

# Mobilization Meeting Important

Local Communities Should Send Leaders To Portland Conclave

It's much later than you think!

In view of the fast changing international situation, the world crisis is moving closer to Mill City.

Due to the fact that a substantial number of industries and small towns throughout Oregon have asked for specific information for procedure for participating in defense production, Senators Cordon and Morse have arranged an industrial mobilization meeting to be held in Portland on Sept. 8 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

A team of government men will conduct the session. The team will be headed by Harry Blythe, chief industrial mobilization planning and advisor to the chairman of munitions board, and Commander Philip Ashler, chief small business division of the department of defense. Others on the team are being selected, but will undoubtedly represent the military service, the department of commerce and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

This is an area meeting to which we in the North Santiam canyon have been specifically invited. There will be delegations from all over the state of Oregon as well as from the business centers of adjoining states.

This meeting is URGENT. If those business men up and down the canyon will please register immediately with George Steffy, chairman of the industrial committee of the Mill City chamber of commerce, it will be sincerely appreciated. It is imperative that we obtain as large a delegation as possible from the communities that make up the North Santiam canyon.

Telephone George Steffy at 2622 or at his residence in the evening, 305. "I expect to have business men from every community in the canyon telephone me," Steffy said. "We will have transportation available."

The Mill City chamber of commerce's industrial committee has been in contact with the National Security Resources board since the first of the year.

## Salem Preparing For 85th State Fair

With Oregon's 85th Annual Oregon State Fair opening Labor Day, September 4th, things are shaping up for an impressive show at Salem, according to fair manager Leo G. Spitzbart.

More people than ever before are expected for the week long show by fair officials, and bigger exhibits are in store for them. Built around the theme of Oregon's agricultural and industrial development, the fair will provide an impressive display of Oregon's wealth.

With livestock entries now closed, it appears that 5,000 head of the state's premium livestock will be on display in the barns. Poultry and rabbit entries will close next Sunday with minor classifications closing later.

The exhibition buildings, newly painted and repaired, will be crowded with display from Oregon manufacturers. Farm machinery dealers will have larger displays than previously, as will Oregon's farm organizations.

Racing superintendent Chas. A. Evans is milling an overflowing list of racing entries, with a full program of the northwest's top horses. Stall space at Lone Oak track is at a premium, with the best horses closing at Longacres and due in for the fair's racing meet.

There'll be plenty of entertainment at the fair. Free vaudeville acts are on the midway every afternoon, with (Continued on page 5)

## Coming Events:

### FRIDAY—

I.O.O.F. meeting.  
Lyons IWA meeting 2nd Friday.

### SATURDAY—

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 p.m. Mill City.  
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.

### THURSDAY—

American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.  
Gates PTA 1st Thursday 8 p.m.  
Garden club fourth Thursday.  
Mill City IWA meeting last Friday  
Softball at 6 p.m. Mill City.

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

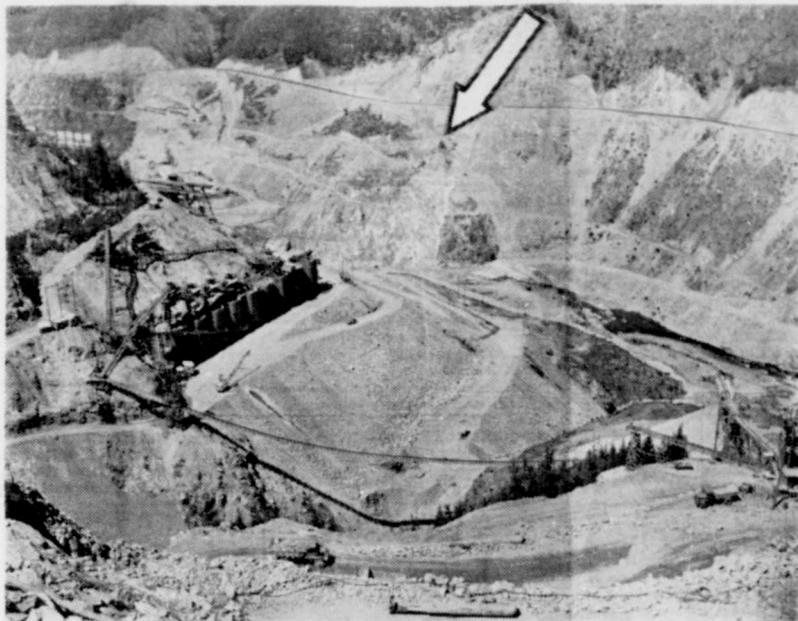
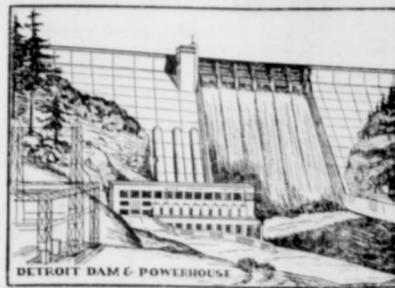
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ANOTHER VIEW OF THE DAMSITE—How does Detroit Dam look to the men who man the quarry high on the southern slopes of the dam area? From that dizzy height one can pick out the ribbon of the North Santiam highway well toward the top of the picture, the rushing river and the arrow is pointing to what's missing but which will rise in a few years—Detroit Dam itself. The jaw and gyrator crushers are in the immediate foreground. The conveyor belt stretches across the gulch, and nine aggregate cribs hug the hillside at the left of the picture. (Photo Courtesy Capital Journal)

## Water Project Nears Finish

Three hours of drouth will herald the end of the six-weeks-long project to bring city water to an area in northwestern Mill City.

Water will be off in Mill City from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday night and Saturday morning as a new valve is installed which will regulate the flow of water enabling repairs to be made in one part of town without water being shut off all over the city.

This week workmen of the Mountain States company slashed through the rocky terrain near the sharp "suicide" curve laying the last pipe prior to linking up the new northwestern city water line with the main line.

Officials of the Mountain States company indicate completion of the project will mean increased pressure and improve service to water users in the northwest city area.

The project got underway the 5th of July. Since then 2,300 feet of six-inch pipe and 2,180 feet of four-inch pipe has been installed replacing 1,700 feet of two-inch pipe and 100 feet of one-inch pipe. Four fire hydrants, 1,000 feet apart, were also installed.

The new line extends to a point near the Frank Rada home from which it branches out to Martin's trailer court and Beebe's apartments on one line and to the Coville property near the city limits on the other.

An estimated eleven new customers will be served by the new line.

## Shortage of Labor Hits Logging Firms

Mehama—Prior to the forest closure order, some of the local logging companies were feeling the pinch of a labor shortage, with timber fallers and buckers mostly in demand.

Western Woods, operating above Freres old mill, left word with Jack Alloway, local pool hall operator, to send up any man that could "even use a jack knife."

It was also told that Dick Schotthoefter, logging further on up the North Fork was purchasing new power saws in the hope of getting men to run them.

Until recently the Wilson logging company of Mehama had a full crew but one faller, Harley Scott, was recently hurt. A bucker, Gib Wagner, quit, and two more of the cutting crew are draft age.

The war scare, draft, aircraft and ship yards resuming work, and the Detroit dam in full swing in this area is blamed for the shortage of workers.

## Just Arrived . . .

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olmstead of Mill City at Salem Memorial hospital on Saturday, August 19.

## Charge of Dynamite Kills Young Miner

Mehama—After two charges of dynamite had exploded harmlessly, Gordon Olson, 22, approached his mining claim in the mountains east of here at 2:18 p.m. Monday.

Then a third charge which he had set exploded. He was killed instantly.

The tragedy occurred near the old Amalgamated mines where extensive mining operations have been going on for the past two years.

Olson, who was a native of Minnesota, staked his claim in the mountains about two years ago. He is survived by his father in Minnesota and a brother and a sister in California.

## Independence Area Wants Hop Pickers

Two to three thousand more hop and bean pickers are needed as a serious labor shortage has developed in the Independence area.

Peak picking in the bean fields this year coincides with the start of the early hop harvest and finds that virtually every grower still needs additional help.

Senator Dean Walker, one of this area's leading growers, pointed out that pickers can count on at least another month of steady work. As soon as the bean and early hop harvests are completed the late hops will be ready for picking. This year, he said, there will be no period between the early and late harvest, as has sometimes been the case in the past.

Both the bean and hop crops are good this year, with the hop yield above average. With hop picker's wages set at four cents a pound, an all-time high, excellent earnings are being made by those already in the fields. Conditions in the beans present much the same picture.

Employment information on this area is available through either the Independence Hop Growers office or the Independence branch of the farm labor office.

## Clearing Bids Sought On Detroit Project

Col. Donald S. Burns of the corps of engineers announced recently in Portland that bids for clearing 790 acres of timberlands in the Detroit Dam sector will be opened on September 29.

The acreage is divided into two tracts of 280 and 510 acres respectively.

The 280-acre tract is south of the Santiam area and the 510-acre tract is northwest of the Breitenbush river.

## OUTDOOR FIREPLACE FOR CITY

An outdoor fireplace is being built at the Mill City park by members of the Lion's club. The fireplace is being built of Loc-Bloc donated by the Loc-Bloc construction company.

## Doctor Teutsch To Serve All

This week is moving week for Mill City's new physician, William L. Teutsch Jr., M.D.

Dr. and Mrs. Teutsch moved into their Mill City home Tuesday, but is still in the process of getting established in his brand new office on Broadway. The building is finished, but will be not fully equipped for several weeks.

Meanwhile, beginning Monday, Dr. Teutsch will accept emergency calls at his residence, phone 6602. Dr. Teutsch is a general practitioner interested in serving the entire community. He is a graduate of Oregon State college and the University of Oregon medical school. He served as an army physician for two years.

Dr. Teutsch's sparkling new office has five rooms including a treatment room, an x-ray room and darkroom, an examination room and a reception room. The office was built by the CBI for the doctor. However, he is purchasing it on a rental-purchase plan.

The CBI erected the building in order to encourage a physician to settle in the canyon. One more doctor would thus be available to handle any emergency which might arise at the Detroit dam project.

Dr. Teutsch emphasizes that he is not sponsored by any group, that he is entering the community as a general practitioner in medicine and surgery. He is an independent physician. His success in Mill City depends on the support he obtains from local citizens.

## Senate Measure May Help Canyon

Indications that the Canyon area may receive funds from federal sources to ease the staggering load on local school districts occasioned by the building of Detroit dam were seen in yesterday's news from the nation's capital.

The senate labor committee approved a bill Wednesday which would provide federal aid to school districts hard hit by federal government activities.

The house has already passed a similar bill.

Under the proposed law assistance would be given under two conditions: 1. If the school population has increased greatly because of federal installations in the area. 2. If tax revenues for school district purposes have been reduced because of governmental acquisition of land and other property, taking it off the tax roll.

## THEATRE GIVING MATINEE

The Mill City theatre will present a special children's matinee Saturday at 2 p.m. according to Bob Veness, manager.

In addition to regular features, a cowboy picture, a jungle film, and four cartoons will be shown.

## Mill City Schools Prepare To Open September 5th

### Death Claims Former Resident of Mill City

Lloyd Wood, 51, of Bend died Sunday afternoon in the Bend hospital following a heart attack.

Wood was a former resident of Mill City. He is survived by his widow, Mary, of Bend, a son, Donald, of Bend; a granddaughter; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood of Mill City, and a step-brother, Jack Colburn of Mill City.

### Small Towns May Figure in Crisis

Evidence that industrial decentralization from large cities to small towns is in prospect was presented at Tuesday's meeting of the Mill City chamber of commerce.

Chairman of the industrial committee George Steffy told of his committee's contact with federal authorities who are showing interest in this region. Concrete evidence of this interest is found in an invitation extended to the local chamber and interested persons of the canyon area to attend a special meeting of the National Security Resources board planned for Portland on Sept. 8.

This meeting precedes the canyon-wide dinner meeting of business and professional men by four days. It is hoped that a member of the board can attend the local meeting.

"Ticket sales for the dinner are exceeding expectations," Steffy announced. "The auditorium of the high school should be packed to capacity."

Wartime necessity may force the abandonment of dam-building for irrigation or reclamation purposes, but may spur the need for dams generating power, members of the chamber learned from information presented by Steffy.

Thus it appears that the crisis in world affairs is more likely to encourage rather than discourage the building of Detroit dam.

Among prominent people already planning to attend the dinner-meeting are Judge Grant Murphy of Marion county and District Engineer Col. Donald S. Burns of the corps of engineers.

### Boost In Commuter Fares Unopposed

No opposition was voiced at the August 17 hearing in Salem to the proposed boost in bus fares to the Detroit damsite.

The Hammond Stage lines introduced testimony indicating the company had suffered a \$1,429 loss in transporting persons to and from the dam area from January through July. Only in March and May did they make a profit, the evidence indicated.

A ruling by the state public utilities commissioner on the proposed boosts is due in about a week. The hearing last Thursday was held before that body. The boost would raise the price of twelve one-way special commutation books for transportation between Mill City and the damsite from \$3 to \$4.50. The \$3 charge for the same number of tickets for commuters between Gates and the damsite would be unaffected by the requested change in fares.

Commuters from Lyons and Mehama would pay \$6 for 12 one-way tickets under the proposed rates while those from Salem, Turner, Aumsville, Sublimity and Salem would pay \$7.50.

### Twenty-Eight Sign Up To Serve As Observers

Twenty-eight persons have signed up to serve as observers for the Mill City observation post, Mrs. Lee Bassett reported this week.

This puts the local group an even dozen short of its goal of forty. The more who sign up, the less the burden will fall on any one person, Mrs. Bassett said.

Persons interested in assisting this vital defense work have been asked to contact Mrs. Bassett at the Mountain States office or to see Police Chief King.

### Band Instruction May Be Given for Local High School Students

Mill City public schools will hold their first day of classes of the 1950-1951 school year on Tuesday, Sept. 5, Vernon S. Todd, superintendent of schools, announced this week.

Registration of elementary pupils will be held a week from Tuesday, the first day of school, at 9 a.m. First graders may register at any time between 9 and 12 noon.

Birth certificates of first graders must be presented at registration time if possible. No child whose 6th birthday is after November 15 can be accepted. This age limitation is established by state law and is enforced in both Marion and Linn counties.

Elementary school teachers include: Miss Evangelynn Shattuck, Forest Hollyman, and John Jubb in the upper grades; Mrs. Clyde Rogers, Mrs. Earl Loucks, Mrs. Herbert Schunk, Miss Alice Smith, William Poole, Herbert Schunk and Earl Loucks in the intermediate grades; and Mrs. Catherine Lyons, Mrs. Lloyd Sletto, Miss Sigrun Grinstead, Miss Joan Cox, Miss Zeta Prichard and Miss Golda Henry in the primary grades. Mr. Todd is elementary school principal.

High school students will register beginning next Monday with seniors and freshmen scheduled to register. On Tuesday, August 29, sophomores will register and on Wednesday, juniors will sign up. All high school students must register between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on the three days.

If enough high school students are interested, Mr. Loucks will instruct band. Loucks has had wide experience with instrumental music as a member of bands, as private instructor and as director of both high school and grade school bands.

On the high school staff are: Harrison T. Caughey, principal; Mrs. Edith Mason, Miss Hope Baney, Frederic Rugh, Burton Boroughs and Arthur LeCours.

### State Civil Service Exams Announced

Announcement was made last week by the Oregon state civil service commission that open-competitive examinations are to be given throughout Oregon soon.

The classes listed for examination are retail store clerk, starting salary \$195; engineering aide, starting salary \$200; and field auditor, starting salary \$270. From the retail store clerk test, open to men only, will be established a register from which positions in state-owned retail liquor stores will be filled. These positions, as with engineering aide and field auditor jobs, are located in all parts of the state.

Applications may be obtained from any local office of the Oregon state employment service or by writing to State Civil Service Commission, 102 Public Service building, Salem.

### It's Cool This Summer Lyons Woman Says

Mrs. G. O. Hutchinson of Lyons recently returned from an extended trip to Kansas visiting relatives she had not seen for 25 years and old friends from her childhood days.

She reports that it has been the coolest summer known in Kansas in the twentieth century. It rained almost every day she was there. Five inches fell one evening in an hour. She also witnessed a cyclone which caused slight damage.

Two years ago a cyclone struck the cemetery near her old home and blew down all the tombstones of any height. At a picnic in the lovely 10-acre park at Independence, the wind proved it could still hold its record up as windy Kansas.

Since she has returned home, Mrs. Hutchinson has been visited by her brother C. F. Blaupied of Denver, who, with his family has been on a tour of British Columbia.

### MILL CITY CENSUS 1795

Mill City is now officially the largest city on Highway 222—the shortest route from Salem or Portland to Bend and on down to California. Preliminary census figures released last week placed the total population of Mill City at 1,795. Stayton with 1,529 inhabitants is the second largest city on the highway.

Mill City had 630 inhabitants in Marion county and 1,165 residents in Linn county.