

## Access Promised to All Federal Timber Helps Small Owners

The announcement from Washington last week that Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, had issued regulations for the granting of rights-of-way for logging roads across timber lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management was hailed by independent operators as assurance that the smaller interests in the lumber industry would have equal access to this federal timber with the larger concerns who have been the principal purchasers in past years.

"While we are told that the regulations as finally approved do not conform in every respect with the recommendations of the 15-man O & C Advisory Board which considered these proposals for more than a year, we have been assured that the general effect will be to make O & C timber offered for sale accessible to all who may wish to purchase it," said R. T. Titus, in Portland, Executive Vice-President of Western Forest Industries association. "In the past," he continued, "probably three out of four parcels of O & C timber offered for sale went to single bidders, with out competition, because a particular individual or firm controlled the road over which the timber would have to be hauled. In recent months, the Bureau of Land Management has refused to offer timber for sale unless agreements were made with owners of private portions of road systems providing the only access, permitting government licenses to use them to reach nearest public highways. The result has been that almost every sale has brought several bids for each parcel and timber has been sold at prices well above the appraised value. These higher prices resulting from competition are important to the taxpayers because 50 percent of the stumpage receipts go to the counties in which the O & C timber is located.

"Under the new regulations owners of private logging roads seeking right-of-way across O & C land will be asked to enter into such agreements with purchasers of the O & C timber with the understanding that the latter are to pay fair compensation for use of the roads. This means that it will no longer be possible for a few strategically located operators to control the marketing of the public's timber growing on some 2 1/2 million acres of O & C lands in western Oregon."

While the proposed regulations had been approved unanimously by representatives of the lumber industry, labor, agriculture, sportsmen and others serving on the O & C Advisory Board before they were submitted to Secretary Chapman for approval, some of the larger operators and landowners sent delegations to Washington in opposition. They were assured that the Department of the Interior wished to avoid unnecessary interference with the rights of private owners of intermingled lands and timber and certain changes were made in the proposed rules to safeguard these rights. At the same time it was made clear that the Department would keep to its policy of assuring access to O & C timber for all who may wish to purchase it.

"There have been rumors that certain landowners might challenge the new regulations in the courts," said Mr. Titus, "but certainly the vast majority of operators, woods and mill employees, sportsmen, and others interested in the wisest use of our public forest lands, believe that the new regulations will contribute to the objectives of sustained yield management and multiple use. If there are "bugs" in the regulation or if they are found in practice not to be equitable to all, they can and should be amended. Nobody wants the private landowners to lose any of their rights but neither do most folks want any particular group to have special privileges so far as public resources are concerned."

### P.T.A. to Meet Tonight

The Mill City P.T.A. will meet in the high school tonight April 13th at 8 p.m.

T. Courtney Jr., will address the group upon "The Environmental Relationship of the Pre- and Early-Adolescent". The program will feature dances of different countries and will include several couples in the performance. The association will hold their election of officers the same evening.

A delegation will be sent from the P.T.A. to the school board meeting scheduled on the same evening and meeting in the grade school.

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

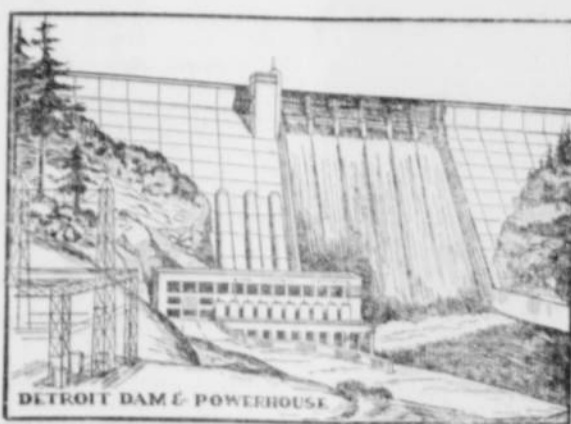
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## I.W.A. Strike Vote Scheduled in Canyon, Drivers-Crummys, Under New Regulation

A strike vote to back up demands of a health and welfare program and six paid holidays has been scheduled in this canyon by the International Woodworkers of America.

The 40,000 member union has pressed for better working conditions and additional safety factors for its members. The vote will be taken in Lyons, Friday, April 21st at the IOOF hall and at the Mill City Union hall April 28th, Don Downing, union business agent announced this week.

While negotiations have been in progress since February 20th operators have refused to grant any concessions to the union. Sentiment of the delegates who voted unanimously for the strike vote was summed up in a statement made by one delegate who said, "There is more security for the working man in the health and welfare program we have proposed than anything we have ever gone after."

The tragic accident last year when a crummy went over the bank near the damsite caused the union to enforce new safety rules for the workmen. Two new safety clauses have been signed with the T & H Logging company and is under consideration by several other operators.

The clause to care for safer truck operations reads in part "That all crew trucks or vehicles used for the purpose of hauling employees each week be inspected by a competent mechanic at least once each week and the mechanic issue to the driver a written report which shall also be made available to the company and the union that all steering apparatus lights, brakes, tires, etc. were inspected and are in a safe operating condition.

Vehicles failing to comply will be prohibited from operating until it is declared safe by a competent mechanic."

The union also has included a clause

in this year's contract which reads in part "The driver of the crew trucks shall be a safe, competent and reliable employee. He shall have the necessary licenses required by the state for the job. Seniority on a regular job classification shall not be considered in choosing a man for this job. He shall be required to know and comply with the Oregon State Safety Code in regards to driving crew trucks. Whenever a driver is considered by the majority of the crew not to be a safe and competent man he shall immediately be replaced by one that is. It shall be the duty of the company to have a second man in each crew that is qualified to drive crew trucks."

Union officials stated they wished to make the industry as safe as possible.

## Postal Clerk Exams For Gates, Idanha

An examination for probational appointment to the position of substitute clerk at an entrance pay rate of \$1,065 an hour has been announced by the director of the Eleventh U.S. Civil Service region to fill existing and future vacancies in the Post Office service at Gates and Idanha, Ore. Applicants must actually reside within the delivery of the Gates or the Idanha post office or be bona fide patrons of that office. Persons employed in the Gates post office or the Idanha post office will be considered bona fide patrons of that particular office.

Further information and application form for applying may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first- or second-class post office, or from the director, Eleventh U. S. Civil Service region, Room 302, Federal Office Building, Seattle 4, Wash.

Application should be filed with the Director, Eleventh U. S. Civil Service Region, 302 Federal Office Building, Seattle 4, Wash., immediately for the post office position desired.

## Political Rally Shows Registration Need

A resolution asking County Clerk R. M. Russel to provide a registrar at the Albany Labor Temple evolved from the non-partisan voter registration rally at the Veterans Memorial hall, Albany last Saturday. The meeting was sponsored by the Albany Central Labor Council and is part of the program endorsed by Governor McKay to stimulate registration. Dave Shaw, Democratic candidate for Congress discussed the Brannan Farm plan and the CVA. Jim Marr, Executive Secretary AFL told of the growth of co-operation in political matters of farm, labor, and small business groups.

The right to vote is being impaired by the registration laws, asserted Earl G. Mason, Democratic candidate for the legislature. The fact that Oregon's population has increased 60% since 1940 while the number who vote has increased only 9% makes registration of our new citizens an important task," said Mason.

Other local candidates presented were Dave Epps and Hector McPherson candidates for the legislature, Fred Mespelt, J. W. Shortridge and W. W. Stuart candidates for County Commissioner, and Merle Long candidate for District Attorney.

### IN NEW LOCATION

Miss Daisy Hendricson is now in her new location in the Dawes building. The space was formerly occupied by Shirley's Beauty Shop. Hendricson's store will feature a complete line of drygoods and fancy work. Miss Hendricson has been located on the balcony in Epps Furniture store.

### MRS. TOMAN TO HOSPITAL

Mayor and Mrs. Albert Toman were both confined to their home a part of last week with illness. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Toman was taken to Salem Memorial hospital for treatment and observation.

## School Board Tonight

While no official announcement has been made by school board members, a meeting was reported to be scheduled tonight, April 13th at 8 p.m.

The Enterprise received the report from what is usually considered to be a reliable source. The meetings are said to be open to the public and are usually held in the grade school.

## Council Discussion On Streets, Traffic

The Mill-City council met on Wednesday night and were faced with street and traffic problems.

A committee from the chamber of commerce appeared before the council to make the chamber's recommendation of a blanket ordinance to drain and pave the city's streets. Council members expressed interest in such a program and details of cost for such an operation was introduced in the discussion.

Committees from the chamber and council will meet on Monday the 17th to discuss the plan for a specific paving program. General consensus for such a program would limit initial paving to the city's main arteries.

Congested parking areas and traffic hazards again were present on the evening's agenda. A plan was introduced to mark off angle parking strips in front of the bank building and to prohibit promiscuous U turns outside of proper intersections.

Pedestrian crosswalks are to be painted between the bank and Dawes building, and between Stewart's grocery and the light company. Pedestrians will be urged to use the crosswalks. Plans for a flagman to regulate heavy logging truck traffic this summer was suggested instead of a previously mentioned traffic light.

## Red Cross Drive Goes Over Top in Canyon

The Red Cross drive in this area went over the top as the campaign came to a close, chairman Carl Kelly reported this week.

The drive, was slow in gathering momentum but in the last moments exceeded the \$750 goal with a total collection of \$907.36. The money to be used in disasters, blood donations and other Red Cross programs was indicative of the generous spirit of canyon people.

Consolidated Builders Inc. gave \$150 to help send the drive over the top.

## Farmers Union Plan Old Time Square Dance

The Linn County Farmers Union is making big plans for their old time square dance to be held Friday evening, April 14th in Albany at the new Waverly school gymnasium.

Mr. Earl Mason, president, announced that Mrs. Inez Campbell, chairwoman, has completed committee plans for the gala affair. She advised that ample entertainment is booked for the intermission periods. The Gate Swingers club of Salem will highlight the speciality numbers with costumed exhibition dances.

Farmer Union families and the public are invited to join in the fun. Low heels and comfortable clothing for the ladies and jeans for the men will be the order of the evening.

Admission charges will include refreshments 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

### LOGGING DRIVERS REMINDED

Drivers of logging trucks were reminded by police this week of a recently passed state law which requires such trucks to stop at all railroad crossings.

Officials believed many drivers were not aware of the new law and were breaking it in ignorance. The law requires drivers of buses, inflammables, and logs to stop at all railroad crossings.

## MC Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Wrestling Card

### Pearson Speaks at Albany Sunday

Walter J. Pearson, State Treasurer will address an open Democratic meeting at 3:00 p.m., April 16, Veterans Memorial hall, 5th and Lyons in Albany, Earl G. Mason, chairman Linn County Democratic Central Committee announces. Local Democratic candidates will also be present.

This is one of a series of meetings designed to bring prominent Democratic candidates to Linn county in order that the voters can learn, first hand, the program of each man on the Democratic ticket.

Pearson, former state representative and senator, was elected State Treasurer in 1948, a position his father had held in previous years. He is the only Democrat on the Board of Control and the first Democrat to be elected State Treasurer since 1886.

### Gates P.T.A. Holds First Regular Meet

A large group attended the first meeting of the newly organized Gates Parent Teacher Association, in the recreation rooms of the high school, Thursday evening. Norman Garrison presided.

Mrs. Hollis Turnidge was appointed chairman of the planning committee. Two other members to serve on the committee will be selected by Mrs. Turnidge. This group will arrange programs and select projects for the organization for the coming year.

Mrs. Larry Shelton will serve as musician. Room mothers were appointed who will visit the various grades during the month preceding the next regular meeting, April 4th. The grade having the largest number of parents attending the meeting April 4th will be given a picnic by the P.T.A.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by Norman Garrison, William Athey, Mrs. Gwen Schaer and Mrs. Burrell Cole.

### Voters League Ask If You Will Count

The census taker comes to you to count you; but if you are going to count in the next election, you must go in person to register, states Mrs. Neil Brown, chairman of The League of Women Voters.

Those candidates who win your party nominations at the primary election in May, may be the ones who will come through the general election and become your public officials. Are you going to help in selecting them? You have no right to complain about the results of an election if you did not take part by casting your ballot.

But you cannot vote if you are not registered, and you are not registered if you answer "yes" to any of the following questions:

1. Have you moved?
2. Did you fail to vote at the general or primary election within the last four years?
3. Have you (you girls, that is) changed your name?

There is a deputy registrar in your area, and your League of Women Voters urges you to see him or her today. The deadline for registration to vote in the May primary election is April 18—next Tuesday.

Registrars in Stayton-Mill City area: Walter H. Bell, Stayton; Lettie Cline, LaVon Kriever, Mill City; Allura Chance, Gates; E. A. Ditter, Sublimity; Mabel Parker, Detroit; Rella M. Schaffer and Adison Vickers, both of Idanha; R. Brassfield, Lyons.

### Free Breakfast Promised Visiting Pilots at Airshow This Year

The Mill City chamber of commerce met Tuesday evening and enthusiastic members planned community wise events.

Claiming top interest in Tuesdays meeting was the wrestling smoker scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 19th, and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. It was the first time such an event had been planned for Mill City. Some members had already sold more than their quota of tickets.

### Breakfast Hop

The chamber will sponsor again this year the "Breakfast Hop" of the Sportsman Pilot Association on July 16th. They agreed to again serve free breakfast to the visiting pilots and their passengers. In last year's "hop" 175 planes landed at Davis airport for the festivities and airshow. It was believed that at least as many or more would be present this year. The airshow will again be the feature of the afternoon. With pilots attending from every section of the state last year Mill City's hospitality became known to many.

### Information Booth

With the approach of ideal driving weather, the chamber industrial committee suggested to the members the need of an information booth for the benefit of visitors at the dam site. The group went on record as accepting the suggestion and further plans are being made to place such a booth at the construction site. It would be manned over the weekend with volunteer help. Literature of the dam, the Santiam canyon and Mill City, would be furnished to travelers. Such action it was believed would instigate interest for potential canyon residents.

### Urges Registration

The city's business men joined in urging non-registered citizens to register as soon as possible. It was felt that better business, better citizens and in consequence a better community would be established were every one to take their part in choosing the political leaders.

The chamber voted to send a committee to the city council to urge a blanket ordinance for a paving and drainage program. Were such an ordinance passed the majority in any one street could stop the paving in such a particular section.

Chamber of commerce members will meet April 25 at the IOOF hall for a dinner and business meeting. The dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

## Voters May Register Downtown Locations

The registration drive sponsored by the Mill City Chamber of Commerce gained emphasis today as registrars from both Linn and Marion counties joined forces to enable every citizen to become a registered voter.

The new move will include the establishment of registration places in downtown Mill City in both counties. Mrs. LaVon Kriever, Linn county registrar will establish downtown registration headquarters at Vern's Barber shop while Mrs. Cline will make Marion counties downtown spot at the Dave Epps furniture store.

On Friday both registrars will be in their central locations from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. On Monday and Tuesday voters may register at the new locations from 9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m. It was believed the new schedule would enable every possible voter to register. Registration closes next Tuesday, April 18.

Voters may also register at the county clerk's office of the county seat of the county in which they reside.

# Registration Booths Located at Dave Epps Furniture and Verne's Barber Shop