

We Agree

Some one once said a good newspaper is one that is written for the good of all the people.

The author was absolutely right. In any normal circulation there will be college graduates and those with little formal education. There will be those who favor and those who oppose every political action. Some readers will think for themselves and others will want their thinking done for them. It is simply the old adage that it takes all kinds of people to make the world. The newspaper attempts to serve them all.

On a few occasions, however, there are subjects on which everyone will agree. To be sure the occasions are few and far between but the law of averages must have its out.

Now the editorial objective of this writing is not to give any of our readers opportunity to cry persecution, or on the other side to make denouncement for lack of stamina but is rather trying to find that near intangible middle of the road wherein we might all agree.

When the taxpayers hear the word of unionization many will set up a defensive train of thought and refuse to hear any further comment. We believe that actually no one has any objection to a union high school because it offers so much by way of opportunity to our young people. Objections have usually stemmed from disagreements with personalities or procedures, seldom if ever with the end objective.

Older citizens will recall that unionization has been discussed for years; that schoolboards have been in favor of such a move and will probably continue to be in favor. We could continue such testimonials for another ten years and be no closer to a new school than we are at this moment.

You see, we must first agree in writing that the majority of the people want the new school. Now we're such a vote taken it would not be indicative of additional taxes, school locations, school design or any other argumentative point we might dream up. It would only mean that we would have accomplished the first step in obtaining better schools.

That middle road of which we wrote would be that very simple agreement that we want the school. Then other problems could be worked out in their own turn.

You agree? Fine, we thought you would. How do we express our opinion on the subject? It could be done in this very simple manner. School boards who have not yet taken this action would need only to call an election of the district's taxpayers to complete the primary but essential step. Such an election is not a difficult thing after all. Mill City accomplished the feat with no great difficulty some time ago. With the unionization the new district would be set up and a five-man board elected to handle its affairs.

Certainly it is our American democratic way of living. Why not drop us a letter or a postcard to The Enterprise or to your local school board telling of your viewpoint?

Veterans Loans Pass 5,000 Mark

The Oregon World War II veterans' farm and home loan program, inaugurated in the fall of 1945, has gone over the 5,000 mark in numbers of loans granted, the State Department of Veterans' Affairs announced this week.

The state veterans' loan is available to any veteran who resided in Oregon prior to World War II service, who served 90 days or more and was honorably discharged. The loan act provides for a four percent loan, not to exceed 75 percent of the appraised value of the property and not to exceed \$6,000. Current policy limits the repayment period to 15 years or less.

Veterans interested in the loan program were advised to see their local county service officer, or to contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 305 State Library Bldg., Salem, or 415 SW. 11th Avenue, Portland.

Coming Events:

- FRIDAY—**
 - I.O.O.F. meeting.
 - Lyons IWA meeting 2nd Friday.
 - Mill City IWA meeting last Friday
- SATURDAY—**
 - Legion Dance at Legion hall.
 - 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.
 - Santiam Eagles auxiliary 8 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY—**
 - Lions club auxiliary 8:30, 4th Wed.
 - Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.
 - Altar Society meets 2nd Wed.
- THURSDAY—**
 - American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.
 - Gates P.T.A. 1st Thursday 8 p.m.

THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

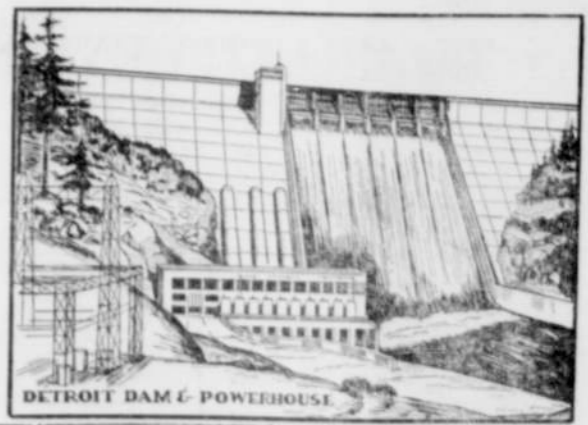
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Incorporation Okayed By Gates Citizens

At a special election, held Friday, April 14th, Gates became an incorporated city. Towns people voted by a two-thirds vote to become incorporated. Last minute effort is being made to get suitable men up for office at the May 19 primary election for the administration of the various offices to be filled. The city hopes to benefit from the incorporation by a more adequate water supply, fire protection, street improvements and traffic control. Building restrictions are expected to be set up in the near future.

In a routine business meeting Tuesday night the Gates Chamber of Commerce submitted their suggestions for councilmen in the newly incorporated city.

To be placed on the ballot will be Norman Garrison, Floyd Volkel, Ned Richards, Albert Millsap, Fred Butler, Walter Brisbin and Gilbert Weathers.

While the nominees will not have time to complete registration with the county clerk in time for the May primaries an election for the council members will be announced at a later date.

East Marion County Demos Meet April 28

Democrats in this area were reminded of their rally scheduled for Friday night, April 28th at the Manolis' Santiam Cafe at 7:30 p.m.

The rally for a democratic victory year, will be sponsored by the East Marion County Democratic Committee Chairman Don Peterson announced this week. Candidates for the governor's office to precinct committeemen have been invited to attend, and we are assured that most of them will be present to tell the voters of their qualifications and to support their candidacies for the office which they seek.

County Chairman Luis Martine-Lally of Salem will be present and he reports that capacity crowds have been turning out all over the county at rallies already held.

Registration in this part of the county and according to reports from most of the state showing registration as running high for the Democratic party in many cases as high as two to one in their favor. Now that registration is over for the primaries, it is the voter's duty to meet the candidates and become familiar with what they stand for so that they can make their choice on May 19.

Every citizen interested in securing the best possible candidate is invited to attend and bring a pot-luck dish along for the dinner to be served at the Manolis cafe. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished. Please mark April 28th on your calendar and plan on a salad, hot dish, sandwiches, or cake to round out a palatable pot-luck. Privileges of the cafe will be extended before and after the meeting. The cafe dining room will be open the entire evening.

Mrs. Winifred Booth of Detroit is vice-chairman; Loreta J. Ziebert, Mill City, secretary; and Mrs. Kenneth Randall of Mehama is treasurer of the Eastern Marion County Democratic district.

Democratic Rally Held Sunday in Albany

At the Democratic rally in Albany on Sunday, Walter J. Pearson, state treasurer, emphatically declared he would appoint his successor in event he is elected governor.

Pearson went on to discuss state finances by pointing to the undesirability of building up surpluses. In 1943 and again in 1945, the people repudiated a sales tax passed by the legislature. Each time there was ample income to meet all state expenses. In fact, stated Pearson, the 1943 legislature also passed the Walker plan for returning a part of the income tax while the 1947 legislature raised the income tax only to have the next one lower it again.

The Mespelt road program, presented by Fred Mespelt, candidate for county commissioner highlighted the discussion period and received strong endorsement. Unhandy and inadequate registration facilities in Benton and Linn counties were blamed for the low percentage of registrations among newcomers.

Dave Shaw, candidate for congress spoke briefly. Other candidates present included Walter Sheiby, Elmer Sahlstrom and Earl Mason, legislative candidates.

THE AMERICAN WAY



Watch Both Hands

Caughey Signed For High School Principal

Mr. Harrison Caughey, specialist in administration was given a contract to serve as Mill City high school's new principal, in Wednesday night meeting.

Mr. Caughey will assume his duties in the fall of this year. He is at present employed in an administrative position at the Siletz high school.

The new principal is married and has two small children.

Gates Selects New Teaching Staff

Don S. Miley has accepted the position as superintendent of the Gates high school.

Miley, who has been head of the commercial department of the Stayton high school for the past two years taught in the Gates high school prior to the Stayton engagement and is well known here. Mrs. Miley will not teach this year, though it is reported she has volunteered to assist in dramatics and music, if needed.

Howard Means, who taught the seventh grade in the Stayton schools as been engaged by the local school board, as coach. Means is the son of a former Mill City grade school principal.

The grade school teachers have all renewed contracts for the next school year. Mrs. Riley Champ, 1st grade; Mrs. Letha Bentley, of Lyons, 2nd grade; Mrs. A. T. Barnhardt, 3rd and 4th; and Mrs. Gwen Schaar, who has been made principal of the grade school will also teach the 5th and 6th classes.

It is reported there is yet one vacancy in the high school to be filled.

T. R. Burton, who has been superintendent of the Gates schools for the past four years has expressed a desire to be nearer his parents, whose home is in McMinnville and who are quite aged and in impaired health. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burton will be missed next year by their many friends in this community.

Jean Roberts Improving

The Enterprise expresses its deepest concern over the accident of Jean Roberts, outstanding Mehama correspondent for several years.

Mrs. Roberts, her husband and part of their family were crossing an intersection near Stayton when their car was hit broadside by a car traveling at an extreme speed.

Mrs. Roberts condition is slowly improving and she was placed in a full body cast this week. She will be confined to the cast for the next six months.

Because of the unfortunate accident Mehama news has not been printed in The Enterprise. We regret our temporary loss and hope for her speediest recovery.

In the meantime The Enterprise would be happy to hear from some person who will be willing substitute for Mrs. Roberts.

Lost Scouts Object Of Sunday Search

Parents and Scout leaders had cause to be concerned Sunday afternoon when two scouts were reported missing on a hike to the north fork over the Gates hill.

The 7th grade boys, Tom Stewart, son of Bill Stewart, and Kenneth Andrews, son of Mr. Teal, were taken to the top of Gates hill at 6 o'clock Sunday morning where the boys were left off to hike to a friends house in the Elkhorn district. The boys were to call their parents upon arrival and when they failed to do so a search for their whereabouts got underway.

Young Stewart's father, was first to set out in search for the boys when he discovered he had led the boys off at the wrong road. His search discovered their trail and led through the woods through four feet of snow. He was forced to turn back and call for help.

The youngsters in the meantime had realized their plight and were in best of scout fashion looking for their destination. They encountered extremely rough terrain in one case young Stewart fell over an incline of approximately 50 feet, breaking a new rifle and giving him considerable bruises.

Not knowing that several searching parties were combing the area for them, the boys finally made their way to their original destination on the Little North Fork under their own power.

Their "outing" was not under the sponsorship of the Boy Scout leaders.

Timber Sales Exceed Appraisals

Appraisals by some 19 applicants exceeded expectation on some 17,000,000 board feet of timber auctioned in Portland by the U. S. bureau of land management. A. P. Collins, district forester, reported.

The timber appraised at \$205,215 sold for \$310,690.

The largest tract went to Williamette Valley Lumber company of Dallas for timber near Lebanon.

Freres-Frank Lumber company of Lyons, bid the price for Douglas fir up to \$27 per thousand and \$7.25 for hemlock on a Little North Fork tract east of Mehama. The timber was appraised at \$41,716 and sold at \$73,584.

Collins said additional tracts of O. & C. grant land would be made available at two months intervals throughout the year. Next sale will be June 13.

KINDERGARDEN TEACHER

Mrs. Stafford, former grade school teacher, is at present in charge of the kindergarden sponsored by the Mill City P. T. A.

Mrs. Stafford has been highly praised by P. T. A. officials for her ability in handling the youngsters.

Recreation Center Discussed for Old Grade School Building

With members from each organization in the community, plans were discussed Sunday for a community recreation center.

The proposed plan was instigated by the city and was aided by a school board proposal. Mill City's Mayor Toman sent letters two weeks ago to the person in charge of each church, lodge, club or other organization to meet at the old grade school on Sunday the 16th. A good representation was present.

Lions Club Advances Plans for Show

The Mill City Lions club neared completion of their plans, in Monday night's meeting, for their amateur show to be held on Thursday evening, April 27th.

The show has promised to offer a variety of entertainment and fun. Entertainers with marimba, piano accordion, novelty acts, baton twirlers, cowboy guitar acts, and a sketch artist are already signed for the show. This year's talent has been drawn from Stayton to Detroit. All proceeds from the show will go to help finance the way of the Boy Scout Valley Forge trip.

Mr. Collins from the Oregon Educational association was the guest speaker at Monday's meeting. Mr. Collins pointed out to members, Oregon's crucial need for school engagement and urged the support of the "children's bill".

Increased birthrate and immigration has caused such an expansion in the schools as to make some additional means of support imperative. The Basic School Law passed in 1946 to furnish 50 percent state aid is now furnishing only half of the proposed amount because of the influx of population.

Mill City C. of C. Plan Dinner Meet

The Mill City Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday evening April 25th for a dinner and business meeting at the I.O.O.F. hall.

The dinner, to begin at 8 p.m., will be served by Dewey Flatman. Speaker for Tuesday night's meeting will be Col. C. C. Davis, resident engineer at the Detroit dam. It will be the first time that Colonel Davis has spoken to a Mill City group. He will speak on the progress and working conditions at the dam site.

A capacity crowd is expected to attend the meeting.

Mill City P.T.A. Hold Spirited Meeting

Mill City's parents and teachers met for a spirited evening last Thursday discussing school problems and electing new officers.

Mr. Norman Jensen, P.T.A. committee chairman appointed to investigate recent school board discipline matters gave his report to the association.

Some parents expressed strong disapproval with the discipline policy in some cases.

New officers for the 1950-51 school year were chosen. Mrs. Kenneth Crosier was chosen to fill the presidency. Other officers elected were Donald Bengston, 1st vice president; Fredrick Rugh, 2nd vice president; Miss Hope Baney, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Harmon, treasurer.

The 74 members and guests enjoyed the program of dances furnished by Mrs. Robert Veness, and Adelbert Allen, and the refreshments that followed the meeting in the school recreation room.

American Legion Plans Auxiliary Organization

An organizational meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held this Friday, April 21st, at 8 p.m. at the Mill City Legion hall.

The meeting will be open to mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters of Legion members and veterans. During Friday night's meeting the new auxiliary will elect their officers for the ensuing year.

Information on transportation to the meeting may be obtained by calling Delores Hollingworth, phone 505; Judy Ragsdale, phone 3518; or Doris Jensen, phone 3551.

The Mill City school board had offered to the community for lease the old grade school building to serve as a recreation center for the youth. Plans for some type of center have been under consideration for some time.

Were the old grade school to be placed in service, it was pointed out, certain repairs would be necessary. The building is constructed in such a way as to permit removal of some petitions to facilitate larger rooms.

Citizens were enthusiastic over such a plan for the community's youth and felt every opportunity should be investigated. Questions were raised, however, as to the required cost for renovating the old building to a satisfactory standard. Some type of a new heating plant would be required as well as extensive remodeling.

While no estimates were made as to what such a cost would be, a committee was appointed to make such a determination.

Previous plans for such a project had included a smaller building near the city hall to house a library and recreational center.

The present suggestion of the city's would leave the governing board in the hands of the people and would be operated as the citizens felt best.

Census Shows City Increase

An unofficial count of the census in Mill City this week revealed a population within the city proper of between 1,800 and 1,850 persons.

The new count has shown the rapid growth of Mill City since the time of its incorporation. In 1947 a count of the city's populace listed 1,223 citizens or an increase today of one-third in the last three years.

The Mill City precinct, which extends about half way to Gates and also west of Mill City included 1,056 residents in 1940 and today is nearly tripled with more than 2,700 residents.

It was believed that the next few years would anticipate the present figures as the canyon continues its growth.

"Henpecked Henry" Well Received in Gates

The annual junior-senior play was presented in the auditorium of the Gates high school, Thursday evening. A large enthusiastic crowd gave high praise to the performance of the cast. The play, "Henpecked Henry" a comedy with three acts and a prologue was entertaining from beginning to end. The cast as follows:

Henry Hyde, a meek and mild fellow, George Child; Erilla Hyde, his domineering wife, Carolyn Brejcha; Ellen Hyde, their charming daughter, Lorena Devine; Lottie Hartigan, the maid who forgot to remember, Isabelle Blackburn; Mrs. Ace Bliss, a neighbor, Cleta Masoner; Ace Bliss, her husband who used his head, Jimmy Carey; Kurt Little, who is determined to marry Ellen, Marlin Cole; Eda Rogers, a movie actress, Eileen Eccleston; Gladys Rogers, Eda's youngest sister, Donna Rhae Athey; Pauline Rogers, another sister, Barbara Haun; William Cripps, strictly a man of business, Albert Ziebert; director, Mrs. Bowling, high school teacher.

The following are tentative dates for activities scheduled during the remainder of the school year:

- April 21st—Junior-Senior banquet.
- May 12th—Open house and field day, grades 1 to 6.
- May 19th—Variety show.
- May 21—Baccalaureate.
- May 26—High school picnic.
- June 2—Commencement exercises.
- June 5—Last day of school, award assembly at 2:30 p.m.

Stolen, Thank You

When the Walter L. Petersons recently bought a tract of land in the Swift addition they inherited with the land an old plow.

Now it seems that the new owners had tried by several means to have the old plow hauled away but all to no avail.

On a recent dark night some villain succeeded in stealing the old plow and all of its scattered parts. The Petersons wish many happy hours of plowing to the thief and only ask that he not bring it back.