

# Trailer Spills On City Hill

Snapping its reach while rounding the sharp, steep curve on the Marion county side of Mill City, a lumber truck lost its trailer-load of lumber Monday morning.

No one was hurt when the lumber spilled into the street and settled against a car belonging to J. C. Kimmel, Mill City druggist. Another car was trapped between the highway and the sidewalk by the lumber but was undamaged. In the second car at the time of the accident was Mrs. Cecil Morrison.

With the lumber piled on the extreme back end of the Kimmel vehicle, it appeared that the back tires were ruined, but when the load was pulled off the tires seemingly bounced back into original inflated condition. The car carried a deep dent in the back. Despite appearance damage to the vehicle were estimated at less than \$100.

William Lyman Jr., of Mill City, driver of the tractor said it was his second accident of that nature with the truck during the week. On Friday, he lost a larger load in the Kelly lumber yard.

The tractor and trailer belong to the Northern Lumber Co.

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

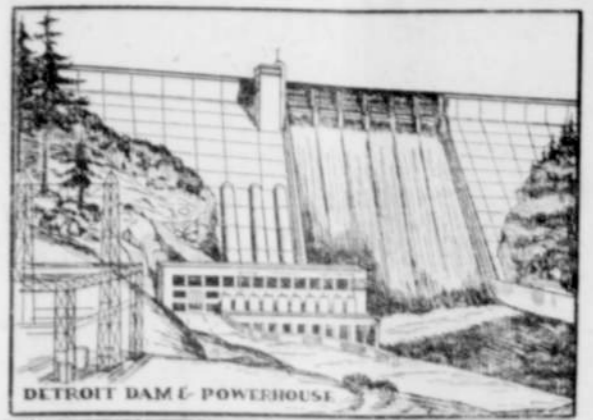
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## First Bucket of Concrete Poured for Detroit Dam

### Preliminary Work Ends, Construction Begins on Huge Canyon Project

Scheduled to rise from the floor of the canyon at the rate of three feet a week for the next three years, Detroit dam entered its most spectacular phase of construction this week.

When Gov. Douglas McKay poured the first bucket of concrete about 3:20 p.m. Saturday, the end of many months of preparatory work was at hand.

District Engineer Donald S. Burns described the work that had gone before the actual pouring to an audience assembled at the observation point alongside state highway 222.

He took the audience back to the years when Detroit dam was yet a dream. He told of the struggle to get the project authorized, of getting funds for the construction of the dam.

"It was owing to the desires and united effort of the people of the Willamette basin that the project was finally authorized and placed under construction," he said.

But more preliminary work was necessary, he pointed out. Designs had to be studied. Investigations

were made into the sub-surface features of the damsite. The quarry had to be located—a strain of rock found that would stand up to the severe test at time. Land had to be purchased. Surveys of the flooded area had to be made. A model of the finished dam had to be built.

Colonel Burns then described actual preliminary work at the damsite. He told of the difficulty of working on steep slopes of a narrow gorge in restricted working space. Offices and warehouses had to be erected. Access roads had to be carved out of the rocky sides of the canyon. A tunnel 1,300 feet long and 25 feet in diameter had to be built to divert the river.

Al Bauer, manager of the Consolidated Builders, Inc., Detroit dam contractors, told those assembled it was a \$6 million job just getting ready for the actual dam building. He said his firm had a record of finishing its jobs ahead of schedule and that they had every intention of maintaining that record at Detroit.

Governor McKay considered the benefits the dam would bestow. Flood control, a water-supply, irrigation, and recreation were stressed. The governor insisted the time is ripe to develop the state's resources.

Division Engineer Col. O. E. Walsh expressed the hope that the dam being erected at Detroit would not be needed for war that the power generated there would be used exclusively for peaceful purposes.

At the floor of the canyon was a crevice 60 feet deep, 30 feet wide at the top and a foot wide at the bottom. Here some of the first concrete will be placed.

Spectators at the observation point were denied the privilege of seeing the actual pouring of the first concrete. They marveled at the control tower sliding parallel to the river guiding the bucket across the line and dropping it down to the canyon floor.

Next week, dam officials promised, two control towers would be in operation, up-stream and down-stream, guiding the buckets across the lines as the working pace increases.

Work will continue day and night as long as weather permits until the job is completed, officials said.

As Governor McKay said, "a dream of the North Santiam" is coming true.

## Linn Now Eligible For District Court

Linn county and three other Oregon counties are now entitled to district courts under a 1949 legislative act providing that one of these courts may be established in a county when it has reached a population in excess of 50,000.

David O'Hara, in charge of the state elections bureau, informed the Oregon Statesman that Douglas, Jackson and Washington counties in addition to Linn county could establish the courts.

Under the district court system, local justice of the peace districts would be abolished and the district court established in the county seat.

Such courts have been established in Clackamas, Marion and Lane counties. The court has jurisdiction over all criminal cases where the maximum penalty provided does not exceed one year in jail and a fine of \$3,000 or both. District judges are magistrates. In civil cases it has jurisdiction of all cases where the amount claimed does not exceed \$1,000. It has a small claims department which has jurisdiction but not exclusive, for the recovery of money or damages where the amount claimed does not exceed \$20.

## Mystery Features Dance At Gates

"Guess What?" is hitting Gates this Saturday. The word is out that it's a dance, but nobody's letting the full secret out.

Bob Veness, Mill City chamber of commerce president, had the slogan on his hat last week, but everyone seems to be keeping it under their hat this week.

Guess the best way to find out is to attend the dance featuring Lyle Johnson's dance orchestra at Gates from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. this Saturday and find out.

## \$44,000 Bond Issue Approved by Voters

Overwhelming approval was given to a \$44,000 bond issue in Tuesday's election in Mill City school district No. 129-J. The vote was 181 to 52 against.

The bond issue will provide funds for acquiring, constructing, completing, improving, repairing, equipping and furnishing school buildings and additions thereto including purchase of school bus.

Members of the Citizens' League had opposed the bond issue on the grounds that as of the date they entered their opposition a previous bond issue had not been audited.

## Otis Dike Was Canyon Pioneer

Gates—Otis Dike passed away Sunday, August 6. He was the eldest son of one of the earliest settlers in this area. He was born at Red Dog, Calif. He came here with his parents at the age of eleven. The family cleared and established their home on what is now the Gessner place. He early became identified with the logging industry in the canyon, where he spent the most of his time since. He was beloved of those with whom he worked, fished and hunted and his passing will be mourned by all who knew him.

Otis Clarkston Dike was born, October 14, 1876. He was the son of Harriet Francis Shelton and Samuel Dike. He married Della Heath November 25, 1909. Survivors include his widow, two daughters, Alura Chance and Dellora Stiff, both of Gates, a son, Kenneth Dike of Spokane, Wash., and two brothers, Lee and Lester Dike of Mill City and several grandchildren.

Services were held at the First Christian church in Mill City, Wednesday morning. Burial was in the Fairview cemetery.

## Bateson Nominated For State Senate

Cornelius Bateson of Pratum will carry the Democratic banner this fall in the race for state senator from Marion county.

Bateson, who was Salem district supervisor for the 1950 census, replaces Art Davis of Mill City in the race. Davis withdrew because he had established residence in Linn county.

A meeting of 55 precinct committeemen and women in Salem last Thursday picked Bateson for the nomination. The nominee is a graduate of Willamette university. For five years, he held the job of investigator and personnel man for the United States civil service. His current occupation is bean and berry raising.

Bateson's running mate in the campaign for Marion county's two seats in the senate will be Frank Porter.

## Marion County Dogs Must Wear License Tags

Dog owners in Marion county were warned this month that beginning immediately a campaign to license all dogs will be enforced.

Ervin Ward, county dog control officer, said he will be citing into court dog owners who neglect to purchase dog tags. Another drive will be launched against dog owners who permit their pets to run loose. Once purchased the tag must be attached to the dog's collar, Ward said.

Dog licenses are available at the county clerk's office. Fee is \$1 for males and spayed females and \$2 for females.

## Santiam Eagles Sponsor Dance at Detroit Gym

Canyon residents looking for a good time and a chance to help a worthy cause need look no further than the Detroit high school gymnasium this Saturday night.

Sammy Bridges and his Santiam playboys will furnish music for the Eagles dance scheduled for that night at the Detroit high school gymnasium.

Sponsored by the Santiam Aerie No. 2745, the dance will begin at 9 and last until 1 a.m. The proceeds will go to the Eagles benefit-welfare fund.



Rounding the treacherous Mill City curve on state highway 222 Friday, the above state highway equipment ran into plenty of difficulty. The truck failed to make the steep grade that has bothered local and visiting motorists for a long time. The embarrassed public servant driving the truck was either embarrassed or modest, at any rate he failed to give his name. Local citizens, who rightly or wrongly have blamed the state highway department for the curve, found grim satisfaction in the event.

## Flower Show Set For August 24th

Mill City flower growers will display their wares in a Flower Show in the recreation hall behind the Presbyterian church two weeks from today.

Sponsored by the Mill City Garden club, the affair will be a combined flower show and food sale. President of the club, Mrs. Charles Dolezal invites all flower lovers whether members of the club or not to participate by bringing plants and flowers to the show.

It is hoped that a beautiful array of late summer flowers such as chrysanthemums dahlias, asters and late daisies will be displayed.

Mrs. Dolezal has been president of the Mill City Garden club since it was formed in March, 1949. Since then, the club has met monthly without interruption except during January of this year when icy highway conditions prevented a gathering. The club meets monthly on the fourth Thursday.

The president emphasizes that her organization is not exclusively designed for women. At present two men are members. George Steffy and Mr. Dolezal being active in the organization.

This year's ambitious program has been cut down because of interfering activities so the modest goal of the thirty gardeners is now "to have each member make her yard a little more beautiful than before."

At one time, the club planned to beautify the fork in the highway just across the bridge on the Linn county side of Mill City by planting flowers, but state highway regulations prevented such a civic project.

When planting conditions permit, the group intends to get behind a drive to plant holly in the canyon. Many of the members are interested in planting holly as a beautification project. Economic possibilities of the plant are also being explored. Santiam canyon holly may sometime have a trademark all its own.

## Plucky Mehama Writer Emerges From Body Cast

Mrs. Jean Roberts of Mehama was free this week of the body cast she had been in for the past four months.

Mrs. Roberts, popular Mehama correspondent for the Enterprise, suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident five months ago.

With pluck and determination she has rallied from her adversity. It wasn't very long before she was doing her housework with the help of her small daughter Lois. The Enterprise this week welcomes her back with another of her lively contributions.

## SCHOOL CASE ORDER ENTERED

An order of the court was handed down in Linn county circuit court last week on the case of Powelson vs. School District 129-J. The action is quoted from the records as follows: "Now on this 1st day of August, 1950, defendant's motion to strike parts of plaintiff's complaint was submitted to this Court without arguments of counsel and the Court being fully advised as to what order to enter herein.

"IT IS ORDERED THAT Defendant's motion as to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 be and the same is hereby sustained and that Plaintiff be granted 10 days in which to further plead herein.

"VICTOR OLLIVER, Circuit Judge."

## Citizens Urged To Register

Only eight weeks remain for citizens of Oregon to register for the November general election.

Mill City citizens who have not registered as yet can do so at Mrs. Arthur Kriever's residence on the Linn county side and at Mrs. Curtis M. Cline's residence on the Marion county side.

Citizens from either side can register with Don Peterson at the Mill City Enterprise.

Throughout the state registration places will close their books on Saturday, October 7. After that time no one may register and only registered voters will be permitted to cast ballots in the November election.

"Laboring people, as well as citizens in all walks of life, are facing one of their most important elections in history," said Phil Brady, president of the joint council of Teamsters as the Teamsters began a campaign to qualify all of their members as voters.

"One way in which American citizens could lose their right to vote," Brady said, "would be if this nation were conquered or overthrown by Communism. But there is a much easier way to lose the right to vote. And that way is to fail to register and vote."

"In countries where freedom has been suppressed, one of the first steps of a dictatorial government is to take away the right to vote. Yet thousands of Oregon residents voluntarily give up this precious right each year by failing to register."

Among the registration requirements are residence in the state six months immediately preceding the election. There is no specified time for residence in the precinct, county or ward.

Absent voters may participate in elections by applying in advance for ballots and returning them as provided by statute. This privilege is available to an elector who is absent from the county of his legal residence, or whose place of residence is more than 15 miles from the polling place, or who is physically unable to go to the polling place.

Prohibited from voting are aliens, insane, idiots, mentally diseased persons and persons convicted of a felony.

School district electors must be legal voters of the state who have resided within the district at least six months preceding the election. They must also have been registered in a precinct within the school district for at least 30 days prior to the school meeting or election.

## Hay Spills from Truck Near Philo Potter Farm

Fox Valley—A man from Independence who is hauling Alfalfa hay from central Oregon, spilled his load Sunday on a highway curve near the Philo Potter place between Fox Valley and Mill City.

The load shifted as he was on a sharp curve and half of the bales left the truck. Broken bales were scattered along the highway. Traffic was stalled briefly at the scene.

The hauler experienced better luck than a hay hauler did just recently on the road near Gates when his load of hay and truck were destroyed by a fire in the hay. The heat reached such an intensity before the fire was discovered that it was impossible to put it out in time to rescue the truck.

## School Board Holds Monthly Meeting

Directors of school district 129-J voted to take an option on a \$4,350 48-passenger schoolbus at Wednesday's meeting in the new elementary school building.

The bus has been used as a demonstrator and has been run about 5,200 miles, school board members were told.

The architect who drew up the plans for the elementary school building was present at the meeting and instructed to draw up plans for the proposed addition to elementary school building. The addition would consist of two rooms which "will be in effect four rooms" as they would contain removable partitions. Cost of the proposed rooms was estimated roughly at \$20,000.

Also approved by the board was a plan to permit the setting up of the Mill City observation post in the building used as a toolshed during construction of the new school building. The building would be located by the school board. The post has promised to put in a window. It was stressed that part of the building could still be used for other purposes.

Brought up as a project for future consideration was the idea of lighting of the athletic grounds to encourage attendance at games.

Superintendent of Schools Vernon S. Todd was not present at the meeting. The superintendent had just finished summer school and was on vacation.

## Mill City Druggist Flies to Reunion

Mill City's druggist, J. C. Kimmel, took to the air to attend the re-union of the 1916 class of Estacada high school at Hermiston Sunday.

With Jim O'Leary at the controls, Kimmel made the trip which is 300 miles by automobile in two hours and fifteen minutes flying time.

All of the five boys in the "Doc's" class are still living and attended the reunion. Only half of the twelve girls were present, however. Two of them are no longer living and four were unable to attend.

The boys are now following different trails in life. They came from Antioch, Calif., Pendleton, Medford and Estacada for the reunion. In occupational endeavor, one is now a superintendent of schools, another a Union oil distributor, another a farmer, one a Portland civil service employee and "Doc" is Mill City's druggist.

## Coming Events:

- FRIDAY—**
  - I.O.O.F. meeting.
  - Lyons IWA meeting 2nd Friday.
  - Mill City IWA meeting last Friday
- SATURDAY—**
  - Gates Womens Club Dance.
  - Santiam Eagles Dance at Detroit.
- SUNDAY—**
  - Softball at 3 p.m. Mill City
- MONDAY—**
  - Lions club meeting.
  - A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting third Monday.
- TUESDAY—**
  - Softball at 6:30 p.m. Mill City.
  - Chamber of Commerce 8 p.m.
  - Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.
- WEDNESDAY—**
  - Softball at 6 p.m. Mill City.
  - 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.
- THURSDAY—**
  - American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.
  - Gates PTA 1st Thursday 8 p.m.
  - Garden club fourth Thursday.