the audience with the query of why we disregard the knowledge that we have on such a vital subject.

While Hewitt stated the community longevity was inseparable from industrial economy his approach was not without the human touch as he stressed the need of building stable homes for tomorrow's citizens—today's children.

While common thinking had been centered in the field of larger industries for canyon needs, Hewitt was not lax to remind his listeners of the needs of small industries, operated by individual families and making no small contribution to much needed security. At no time was the group permitted to forget the necessity of working together.

Southern France and southern England were cited as countries that

have excelled in captivating small industries. The Santiam canyon, Hewitt continued, has a climate similar to those countries and opportunities and resources that excell many other industrially successful locations. Mr. Hewitt concluded: "If you do not find industry, it will not be because you can't, but because you won't." The crowd responded with a long ovation.

### Other Speakers

Representatives from each community present expressed their views as Mill City chamber president, Bob Veness, presided. Mr. Brassfield from the Lyons group expressed dissatisfaction with the new Mill City—Mehama highway feeling the new road would damage the economy of the town. The Elkhorn group expressed their need for a water level road and were also hopeful for a road across the mountain to directly connect the Gates, Mill City area with Elkhorn. Mr. Hutchinson, from the Gates Chamber also favored the "over the mountain" road. G. Thomas of Mill City expressed his concern of timber being taken out of the canyon and processed elsewhere. A move is under way to stop such activity.

Malice that might have one time existed between competitive towns was given a permanent burial as the meeting brought each community into closer relationship.

## Geddes Celebrates 95th Birthday

Ida S. Geddes, who came to what is now the Mill City area in 1883, celebrated her 95th birthday, February 9th and presented one of the loveliest personalities in the canyon as she attributed her longevity to a calm disposition, moderate eating, and a good Christian life.

When they settled on their homestead, where the present Geddes residence stands, the nearest neighbor was the old Bradshaw place on the west (over a mile west of Mill City) and a house near Gates on the east. There was no town of Mill City. Heavy timber covered the entire area beginning near Fox Valley. Mrs. Geddes' husband, J. R. Geddes was a school teacher and taught in the first school which was constructed of logs and located near the Gates hill. Mrs. Geddes, who also taught school told of the first school in Mill City, built in tall timber near the spot where the Hill Top grocery now stands. School days half a century ago would interest today's young people in as much as classes were held only three months out of the year.

Smiling Mrs. Geddes stated she organized the first Sunday school in the canyon and many folk both young and old had never before attended. She gave every evidence of having lived a full and useful 95 years.

## McCormack Heads Farm Loans

Charles McCormack, of Albany, has recently been appointed on the Advisory committee for the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture. This announcement has just been made by Martin H. Baker, who is the County Supervisor for Linn, Lincoln and Benton counties, with offices in the Post Office building at Albany.

The other members of the committee are John Shepherd, Seio; and Phillip F. Yagelski, Albany.

The Advisory committee meets at the Supervisor's office in the Post Office building in Albany each month to pass on the eligibility for Federal Housing loans to low-income farmers who cannot get financed elsewhere.

Veterans have a preference in these Government housing loans, states Baker.

These loans may run up to 33 years and bear interest at 4%.