

Power Company Head Resigns

The resignation of Z. E. Merrill as president of Mountain States Power company and his election as chairman of the board of that company, together with the election of A. W. Trimble as president, were announced from Albany, today. The effective date will be August 1, 1950.

Merrill has served the company for 27 years in various capacities including assistant general manager, vice president, director and president. He was elected to the latter office in December 1937. Reasons of personal health are attributed to his desire to be relieved of the strenuous duties as president of the corporation. As chairman of the board it is expected he will be chiefly concerned with matters pertaining to financing and other affairs requiring consideration by the directors. He will also be available for consultation on all matters pertaining to the company.

Trimble, who will succeed Merrill as president, has been associated with Mountain States Power company since 1930 when he became a member of the accounting staff. He served a number of years as assistant treasurer and from 1942 to 1949 was vice president and treasurer. In 1949 he was made executive vice president and is now serving in that capacity. He has been a director of the company since 1945.

Both men are residents of Albany.

Son of Santiam Pioneers Dies

GATES—Carl Knutson who passed away at his home in Salem last Saturday was the son of a well-known pioneer family of the Gates-Niagara area—a family which settled here years ago and which was active in developing the timber resources of this district.

Carl was one of the youngest of the large Knutson family. He grew up with a thorough knowledge of his surroundings. An efficient logger, an ardent fisherman and sportsman, he was also known among his close friends as a capable guide through the Santiam wilds.

He had three daughters and three sons who all received their education in the local schools. Construction of the new Santiam highway completely erased the home he had established in Niagara, where upon he moved with his family to Salem where he resided until his death.

He will be remembered by his many acquaintances here as a congenial and lovable friend, one not soon to be forgotten.

He is survived by his wife, Mable Nystrom Knutson of Salem; three daughters, Mrs. Joyce Staahman of Salem, Mrs. Myrtle DeJesus of Reno, and Mrs. Elliot Boyer of San Francisco; three sons, Carl Leroy Knutson of Great Falls, Mont., and Richard and Orville Knutson of Gates; his mother, Mrs. James Knutson and two sisters, Gussie Quilhot and Tillie Hansen, all of Portland; two brothers, Chris Knutson of Gates and Knute Knutson of Tillamook, and a number of grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday morning from the Clough-Barrich funeral parlors in Salem.

Visitors to Air Show Came From 43 Places

Air visitors to the Davis airport who signed the register came from the following 39 communities in Oregon: Albany, Beaverton, Corvallis, Dufur, Eugene, Forest Grove, Gable, Gladstone, Halsey, Hermiston, Hillsboro, John Day, Junction City, Lebanon, Metzer, Milwaukie, Multnomah, Newberg, Oak Grove, Oregon City, Otis, Philomath, Portland, Rainier, Roseburg, St. Helens, Salem, Scappoose, Shedd, Siletz, Sisters, Silverton, Springfield, Stayton, Sutherlin, Sweet Home, Warren and West Linn.

Two Washington communities, Tacoma and Kelso, were also represented. Payett, Idaho, and Canby, California, furnished representatives for the Gem and Golden states.

Coming Events:

THURSDAY—
Softball 6 p.m.
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

MONDAY—
Lions club meeting.
A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting third Monday.
Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY—
Softball 6 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce 8 p.m.
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.

WEDNESDAY—
Santiam Eagles and auxiliary 8 p.m. at Detroit school building.
Lions club auxiliary 8:30, 4th Wed.
Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.

THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

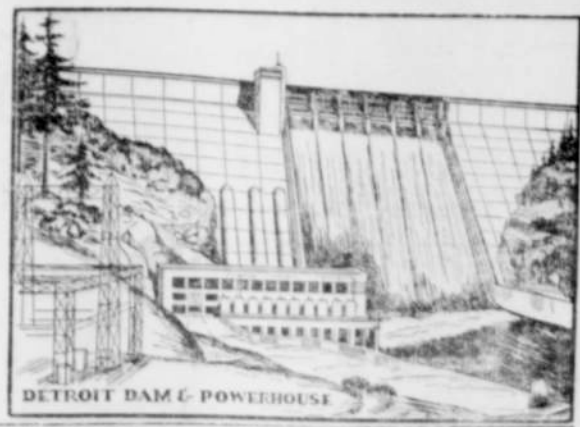
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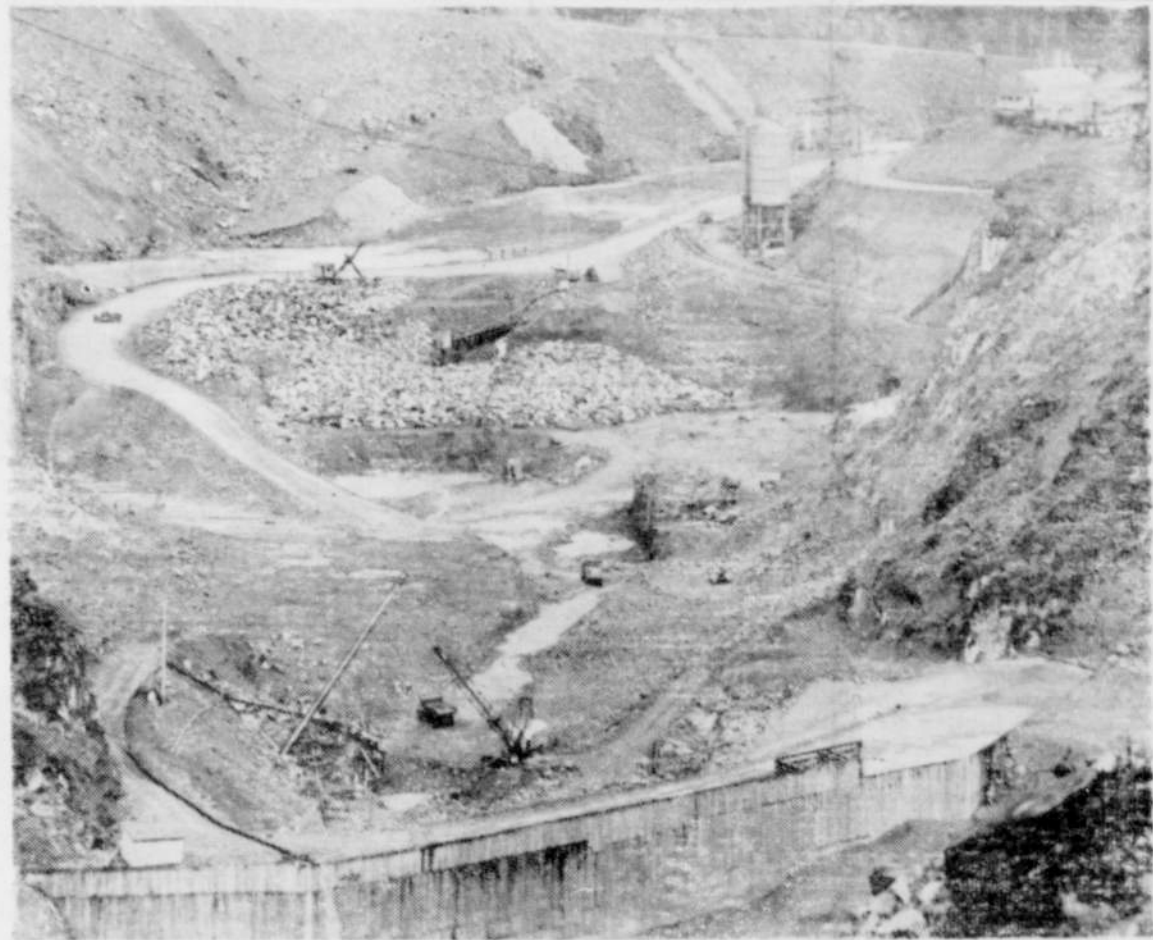
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DETROIT DAM & POWERHOUSE



Here's the Detroit damsite as it looks prior to the pouring of the first cement. Here the dam will rise from the floor of the canyon to hold back a vast reservoir of water for flood control and to generate electrical energy that may convert the North Santiam Canyon into a secondary if not a primary industrial center.

(Photo Courtesy Capital Journal)

Santiam Communities Could Develop As Relocation Centers for Industry

Plans for a joint chamber of commerce meeting that would kick the lid off an enthusiastic campaign to develop the resources of the North Santiam were discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the Mill City chamber of commerce.

The joint meeting would bring experts in community development programs to Mill City and begin an intense investigation of the resources of the entire canyon area from Mehama to Idanha.

George Steffy, chairman of the chamber's industrial committee, in making the announcement said the current crisis in international affairs may provide the key that will unlock the wealth of the North Santiam. He said it was too bad it takes a war to do these things, but his discussions with civilian and military experts leads him to believe a vast decentralization in industry is forthcoming. Mill City would be a natural place for relocation of some industries, he indicated.

Steffy pointed out the need for an all-canyon campaign to discover what our resources are and what can be done with them. Other communities with less resources than ours are doing this, so immediate action is necessary.

The kickoff dinner scheduled for September 12 would be the first, but only the first, step in the direction of cataloging our resources so we can advise industrial firms as to what we have and can give them.

Tentative plans were made to have

Plane Observers Urgently Needed

Observers are still needed to man the Mill City observation post for the Western Air Defense Force, local chief observer Mrs. Lee Bassett reports.

Such posts are being established throughout the west to report low-flying planes which radar can't detect.

The Mill City observation post will be on the school ground behind the athletic field.

Of 30 volunteers needed, only 13 had signed up with Mrs. Bassett by yesterday morning.

Volunteering so far are Mrs. Ernest Christensen and son, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Plymale, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roberts, Bill Shuey, C. F. Hunter, George Steffy, C. E. Steffy, C. E. Coville and Mrs. J. C. Kimmel.

Observers will work in teams of two at a time. A definite training period has not yet been established. The post would not be put into actual operation until the need develops.

Interested persons can contact Mrs. Bassett at the Mountain States office.

TRAFFIC COURT SCHEDULE

Mill City now has two court nights. Traffic violators now face the judge on Tuesday and Friday nights.

the dinner at the Mill City high school auditorium.

"I don't care in which community this dinner is held," Steffy said. "The important thing is holding it. People from Detroit and Idanha and other canyon areas are getting steamed up about canyon development and don't want to be left out. They will be there."

Wherever it's held, tickets for the dinner will go on sale as soon as possible, Steffy said.

Already scheduled to speak at the dinner is John F. Dueurr, president of Civic Service, a community development agency which has aided Oregon communities in attracting industry. Dueurr is an interesting and effective speaker talented in holding audiences spellbound with his enthusiasm for community progress.

Civic Service points out that industries want to locate in smaller communities, and in even comparatively peaceful times have been making decentralization efforts.

Industry has found that in smaller cities plant building and maintenance costs are less, for example. Companies as big as General Motors are coming into small towns with their branch plants.

Steffy stressed the importance of selling our resources to these firms. If they don't know about them, if we don't have answers for their questions we won't get them here, he insisted.

"We've got the resources here," Steffy said. "Everyone with a stake in this canyon's development and those who would like a stake in its development should be at the kickoff dinner."

Members of the Idanha, Detroit, Gates, Lyons, Mehama and Elkhorn chambers of commerce will be invited to the dinner as well as those belonging to the Mill City chamber.

The dinner meeting would be strictly a business meeting and would last upwards of two hours and a half.

Air Show Clears Expenses by \$100

Preliminary estimates indicate income for the second annual air show cleared expenses by about \$100, the Mill City chamber of commerce estimated at its Tuesday meeting.

"An unqualified success" was the term members applied to the show after the financial estimate was added to other reports as to how well the event was received.

Plans to wrap up the second annual air show with the mailing of picture postcards to visiting airmen were completed at the meeting. The picture to be put on the cards is one of the airfield taken the day of the show. Bob Venesa will handle the remaining details.

Members reported favorable comments of the visitors concerning the wonderful scenic attractions of the North Santiam, of the exceedingly well-cooked turkey and of appreciation for the opportunity offered to visit the Detroit damsite.

Earl Rousseau Taken by Death

Earl Rousseau, 54, suffered a fatal heart attack in a Mill City business establishment yesterday afternoon.

Rousseau had been a resident of Mill City during the past year. He lived at the Lester Mason home. He worked as a guard on the graveyard shift at Detroit dam. During his year here he made many friends who were deeply shocked by his sudden passing.

The deceased is survived by a wife, Minerva, and his mother, Emma, of Sand Point, Idaho; by two brothers, Don of Portland and Felix of Lakeview, Ore., and a sister, Mrs. Pearl Allaway of Portland.

Engineers Reject Minto Station Bids

Construction of the Minto fish egg collecting station was delayed last week when three bids were rejected by the army engineers as too high for the project.

The Minto collection station is planned for the North Santiam river between Gates and Detroit dam. It would operate in conjunction with the Marion Forks fish hatchery as an alternative to fish ladders which the height of Detroit dam makes impractical.

The engineers had estimated the job at \$84,421 but the lowest bid received was \$159,880, nearly twice as much. Ramsey Construction Co., of Corvallis submitted the lowest bid.

Col. D. S. Burns, district engineer, made the announcement that the bids had been rejected.

Former Residents of Two States To Hold Picnics

If you are an ex-resident of either Minnesota or Wyoming, you are invited to a picnic Sunday.

Ex-Minnesotans will gather at the Jantzen Beach Park in Portland. Gates will open at 10 a.m. Admission will be free plus tax. Passes may be obtained at the booth outside the west gate entrance. Hot water will be furnished for coffee. You are asked to bring your lunch basket. Stations will be set up for each county. The program will begin at 2 p.m.

Ex-Wyoming residents, their families and friends will hold their annual picnic at Avery park in Corvallis with 1 p.m. the announced starting time. Free coffee will be served by the committee. Ice cream and pop will be available for the children. Bring your own lunch. Baseball, horseshoes, and boating are on tap for the picnickers.

PILOT MAKES FAST TIME

Among visiting pilots at the air show was M. Earl Ott of the Western States Supply Co. of Portland. Ott flew his orange-colored Taylorcraft from Portland to Davis airport in 22 minutes.

Bond Issue Goes Before School Voters On Aug. 8

Board Seeks \$44,000 With \$91,700 Debt Already on Books

Voters of school district 129-J will on Tuesday, August 8, approve or reject a school board proposal to bond the district for an indebtedness of \$44,000.

This is an addition to previous bonded indebtedness of \$101,700 contracted in September, 1948, at 3 per cent interest of which only \$10,000 has been retired.

The next payment on this debt is due March, 1951. Interest payments of \$1,375.50 are due every six months. The March payment will be \$11,375.50.

In addition the voters approved a \$4,400 supplementary budget in excess of the six per cent limitation on June 30.

For the first time polls will be open for six hours. They will open at 2 p.m. and close at 8 p.m., both times Pacific Standard Time.

The August election will be held in "the present school building", the official notice of election says.

Purpose of the bond issue is to acquire, construct, complete, improve, repair, equip and furnish school buildings and additions thereto including the purchase of a new school bus.

Voters will be given ballots marked "Bonds Yes" and "Bonds No".

Ballots marked "Bonds X Yes" will count for the \$44,000 bond issue. Those marked "Bonds X No" will count against the bond issue.

The nature of the ballot means the voter must approve of the whole proposal or reject the whole proposal. Voters favoring the school bus portion, for example, but rejecting the

Portland Company Makes High Bid For Local Timber

Douglas fir timber on seven thousand acres of land in the Rock Creek area near Mill City brought a high bid of \$27.25 per 1,000 feet at a state forestry department timber auction in Salem Monday.

The Scordrite company of Portland made the high bid. It bid \$10 per 1,000 feet for hemlock, \$10 for cedar and \$15 for noble fir in topping 11 other bidders in each category.

Scordrite also was high bidder for timber in a tract approximately five miles northeast of Mehama with a bid of \$33.50 per 1,000 feet of Douglas fir. This bid was more than twice the \$15,000 bid the forestry department expected.

It was reported the forestry department expected less than one-fifth the bid for the Rock Creek timber than what it received.

High prices received at the sale indicate the current heavy demand for timber and the threat that prices may even go higher. Mill City businessmen are hoping that the timber logged in the Rock Creek area can be processed locally.

Estimates indicate there are between 8,000,000 and 12,000,000 feet of timber in the Rock Creek auction. Upwards of a quarter million dollars may go to the state as a result of the sale.

Fire Demolishes Truck On Santiam Highway

Keith Phillips route 1, Lyons, Marion county fire warden was called to an unusual fire near little Sweden on the new Santiam highway Monday afternoon. A Mr. White of McMinnville was driving from eastern Oregon with a truck load of hay which had caught on fire. He was unaware of the fire until passing motorists called it to his attention. The ropes were broken in an effort to push the hay from the truck. The whole thing was so badly consumed that nothing could be done even with the aid of the other fire warden from Detroit. The truck and its three-ton load of hay was completely destroyed.

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rest would face the dilemma of approving the whole measure to get the new school bus, or rejecting the whole measure though he wants the school bus but because he disapproves more strongly of the other expenditures.

Although the bond issue is limited to \$44,000, the notice of election does not stipulate how much of the money is to be spent for specific needs. Approval of the measure gives the school board power to spread the funds over whatever costs of construction it pleases.

Explorer Scout Tells Story of Journey To Valley Forge, Pa.

By GARY PETERSON

Our train pulled into the station at Valley Forge park at approximately 5:30 p.m., on June 27th, and the troops lined up to march into the camp. Then a voice over the loud-speaker told us that we could either



carry our packs or leave them for the trucks to haul. Being slightly lazy, I decided to leave my pack there—which was too bad because we later wished we had taken them when we were ready to go to bed and didn't have our packs or sleeping bags.

After a cold meal (the facilities for cooking hadn't been put up yet) we proceeded to get the supplies from the supply tent. By the time we got there it was too late to start the job of putting up the tents, etc., etc., so we took off to see part of the camp. Of large importance was the Trading Post, which was a department store in itself, almost. It had everything any of the Scouts would need and a little more besides. It had snack bars where the Scouts could buy cokes and candy, and counters where camping

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Movies of Breakfast Hop To Be Shown

All-color motion pictures of the breakfast hop will be shown next Sunday night at Davis airport.

The showing will begin at 9 p.m. or as soon afterward as it becomes sufficiently dark to show the movies. If weather permits the film will be shown on the airfield, if otherwise, in the hanger.

Though the air show is over, flying continues at Davis airport with flight instruction being given on Thursday, Friday and Sunday nights.

The first three student aviators to solo at Davis airport soloed during the past month.

Courtland Rue, Clyde Wells and Jim Ziebert have taken their first lone ventures into the canyon skies.

Byron Davis, manager of the airport, said the men soloed after about five hours of instruction each. Usually it requires from eight to twelve hours of instruction.

are instructors at the Davis Flying School. Ralph Nibbler and Ted Galbreath School.

Citizen's League Holding Special Meeting Tonight

Mill City's Citizen's League will hold a special meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in Hammond hall for the purpose of discussing school finances.

School board members are invited to attend to present their views on the forthcoming bond issue election. All citizens of Mill City and school district 129-J are invited to the meeting to discuss the problems of school finances.

The Citizen's League is interested in clarifying the issue for all voters so that an intelligent decision can be rendered by them on August 8.