

## Democratic Rally At Manolis' April 28

Democrats will gather this Friday evening at Manolis Santiam Cafe for their victory rally and pot-luck dinner to hear candidates for their party offices, according to officers of the East Marion County Democratic district, headed by Don Peterson, Mill City, chairman.

Walter J. Pearson, governor candidate, present state treasurer will head the list of prominent Democratic speakers featured at a truly modern pot-luck dinner.

Roy R. Hewitt, U.S. congress aspirant, Oregon's well known, long-time Democrat and public figure promises to present issues vital to Democrats as well as to others of the community.

Frank M. Porter and Arthur L. Davis, state senate candidates will speak to the group upon issues pressing the citizens of the state.

Preston W. Hale, Lawrence 'Larry' Kock, Alvin Whitlaw, Josephine A. Spaulding and Ward Graham, all Democratic contenders to the state house of representatives, will demonstrate their many abilities to provide a first class representation for all the voters of Marion county and of the state.

Anton Vistica and "Andy" A. C. Burke, colorful and sincere candidates for one Marion county commissioner seat, have agreed to jointly demonstrate the need for a shake-up in the administration of the Marion county court.

Henry Heyden, candidate for county recorder, has promised to throw out a charge of inefficiency in the present manner of handling the Recorder's office in Marion county.

Luis Martine-Lally, Marion County Democratic Central committee chairman will be present to take part in the rally and meet with his many friends in this end of the county.

Mrs. Winifred Booth of Detroit, vice chairman of the district has been a hard worker in getting this meeting organized and was assisted by several ladies of Detroit, and Mrs. Loretta Zeibert, Mill City, secretary together with Mrs. Kenneth Randall of Mehama, who is treasurer of this district.

All voters are invited to come and enjoy the evening meeting the various candidates.

Coffee, cream and sugar with table settings will be furnished, so come and bring a hot dish, salad, sandwiches, or cake and have a pleasant evening with your friends and neighbors. The time is 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Manolis Santiam Cafe. The cafe dining room will be open and privileges of the cafe will be extended before and after the meeting.

## Pearson Asks Flagg's Removal From P.U.C.

A demand for removal of Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg, who has just been condemned by the Oregon State Grange, has been made to the governor by State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson.

The Grange Executive committee declared Flagg has failed to represent the public in utility regulation "but instead has acted as a spokesman and special pleader for the public utilities."

In his letter to Governor McKay, Treasurer Pearson said the Grange resolution showed clearly Flagg has been "unfaithful in the performance of his duties." He asked appointment of commissioner who will protect the public from unjust practices.

Pearson, who vigorously opposes rate increases asked by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company as "prohibitory to the average citizen," charges Flagg is reversing himself in election year to cover his past record.

In its resolution the Grange accused Flagg of already increasing telephone rates so that long distance calls within the state are more costly than to points outside Oregon.

It accused him of permitting Pacific Power and Light to raise rates in Portland while lowering them in The Dalles to destroy a municipal system and of issuing newspaper statements in the company interest.

He also has advocated legislation for the railroads curtailing barge transportation, said the Grange.

## Power Reduction Set For This Sunday

After several unsuccessful attempts Mountain States Power Co. has made arrangements with highway crews and loggers to remove several trees that have caused line hazards, this Sunday, April 30.

Users of electric power are asked to curtail their usage as much as possible on the above date. During the removal of the trees the main circuit will be switched to a smaller line not capable of carrying the normal canyon load.

Mountain States officials stated the removal of the line hazards would insure better service with fewer power stoppages. Recent winter storms have caused branches and trees to fall across the lines either shorting them out or breaking the wires.

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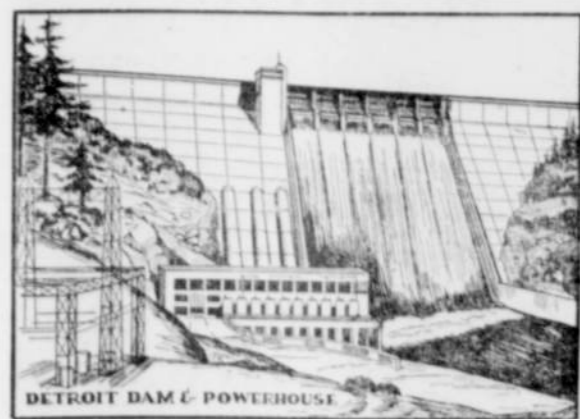
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DETROIT DAM NOW 15% COMPLETE.—Top: Excavation for dam foundation and stilling basin where Consolidated Builders, Inc., have heavy machinery removing rock in the old Santiam channel. Lower, left: Towers on abutments above the dam will sustain cables carrying buckets of mixed concrete when pouring gets under way. Right: Storage plant for various sizes of aggregate and sand required for dam construction. Photos Courtesy of Capital Journal

## Preliminary Work Nears Completion At Dam Site

With the tremendous amount of preliminary work nearing completion at the Detroit dam the pouring of concrete will probably begin sometime in July, so stated C. C. Davis, resident engineer in Tuesday night's Chamber of Commerce meeting at Mill City.

The project is now considered to be 18 percent completed and was estimated to be only one month behind schedule. The slow down was caused by the severe weather of last winter.

**Preliminary Work**  
Included in the preliminary classification, was the excavation which is now nearly 90 percent complete. Some 290,000 cubic yards of top soil and dirt and 175,000 cubic yards of rock have been excavated to create a foundation base for the dam and other allied construction.

Great cribs for aggregate storage are also nearing completion. They will be used to store the sand and gravel to be used in the concrete. A giant crusher is now under construction that will be able to receive rock up to 10 tons and reduce it to 12 inches in size. The contractors will also manufacture their own sand of the solid rock available near the dam site.

Over six miles of access road have been built. Much of the road has

been carved from solid rock and each road is two lanes in width.

High up on the abutments on each side of the river four towers are being constructed to support the giant cableways, that will stretch across the canyon. The cableways will pick up the concrete from a shuttle service at the side of the canyon and deliver it to any spot in the dam construction. The span will be approximately 2000 feet. They will probably not be ready to operate before July.

The diversion tunnel which was pushed through solid rock by construction workers will be sealed when the dam is completed and ready for operation. Its only purpose has been to divert the river out of the contractors way.

**Clearing Yet**  
Some 2500 acres are left to be cleared in the dam reservoir. Clearing contracts for 1000 acres are expected to be let in the immediate future. The amount will be determined, however, by the allotment now under decision by the national congress. While the engineers expected to receive 20 million dollars the house committee has already cut the allotment to 13 million. The bill is now awaiting passage from the senate.

Oregon's Representatives Ellsworth and Norblad it is reported have been grossly negligent in fighting for funds for Detroit dam, in the past. It was pointed out in after meeting discussions that they should now do something to get these funds restored.

**Power Contracts**  
Generating and power equipment for the rated 118,000 kw. dam has already been contracted for and is expected to be ready for installation when the dam is completed. Turbines, transformers, generators and control gates have been ordered at a contract cost of over 4 million dollars.

**Big Cliff Dam**  
Bids will be advertised for the Big Cliff dam and power plant in August of 1951. The entire project is expected to be completed in November of 1953. Mr. Davis believed there was an excellent opportunity for the canyon's future with power so readily available.

## Council Hears Hi-way Proposal for City

Conference reports between city officials and highway representatives were presented to the city council in Wednesday night's meeting.

Representatives from the state highway commission met this week with Mayor Toman and other city officials and discussed the traffic bottleneck in Mill City and possible alternatives.

The proposed traffic light was considered to be out of the immediate financial reach of all persons concerned with an estimated cost of \$3,000. It was suggested that the "abrupt rise" be graded down 3 feet and widened. There was a possibility that the state would cover approximately half of such expense.

A curbed island was also suggested for the three way intersection across from Mountain States Power Co.

Other business in Wednesday's council meeting included a report on the need to enforce city licensing of business establishments.

## Highway Resurfacing For Gates-Mill City

The state highway commission awarded a contract to Habler Brothers of Portland for re-oiling 3.83 miles of the Santiam highway between Gates and Mill City.

The bid was for \$12,893 to build new rock shoulders and a new oil mat surface. The road has suffered from excessive logging and contracting loads over the past few years.

While no date for the repair was released it was believed the contractors would start the job this summer.

## Loose Gravel Causes Accident Near Dam

Loose gravel on the recently constructed road between Niagara and Detroit coupled with apparent excess speed resulted in a serious auto accident Saturday afternoon.

The car was owned by Mrs. Lucile Helser, Mill City resident recently from Portland and was driven by Maude E. Rowley of Portland. The two ladies had driven to the dam site and were returning to Mill City when the car struck loose gravel and went out of control turning completely over and crashing into a solid rock embankment.

A Salem ambulance was called to take Mrs. Helser to a hospital. It was believed she suffered broken ribs and possible back injuries. Emergency treatment was given by a local physician. Mrs. Rowley suffered cuts and bruises.

The Marion county sheriff's office warned motorists to drive with care on gravel roads, reminding them of the driving hazard.

## Coming Events:

- Lions Club Amateur Show 8 p.m. Tonight.
- FRIDAY—  
Democratic Rally, Manolis 7:30 p.m.  
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 PTA 1st Thursday 8 p.m.

## Accidents Set High Mark At Idanha Sawmills

Frank Ray, planer operator of the Idanha Lumber company mill, caught his hand in the side head of the machine Monday morning.

He was taken to the local doctor who sent him to the Salem Memorial hospital. Ray lost two fingers on his right hand and injured his thumb. He will remain in the hospital for some time.

The second accident of the day at the mill occurred in the afternoon when Albin Cooper, while operating the log saw, lost control of the lever which struck his arm, breaking one bone in the fore-arm.

Clyde Storey, while working at the portable saw at the Harvey mill, was struck in the eye by a loose knot in the log they were sawing. Although quite painful his condition is not considered serious.

## Lions Amateur Show Set For Tonight

The Mill City "Barberetts" winners in last year's barber shop quartet contest will entertain at the Lions Club Amateur show tonight, Lions officials announced today.

The "Barberetts" will not sing, however, in the competitive field. Those who attend tonight's program at the Mill City theatre are promised a well rounded evening of entertainment. Entertainers with marimba, piano, accordion, novelty acts, baton twirlers, cowboy guitar acts, and a sketch artist promise to bring an evening of full enjoyment.

Communities from Stayton to Detroit will be represented in tonight's show.

All proceeds from the show will go to help finance the way of the Boy Scout Valley Forge trip.



Pictured above are members of the Mill City Fire Department. Front row, left to right: Martin Hansen, Director Floyd Fleetwood, Ray Roberts, Dallas Strickler, Clarence Estenson, Eldon Huchensen, Aray Podrabsky, L. A. Rada, George Ditter. Director Al Geddes, Harold Wiltse, Roy Beebe, and Dick Olmstead. Back row on fire truck left to right: Bill Stewart, Ben Eoten, Burnett Cole, C. (Dub) Stewart, George Stewart, Lee Knowles, Wilbur Meinert, Chief Arlo Turess, and Frank (Tex) Blazek.  
At a special meeting of the Mill City firemen earlier this month the firemen presented their board of directors with a check for \$1,500, to be used in the construction of an addition to the present firehall. The check was made possible by fireman sponsored benefits.  
Previous expenditures have been used to purchase hose and other fire fighting equipment. The addition to the firehall will provide housing for three trucks and provide a hall approximately 46 x 80 feet. The hall will be available for community events. (Photo Courtesy of Capital Journal)

## Census Workers Make Last Appeal To Count

With the census nearly completed in this section of Marion county workers are sending out a last querie to be sure you have been counted, Tony Moravec, crew leader in this area announced this week.

If you have not been counted here or anywhere else, please fill out the information listed below and mail it immediately to Cornelius Bateson, district supervisor, Bureau of Census at Salem, Oregon.

Give your complete address, full name, relationship to the head of the household, sex, color or race and age at last birthday. This appeal is directed only for residents of Marion county.

## Linn Democrats Gain

Democrats in Linn county have increased their lead to 1,220 in this once strongly Republican county, it was announced Tuesday by County Clerk R. M. Russell after he had completed the May 19 primary election voters' list. Total registration for the county now stands at 22,296, an increase of 1,112 over the total for October, 1948, last registration period. The present Republican total is 10,419, an increase of 236 since the last general election, while the present Democrat total is 11,639, a gain of 931.

**FORMER ENTERPRISE EDITOR**  
Former editor and publisher of the Mill City Enterprise, Charles Wolverson, is temporarily editing an eastern Oregon paper.

The Blue Mountain Eagle of John Day, Oregon is usually edited by Elmo Smith, state senator, who has employed Wolverson during his political campaign period.

**WE SEE BY THE ADS**  
in this week's paper:  
New Spuds 5 cents a pound;  
Bacon 38 cents a pound;  
Cream-style corn \$2.59 a case;  
Two new businesses in Gates;  
New inner tubes for 1 penny;  
Dresses for 50 cents.