



Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette University, will give the commencement address at Mill City high school May 25th.

Dr. Smith is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of American Colleges and is national head of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

He has been at Willamette since 1942. Last year he received the national interfraternity conference award for "service to youth".

### Fire Season May 15 Brings Enforcement

The 1950 fire season will begin on May 15. During the period of each year between May 15 and December 31, which is known as the closed season, it is unlawful for anyone to set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any forest land, grass, grain or stubble, on his own land or the land of another without first securing a burning permit from the wardens, rangers, or fire chiefs in the area where the burning is to be done, according to Mel Crawford, District Warden of the Linn County Fire Patrol association.

Any warden or other forest officer has the right to refuse, revoke, or postpone a permit when necessary to prevent danger to life or property. Any fires burning in the forest area now must be covered under permit or extinguished on or before May 15.

No forest fires have occurred in the Linn Fire Patrol area this year because of wet weather, but a few hot and dry days will dry out the forest rapidly and a small uncontrolled fire could easily spread into dry forest debris warns Warden Crawford.

All logging operators are required to have their fire fighting equipment in their operating areas by May 15. Fire Inspectors, Elmer Taylor, Elmer Ayers, and Lawrence Williams, fire inspectors for the Linn Fire Patrol area, are now making their pre-season inspections and will soon be around to check the fire fighting equipment. Operators not having their equipment in place by the 15th are subject to the penalties of the law and are apt to be shut down until the equipment is on hand.

Fire wardens of the Linn Fire Patrol are being placed at their field stations, and, as the forest becomes drier and more hazardous, the fire lookouts will be sent to their summer stations. Maintenance crews are busy opening up roads and trails and are putting up telephone lines broken down by severe winter storms.

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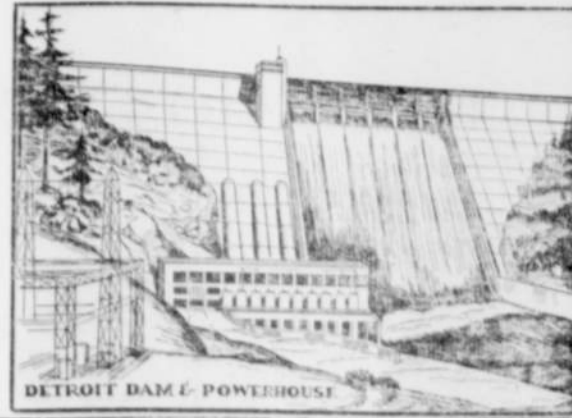
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### Polls Open Friday On Standard Time

Voting polls for the May 19 primaries will open at 8:00 a.m. standard time, officials announced today, and will close at 8:00 p.m.

Polling on the Marion county side of Mill City will be located in the Dawes building and Linn county's location will be in the Presbyterian church recreation room.

Dignitaries from all high government offices have encouraged registered voters to fulfill their obligation to their nation, and state in Fridays balloting by making sure they have marked their ballots.

Election committees for both day and night counting have been signed and an unusually heavy vote is expected.

### Niemeyer Charged With Detroit Arson

A district court warrant charging August William Niemeyer, 45, Detroit, with first degree arson was signed Monday after he had admitted in court that he had set fire to a Detroit dormitory last February 2.

Niemeyer, appearing as a material witness against Carrie and Vernon Franse, told the court that he set the blaze which destroyed the building after being approached on the subject by Franse.

Mr. and Mrs. Franse, both of Idanha, were listed as owners of the building which had been altered to form a dormitory for men employed on the Detroit dam project.

Both were bound over to the grand jury Monday after the preliminary examination. Mrs. Franse was free on \$2,000 bail and her husband was being held in lieu of \$2,000 bail. They are charged with attempting to procure the burning of a building.

Marion County Sheriff Denver Young said Monday that a warrant had been issued for Niemeyer and that he would be arraigned in district court today. Niemeyer, a naturalized citizen and a machinist, claimed he had been offered \$400 by Franse to burn the building, Sheriff Young said.

Another Detroit man, also held as a material witness, testified that he had been approached by Mrs. Franse about firing the building.

### Second Annual Variety Show at Gates School

The second annual Variety show given by the Gates high school is to be held tomorrow night, May 19 in the Gates gym at 8 p.m.

The program has a dual purpose. First, to give cross sectional exhibitions of the year's physical education program and of other departments; secondly, to raise money to buy an electric score board for the gymnasium.

In general the program consists of folk dances, skit, style show, singing, specialty dances, group games, table tumbling, horizontal bar, parallel bar and tumbling.

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### Coming Events:

- THURSDAY—**  
American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.  
Gates PTA 1st Thursday 8 p.m.
- 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 3rd Monday.  
Boy Scouts 7:30
- TUESDAY—**  
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.  
Santiam Eagles auxiliary 8 p.m.  
Senior Scouts 7:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY—**  
Lions club auxiliary 8:30, 4th Wed.  
Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.



### Hutchesons Lead Honolulu Lei Day Parade As Only Representatives From Oregon

In a setting of palm trees and tropic breezes, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hutcheson of Mill City led the Contra Costa Posse Lei Day parade held last week in Honolulu, T.H.

The Hutchesons are the only non-Californians of the 226 member tour. The parade began in the morning hours when the visiting horsemen and women, garbed in colorful western clothes, rode from Iolani palace to the city hall.

There they lined up for pictures. Pink carnation leis were put on each horse by R. C. Stanton, representing the Honolulu Lion's club and other civic organizations.

The riders then made a loop through the city hall driveway to salute Honolulu's mayor and then proceeded on to Ala Moana park. There the riders dismounted and their horses were on display.

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Mr. Hutcheson carried the U. S. flag; Mrs. Hutcheson carried the flag of their riding club. It was here that

the only cause for complaint arises, according to the Hutchesons. "These brisk trade winds," they explained, "make it pretty hard to carry the flags . . ."

Otherwise they say, their Hawaiian vacation has been unequalled—even by a vacation in Florida.

**War Dead Honored**  
In a solemn ride from Iolani palace to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific the posse members participated in a salute to the war heroes buried there. A wreath was placed by the cemetery flagpole. Civic and government dignitaries participated.

Mr. Hutcheson is in the real estate and furniture business in Mill City and Gates.

### Service Station Fire

A blaze believed to have started from an oil stove left Cy's Service Station a gutted shell in a fire Wednesday evening.

The highly inflammable materials were blamed for the rapid spread of the flames and the difficulty in bringing them under control.

The Mill City fire department responded to the call and in routine style brought the blaze under control as soon as possible. The station which had recently added a service addition was declared a total loss.

### If No Enemies, No Friends

Hal Boyle, roving columnist for the Associated Press, found some interesting material in the Pacific Northwest.

He did a cute little piece about 'Gallupin' Gertie,' otherwise known as the Tacoma Narrows bridge; another gem about the smooching pet lioness of a town in Washington; and still another about the Valsetz swamp frogs that keep lumber workers awake nights.

Finally Boyle got around to George Putnam, the 'tartly genial' editor-publisher of the Salem Capital Journal. Putnam is now 78, but still as independent as a hog on ice. He brags that his paper has had more libel suits and been boycotted more often than any other in Oregon.

As Boyle puts it, "the principle of keeping himself free to tell everybody to go to hell is very important to Putnam."

Putnam's philosophy is very simple. And it works. The Capital Journal has one of the nicest little newspaper plants in the country and its circulation has gone from 5000 to 18,000 in the past 30 years.

Here's how the salty Salem editor explains it:

"Any time you give the public the truth as you see it—well, it pays. Any time you put the truth up to them, and explain it so they can understand it, they will support you—so long as they feel that you really stand for better government. You don't have to worry about boycotts or libel suits."

"My philosophy is to expose everything crooked and to support anything that is sincere and right. It doesn't make any difference whom it affects—even if it is my best friends. I don't care about that."

Putnam who remembers way back when he had to pack a pistol to prevent unhappy readers from tossing brass knuckles into his face says:

"You always have to fight for real law enforcement—any editor does. Any fight for liberty is eternal."

Finally, this:  
"The paper that has no enemies has no friends."  
Wish we had thought of that first!—From the Oregon Journal.

### Salem Caravan to Pass Through Canyon Towns This Sunday

The Santiam highway is slated to be a busy thoroughfare this Sunday when from 1,500 to 2,000 Salem Cherrians and friends will caravan through the city on their way to an inspection tour of the Detroit dam site.

Guest of honor in the great caravan will be the Cherrian Queen and her royal court. Governor McKay, Senator Morse and Charles Sprague will join with army engineer officials in addressing the throng.

**Information Booth**  
The information booth sponsored by the Mill City chamber of commerce is rapidly nearing completion and will offer its services to Sunday's crowd. The humanitarian service will be sure to add to the canyon's good will policy.

Chamber members will take their turn in serving the public through the booth. Work was also advancing in erecting the large sign of welcome at the west approach of Mill City and placing banners across Mill City's streets to welcome the travelers as they travel through our city.

**Others To Attend**  
In view of the special speakers many others were expected to join the great caravan to take advantage of the explanation of the huge project. Many canyon residents have already expressed their desire of attending with the group.

**Business Opportunities**  
Salem chamber of commerce members issued a "get ready" statement to all eating establishments. The Mill City chamber joined in the sentiment and have alerted all restaurants to be well stocked with supplies for the hungry travelers. The heaviest influx of trade is expected later in the afternoon, probably when the tourists are making the return trip.

Bob Veness, Mill City chamber of commerce president urged all chamber members to be on hand and wish everyone a cordial welcome and to be ready to help those wishing to local friends they may wish to call on during their visit in the canyon.

### Breitenbush Road Opened Monday

Ranger S. T. Moore, U. S. Forest Service, Detroit, Oregon, announces the opening of the Breitenbush road to traffic effective Monday, May 15. The Forest Service road crews is now completing the construction of the lower 3/4 of a mile of the road relocated above the flow line of the lake which will be formed by the Detroit dam. With minor maintenance to remove winter damage the road will then be in good condition for the heavy logging and recreation traffic expected this season. Due to logging traffic and a reduced road width, the Breitenbush road, east from the Hot Springs to Breitenbush Lake, will be closed to all recreation travel for the 1950 season.

An estimated 46 million board feet of National Forest timber will be removed over the Breitenbush Road this summer by five different operators. Nygaard Logging Co. will begin hauling May 15 from the Fox Creek area. Thompson-Hendrickson Logging Co., Idanha Lumber Co., Pamela Lumber Co., and Mar-Linn Timber Corporation will begin hauling operations May 22. It is expected that some 140 truck loads of logs will go out over this road daily during the peak of operations. The removal of this volume of timber from the Breitenbush area is necessary to construct the Bonneville Power Administration's Detroit-Maupin Transmission.

All those who expect to use this road during the summer vacation months are requested to exercise extreme caution in driving and to observe with care all road warning signs. Fishermen should refrain from parking cars near the traveled portion of the road. Since highly inflammable slash is lying alongside the road further care should be taken not to throw lighted material from the car.

With the close co-operation of everyone traveling this road, accidents and fires can surely be avoided. Effective May 15, permits must be obtained from the Detroit Ranger Station by anyone wishing to set fire in the Detroit-Idanha area.

### Gates Womens Club Plans Fund Campaign

Under the leadership of the newly elected president, Mrs. Edward Charge, the Gates Women's club started a fund raising campaign that has known no equal.

With the belief that the people will support an organization that believes in doing things the Gates women will start the special emphasis drive with a turkey dinner Saturday evening, May 20, from 6:30 o'clock on, in the Gates high school recreation room. The volunteer fireman will sell refreshments later in the evening at a dance to be given in the school gym.

Sunday morning, May 28, the club members will hold a cooked food sale at the Gates General store beginning at 10:30 a.m. The club will also sponsor a concert to be given by the Santiam Choral club, of Stayton, Thursday evening, June 8, in the Gates high school auditorium. Refreshments will be served at the close of the program. The profit from the concert will be added to the fireplace fund for the club house.

Thursday meeting followed a 1:00 o'clock dessert luncheon in the high school recreation room.

### Oiling Project For City Considered

With the approach of summer weather and dusty streets, Mill City officials began action this week to alleviate temporarily the dust problem and furthered work to improve the city.

A street oiling program is under discussion and will probably be started as soon as weather permits. The oiling program is not to be confused with a permanent paving program.

An oil company offer would sell 10,000 gallons of oil at between 2 and 4 cents. The cost for all of the city streets would cost in the neighborhood of \$650 and would last approximately 4 months.

The convenience of the anti-dust project was believed of far greater value to the city's residents. The possibility of contracting the work to a road oiling company was also under consideration.

### MILL CITY MAN HURT ON JOB AT MYRTLE CREEK

John A. Feeley, a construction worker from Mill City, was hospitalized in Eugene Tuesday with injuries incurred on a job at Myrtle Creek.

Attendants at Sacred Heart hospital said Feeley was in "fair" condition early this morning. He incurred leg and internal injuries.

Details of the accident were not available Tuesday night. Feeley is employed by the Kuckenberg Construction company of Canyonville. His wife and four children reside in Mill City where she is a school teacher at the local grade school. The family has resided in Mill City for several years.

### BACKSTOP TOPPLES ON GIRL

While attending the track meet on Friday afternoon Shirley Jean Cree was the victim of the backstop as it toppled over.

Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cree and was not seriously injured. She is in the seventh grade.

**WE SEE BY THE ADS:**  
Dresses at \$10.00.  
Motorcycle at \$195.00.  
Canned Tomatoes, 2 1/2 size, 19c.  
Fishing poles at \$3.95.  
Paint \$4.95 gallon.

## Primary Election May 19--Polls Open 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.--Standard Time