

Firemen Douse A Fire Quickly

The sounding of the fire siren for Mill City Firemen's help on Victor Herron's apartment fire in the Les Mullen building on highway 222 in Mill City Wednesday signaled for expression anew of the well-grounded and widespread community feeling that Mill City's firemen are among the best.

Mrs. Bill Obershaw, from her home across the street and just opposite the Herron apartment, sensed the presence of danger because of the excited actions of those in the Herron apartment and the presence of unusual smoke. After a look at the Herron apartment at close range, she telephoned for fire fighter assistance at approximately 4:45 p.m. Smoke soon thereafter filled the apartment, upstairs rooms, and spilled out all available openings to the outside of the Mullen building.

By 5:05 p.m. smoke was pouring out the basement door beneath Viv's Steak House and into the restaurant building, and Les's Tavern had become inhabitable entirely.

In answering the fire call one truck connected a hose to a hydrant at the corner of Epps' store and laid the hose as it proceeded to the scene of the fire. The other truck circled the block and connected a hose to a hydrant near the Mill City Lodge and laid the hose as it moved towards the Herron apartment. By-standers at the scene of the fire at 5:45 p.m. heard Fire Chief Arlo Tuers pronounce the once serious fire as being well under control.

Quantities of acrid smoke blanketed the fire area and created a real hazard for the tough, but determined, fire fighters. Nozzlemen went in against the smoke, nevertheless and tamed the fire.

Victor Herron, a Detroit dam worker, returned to Mill City from work at the dam at 5:50 p.m. and then for the first time discovered the tragedy in his home.

From the time of the knowledge of the fire until it was placed under control, there was little or no chance for saving the property of the family. All wearing apparel of the family was either smoked, scorched, or burned beyond use, likewise bed-clothing and other possessions.

Probing by firemen for the core of the fire continued well past 6 p.m. Earlier in the day the now weary firemen had speedily subdued a grass fire near Swift's addition in Mill City.

Byron Davis Urges Airmen Training

Byron Davis, Mill City airport owner and operator, obtained notice recently of the introduction of a bill dealing with the training of civilian and military airmen, Bill No. 434, before the U. S. Senate.

Davis reports that, W. M. Bartlett, director of the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics, plans support of senate bill No. 434 since it directly affects airports such as the Mill City airport.

Senate bill No. 434, a training bill, is entitled an act "To authorize the training of an adequate backlog of airmen to meet civil and military needs of the U. S. and for other purposes."

Davis urges that the public support this bill by writing their congressmen on the grounds it is a step towards a well-trained and alert local defense organization.

FRIENDS GATHER IN FAREWELL

Friends and neighbors gathered at the Lyons Rebekah hall Sunday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heineck, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Heineck and family, who are moving from our community.

The evening was spent informally with a covered dish dinner served at 7 o'clock. The Johnston family is moving to their new home near Redmond. The Heineck's are moving to a farm they recently purchased near Aumsville.

Coming Events . . .

FRIDAY—
M.C. high vs. Gervais, Feb. 23.
I.O.O.F. meeting.
Mill City IWA meeting last Friday

MONDAY—
Explorer Scouts Legion hall 7:30 p.
American Legion Auxiliary 3d Mon.
Lions club meeting.
A.P. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting third Monday.
O.E.S. meeting, 2d Monday month.

TUESDAY—
Lions Auxiliary 4th Tuesday
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.

WEDNESDAY—
Santiam Eagles and auxiliary 8 p.m. at Mill City fire hall.
Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.
Altar Society meets 3rd Wed.
Mill City PTA meets 2nd Wed.
City council first Wed. 7:30 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.
Garden club fourth Thursday.
Firemen Auxiliary meets 3d Thurs.

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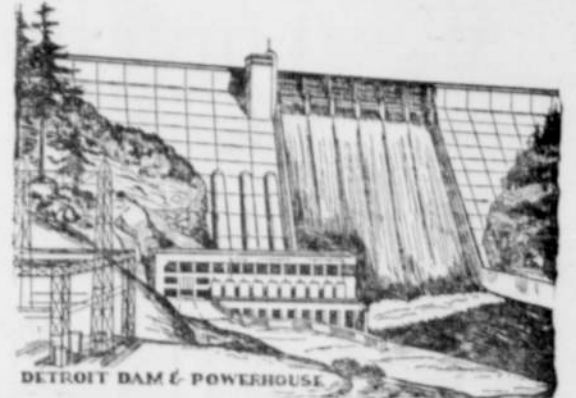
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Looking downstream from highway 222 alongside the North Santiam river towards Mill City near Big Cliff dam. One can see the bare rocks that rise steeply above the bed of the river and that will shoulder the load of Big Cliff dam. Recently Army Engineers let a contract for turbine governing equipment and spare parts for this dam. Wednesday Army Engineers accepted the bid of R. H. Jones of Hillsboro for clearing of Big Cliff dam reservoir area. Big Cliff dam is scheduled as a constant flow regulatory unit and as a power producer. (Photo Courtesy of Capital Journal and Bob Veness)

Get Price Ceiling Info From Bank

Businessmen who wish to obtain copies of the General Ceiling Price Regulation, freezing prices and wages at the December 19-January 25, 1951, level are asked to contact their nearest bank.

Carl C. Donough, director of the Office of Price Stabilization, Oregon district, has advised that copies of the regulation are being made available to businessmen in various communities through the co-operation of the Oregon Bankers Association.

Additional copies may be obtained by writing to the OPS office in the Lincoln building, 208 SW 5th Ave., Portland 4, Ore.

Mill City's Ida Geddes Celebrates Birth

Mrs. Ida Geddes, 96, Mill City's oldest citizen, received considerable help in the process of celebrating her birthday from her many friends last week.

Mrs. Lester Hathaway, Mrs. Curtis Cline, and Mrs. C. E. Mason arranged a tea honoring Mrs. Geddes. The tea followed World Prayer Day ceremonies in the Mill City Presbyterian church.

A handsome and delicious birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Geddes, who wore an orchid corsage given in honor of her birthday. Mrs. Geddes was assisted in the birthday cake cutting operation by her daughter, Daisy Geddes and her son Alfred Geddes.

Mrs. W. J. Ferguson and Mrs. J. F. Potter presided at the tea and coffee urns during the Geddes birthday celebration in the Presbyterian church recreation room.

Fred Gooches Mark 55th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gooch celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary at their home in Mill City Sunday, February 18.

The Gooches were united in marriage in Shelburn. Mr. Gooch came to Mill City some 63 years ago in a wagon as some cattle were being driven into the area. Mr. Gooch met his bride of 55 years ago in Shelburn.

Friends of the couple and the Gooch family desiring to wish them well are invited to call at the Gooch home between the hours of 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Gooches have one daughter and two sons, and two grandchildren. Mr. Gooch is engaged in logging at the present time.

Just Arrived . . .

A SON—To Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Novack (Arlee Kesterson) Gates, Feb. 11, at Albany General hospital.
A SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Challander, Mehama, February 14, at Salem memorial hospital.

Woodburn Hosts Farmers Union

Woodburn hosts this year the 41st annual convention of the Oregon State Farmers Union. The three day meet opens Tuesday, February 20, in the American Legion hall.

Principal speaker at the annual banquet Wednesday evening, February 21st will be Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, who will speak on "Land Reform and Foreign Policy in Asia." Dr. Strand was a member of an American commission which studied land policies in the Philippines a year ago. He will illustrate his talk with colored slides.

The National Farmers Union will be represented by Vice Pres. Herbert Rolph. He will make the Torchbearer awards at the junior banquet February 20th; and will also speak at one of the convention sessions on National Farmers Union policies.

Pres. Ronald E. Jones of Brooks will preside at all convention sessions. Reports of state officers will be given on the opening day. On Wednesday, February 21, the annual meeting of insurance delegates will be held. Adoption of the 1951 program, and election of officers will take place on the final day.

The Marion County Farmers Union is host for the meeting, and arrangements are in charge of Mrs. R. G. Foat, Marion county secretary. Mrs. Marie Cornwell of Woodburn is handling local arrangements.

TELEPHONEMEN ELECTED DURING ANNUAL MEET

The annual telephone meeting was held at the Rebekah hall, with election of officers the main business.

Officers elected for the coming year were Hugh Johnston, president; Fred Lindemann, re-elected secretary-treasurer; and Lloyd Sletto, Russell Wilson and Harley Scott, directors.

Among the various plans discussed was the allotment of money to extend the cable towards Fox Valley, and to rebuild line four, the Jordan line.

Mill City C. of C. Election Tuesday

Mill City Chamber of Commerce members can pep up community spirit in Mill City and area by heading the next meeting call of the Chamber slated for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in Epps Furniture store.

Two new board members must be elected at this Tuesday meeting. The board then chooses a new president for the year.

Julia Bassett, secretary of the Mill City chamber, urges that the entire membership take part in this important Tuesday evening meeting in Epps Furniture store.

Stayton Chamber of Commerce this week appointed L. H. Wright, Gene Teague and Lloyd Girod as a committee to meet with a committee from the Mill City chamber to discuss organization of a Canyon-wide chamber of commerce. The Tuesday chamber meeting will have this matter for consideration.

Mill City's Water Had No Coliform

R. L. Stewart, district manager of Mountain States Power company, is the proud possessor of a letter from Dr. Harold M. Erickson of Portland, state health officer, commending him and his staff for the care taken to keep Mill City's water supply free of harmful bacteria.

Water samples taken and submitted for testing each month to an approved laboratory proved free of coliform bacteria in every portion examined. The letter indicates that every sample was of safe bacteriological quality.

"This is a very fine record and we wish to take this opportunity to commend you and your staff for this accomplishment. Such results reflect careful operation of the water system," Erickson's letter stated.

Seasonality Law Hearing Brings Amazing Admission

Employers Halt Winter Work Because of Law

The committee on Labor and Industries of the Oregon state senate held its big public hearing on the Seasonality bills now before that committee on February 13, in the state capitol building.

In reporting the hearing, Carl Winn, international secretary of the IWA-CIO, who appeared before the committee in support of the move to repeal the 1949 law on seasonality, said: "It was amazing to me to hear the employers representative at the meeting admit that the reason the logging industry is not operating this winter in spite of the ideal weather conditions is that they wish to establish their operations as seasonal. Of course, we knew it, but didn't expect them to have the brass to admit it."

In his remarks to the committee in support of the repeal of present seasonality rules, Winn said, "If the law is not repealed within the foreseeable future, the relief rolls will be burdened to the breaking point with unemployed woodworkers."

He also pointed out that with very rare exceptions weather in Oregon is not a contributing factor in shutdowns in the industry. "Profits are the controlling factor in whether the industry operates or not."

George Brown, the executive secretary of the Oregon State CIO Council presented the proponents side of the argument to repeal the present law. His figures showed that at the last session of the legislature the employers in the state of Oregon were given a rate reduction that amounted to \$4,000,000. Thirty thousand people were taken out from under the coverage of the act. Labor received increased benefits that amounted to \$1,000,000.

He also pointed out that if employ-

ers are permitted to establish their operations as seasonal on the basis of two years experience out of three years, practically the entire lumber industry could so qualify.

Also appearing before the committee, was Rollie Mittlemen, a grocer from Sweet Home, Ore., and president of the Sweet Home chamber of commerce who said that the elimination of unemployment compensation to the workers in the lumber industry would work a great hardship upon the small business men in those towns in which lumbering is the sole or principal industry, because when these workers have no income, business just "plain drops off."

Early in 1950, the executive board of the International Woodworkers of America passed a resolution condemning the present law and calling for its repeal.

Sen. Manley J. Wilson, editor of the union's paper, the International Foodworker, introduced senate bill No. 26, which calls for the repeal of the 1949 amendment. The senate Labor and Industries committee is expected to act on this bill at an early date.

Art Exhibition Shown In Church Room

Mrs. Lester Hathaway, art program chairman of the Mill City Woman's club, urges that canyon citizens avail themselves of a treat in the way of art by viewing an art exhibition prepared by the Portland Art Museum representatives of large, color reproductions of Masterpieces scheduled for showing from Saturday, Feb. 24, to March 5 in the Mill City Presbyterian church recreation room.

The Mill City Woman's club hosts a canyon-wide silver tea on Friday, Feb. 23, at 2:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian church recreation room, marking the beginning of the famous painting exhibition. Mrs. Kenneth Crosier, Mrs. H. T. Caughey, and Mrs. C. E. Mason are the hostesses for the canyon-wide silver tea. Mrs. Arthur Kriever will lecture.

The art display comes to Mill City largely through the efforts of the Mill City Woman's club, who are members of the Portland Art Museum.

Included in the exhibit of colorful reproduction of masterpieces which are of such high fidelity that they enable a high degree of appreciation are "Portrait of Dick Tybis", 1533, by Hans Holbein; "Madonna Adoring", 1455-57, by Fra Filippo Lippi; "Whitehall", C. 1746, by Canaletto; "View of Toledo", 1604-14, by El Greco; "The Infanta Margarita Teresa in Red", 1664, by Del Mazo; "The Bullfight", C.1910, by Gracioso de Goya; "Summer, The Harvest", 1565, by Pieter Breughel the Elder; "Young Girl at an Open Half Door", 1645, by Rembrandt; "Mrs. Freake and Baby Mary", 1670, by unknown artist; "Young Woman with a Water Jug", undated, by Johannes Vermeer.

As one approaches and views these masterpiece reproductions the curiosity to see and study more of them grows. Those interested may examine the art works on display in the Presbyterian church recreation room on school days from 3 to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

\$400 Boy Scout Loan Re-Paid

In order that an advisory survey be made for the Santiam Memorial Hospital, the Boy Scouts of Stayton loaned \$400 to the hospital organization for that purpose.

The propaganda committee of the Founders Service Organization recently has investigated false reports circulated by certain individuals to the effect that the \$400 loan has not been repaid to the Boy Scouts, but has been misused instead.

The committee after a full investigation reports this rumor as being entirely false. Everett Ward, trustee for the \$400 building fund of the Boy Scouts of Stayton, states, "The \$400 loan has been re-paid in full."

Ward was complimentary of the committee for its speedy work in tracing the false reports to their source.

Donkey Basketball In Gates Saturday

Mill City Firemen, a hustling group of public spirited citizens, well earning their salt in Mill City and area, joust in a spirit of levity with the Gates Rural Fire District fire ladders in a benefit game of Donkey Basketball Saturday, February 17, at 8 p.m. in the Gates high school gymnasium.

This evening of amusement is made possible by the two fire departments using Jack Moore's original donkey basketball scheme plus circus and motion picture trained donkeys. These donkeys act out their curious antics in a very somber and casual manner.

The firemen's side-splitting exhibition of Tom-foolery Saturday night is an attempt at raising funds for the use of the Gates Rural Fire District just recently organized into a fire fighting unit.

Adults may enjoy the Firemen's show by plunking down a dollar; high school-agers need 50c; and children under 12 should get 25c from daddy for a good look at the donkeys Saturday night in Gates.

Dave Epps Engages New Local Store Manager

Dave Epps brought a new citizen to Mill City when he engaged Bill McCarthy of Sweet Home as manager of Epps Furniture Store in Mill City recently.

Bill McCarthy is currently getting acquainted with citizens and readying his future Mill City home for the coming of his wife and two daughters, Gayle 6, and Colleen 3½.

McCarthy previously held a position in Epps Furniture store in Sweet Home, and before that conducted his own merchandising business so he is not a newcomer to the business world.

Epps new manager hopes that he can move his family from Sweet Home to Mill City on March 1.

DETROIT SCHOOL BOARD WANTS BUILDING DOWN

The Detroit school board voted at their Monday night meeting to ask that the old grade building be wrecked since it is considered a fire hazard. This old school property belongs to the Army Engineers, having been purchased or rather exchanged for the new buildings which now house the Detroit grade school.

At the same meeting they voted to purchase a new school bus to replace the 1948 Reo.



Mill City's 96 years young, Mrs. Ida Geddes, watched intently by her daughter, Daisy Geddes and her son, Alfred Geddes, cuts her birthday cake for serving to her many friends who attended a tea in her honor this week. (Photo Courtesy of Capital Journal and Bob Veness)