

Hewitt Claims Norblad Acts In Bad Faith

Citing the current newspaper blasts by Norblad against the lend-lease shipments to Russia after the last war, Roy R. Hewitt, democratic candidate for congress from the first congressional district, flatly accused Norblad of deceiving the voters in an attempt to cover up his own previous failure in office.

Hewitt asked Norblad to explain how it happened that Norblad, a member of the important house armed services committee all these years where full information about these shipments were available to him, had waited until election time to call the people's attention to it? Stating unequivocally that Norblad showed bad faith in his conduct in office, Hewitt said, "We must have a man in office who will put our national security above partisan politics. Either these things of which Norblad is complaining were important enough to claim his attention long ago or else they are not important enough to serve as a red herring now to cover up Norblad's inability in office."

"It is interesting to note that during these years while Norblad did NOT speak up about the shipments to Russia he did take time EVERY WEEK to gather material for, write, and deliver a fifteen minute radio program for home consumption consisting of chit-chat designed to re-elect himself to office," Hewitt continued.

"Norblad's total contribution to debate or discussion on the floor of congress consisted of less than eight minutes during the past two years, not one word of which was on a vital issue," Hewitt pointed out.

The challenging talk was made at the Clackamas county democratic picnic at Carver on Sunday afternoon, September 3rd. Howard Latourette, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator also addressed the large crowd who attended the picnic.

Prospectors Search Valuable Minerals

By JEAN ROBERTS

The search for valuable minerals has occupied much time for 2 men all summer, culminating in a claim staked above Mehama on Myers hill.

According to State Dept. of Geology representatives, one of the men is named McMahon. The prospectors, however, have been mute regarding their claim or as to what minerals have been found.

Averaging almost a daily hike the miners canvassed the ridges in this section, carrying spades and small cloth sacks strapped to their shoulders to carry samples. Cautiously locking their vehicle before departing each day, they briefly stated that they were interested in clay.

Local residents presume that aluminum is a common mineral in this region while others claim that uranium, or any other valuable mineral might also be found.

For the past 10 or 12 years there has been a yearly party of miners hunting in the Gold Creek area for a zinc ledge in that region, that assayed 90 percent pure zinc. According to local information the Fenimore boys perished during the last war but the search for the zinc deposit still continues.

Keith Phillips, fire warden, states that he has issued permits several different years for mining parties to enter the closed area to hunt for the elusive zinc mine.

Even local residents sometimes have curiosity aroused enough to pick up strange appearing rocks. Not too long ago Jim Toome found an odd formation on Gates hill which he planned to have assayed.

The story is told of Dale Propes a former Mill City man who went huckle berrying one year but arrived home with nothing but a packboard full of likely looking rock.

Coming Events:

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

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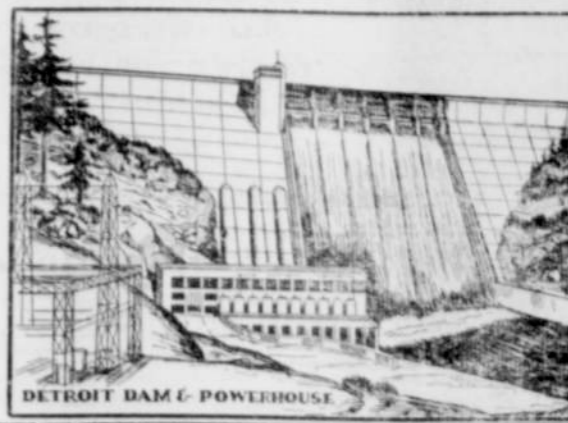
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REGISTER NOW

According to Oregon's registration law only 30 days remain in which citizens can register in order to qualify to vote in the coming November elections.

Citizens desiring to register can now do so at the Mill City Enterprise office.

Registration can also be made at Mrs. Arthur Kriever's residence on the Linn county side and at Mrs. Curtis M. Cline's residence on the Marion county side.

3000 More Pickers Needed in Hopyards

The farm labor situation remained critical as harvest of the late hop crop began this week.

Dean Omans, manager for the Independence Hop Growers, reported Wednesday that 3,000 more pickers were still needed in the fields.

At least another two weeks, possibly more, of work is waiting for those who wish it.

The crop this year is still running above average and is still free of crop blights.

The Independence area has probably suffered more from the current labor shortage than any other in the state. Probably no other area has as heavy a concentration of a crop which requires the harvest manpower that hops do.

Within seven miles are 4,000 acres of hops while the chief trading center of this area, Independence, has a little less than 2,000 permanent residents.

Drawing a sufficient summer labor force from a population of this size just can't be done, so transient workers from other areas of the state and the country have to be called in.

While other sections also require a substantial migrant worker force, most of them also have cities of greater populations from which to draw school children and other pickers in much greater numbers than this city can supply.

This year the migrant workers haven't shown up in their usual force. In fact, at no time since the war have there been so few.

Mill City Firemen Have Busy Week

The Mill City fire department spent a couple of busy evenings during the past weekend.

On Thursday night at about 10 p.m. they were called to the Dick Schultz home west of Mill City. The fire, however, had too good a start for them and the house and most of the contents was completely destroyed.

The fire was caused by a leaking gas line. Experts explain that when a leak is discovered the valve on the outside tank should be turned off before attempting to make the necessary repairs. Also one can shut off the gas by simply holding your finger on the opening while someone else goes to turn the shut-off valve since there is only six pounds pressure after leaving the tank. If you don't understand the operation of your gas system you should call your serviceman for further information and you may prevent a serious fire in your home.

The second fire occurred about 9 p.m. Sunday at the Rainbow Inn hotel east of Mill City. It, too, had gained such a start that the firemen were unable to save more than the framework of the building. They did, however, succeed in keeping it from spreading to the adjoining trailer court. Fire Chief Arlo Teurs estimated the building and contents as a total loss.

Mehama Grade School To Open It's Doors Sept. 11

Schoolhouse doors will swing open Monday, Sept. 11 for the new school term.

Since last school year the Mehama district has consolidated with Stayton, and only pupils up to and including the 4th grade will be held at Mehama. The teachers will be Mrs. Orange and Mrs. Cook, who taught here last year also.

Hot lunches at a minimum price will be served at school beginning the first day. The hot lunch club, composed of Mehama parents, has charge of the program which is authorized by the Stayton school board.

Ira Kirsch has been appointed to supervise over the Mehama school.



DETROIT—Loggers in this area are bringing in some big ones these days from the Permelia creek logging operation in the mountains east of Detroit. The log shown measured six feet in diameter, was 35 feet long and yielded 5,430 board feet of timber when cut at the M & M Woodworking company at Idanha. It was felled by the Noyes Whitten Logging company.

(Photo Courtesy The Statesman)

Col. Miles Returns From Okinawa

Lt. Col. J. W. (Jack) Miles, resident engineer for the Detroit dam until last March, has fooled the doctors—to his own and their delight.

Colonel Miles, longtime veteran of the army engineers, was back in Salem Tuesday, all but recovered from a critical attack of encephalitis (sleeping sickness) contracted three months ago on Okinawa where he had been assigned to supervise construction of a huge air base.

The colonel, who visited several friends in this area and conferred with Gov. Douglas McKay, is on convalescent leave from Letterman general hospital in San Francisco. He is staying temporarily at his home in Portland.

Colonel Miles, who has supervised projects in many parts of the world, including Europe, Mexico and South America, indicated he was heartened by the United States' growing strength in the island perimeters of the far east, and by the apparent increasing recognition of their importance. But he was not as interested in commenting on the world situation as in just being "home." He is not expected to be re-assigned for some time.

The colonel was unconscious on Okinawa for 18 days, ran temperatures exceeding 106 degrees, and was regarded in such a critical condition as to warrant the army notifying his wife he was not expected to live.—The Oregon Statesman.

Car Purchase Plans Made by Railroad

Plans for buying or building an additional 5000 freight train cars and 46 diesel electric locomotives were announced this month by President A. T. Mercier of Southern Pacific, following a meeting of the railroad's Board of Directors in Portland.

The new equipment will raise to 28,630 the total number of new freight train cars and 350 the total number of diesel electric locomotives for Southern Pacific since end of World War II, Mercier reported, besides an investment in half the cost of 8000 new Pacific Fruit Express refrigerator cars. It is expected that builders will begin delivering the new equipment in the first half of next year.

Including the foregoing, the railroad's post-war purchases of new rolling equipment have called for an expenditure of more than \$307,000,000, the rail president said.

Of the previous purchases of 23,630 new freight train cars, nearly 21,000 are already in service. Of the approximately 2600 cars remaining, the railroad is now receiving deliveries from builders at the rate of more than 500 cars a month. The latest freight equipment purchase program includes 3500 box cars, 1100 gondolas, 250 covered hopper cars, 100 open hopper cars and 50 cabooses. Consideration will be given to constructing certain of the equipment in the company's own shops, Mercier added.

The company's previous purchases of locomotives include 141 powerful diesel freight and passenger locomotives for main line operations, 117 of which are new in service. The latest locomotive purchase program includes 21 branch line locomotives and 25 switching locomotives. With completion of present orders, Southern Pacific will have 489 diesels of various types.

Local Men Attend Clinic In Portland

George Steffy, chairman of the industrial development committee of the Mill City chamber of commerce, C. E. Coville, vice chairman, and other prominent Mill City business men will attend the Small Business Industrial Mobilization Clinic conducted by a team of government men in the Masonic Temple in Portland tomorrow.

A portion of the meeting has been reserved for group and brief individual conferences with the government officials present. In addition, the speakers on the morning program will answer general questions after their talks.

This clinic is an important part of the work of the National Security Resources board of the federal government.

Gates School Opening Postponed to Sept. 18

Mr. Don Miley, principal of the Gates public school, announced today that the Gates schools will open officially September 18th instead of the previous set date.

The delayed opening stems from the fact that re-decorating, plumbing and furnace work is not finished.

Mr. Miley indicated that the varied nature of the work in progress makes it necessary that school opening be postponed to Sept. 18th.

A change-over from a wood-burning to an oil-burning furnace progresses satisfactorily by the Day heating company of Salem.

Bill Obershaw, local painting contractor, is doing the redecorating. Martin Hansen, Mill City plumber, is making plumbing repairs.

The teaching staff will include besides Mr. Miley, Howard Means, Miss Elizabeth McMullen and Miss Dorothy Mae Wood in the high and junior high; Mrs. Gwen Schaefer, Mrs. A. T. Barnhardt, Mrs. Letha Bentley and Mrs. Riley Champ in the grades.

Detroit-Idanha School Begins New Term

Idanha—The Detroit school opened this week for the 1950-51 term with a registration of 203 pupils in the elementary grades and 37 in high school. In the high school Otis White is again principal, Mrs. John Hanan and Stanley Whipple, who taught last year, teaching music and social science and one new teacher, Miss Isabelle Mason of Mill City.

In the grades new teachers are John Cannon of Salem, principal; Irving Underwood, also of Salem, 7th grade and Mrs. Gladys Claxton of Aumsville, 4th grade. Mrs. John Ray will again be the 8th grade teacher as well these others: Russell Hoyt, 6th grade; Mrs. Lloyd Leach, 5th grade; Mrs. Nolan Rasmick, 3rd grade; Mrs. Russell Hoyt, 2nd grade; Mrs. Oran Perkins 1st and 2nd, and Mrs. Bob Steele, 1st grade.

ERNE BROWN INJURED

Ernie Brown, loader for the Eliason Logging company located on Tumble creek received back injuries when he was knocked down by a log while supervising the loading of logging at the site of operations last Wednesday morning. He is being attended by Dr. Teutsche. He is confined to his home while receiving treatment.

Canyon-wide Dinner-Meet Sept. 12, Expect Full House

Tickets All Sold Out, Standing Room Only; Full Program Planned

The canyon-wide meeting called by the industrial development committee of the Mill City chamber of commerce for next Tuesday evening, Sept. 12 in the high school auditorium is snowballing beyond all expectations of the committee, Chairman George Steffy reports today in an interview.

A program of speeches by outstanding men experienced in community development has been arranged and it is promised that all will go away with a new spark of enthusiasm for getting something done to build this canyon's future.

Delegations from Idanha, Detroit, Gates, Lyons, Mehama, Stayton, and the Elkhorn are coming to sit in and join in this program of progress for all of the canyon.

"The canyon's response to the call of the industrial development committee's canyon-wide dinner and meeting has been overwhelming. By letter, phone calls, and personal contacts the committee has been deluged by requests for tickets," reports Mr. Steffy.

"All we could say is that we were sorry—that they were all gone—not so much as one spare ticket left. We could easily have sold twice as many

George Jessel To Picnic with Demos

Democrats in Oregon have been invited to meet George Jessel, famed comedian and Hollywood producer, at the state-wide Democratic picnic at Jantzen Beach park in Portland on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 10.

"The picnic will officially open our 1950 election campaign," it was announced by William L. Josselin, democratic state chairman. "Every democrat is cordially urged to be on hand as our party opens its first campaign in history as Oregon's majority party," Josselin added.

The picnic program will include speeches by such top democrats as Austin Flegel, candidate for governor; Howard Latourette, candidate for United States senator; Carl Donagh, nominee for congress, and Howard Morgan, nominee for state labor commissioner.

Beginning at noon in the shadow of the Jantzen Beach roller-coaster, the picnic will feature games and refreshments for children and adults, illusions by Desmond the Magician, songs by Lenore Weller and an old-fashioned German band from the Portland musicians' union.

Democratic organizations in several counties near Portland are organizing auto caravans to take their members to the picnic.

Truck-Car Crash Sends Three Persons to Hospital

A head-on crash of a Covey U-Drive truck coming from Bend and a light passenger car hospitalized three persons early Sunday morning. The crash occurred several miles east of Gates near Chuck's tavern, and both the car and truck were badly damaged.

The driver of the truck, whose identity The Enterprise was unable to learn, and a small boy riding with him were severely cut and bruised. Les Crawford was the driver of the passenger car. He, too, was hospitalized but was released the following day. He reported that he was blinded by the oncoming lights.

A load of furniture in the truck was reported undamaged but observers who have viewed the wrecked vehicles have expressed wonder that anyone came out of them alive.

COURTNEYS LEAVE FOR EAST

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Courtney Jr. and infant son Michael left Saturday for Indianapolis, Ind., where Reverend Courtney is going to enter Butler university, school of religion. Tom will study for his Doctor's degree on a scholarship recently awarded to him.

Reverend Courtney has been the pastor of the First Christian church here for the past two years. The Courtneys have sold their home on the river on the Marion county side to Mr. and Mrs. O. K. DeWitt.

if we had the capacity to seat them," Steffy added.

The meeting following the dinner is scheduled to commence about 8 p.m. and will be held in the Mill City high school auditorium. Sufficient seating capacity for dinner guests will be blocked off and the balance of the space in the auditorium will be for those who were unable to either get tickets or who could not attend the dinner.

At the time we go to press arrangements are being considered by the committee to place a loud speaker to carry the proceedings to the overflow crowd.

From bits of information received here and there it will be a meeting at which may be heard some things we little expected to hear—that will be both timely and of extreme importance to all of us living in the North Santiam.

The chairman has made known that he particularly wants to extend sincere invitations to attend the business meeting to those who have little or no faith in this canyon's future.

There are always those present in every community who unknowingly have served only as obstructionists to what, in the minds of the majority appeared to be logical progress and development.

Everyone is particularly invited to attend this meeting by Mr. Steffy, the chairman of the industrial development committee—and as a typical example of the spark from this dynamic leader in our canyon—for its greater development—a man with a terrific capacity and reputation for getting things done that needs to be done, he remarked, "You know, no man's opinion is entirely worthless—and just remember this—that even a clock that won't run is right twice each day."

"Yes—most assuredly I want all of the opposition to progress there because if they are not—I will have missed a priceless opportunity to sell them their share of the canyon," said Steffy.

Standing room only—for those who come late. The date again—Tuesday, Sept. 12, meeting starts at 8 p.m. in the Mill City high school auditorium.

The Gates Womans club will cook and serve the dinner.

The Mill City Garden club will furnish the floral decorations.

Flegel Challenges McKay To Debate State Issues

State Senator Austin F. Flegel, Democratic candidate for Governor today released the text of a wire he had sent Governor McKay in which he proposed a debate between himself and McKay on the subject "Does Oregon Need a New Administration."

Flegel proposed that the debate take place at Enterprise in Wallowa County where the campaign paths of the Democratic and Republican candidates for Governor cross on Sept. 1.

The full text of the wire to McKay follows:

Your itinerary and mine take us both to Enterprise on Sept. 1 to address meetings arranged by our respective supporters. I propose that we combine forces and join in debate on the question "Does Oregon need a new administration?" I believe the voters of Wallowa County should have the benefit of an open forum discussion between the candidates for Governor. Please let me know by return wire whether or not you agree to this proposal."

Options Signed for New Mill City-Mehama Hi-way

Options have recently been signed for the highway right-of-way from Mill City to Mehama, preparatory to letting bids for construction.

The route of the highway deviates from a survey planned several years ago because of a slide area along the river above Mehama.

The new highway will bisect the Keith Phillips and Ed Goschie farms and cross the Little North Fork about 1½ miles above Mehama, near the Paris Bouche residence. Further survey indicates it will pass about 15 feet behind the Howard Ross home and almost through the garage of Ray Branch.

According to state officials it will be a "free way" highway into Salem. No business establishments being permitted on the right-of-way.