

Quips & Quotes

By PHIL McNOTE

Regan, Regan, Regan, as they speak of rain in the fatherland, designed to spoil a few picnics and save a thousands crops. When you have a tendency to tire of the moist material just remember the grain, the gardens, and our biggest crop, our forest. The rain helps to save them all.

As a youngster I used to play a little game of make believe. With my friends we would go to the cemetery and try to imagine what the world would be like if all the people represented by the markers were with us again. Even as children we knew that parents would rejoice if little lost ones were regained, that children would be playful if mother or dad could come back. In our young thinking we would try to imagine what our world would be like if we had the great leaders of yesterday.

This week, a little older and I hope a little wiser, I tried the game again. The setting furnished the only difference. Things were as quiet as the graveyard of which I spoke as I walked through the old site of the Mill City Manufacturing plant. With the great timbers standing in reverent silence, they represented well the grave side markers. Here was the setting of a thousand nostalgic memories. The great machinery is no longer present. Now the mill is dead and the parts that gave her life have been taken away.

I tried to imagine her in full operation once again. I stood in the sawyers place, walked where the great power rolls were located, pictured the carriage with the ratchet setter and the doggers; Oh, I stood in half a hundred places and envisioned a hundred men at their task. They were a happy group. The mill was a part of their town. The community prospered because of her. I walked through what must have been the saw filling room. I saw the benches at the edge of the mill pond. I listened to the men talk as they ate their lunch in the shade in the summertime and stood close to the great boilers when the weather was cold. I could see that a hundred families were happy because the mill was an important part of their life. I looked at the great tomb and tried to imagine what the town would be like if she were alive once again.

But more than the past I thought of the future . . . of the time when the dam would be completed . . . of the families that have stayed with and made this town. How perfect the picture would be, the mill in operation, the happy workers, the secure families.

Would any cost or effort be too great for a picture as perfect as that?

Plans for Air Show Queen Announced

Communities from Mehama to Idanha will join in the festive spirit in this year's air show sponsored by the Mill City chamber of commerce and scheduled for July 16.

Highlighting the big show will be the selection of a queen to be chosen from the entire canyon. Each community or organization was urged by chamber committee members this week to select their princess for the royal court. Princesses will be selected by vote sales. Votes will cost 5 for 25c or will sell for 25 for \$1.25. Each organization in Mill City should have their candidate for princess selected and entered by July 17 to complete for Mill City's candidate for queen.

July 1 will be the deadline for the selection of the princesses. For two weeks preceding the show, July 1 to 15 candidate will urge their followers to take up the victory banners and elect them as queen. The queen will be selected by her majority of votes at a dance Saturday, July 15.

Such a plan will enable any candidate from any community to have equal opportunity to be selected as the ruler of the airshow and breakfast hop.

Other recreation plans are under way for the big week in July.

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—
Mari-Linn PTA turkey dinner at Rebekah hall, Lyons, 5 to 8 p.m.
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.
Senior Scouts 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—
Lyons club auxiliary 8:30, 4th Wed.
Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.
Altair Society meets 2nd Wed.

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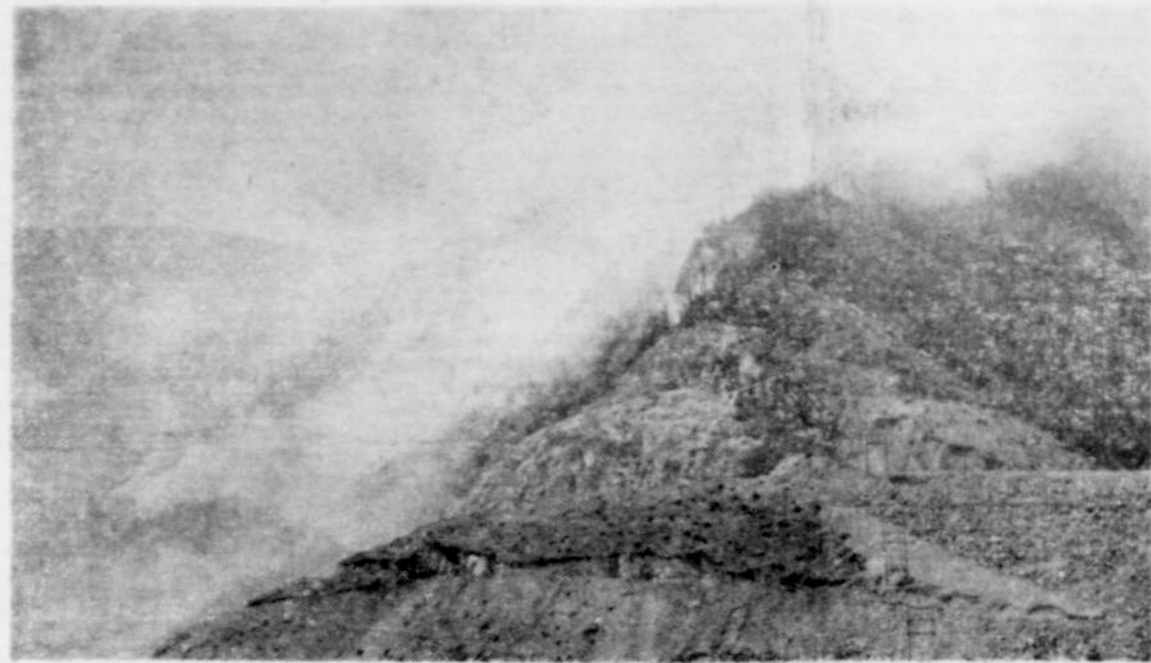
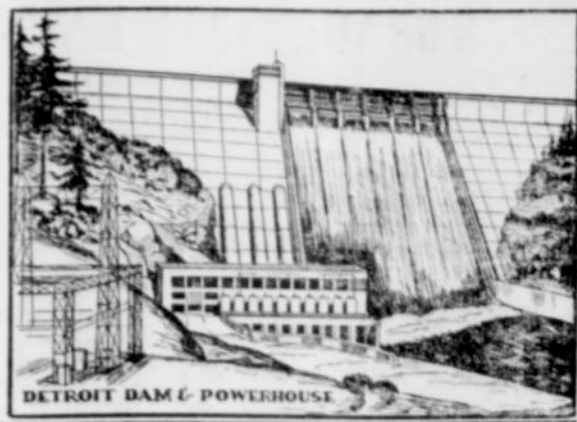
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Picture above is the scene of the forest fire which threatened the Detroit dam area last week. The photo was taken from the south side of the canyon near the aggregate bins at the dam site. (Photo courtesy Bob Veness and Capital Journal)

Canyon Joins Forces To Subdue Fire

Low humidity in a tinder dry forest threatened the canyon with a blaze that might have equaled the great fire of a quarter century ago, had not loggers and construction workers in the area joined forces to bring the threat under control.

The fire started from a slashing pile which had been burning under observation but was thought put out when the low humidity and high winds made the fire danger imminent. The flames were discovered burning out of control at 3:40 a.m. Friday by Consolidated Builders Inc. They made immediate report to the Forest service.

Weather conditions aided the flames as they swept down the canyon in the reservoir area. Humidity dropped 50 percent at 4:00 a.m. All logging operations must cease when the humidity drops to the 30 percent mark. Winds of 30 miles an hour with gusts to 50 miles drove the flames out of control. Shortly before the fire reached the construction site proper, high winds drove them across the broad new Santiam highway into timber on near-vertical mountain sides.

For four hours Friday morning the highway was closed to traffic as falling trees and rock slides created extremely hazardous conditions. Forest rangers reported in an on the spot interview Friday night that over 100 acres had been burned. They believed the flames would be brought under control late Saturday afternoon if good fortune was with them. They praised the co-operation of the entire canyon in the battle against the flames. All logging companies in the area sent their crews to help in the fight. C.B.I. and the Army engineers, also sent crews, the forest service officials said.

When newsman talked to fighters at the fire front via short wave radio their report that the terrain was extremely difficult seemed the understatement of the year as the pressman later climbed to the fire scene. Older men dropped out in the hour long climb up the mountain side.

One logger, with 25 years experience in the woods, told newsmen it was the "roughest country" that he had encountered. Such conditions called for extreme courage and stamina as crews sought to bring the blaze under control. Left in the wake of the fire were only the charred remains of second growth trees between 15 and 20 years old. Great snags, some nearly 4 feet through and left by the great fire of 1924, thundered to the ground as the high winds and flames swept through the canyon.

Gates-Mill City Highway Surfaced

Babler Brothers construction company of Portland neared the completion this week of a resurfacing contract of highway 222 between Mill City and Gates.

The road which had been damaged by the heavy traffic, received a new oil mat for 3.83 miles. In addition to the new oil mat the highway shoulders were to be repaired in several places.

Babler Brothers won the contract with a low bid of \$12,893.

A State highway crew were busy with jackhammers this week widening the top of the abrupt rise. The slight repair at this point was expected to facilitate the heavy traffic with greater ease. Logging companies have placed a flagman at the bottom of the hill to aid in traffic control.

Gifts of Blood Are Needed for Bank

Estimates are that the amount of blood needed for the entire nation is 3,700,000 pints each year. Our community's needs are a part of this total.

Our doctors want to be certain that they can get all the blood they need to save the lives of the ill and injured. The Red Cross wants the people in our community to know that our blood program furnishes them this blood and that any patient who needs a blood transfusion will not have to be worried about whether or not he can afford it. With your gift of blood—and with the gifts from your friends and neighbors—we will keep pace with our scientists.

The blood program sees to it that no one will be allowed to give blood if his own health is endangered; no blood will be used until it has passed rigid tests. Every person between the ages of 21 and 60 will have his chance to save a life. And when new discoveries are made—when our doctors can accomplish even more with the help of blood—we will be ready for them.

Thursday, June 29th, between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., at the Presbyterian recreation room, Mill City, a Red Cross mobile unit will collect blood from voluntary donors. Volunteers are requested to appear at the above time and place whether or not they have had an opportunity to sign donor pledge cards. Call or telephone Mrs. Jack Colburn for further information.

School District Budget Declared Illegal

The budget for the 1950-1951 fiscal year for the Mill City school district 129-J which had been altered since its acceptance by the Rural School District board of Linn county was classified as illegal this week by County School Superintendent J. M. Bennett and a new budget was demanded.

In a letter to School Board Clerk Charles Kelly, Bennett said, "In checking over the published budget of School District 129, I find it is improperly made out. . . . It will be necessary that you make a new budget. . . ."

According to a state statute passed by the last legislature a board known as the Rural School District Board, to be voted upon by the legal voters and to consist of five members shall act in supervisory capacity over the boards of the entire county. It is their duty to oversee each district's budget in as much as the new legislation directs all of the taxes to the central rural board. The law was passed with equalization in mind and richer districts would help the districts with low evaluation. In consequence the Rural School District Board in analyzing the budget of 129 cut some \$16,000 from the proposed budget. The amount approved by this board was \$119,000, which was in harmony with the 6% limitation established by state statute.

The original \$119,000 will be taken from the county tax fund and any amount over that figure must come by increased taxes from the Mill City district. It will be necessary, if the voters pass on the budget to raise the districts' taxes to garner the additional \$4,400.

The items asked for in the extra amount were not approved by the rural district board.

The budget declared illegal was published in last week's Enterprise and the corrected budget that may be voted upon appears on page seven of this week's Enterprise.

Citizens League Picks Jensen For School Board Candidate

With an objective of better community development and government representation, community residents formally organized a citizen's league this week.

The committee formed upon the advice of state P.T.A. officials and others, elected officers and clarified their objectives. Filling the position of chairman was Mrs. Robert Veness; vice-chairman, Mrs. Ruth Lamphaer; secretary, Mrs. Wilson; and treasurer, Mr. L. Verbeck.

The citizens met together after recently published problems involving the school board, had raised questions in their minds. Committee members told reporters this week they wished their objective to be made clear. They stated they had organized not to necessarily criticize the school board or insist upon their removal. Their objective, as taxpayers was to uncover the truth. If, they continued, their actions are proven to be a discredit to the community and the people whom they represent; then their immediate removal would serve the best interest of the community. On the other hand, if they have been unjustly accused we desire to be the first to vindicate them.

One member stated, in a personal interview, that as she saw the problem citizens might have been happy to comply to the board's wish to sell any property in question or to meet other wishes had they been notified. The strongest objection was raised in the apparent disregard of the citizens

wishes and a "we'll do as we please attitude".

With an assurance that the most immediate way to alleviate the situation would be to have a member on the school board willing to fairly represent the community, committee members made their nomination for the election the 19th of this month.

Norman Jensen, resident of the community, and employed with the CBI was nominated to run for the vacancy created by the expired term of board member Bill Shuey. Shuey had been appointed to the post to fill the unexpired term of Willis Potter, who returned to the armed services. Jensen had gained considerable popularity in his work in the P.T.A. He became known as a man not afraid to stand for his convictions and had demonstrated an unusual amount of fairness in previous P.T.A. investigations. Jensen, a veteran of World War II, has been an active worker in the American Legion and has taken a position of leadership with the Explorer Scouts.

Lions Club Gives To Valley Forge Trip

The Mill City Lions club proved the fact of its community mindedness this week when it delivered a check for \$200 to the local Boy Scout officials to help pay the way of the Boy Scout to Valley Forge, Pa.

Lions club secretary, Jack Colburn, said the funds had been raised through the efforts of the amateur show and other community contributions. The Valley Forge trip to be made by some Boy Scout of the Mill City troop was deemed a worthy and desirable objective. Lions club members stated the purpose of their organization was to further community goodwill and aid community development. It was believed that the Boy Scout aid would be a positive development of character and well developed characters would be able to make the greatest contribution to any community. Townspeople expressed pleasure that a community of this size could make such a contribution.

Also helping in the financing of the trip was The Mill City Enterprise which donated \$1.00 out of every \$2.50 subscription sold by the Boy Scouts.

Gary Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peterson was selected by the Scout executives to be the troop's representative at the Valley Forge summer camp. Young Peterson has been in Scouting for three years and is now in the advanced Explorer Scout group. He will join other Scouts from the Northwest in Salem on the 20th of this month where they will embark on a trip through Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, where they will take a side trip through Yellowstone National Park. They will then travel on to Omaha, Nebraska, Chicago, Illinois, Detroit, Michigan, and go through the Dominion of Ontario on the way to Niagara Falls and New York. After a day in the world's largest city, they will go on to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge.

While at the Jamboree, they will have opportunities to see many of the nation's historical points of interest in and around Valley Forge and Philadelphia. On the return trip, the Scouts will go through Washington, D. C., Omaha, Nebraska; Denver, Colorado; Salt Lake City in Utah, and San Francisco, before returning to Salem.

Pre-School Clinic To Be Held June 14

Marion County Public Health Service will hold a pre-school clinic at the Mill City grade school on Wednesday, June 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Free check-up, shots and immunizations will be given to all pre-school children including babies.

Mrs. Arthur Kriever, Mrs. Clayton Baltimore, Mrs. Vincent Palmer and two ladies from Gates will assist with the clinic. For additional information and appointments call Mrs. Art Kriever, phone 2063 Mill City.

WE SEE BY THE ADS:
"Street Corner" coming.
Father's Day June 18.
New spuds, 10 lbs 39c.
Trailer house \$275.

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A WINTER!



U. S. Treasury Department

Who Can Vote?

With school affairs arousing a high interest among the citizens reports were being circulated this week that only a privileged few would be eligible to vote.

According to an act of the State Legislature in 1949 the law relevant to qualifications of voters was amended. Property ownership, which was previously necessary to qualify a voter was done away with.

The new Oregon law provides that any duly registered voter, who is a resident in the district, can vote in any school election of whatever nature, that is, election of directors, voting on approval of the budget, or bond issues for any purpose.

It will mean that every interested registered voter will be eligible to select a new board member, decide upon the budget, and other school business in the election scheduled to be held in the high school on June 19th for board member and to vote on the supplementary budget on June 20th.