

## School Budget OK'd Monday By Taxpayers

Only a handful of interested citizens turned out on Monday night to listen to the reading of the largest proposed budget in local history for the next school year. The citizens made resolution to send the budget to the county zoning board for final approval before it is voted on in the next public election.

The proposed budget of \$135,682 tops any previous year by \$21,661. The increase was necessary because of an influx of students and increased operating cost for educational facilities.

Included in this year's budget was \$6,000 for a new school bus needed by the district. The board stated, however, that the old bus will continue to operate for at least one more year if not longer. While the law forbids setting aside of any fund to buy food for a school lunch program the board was able to designate a sizeable sum for lunch room equipment and personnel.

Absent from the budget was any provision for operating a kindergarten, an item previously asked for by some parents. The present kindergarten is operated on a direct tuition basis.

## Operator's Permit Held Essential For Teen-agers

Recent surveys and accident studies revealed that many Oregon parents are allowing their high school teen-agers to drive the family car without an operator's permit, the state traffic safety division reported today.

While this may be due to a mistaken belief that only parental permission is needed to legalize a minor's use of the car, the division warned that parents may be overlooking other and more important considerations as well.

Officials pointed to the following facts which parents of young drivers should keep in mind:

1. Teen-agers have the higher rate of severe accidents per miles driven than any other age group.
2. A greater percentage of their accidents involve negligence or law violation, which may readily form a basis for civil damage suits in which the parent may be held liable.
3. A parent's liability insurance normally does not cover a son or daughter driving a car belonging to another person.

The safety division suggested parents should see that young drivers receive proper instruction and continuous supervision of driving habits. High school driving courses are recommended where available. No solo driving should be permitted until the license is obtained and insurance protection checked to see if a new driver in the family will render it sufficient.

## New Patrolman Chosen

The city of Mill City filled the vacancy for city patrolman this week. The post was vacated recently by the resignation of Ray Rich.

The new officer, Kenneth Hunt, has had previous police experience in other cities. He comes to the local force with good recommendation. Hunt is married and has a family of 4 children. They are at present looking for a residence.

## POWER FAILURE HERE

Electrical power was interrupted in Mill City three times last week when county road crews set off blasts in road repairs near Seio. The blasting resulted in short circuiting when the wires were brought into contact with each other.

## Coming Events:

- FRIDAY—**  
I.O.O.F. meeting.  
Lyons IWA meeting 2nd Friday.  
Mill City IWA meeting last Friday
- SATURDAY—**  
Folk dance club party, 9 p.m.  
Legion Dance at Legion hall.  
Santiam Riders Dance.
- MONDAY—**  
Lyons club meeting.  
A.F. & A.M. No. 150 stated meeting third Monday.  
Boy Scouts 7:30
- TUESDAY—**  
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.  
Santiam Eagles auxiliary 8 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY—**  
P.T.A. Dad's Night, 8 p.m.  
Altar Society meets 2nd Wed.  
Lyons club auxiliary 8:30, 4th Wed.  
Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.
- THURSDAY—**  
American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

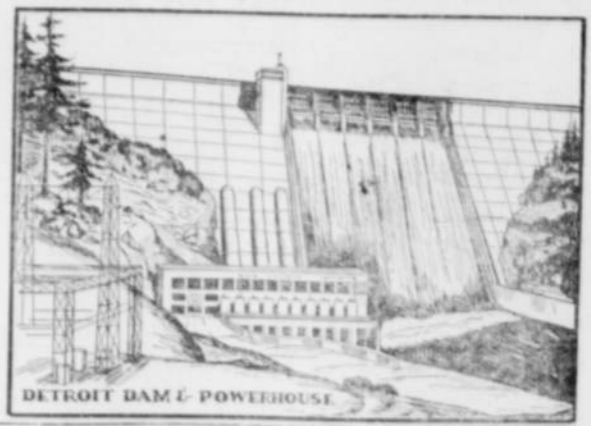
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## 1950 Census to Set Data Next Ten Years

For 10 years, since the last United States Census in 1940, the users of statistical information about the Nation's population and its characteristics have been using a tool growing duller with age as the decade passed along on its way into history. Despite numerous supplemental surveys during the years of World War II and since, statistical studies of necessity had to be tied back to the year 1940.

In April, 1950, the Bureau of the Census will conduct the 17th Decennial Census of the United States. About 140,000 enumerators will list selected facts concerning some 150 million persons as they visit an estimated 45 million households, including more than six million farms.

For the next 10 years, the statistical information compiled in the 1950 Census will serve as a basis for important decisions. The apportionment among the states of representation in Congress will be determined thereby. Studies guiding private industry in business decisions will rest on the new Census foundation. Public planning and distribution of public services will be governed for a decade by the 1950 enumeration. Any survey made to obtain current information between censuses will of necessity use the last Census as a point of reference. To anticipate the future, it is necessary to know the past.

Apportionment for street maintenance from the State highway commission and liquor control kickbacks will also be determined by the 1950 census.

Last year the city received about \$6000 from the fund. The amount is determined by the per capita population within the city limits, and amounts to about \$5.00 per person. The street fund to be received by the city for the next ten years will be determined by this official census.

## Lions Further Amateur Plans

The Mill City Lions club met on Monday of this week at the Presbyterian recreation room to hear a report on the Federal Forest unit and to make further plans for the Lions amateur show next month.

Lee Ross, local merchant reported to the group on the Federal Forest unit hearing held recently at Lakeview, and told Lions club members of progress for such a plan in this area.

Club members furthered plans to make the amateur show one of the best ever given. They reminded potential contestants of the cash awards for the winners. Auditions will continue to be held each Monday night until April 27 at the Presbyterian recreation room, but contestants should first see one of the committeemen, Lowell Stuffer, George Veteto, Geo. Steffy or Bob Veness.

## Would You Believe It:

Once upon a time there was a poor soul who bought himself a weekly newspaper . . . and after he bought it he was even poorer. As he walked down the street one day, a lady came up to him and said, "Why don't you ever print any personal news? Your paper isn't as good as it was in the good old days." He walked a little farther and a man said to him, "Your paper wouldn't be so bad if you'd put something in it that I don't see why I should pay you." When he got back to his shop a lady called up and gave him holy need for leaving out her grandmother's maiden name in a news item she had sent him. Two more people called up and said they hadn't been getting besides personal news. Then he met another man who said, "I owe you some money for that stove I advertised in your paper, but I didn't sell it and I

## Lumber Output Near Normal

A rapid return to normal production schedules is the most cheering news to come from West Coast sawmills since New Years, according to H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

At the end of February, mills in the Douglas fir region reported production gradually building up from January lows, logging camps were opening sooner than was thought possible a month ago, and shipments jumped 40 million feet a week in February over January, the lumber leader stated.

Production for the first eight weeks of 1950 was 58 million feet below the same period in 1949. Despite a tightened box car supply in Oregon for a short time in February due to the coal strike in the east, shipments for eight weeks of 1950 topped 1949 for the same period by 122 million feet.

Average weekly production in February stepped up nearly 30 million feet over January weekly output, Simpson pointed out. We should be back on normal cutting of lumber by the end of March, he estimated.

## E. L. Rada Takes Hawaiian Post

Add to the list of unusual and interesting occupations the position Edward L. Rada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rada, has accepted with the University of Hawaii.

As a marketing economist, Rada will make a year long study of the United States as an export market for Hawaiian orchids and other island flora.

His study of the nation's flower market will take him to all parts of the country. With headquarters in San Francisco, he will work out of two other major U. S. cities, one in the east and one central city. From these cities he will branch out to most areas of the country.

A Hawaiian flower marketing organization is financing the survey through the University of Hawaii. Although Rada's study will be an objective one, the island flower growers will use the results to find ways of increasing their sales in the United States and thus create more revenue and reduce unemployment in Hawaii.

## Left Sunday

Rada left for Honolulu Sunday by air for a three weeks' indoctrination in the island flower growing industry. He will then return to this country and commence his survey.

Rada, a graduate from Mill City high school, has been studying for his doctor's degree at Stanford university.

During the past two months he has been associated with the state bureau of reclamation in Fresno. His family will remain in Mountain View while he is making his flower market study. Rada's parents have long been Mill City residents.

REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 18

## Gates Players Draw Crowd

Thursday night of last week proved to be an evening of hilarious entertainment to the 269 persons that attended "The Honeymoon Is Over", a production given by the Gates Playhouse at the Mill City theatre.

The large crowd and enthusiastic response indicated that canyon residents still have a love for the stage productions. As the thespian enthusiasts left the theatre many wished for further productions by local players.

Corsages were presented to Mrs. George Cline, play director, and Mrs. Volkel, prompter.

All proceeds over the cost of the production, which amounted to about \$40, were given to the Gates Woman's club.

The cast of characters were:

Fred Smithie, a long suffering husband by David Barnhardt.

Fannie, his scatter-brained wife by Carmen Stafford.

Barbara Hanson, a helpful neighbor by Helen Wilson.

Clarence Weeger, an uninvited guest by Jerry Volkel.

Rose Day, a romantic young lady by Lorena June Devine.

Lucy, just married to Jack, by Norma Jean Devine.

Jack Bird, just married to Lucy, by Gerald Garrison.

Bill, a shady character, by Harry Barnhardt.

Gert, his wife, by Mary Garrison.

## Hewitt Throws Hat in Ring

Roy R. Hewitt has filed his declaration of candidacy for Representative in congress for the 1st congressional district. He is a native Oregonian, educated in the public schools, University College of Law, Clark



University and the University of Southern California.

His committee states his qualifications as follows:

Roy R. Hewitt will support the National and State Democratic programs, with first attention to:

The securing of permanent peace by strengthening the United Nations until it becomes, or there has been built a World Union with Legislative, Judicial and Executive powers for the enforcement of peace, that will command the allegiance of all persons and receive the loyalty of all peace loving. He will do his utmost to cause the United States to lead in a peace program.

A permanent plan for the support of farm products prices and to secure to farmers equity with others in purchasing power.

Recognition of the program of labor and labor organization, but first repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Dignified and adequate provision for Senior Citizens, as their earned share for bringing productivity to its present potential.

The earth should not be ruined of natural wealth, essential for food, clothing and medicine for generations yet unborn, as long as there remains a pound of falling water that can be harnessed to produce the energy now required.

He will be diligent to secure a Columbia Valley Administration, and to secure Oregon's share of wealth producing national appropriations, to the end that every harbor, river, and irrigation and drainage districts

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## Red Cross Drive Slow in City

The funds drive for the American Red Cross gave evidence that it was lagging here today with only about \$200 collected of an estimated goal of \$750, local drive chairman Carl Kelly reported.

No reason was given for the drive slow down but it was believed those who usually give are now unemployed. Citizens were reminded that basically the Red Cross is an organization depending on volunteer giving, both in time and money.

One of the major programs of the Red Cross is the blood donation program. The program, set up by the Red Cross as a community program, provides free blood to all in need of it. The only charge in receiving the blood is the fee hospitals charge for the administration. To date, 1441 pints of blood have been used by hospitals in Marion county.

Many other services are also carried on by the Red Cross, which include family counseling, financial aid to needy, veterans assistance, and perhaps most outstanding, disaster relief.

Water safety, first aid, and home nursing programs are also directed by the Red Cross.

## Santiam Riders Plan Recreation

The Riders of the Santiam, local saddle club, announced plans this week to add to the canyon's recreational facilities with horses for hire, kiddies ponies, and the building of a club house, dance hall combination.

Fred Gnuschke, president of the club stated he and his 60 members have purchased the ground at the Lazy Maple ranch about 3 miles west of Mill City. The proposed building would be 50 by 100 feet, and would house a club room and dance floor. There was some speculation as to whether the building might also be used for roller skating. Picnic grounds will be established for the public.

Such a proposal, Gnuschke, stated would make it possible for our young people to enjoy one of the cleanest recreations existing, that of horse-back riding. Plans for stabling privately owned horses were also hinted at during the meeting.

The club is now raising funds for the construction of the hall by giving dances at Jordan every Saturday night. If funds become available as anticipated the facilities would be ready for use by this summer.

## Registered Voter?

Are you a registered voter? With registration deadline less than eight weeks away, it is a question that should concern all of the people.

Registration books for the May primaries will close on April 18. Every year thousands of citizens would like to go to the polls on voting day only to remember they failed to register.

Residents in Marion county may register at the home of Mrs. Curt Cline and Linn county residents may register at the home of Mrs. Arthur Kriever.

Register today.  
REGISTRATION TO VOTE CLOSES APRIL 18—IT IS YOUR PRIVILEGE

## No Spring for Crippled Kiddies

Winter is behind us now. Spring is in the air. A new life is noticeable the housewife as she goes about her chores and in the business man as he paces himself through the day.

We can laugh about the snow now. It's gone. The streets are clear again and the sidewalks are no longer perilous. The trains are running on schedule and the schools are open.

Yes, winter is a thing of the past for most of us, at least. But while we're enjoying the spring, we shouldn't lose sight of the fact there are many persons for whom spring never comes. We have reference to those persons whose world is framed by the windows of their rooms, the unfortunates, children and adults, who view the passing parade from a wheelchair, crutches or a bed. It makes little difference to them

## Chamber Talks Stability for Canyon Area

The Mill City Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday evening to further discuss canyon stability and hear additional reports on the Federal Forest unit.

Lee Ross reported to the chamber on the recent hearing at Lakeview Ore., where a similar plan was given its first hearing. Preparations for the hearing, Ross reported, were the culmination of two years of extensive work.

## Bill Passed in 1944

The federal sustained-yield unit passed by congress on March 29, 1944 was designed to "stabilize communities, forest industries, and employment; assure a continuous and ample supply of forest products; and to secure the benefits of forests in regulation of water supply and stream flow, prevention of soil erosion, and preservation of wildlife."

While it is hoped that the 1950 census will save at least six months in preparatory work, an additional 18 months of gathering statistics will be inevitable. The expense of such an extensive operation would probably run between \$3,000 and \$5,000, experienced speculators believed.

## Up To Citizens

While the value of a stabilized economy would be the outcome of the proposed plan it can only be placed into operation if the citizens are willing to support it. The adoption would assure without question, a quick obituary for the boom and bust fans in the area, chamber members stated.

## 'Know Candidates' Held at Lebanon

The theme "we must solve governmental problems with a program of action, not of words" keyed the first of a series of "know your candidates" meetings held Sunday in the City Hall of Lebanon. The meeting, sponsored by the Linn county Democratic Central committee, featured State Senator Richard L. (Dick) Neuberger and Dave C. Shaw, congressional candidate, as speakers. Others on the program were Louis A. Wood, candidate for U. S. Senator, Walter Swanson for U. S. Congress, and Walter J. Pearson and Lew Wallace candidates for Governor. Orval Thompson, retiring State Senator, introduced a county slate of candidates consisting of Walter Shelby for State Senator, Elmer Sahlstrom for joint Linn-Lane Senator, Dave Epps and Earl G. Mason for state representative, and Fred Mespelt for county commissioner.

## Check Artist Arrested

Robert C. Zimmerman, age 25, was arrested in Idanha this week and charged with writing fictitious checks. The arrest was made by Marion county deputy sheriff, Edgar Scott.

Zimmerman, formerly of Silverton, gave his current address at Gaston, Oregon. Police officials stated that anybody holding a check signed by Zimmerman should notify the sheriff's office in Salem at once.