

Christmas Tree Is a Pacemaker

Mill City, Yule-Tide, pacemaker Mr. Christmas Tree stands in quiet dignity in the Mill City triangle with its countenance glowing and sparkling cheerfully thanks to the energy fed it by Mountain States Power company, Julia Bassett today revealed.

Chief of Police J. T. King and a former city patrolman, Ray Rich, last year solicited funds from local businessmen for the purchase of electric lights and wire used for lighting the Mill City Christmas Tree.

C. E. Coville last year donated the town tree, as he did this year also, harvested on his ranch near Mill City. Again this year George Stewart's Mill City Wrecker service came in handy as a Christmas tree hauler and erector.

Chief King, George Stewart, Clarence Estenson, C. E. Coville, Dewey, Buford and Don Flatman made the excursion to the Coville ranch for Mr. Christmas Tree.

Performing much of the touchy task of guying-up was W. R. Greene of Mountain States Power Co. The pretty effect came via the deft hands of Patrolman Kenneth Hunt, George Stewart and C. E. Coville.

Recently a protective shield has been erected around the base of Mill City's Yule Tree just in case some passing motorist should become too enthralled.

Defense Director Addresses PTA

Mill City Chief of Police J. T. King local defense director, addressed the Mill City PTA on the topic "Safety in Driving" last Wednesday in the local high school auditorium.

Chief King indicated that excessive speed causes most accidents and the drinking of alcoholic beverages accounts for the cause of 10% of all motoring mishaps. Saturday and Sunday are bad days on which to drive, because 41% of all auto accidents occur on these two days, King revealed.

Members of the Mill City PTA saw two safety films, "Safety on the Playground" and "The Policeman". Mrs. Ed Cooke, chairman of the membership committee of the PTA, reported an organization membership number of 127.

The Mill City high glee club under the direction of Miss Hope Baney, sang four Christmas carols for the entertainment of the group. Mr. Rugh, teacher and co-chairman of the committee for disbursement of the funds obtained from the annual International Progressive Dinner held recently, reported purchase of a radio and records for the high school students' use.

The PTA membership was informed concerning Boy Scout organizational work and in regard to a public meeting on that matter after the holiday season.

Whipped cream-topped pumpkin pie was served by the refreshment committee composed of Mrs. John Davidson, Mrs. Joe Fencl, Mrs. Bob Veness, Mrs. Al Haun, Mrs. Lee Pinkston, Mrs. Lee Kuhlman, Mrs. Frank Stovall, and Mrs. John Donnelly.

Just Arrived . . .

A SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank New, Idanha, Dec. 17, at Salem Memorial hospital.

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Free, Lyons, Dec. 17, at Salem General hospital.

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill, Mill City, Dec. 18, at Salem General hospital.

Coming Events:

FRIDAY—
I.O.O.F. meeting.
Mill City IWA meeting last Friday

SATURDAY—
Firemen's Christmas Tree Party at Fire hall 1:30 to 5 p.m.
Christian church Christmas program at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY—
Presbyterian church choir to present Christmas story at 11 a.m.

MONDAY—
O.E.S. Installation Dec. 26, 8 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary 2d Mon Lions club meeting.

A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting third Monday.

TUESDAY—
O.E.S. meeting, 2d Monday month.
Lions Auxiliary 4th Tuesday
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.

WEDNESDAY—
Altar Society meets 3rd Wed.
Chamber of Commerce 8 p.m.
Mill City PTA meets 2nd Wed.
Santiam Eagles and auxiliary 8 p.m. at Detroit school building.
Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY—
Theta Rho Club for Girls, meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
Gates PTA 1st Thursday 8 p.m.
American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.
Firemen Auxiliary meets 3d Thurs.
Garden club fourth Thursday.

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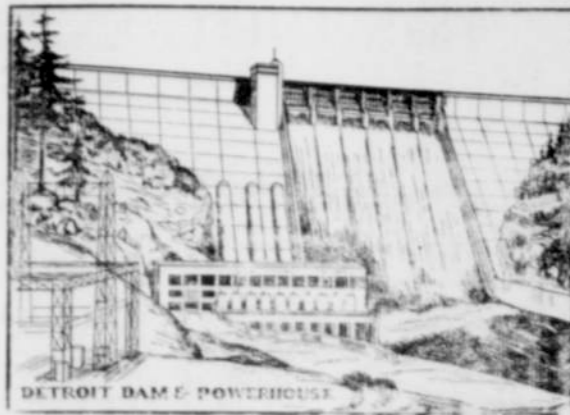
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Bob Veness Heads City Polio Drive

Robert P. Veness, by appointment, this week became Mill City chairman of the 1951 March of Dimes according to information released by James



ROBERT P. VENESS

E. Keys, campaign director for the Marion county drive.

Chairman Veness, as president of the Mill City Chamber of Commerce and former city councilman, has an unbroken record of civic achievement. His position now as 1951 March of Dimes chairman for Mill City adds but another item to the many civic duties towards which he devotes considerable effort.

Veness promises a good showing in the attempt to exceed the record chalked up by Charles Kelly, 1950 March of Dimes Mill City chairman, who will serve again this year in an assistant capacity.

Bob revealed this week that the 1951 March of Dimes officially starts January 15 and continues until January 31.

Draft Registrants Can Now Enlist

State Headquarters, Selective Service System for Oregon, today announced that instructions have been received permitting voluntary induction of registrants from 18 to 26, if acceptable to the armed forces.

"Up until this time," said Col. Francis W. Mason, deputy state director, "a registrant has had to wait until his number came up in regular sequence. This has worked a distinct hardship on many young men, whose work is of such nature that after their being found acceptable to the armed forces, following the physical examination, it has been difficult for them to find remunerative work during the period between this examination and actual induction."
"Now," continued Colonel Mason, "upon written request to his local board, any registrant, if not obviously disqualified, may be physically examined with the next group being forwarded by the board, and then inducted under the next call."
Colonel Mason went on to point out that instructions have been issued also to all local boards to permit registrants to waive 21-day waiting period between the mailing of the Notice of Acceptability and/or the 10-day period between the mailing of the Order of Report for Induction, and the actual date of induction.

"Everything is being done," concluded Colonel Mason, "to make it possible for any registrant, who, for some personal reasons, may desire the earliest possible induction—to be inducted almost immediately. This procedure does not interfere in any way with a registrant's opportunity to enlist in some other branch of the service before he has been ordered to take his physical examination."

P. A. Lee Suffers Broken Leg and Hand

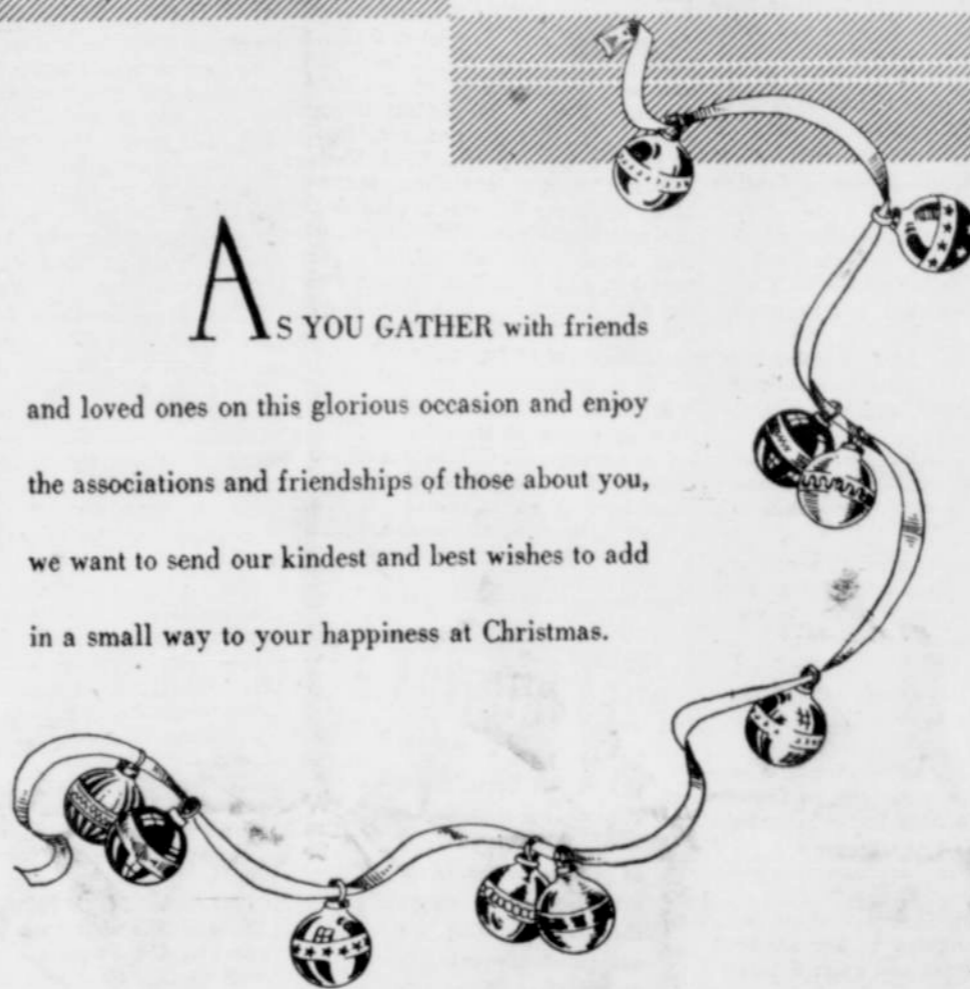
P. A. Lee, father of Jess Lee, of Mill City suffers this week from a broken left leg and right hand as a result of an accident which occurred while he and others were doing road construction work, Mrs. Jess Lee disclosed today.

Mr. Lee was taken to the Salem Memorial hospital by the Mill City ambulance. When the injuries were sustained, the work he was doing was in connection with the Lee Logging company, Mrs. Lee indicated.

It is reported that the broken limbs, now knitting, were brought about as a large rock rolled upon Mr. Lee.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

AS YOU GATHER with friends and loved ones on this glorious occasion and enjoy the associations and friendships of those about you, we want to send our kindest and best wishes to add in a small way to your happiness at Christmas.



Swan and Podrabsky Involved in Wreck

Jerry Swan and Ernie Podrabsky of Mill City when driving to Salem Wednesday morning of this week were involved in a collision with a pick-up truck near Stayton, Jerry Swan revealed today.

The two young men were traveling in Podrabsky's 1940 Chevrolet when the accident occurred. Swan was thrown partially through the windshield by the impact, but Podrabsky apparently received no injuries.

Swan received a bruised and cut left arm and a laceration on his face as a result of the accident. Those riding in the pick-up truck were not hurt.

Sunday School Parties Spark Yule Activities

Idanha — Starting the Christmas activities off in the community were two S. S. parties Sunday afternoon.

One, at the Jerry Pittam home given by the teachers of the Primary classes, Mrs. John Rone and Mrs. Jerry Pittam was attended by 14 youngsters ages 4 to 6.

Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served to Henry and Lana Lee Storey, Arthur Mapes, Keith and Denny McKinney, Wilma Olsen, Pat and Gae Palmerton, Judy Willis, Gerry Hopson, Lynda Rone, Sarah Jean Smith and Sherry and Patty Pittam.

The second was for the intermediate classes taught by Mrs. James McKinney and Mrs. Albert Snyder at the McKinney home. Two contest games were played with the boys winning by a slight margin.

The Christmas story was told and refreshment served to Billie and Clarence Olsen, Sally New, Caroline Lady, Mary Witt, Vernon and Margaret Wiens, Darlyene, Claudie, Lynda, Nancy and Steve Storey, Ronnie McKinney, David Mapes, Beckie Stoll, Nancy and Shirley Ramsey, Bobby Tucker, Jackie Hopson, Freddie Smith and Bob Olsen. Last event was a gift exchange.

Catholic Church Has New Look

St. Catherine's Catholic church in Mill City now has its interior and ceiling almost completely redecorated with an attractive pattern of wall-board and has a new electric heating system in operation in time for Christmas due to the devoted labor and efforts of many church members and friends, Father Carl Mai announced this week.

Father Mai credits Roy Kendler of Mill City as having had an important role in bringing about the marked improvement in St. Catherine's church. Kendler contributed, as did others, many of the nights of some three weeks producing the new interior of the church.

Kendler indicated the final trimming of the ceiling and walls will come later. He stated that Pete Simbeni of Mill City volunteered major work in installing the new electric heating system. The following men donated many nights of skilled and time consuming labor: Nick Rich, Tony Helt, Roy Kersey, John LeHae, Jimmy Nolan, Harry Keiser and John Pahlstier.

Father Mai further announced that St. Catherine's church will celebrate Midnight Mass Christmas Eve. The Sublimity parochial high school choir will assist Father Mai in the Christmas High Mass rites. Confessions will be heard at 11 p.m. Sunday.

Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. Christmas morning. Confession before this Mass also.

Regular Sunday services at 9 a.m., as usual, Father Mai disclosed.

NOTICE TO POSTAL PATRONS

In order that the patrons of this office may get all their packages out of the office before Christmas, the stamp window will remain open until 6 p.m. Saturday, December 23, 1950.

The office will be closed all day Christmas, December 25, 1950.
CHARLES KELLY,
Postmaster.

Glen Hearing Receives Bruises in Accident

Gates—Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hearing, accompanied by Mrs. Oswald Hirte, had a narrow escape Tuesday of last week when Hearing's car was involved in a wreck near the Cottage Farm as they were driving to Salem.

Hearing was following a truck, another truck was coming from the other direction, a pedestrian suddenly stepped in the road in front of the truck Hearing was trailing. The driver made a sudden stop to avoid hitting the pedestrian or the oncoming truck. Hearing failed to stop quick enough and crashed the rear of the truck ahead.

Only bruises were sustained by the occupants of the Hearing car.

Garden Club Enjoys Christmas Party

Lyons—The garden club held its Christmas party at the community club house Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Otto Weidman, president, presided over the business part of the meeting. Each member responded to roll call with "New ideas for holiday decorations". Mrs. Percy Hiatt was in charge of entertainment and demonstrated and helped each member make a corsage from fir cones.

Following came the Christmas party with Mrs. Alice Huber in charge. The room was beautifully decorated carrying out the Christmas motif.

Each member brought a gift for their silent sister and revealed their name, and names were drawn for another year. Mrs. Alex Kuiken and Mrs. Don Brotherton furnished the arrangements and refreshments.

Present for the party were Mesdames John Neal, Percy Hiatt, Leonard Jones, Mike Fink, Merrill Brassfield, Lynn Lambert, Alex Kuiken, Don Brotherton, Orville Downing, John McClurg, Oscar Nauze, George Huffman, Chester Royce, Willard Hartnell, Clinton Hubbard, Hugh Johnston, Clyde Bressler, Otto Weidman, Mrs. Coga Jenner, Mrs. Alice Huber and Mrs. Nina O'Neil.

Santa Pays Call Here Saturday

Mill City Firemen Auxiliary Presidene Elma Stewart intimated today that all is ready for the royal visit of "His Honor Santa Claus" Saturday afternoon, December 23, in Mill City and the local fire hall.

The Firemen Auxiliary has arranged for a Santa tour of Mill City with Chief of Police J. T. King driving the good will carriage to the accompaniment of proper Christmas carols played over a loud speaker. After Santa greets his multitude of subjects in Mill City, he will begin the kingly task of parceling out some 400 boxes of Christmas candy, Mrs. "Tex" Blazek, Auxiliary informant, reported today.

Auxiliary representatives disclosed that Santa's treat, slated for eager pre-school and school age children this Saturday, is Christmas candy.

Mill City's St. Nick has given advance notice that he will be on hand in the local fire hall for meeting kiddies Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Advance messengers bring the word that Santa Claus is having an extremely successful Christmas. Mysterious and delightful gifts under many pretty Christmas trees await the signal from His Honor Santa that they may soon be placed in eager and bright-eyed children's outstretched hands.

Santa Claus has expressed his warm-hearted feelings on numerous occasions to citizens of this community in regard to the kind and considerate manner which the Firemen and their ladies have traditionally sponsored his once-a-year visit to this Canyon and to Mill City in particular.

His Honor has proclaimed these December days as the time when all children shall be made happy and carefree—the Firemen and their ladies are carrying out this edict.

Mill City eagerly awaits "His Honor".

Fritzie Entrains For Vashon, Wash.

Fritzie Wolverton entrained midst a clamor of well-wishers last Thursday at the Southern Pacific depot in Mill City for Vashon, Wash., his new domicile, where he will be able to enjoy Christmas with the Chas. Wolvertons, Mrs. Kay Colburn reported today.

The remainder of the Wolverton family left recently this community by car for their new home in Vashon where Mr. Wolverton is engaged in publication work. Fritzie was instructed regarding staying behind and tying up of loose ends always present when a family moves.

Fritzie expressed his obvious loneliness to his friends and acquaintances many times during his brief stay behind in Mill City, but stuck it out until he glanced at the calendar and saw Christmas approaching.

Mrs. Kay Colburn disclosed that Fritzie, in the rush and bustle of his leaving, left tickets and reservations in "Tex" Blazek's care; and from the following letter it is evident that the plumbing facilities were not up to Fritzie's expectations. Printed with permission, the letter follows:

"Mrs. 'Kaynaine' Colburn
Mill City, Oregon

"I arrived last night. Accommodations were fine except for certain facilities. But they held up the ferry two minutes for me. I wouldn't advise you to travel like I did. Thank you for taking care of me.
Bow Wow,
Fritzie."

Observers intimated Blazek built a fine dog crate.

Mill City residents will miss the big, sad-eyed, black dog of the Charles Wolvertons'.

Upper Canyon Men Sustain Injuries

Wesley L. Bass of Detroit received a severe bruise and laceration on the forehead as well as other complications when the car in which he was riding hit a slick spot on the road and careened off the highway end over end down to rest near the railroad tracks close to Chuck's Tavern a mile or so above Gates.

Warren Glasgow of Detroit, said to have been the driver of the out-of-control car, sustained only light head bruises. Another passenger, Robert Tucker of Idanha, suffered leg and head bruises when the car dived over the road grade near Gates.