

Workmen Rush Grounds Work

The ring of hammers, the buzz of saws, and the "slap-slap" of paint brushes is heard all over the grounds as bustling workmen, under the direction of Leo G. Spitzbart, general manager, make ready for the 1951 Oregon State Fair, opening in Salem this year, Saturday, September 1.

"To get the grounds and buildings ready for this year's earlier opening on Saturday instead of Labor Day," said Mr. Spitzbart, "is keeping us hopping. After all, we want the 1951 Oregon State Fair to be presented in its justly-famed setting of beauty to the very best advantage.

He stressed the fact that every day, powerful jet sprays are kept going full-tilt, watering down vistas of cool green grass sheltered by leafy oaks some of which are older than the 86 year exposition itself. Several large mowers, with men riding tractor-like in an articulated follow-up seat, keep the lawns short and smooth.

Flower beds, worked and reworked and fortified with new plantings, are beginning to shape into patterns of eye-arresting color.

The Lone Oak Track, acknowledge tops for plants of its size, is being readied under the watchful eye of Art Keene, grounds maintenance foreman. The turf is being rolled and packed for a fast, yet cushioned, footing for the high-calibre thoroughbred fleets expected in the 1951 meet. As usual, the infield of the track will be bouquet of living, floral beauty.

Inside exhibit buildings, changes in space arrangements and the sprucing up of walkways goes on apace. The livestock buildings all "a-glisten" in new white, are being readied for the showing of Oregon's finest animals. Outside, wherever needed, fresh paint is being applied, adding a note of newness.

Elkhorn Timber Up For High Bid Now

A large tract of valuable timber located near Elkhorn school on the Little North Santiam river in Marion county is up for bid. Bids on an estimated 8,995,000 feet of timber valued at \$194,889, will be opened, Tuesday, August 21, in Portland, according to Rodney O. Fety, Salem district forester for the U. S. Bureau of Land Management.

The bidder getting the timber must, if he logs the land, plant seedlings after removal of the merchantable timber.

Another tract in Linn county will be auctioned off in Salem's public school office building, Monday, August 20, at 10:30 a.m. This Linn county timber tract is located near Snow peak.

Porter & Lau Will Concentrate Stock

Porter and Lau are discontinuing their Mill City store because of the uncertainties of supply and help, according to Wilbur Porter. He stated that the firm was concentrating its stock in their Stayton store located on the main business street.

Customers in this area may obtain weekly service on their appliances, radios etc. by calling the Mill City Variety store where a call station has been established.

Wilbur Porter began his electrical appliance sales and service business in the North Santiam Canyon 25 years ago in Mehama under the name of Porter Radio Service. Near the end of World War II, Porter teamed up with Fredrick Lau under the firm name Porter and Lau.

At present Porter and Lau have a rather extensive sale in progress. They are open Fridays and Saturdays until 9 p.m. in Stayton. Porter and Lau's Mill City store is located in the same building as the Mill City Variety store on S. W. Broadway street.

Coming Events . . .

- MONDAY—**
 American Legion Auxiliary 3d Mon. Lions club meeting.
 A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting 3rd Monday.
 O.E.S. meeting, 2d Monday month.
- TUESDAY—**
 Boy Scouts at City park, 7 p.m.
 Chamber of Commerce 2 & 4 noon luncheon.
 Lions Auxiliary 4th Tuesday
 Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.
 129-J School Board meeting 2d Tues.
- WEDNESDAY—**
 Santiam Eagles and auxiliary 8 p.m. at Mill City fire hall.
 Santiam Rebekah 1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.
 City council first Wed. 7:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY—**
 Theta Rho Club for Girls, meets 2d and 4th Thursdays.
 Gates PTA 1st Thursday 8 p.m.
 American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.
 Garden club fourth Thursday.
 Firemen Auxiliary meets 3d Thurs.
- FRIDAY—**
 I.O.O.F. meeting.
 Mill City IWA meeting last Friday
 Farmers Union meeting at Mehama
 Woman's club, 2nd

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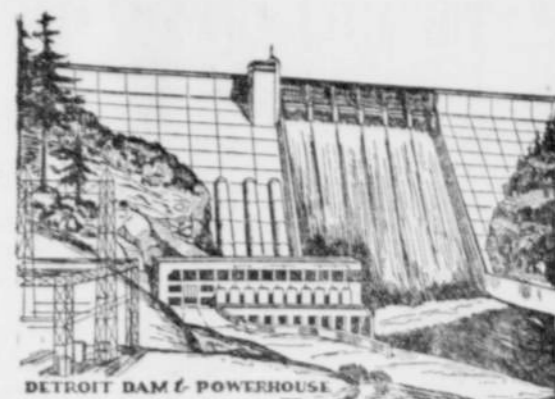
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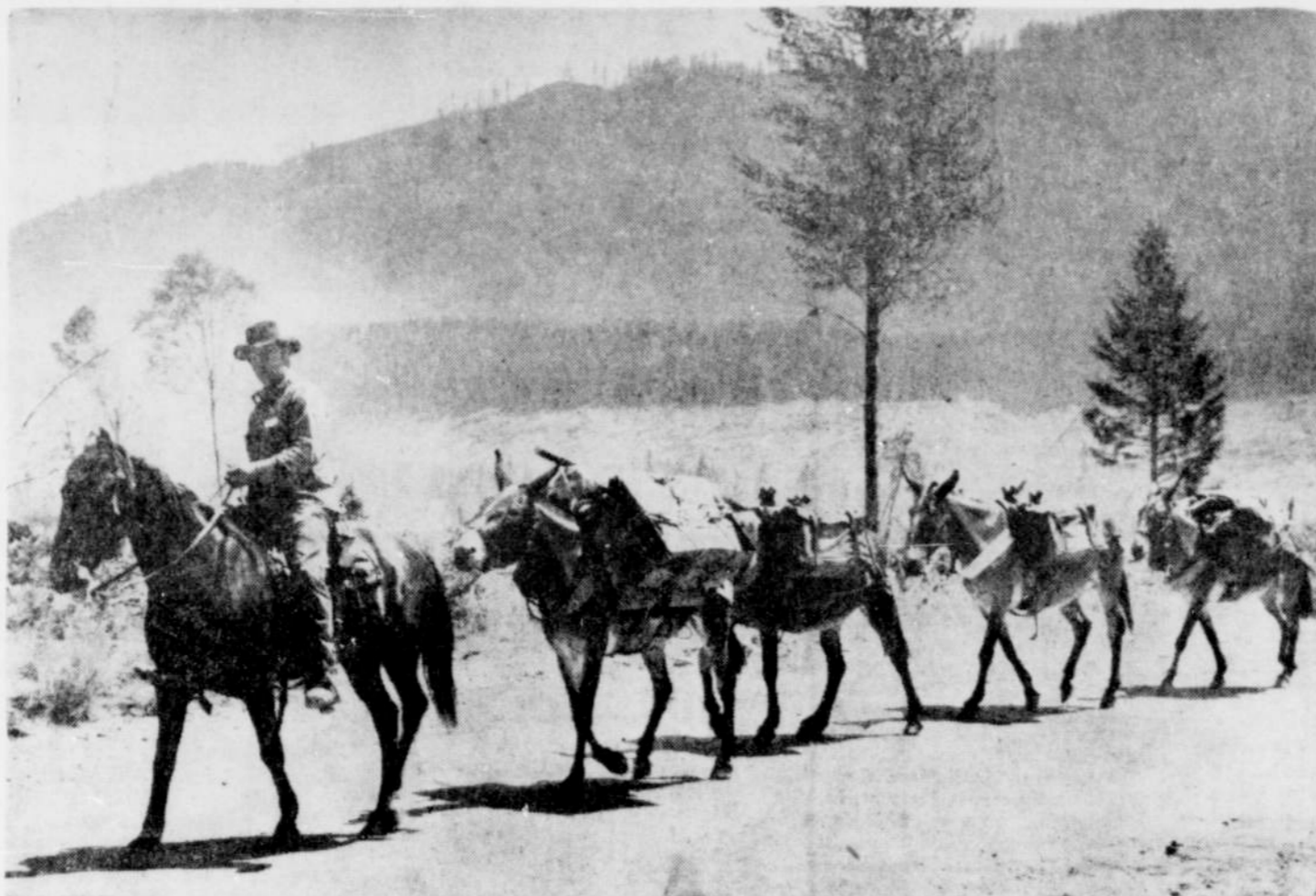
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When logging and forestry roads end, then trails begin. It is not long after one leaves the main artery of travel, highway 222, that rough going is the order of the day in the North Santiam Canyon country around Detroit. Federal forest lands require attention. Fire look-outs stationed on high mountain peaks must get supplies. Clearing trails through forest lands is an essential assignment each year. Trails must be open in order that fire fighters can, if the occasion arises, reach fire lines quickly. Shown is Forester Clyde Hutchinson and his mule pack train on their way from

Detroit ranger station with a load of supplies for two rangers stationed at Marjorie Dunham camp, the end of a twisting, steep, mountain trail, some four miles away. The isolated forest rangers are engaged in cleaning trails. The sure-footed pack mules provide the best transportation available for bulky supplies such as stoves, tents and quantities of staple food. Forester Hutchinson will make his way towards Marjorie Dunham camp once a week with supplies until the two rangers complete their work.

(Photo courtesy of The Statesman)

Swimming Pool Has New Meaning Now

"Swimming pool" meant one thing to the people of this area not too many years ago, the North Santiam River near the railroad bridge. Today swimming pool stands for something more than a section of river water. State laws require that a public swimming area meet certain rather strict rules, so Bob Hill is finding out as he moves deeper and deeper into the campaign for a public swimming pool in Mill City.

Bob Hill, Charles Kelly, and Einar Skinnerland are knitting together a rough outline of the course of things ahead regarding a swimming pool for Mill City. Hill and Kelly grew up in this area when highway 222 was not such a fine highway as it is today. In those days the railroad took them fairly close to a favorite swimming spot in the North Santiam Canyon, Breitenbush hot springs. Where the railroad track stopped, the hiking in to the springs started. "Back when" the populace of Mill City turned out for a dip in the North Santiam River in the deep hole near the railroad bridge or at a spot approximately a quarter of a mile on down the river towards Lyons.

With the increase in population of this area and the importance of providing a safe place for swimming jutting to the forefront, Bob Hill and many others cast about for an answer. Bob has been investigating the swimming facilities of surrounding communities and possible sites for construction of a swimming pool in Mill City. Even a study of state regulations has been made by Bob. He enlisted the aid of Mr. Skinnerland, who is noted for his fine work in drafting, engineering and general construction "know-how" both in this community and nationally. Skinnerland is at present roughing out a sketch of a swimming pool for two possible sites. One site is the Mill City city park and the other is located to the right of the highway bridge and the terrace below and to the right of it.

Of course, the City of Mill City owns the city park land. The river frontage involved in the highway bridge site belongs to the Becker brothers, proprietors of the Mill City Auto Supply. The Becker brothers have offered the river frontage as a gift to the community if it is determined that a swimming pool should be built there. Easy access to an adequate water supply, plus quick drainage, make the river front site an attractive one, the swimming pool committee feels. However, development of the Mill City city park is an important consideration because of sufficient parking space and nearness to the lighted athletic field.

Until sketches of the sought after public swimming pool can be made, there can be no accurate estimate of the cost of a city pool. Even after the approximate cost has been determined, there still exists the problem of raising the finances for materials and labor. Already many generous people have expressed themselves as ready, willing and able regarding getting a swimming pool for Mill City soon, Bob Hill indicated. So convinced is Bob that a swimming pool is possible that he can talk little else these hot, dry days of August.

Kelly's Team Tries For Big Win Here

Kelly Lumber Sales' softball team topped the best efforts of the softball teams of this area. Kelly's hold the undisputed title as winners of this year's softball league play on Allen Field in Mill City. As such they qualify for the playoffs of the softball tournament winners of district four which includes Albany and Lebanon as well as the Canyon area.

Kelly's meet the Lebanon tournament winners, Monday, August 13, on Allen Field in Mill City. This game is counted as a part of the playoffs for discovering the winners of district four softball play. Spokesman from Albany have expressed qualms about meeting Kelly's, whether this feeling is prevalent among Lebanon teams is not known.

Tuesday Kelly's will hit the road for Albany where they will tangle with Albany's representative in the district four tournament. Wednesday Albany and Lebanon's respective standard bearers will close in battle for the big final game. The winner of this tournament will represent district four in the Eugene playoffs.

Admission to the Mill City softball game, Monday, between Kelly's and the Lebanon team costs fifty cents for adults and twenty cents for children. The prices include tax. A charge is being made for this game so that cost of transportation of the district four winning team to Eugene can be met, Russell Kelly explained.

Newberg Paper Company Purchases Canyon Timber

Spaulding Pulp and Paper Company of Newberg recently purchased 1,040 acres of timberland in the North Santiam Canyon area. Record of the sale was made by Ford M. Converse of Portland, Friday, in the Marion county courthouse. The company paid \$166,500 for the land, Herman Lanke, recorder, stated.

The record filed discloses that the land in question is subject to the rights of Vancouver Plywood. The plywood company has an agreement providing for logging of "peeler logs".

Santiam Garage Under New Owner

Santiam Garage located on S. W. Broadway and Fifth in Mill City is under new management. Mr. and Mrs. Thys Gideonse are the new proprietors of the landmark garage in Mill City. The Gideonses take over the operation of the Santiam Garage from Joe Cribbs the former owner. Cribbs now lives in Dallas, and has for a considerable length of time.

Gideonse spent four and one-half years in the U. S. Army as a vehicle mechanic in the Ordnance Division. He just recently completed six years as foreman of the Ford agency shop in Hamilton, Montana. Gideonse had been doing general automotive work since 1933. Santiam Garage soon will be equipped with full electrical and welding facilities, according to Gideonse.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideonse have one child, Lavaun, 10, who will enter Mill City grade school this fall. The family live at present in facilities available in connection with the Santiam Garage.

Roy Chase Now Has Eagle Scout Badge

Roy Chase of Mill City is now an Eagle Scout. Gardner Knapp, president of the Cascade area council, Salem, presented Chase with his Eagle Scout badge during special ceremonies at Camp Pioneer, Saturday evening, July 28. Roy has been eligible for his Eagle Scout badge for quite sometime, but the proper occasion for awarding it had not occurred until the encampment of the Scouts at Camp Pioneer.

Roy's mother, Mrs. Arthur Chase, pinned the prized Eagle Scout badge on Roy. Some 21 merit badges are required for the rating of Eagle Scout. A merit badge is awarded for mastery of such skills and knowledge as swimming, cooking, printing and wild-life study.

Scoutmaster Chester Slater recently made arrangements for a group of local scouts attending the scout encampment at Camp Pioneer, located high up in the mountains on the route of highway 222.

During a Scout Committee meeting Friday evening in Mill City, commendation of Eagle Scout Chase was expressed. Slater presented several thorny problems for consideration by the committee manned by Charles Kelly, Don Peterson, Jhu Johnson, and Mr. Bair. The Boy Scout committee will meet each Friday until further notice.

Just Arrived . . .

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Turner, Mill City, August 5, at Salem General hospital.

Nurse Detering Holds Immunization Session

Marion County health nurse Etta Mae Defering stated this week that she will conduct an immunization and nursing conference, Wednesday, August 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Mill City grade school building.

No appointment is necessary for the conference. Nurse Detering, who replaces Mrs. Jim Davis as this area's county health nurse, indicated that diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough

and small pox shots will be considered, bringing them to this conference in order that they will be ready for school in the fall. Children already of school age as yet not fully immunized should be present for this important conference next Wednesday morning in the Mill City grade school.

Forest Products Market Report

New strength crept back into the sawlog market in some parts of the Willamette Valley during the first few days of August. A few mills raised offers on better quality fir logs by \$2 to \$4 a thousand board feet. Some pulp mills withdrew offers for Douglas fir pulpwood. Other forest products were about steady according to the weekly farm forest products market report, prepared from data supplied by State Farm Foresters to the OSC Extension Service and other information.

Douglas Fir Logs:
 Second growth Douglas fir sawlogs brought mostly \$35 to \$38 at Willamette Valley mills during the week ending August 4. This was the same as the previous week, but quotations up to \$42 were reported in some spots for good quality. This is fully \$2 more than recent tops. The bottom of the range continued around \$30 for second growth logs 12 feet or more in length. Eight foot logs down to six inch diameter were steady at \$15 to \$18 a cord, or \$32 to \$38 a thousand. Old growth Douglas fir logs brought \$32 to \$60 a thousand, and peelers were \$80 to \$110.

No sales of second growth Douglas fir stumpage were reported during the week. Most sales during the latter part of July were at \$10 to \$12 a thousand, but sales ranging from \$5 for small or scattered trees to \$20 for mixed second and old growth were reported.

Pulpwood:
 Demand for Douglas fir pulpwood faded during the week as buyers in the central and southern parts of the valley withdrew from the market. White fir, split, peeled, and cut in 4 foot lengths, was being taken at \$19 a cord. There was a limited outlet for cottonwood at \$16 a cord.

Poles & Piling:
 Douglas fir poles and piling were in

A. F. of L. Picnics Sunday, Aug. 12

The A. F. of L., Local 441, will have its annual picnic, Sunday, August 12, at Paradise Island recreation park located on the airport road near Salem, according to Don Gessner, local A. F. of L. representative.

One of the main features of next Sunday's picnic is a softball game between Lee Logging Co. softball team and one of the top rung softball teams of Salem. Races and contests will provide entertainment for all. Plenty of prizes are being provided for the winners of the competition.

A. F. of L., local 441, members, their friends and relatives are welcome. The "eats" will consist of a basket lunch. Ice cream and soda pop requirements are "on the house", Gessner said.

Although past A. F. of L., local 441, picnics have been big affairs where all had a fine time, this year's annual picnic, next Sunday should top them all—if Gessner has his way. Paradise Island provides all the needs of a large picnic group.

Davis Airport Much "Up in the Air"

The expression, things are "up in the air", applies to Davis airport near Mill City, but not in the ordinary sense, according to Dean Morrison, airport manager. Some twenty-six pilots flew their planes in the skyways above us at least once this week, some of them for the first time.

Don Watt and Bill Turnbull, student pilots at Davis Airport, won for themselves the distinction of soloing for the first time this week. Flight students Jim Ziebert, David Hoeye, and "Frenchy" are hard at work on getting in their solo time for a private "ticket".

Instructors Ralph Nibler and Lyle Martin have their hands full with a sizeable group of flying enthusiasts. Students taking flight instruction at Davis airport at present are Carl Foster, Gloria Moberg, Alan Bailey, Einar Skinnerland, Edrie Wells, Einar Klamp, David Hoeye, Leslie R. Glazier, George Gothro, Marjorie Foster, W. E. Hampton, Walt Ball, Jim Fox, Loren Horsey, Gordon Humphrey, and Dean Morrison.

Licensed and private pilots taking to the air this week for various destinations located in the Willamette Valley were Kenneth Chance, Paul Jennings, Court Rose, Byron Davis, Clyde Wells, Roy Walker, George Humphries, Paton Hamer, "Buzzy" Blazdel, Lloyd Wells, Buddy Thomas, and Jim O'Leary.

Flight instruction days at Davis airport are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, according to Dean Morrison.

O. P. S. Maintains "O. P. S. Clinic"

As a new service to merchants in Marion county, Carl C. Donough, district director of the Office of Price Stabilization for southwestern Washington and Oregon, was in Salem, Monday, August 6, making advance arrangements for an "OPS Clinic". Donough was accompanied by Robert C. Prenovost, OPS price economist.

Donough explained that the "clinic" will give personal help to merchants in understanding and applying particular OPS regulations affecting their businesses. He believes the "clinic" plan will make this possible on a more personal basis.

The clinic will be held Thursday, August 16, from 9 to 5 p.m. at the Salem Chamber of Commerce office, for merchants from Marion county. Experienced OPS business analysts and economists will take part in the clinics. All OPS regulations will be covered, including groceries, meats, clothing, jewelry stores, variety stores, notions, furniture, restaurants and services.

Enough time will be given so that every merchant in this area who wants help will get it, Donough emphasized.

The clinic in Salem will be one of about 40 which the Oregon OPS staff will hold in the next several weeks. Donough explained that he feels the new "OPS Clinic" will be more convenient for most merchants than previous trade meetings.

Marine Reservists Will Return Soon

Parents and wives of enlisted Marine Corps Reservists in "release-priority one" who went on active duty before September 4 of last year can expect them home in August or the first of September, Thirteenth Marine Corps Reserve District Headquarters announced here today.

Priority one includes veterans of World War II and those who had at least a year of service between September 16, 1940 and June 24, 1948. Also in this category are those who had served three years of active duty before July 1 or who were 25 or over on that date.

Eligible reservists in units committed to combat will not necessarily be home by the end of August, but they will be on their way from combat areas.

Release in September or October is expected for officers, other than second Lieutenants, in priority one who began their active service before last July 28. Second Lieutenants will serve a total of 21 months, including any enlisted time.

It was pointed out that this not "rotation." These reservists are being released from active duty. They are mostly veterans.