



**Canyon Avenue Parade**

By DON PETERSON

The Boy Scouts are looking for a new scoutmaster for Mill City's future businessmen, city councilmen, and school officials. Chet Slater, scoutmaster for the past year is moving away to take employment near Crescent City, Calif. He has worked hard and diligently to give the boys "Scouting." Today we have 11-year-old boys with worlds of enthusiasm, energy unbounded that makes us shiver when we think of trying to harness those energies into the activities of the Boy Scout program—tomorrow they will be taking over the jobs of a family man and looking for a scoutmaster for their boys. So, our life moves steadily along.

Perhaps this is our chance to make a better community for the future by working with these boys in programs that have been proved valuable to the country and various communities where it has been adopted. We are blessed with abundance in nature lore and outdoors study that many of us know very little about. A trip into the mountains with the scouts as a committeeman or scoutmaster could prove invigorating to any man.

Another thing that cannot be ignored insofar as scouting is concerned is according to his friends, the forced resignation of D. J. Ferguson from his pastor duties in the First Presbyterian church because of ill health. Ferguson has a long record of interest in scout affairs.

Charles Kelly has been a mainstay in keeping the scout activity alive and has been diligent in getting the men together for committee meetings this fall. Years past it has been Louis Verbeck and Larry Kanoff who have shouldered the responsibilities of working with the boys. Ed Cooke has been steady and a good worker in scouting even today he is in there pitching to do his part. There are numerous others that I probably am not aware of who have contributed time and money to give scouting a program in this community.

I am informed that Mill City many years ago had the first scout troop in Oregon—we must not live on our past glories but must dig in and make today's boys the best citizens possible. At a meeting in Mom & Pop's cafe last week M. J. Rambo accepted the chairmanship of the troop committee; Charles Kelly took on the job of finance man; Jhu Johnson, Clyde Golden and H. I. Plymale will handle outdoorsman duties. Clyde Golden is going to supervise the advancement work of the scouts, and I will try to handle publicity, Clarke Lethin of Albany, scout executive for this district was present and assisted in the meeting.

At this meeting the troop committee discussed plans for using the space allotted in the city park by the Lions club when that property was deeded to the city a few years ago. Plans are being drawn to meet specifications of scouting for a building in which scout work can grow and prosper as it should. In scouting the boys need a building in which their paraphernalia can be stored until the next meeting night; where the boys divide up and "go to work" unmolested by anyone; where courts of honor may be held, and dads and mothers invited in to see them demonstrate their various skills, such as building a fire without matches, tying knots and applying first aid to the injured—where leaves of trees and bushes can be arranged for identification, along with many other "samples" that are collected and "mom won't permit in the house".

The Lions club has granted permission to use their property in the park for as long as is needed, but the building is too small for 25 to 35 boys to crowd in at one time, and can not be used on wet nights. The recreation room in the high school is available for their use, but it does not meet the qualifications of satisfactory quarters in as much as it is impossible to have lockers installed for the use of the scouts or any other permanent fixtures.

You may be called upon in the near future to help furnish materials and labor to build this new home for the scouts—please don't wait to be invited, just tell one of the committee that you will be there or you will furnish something towards it.

"We can and we will!" is our slogan.

**AIR FORCE OFFERS MEN COMMISSION**

Men with technical or specialized training in fields utilized by the United States Air Force are being offered commissions in the Air Force Reserve, it was announced today by Maj. Norman W. Campion, commanding officer of the Willamette university air force ROTC.

"Rapid expansion of the Air Force has reduced the number of trained officer reserves in many essential specialties and immediate consideration will be given to applicants with experience in Air Force associated skills", Major Campion said.

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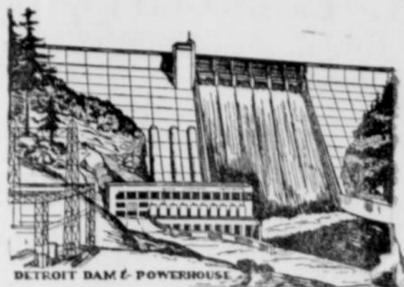
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DETROIT DAM & POWERHOUSE



Lee Hoffman, contractor for the Corps of Engineers, will soon complete construction of the Minto egg-taking station located near Gates. This interesting facility makes possible the taking of eggs from salmon in the North Santiam river. Although this project, consisting of a 182-foot long dam across the river and a series of fishways and holding ponds, is being constructed by the federal government it will be turned over to the state of Oregon. Salmon eggs taken at Minto station will be transported to Marion Forks fish hatchery. The Minto station dam is 12 feet high. Phil Callender, foreman for Hoffman, stated that a recent flash flood ripped out one concrete retaining wall. Construction work on the Minto station probably will be complete next month. The holding pond maze can be seen to the left in the picture. The river itself can be seen sliding over the Minto station dam to the right. (Photo courtesy of the Capital Journal)

## North Santiam Industrial Banquet Success in Sight

Signs of whatever nature point to a rousing success for the North Santiam chamber of commerce banquet in the Sublimity Parish hall, Wednesday evening, October 24, according to L. D. Wright, secretary of the canyon-wide group. Ticket sales are at a high level. The best in representation will be on hand for the banquet. A sampling of the industrial might of the North Santiam region will be on display for the banqueters.

## Eagles Sponsor Runyon Dance

The Damon Runyon cancer fund will be the recipient of the proceeds of a dance staged Saturday, Oct. 27, by Santiam Aerie No. 2745, Fraternal Order of Eagles, it was announced by Robert Wingo, the aerie's worthy president.

President Wingo also announced the appointment of a special arrangements committee. Committeemen are: Kenneth Hunt, chairman, Bill Wilson, Buford Hughes, Paul Jennings, Ed Debolt, and George Stewart. Everyone Invited To Attend

"Santiam aerie invites all organizations and citizens to join with the Eagles in making this dance an outstanding success," chairman Hunt said. "There is still no cure for cancer, consequently research must be continued on all levels and it must be supported by public-spirited citizens because we have no idea of where cancer may strike—or when."

The local aerie will join with other Eagle aeries throughout this country and Canada in a fund-raising effort for the Runyon fund, which was named after the late columnist and magazine writer who died of the ailment, for which there is still no known cure. The entire proceeds of the local affair will be turned over to the fund's treasurer, Walter Winchell, and the money will be used for research. The only deduction from the proceeds will be for federal taxes.

Last year, the Eagles presented \$132,999.53 to the fund and the sum was called by Winchell, "the largest ever turned over by any fraternal organization." The columnist, who was one of Runyon's closest friends, called the Eagles the "Runyon fund's 'Santa Claus'." Officers of the Runyon fund, with headquarters in New York City, will distribute the money to universities, hospitals, and other research centers where the job of finding the cure for cancer continues.

### Runyon Colorful Writer

Damon Runyon was one of America's most colorful newspapermen. A brilliant reporter, he was the author of countless short stories, notable for their sharp delineation of "Broadway" characters. Many of his stories were translated to the screen as starring vehicles for Hollywood actors. The Broadway play "Guys and Dolls", is based on his writings. Runyon was afflicted with cancer of the throat, but carried on his writing almost to his last day. As a memorial, Walter Winchell initiated the fund as an aid in the fight towards conquering the dread disease.

Last year Santiam aerie also held a charity frolic for the benefit of the fund. This affair netted a total of \$100 for the fund. The aerie received a letter of thanks from Winchell. The Ramon Runyon dance will be held at the Mill City fire hall Saturday, October 27. Music again will be furnished by Mrs. C. N. Bennett and her ragtime syncopators. General admission will be \$1.00. Dancing starts at 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

John G. Barnett, U. S. Department of Commerce spokesman, will attend the North Santiam chamber of commerce banquet in the Sublimity parish hall. S. R. Overholser, resident engineer, will appear that evening in behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers. Ivan E. Oakes will represent the Willamette River Basin commission. Allen R. Mellis will speak for the Portland chamber of commerce's industries department. Arrangements have been made for the appearance of an official of the Southern Pacific railroad for the canyon-wide affair.

### Ticket Sales Moving Fast

J. C. Kimmel, president of the North Santiam chamber of commerce, noted with enthusiasm that his ticket sales were tops and he had reports of similar nature from others handling tickets for the big banquet in Sublimity, October 24. Kimmel stated that the prospects of the canyon-wide fete had "all the earmarks of a grand success!"

### Caravan Forms at Grange Hall

Wright stressed the fact that the North Santiam auto caravan, which will form at the Lyons grange hall at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, October 24, is for the benefit of anyone interested in making the tour of the canyon.

After this caravan has made its swing up through the canyon, it will head back towards Stayton. Plans are that the caravan will wind up in Stayton in time for the trip to Sublimity and the banquet in the Sublimity Parish hall at 6:30 p.m.

### Exhibits In Wednesday Morning

Wright cautioned that industrial exhibits should be in the Sublimity parish hall by Wednesday morning. These exhibits will feature products manufactured and grown in the North Santiam canyon and valley. The line up of products will include exhibits from the woolen mill, mines, plywood plants, shingle mills, cannery, and numerous other canyon enterprises.

James Nightingale and Herman Hassler, co-chairman of the important event, re-stated the fact that tickets for the distinctly North Santiam banquet may be purchased from J. C. Kimmel, Fred Lindemann, Ken Goffet, Dick Parker, Nolan Rasnick, R. E. Stewart, and Sam Palmerton. Nightingale said, "For \$2.00 you can learn first hand what fine foods we grow here, because only our products will be on that banquet table. Even the most delicate of palates will be tickled!"

On the weighty side of things is the matter of opening up at the banquet for the first time of a storehouse of valuable information about the North Santiam territory by John Durr, industrial survey specialist.

## Shelton Accident Brings Wide Harm

A jaunt to Detroit dam proved a sad experience for Bob Shelton and his companion, Miss Vera Loueks, Sunday afternoon. A car driven by W. D. Phillips of Mulino struck the Shelton automobile on the North Santiam highway near Gates. The occupants of the Phillips car were returning home from a hunting trip.

Phillips was in the act of passing a line of cars in his lane while the Shelton car was approaching from the opposite direction. Both cars involved in the accident swerved into a roadside loading zone and there collided. None of the persons in the Phillips car were injured, but Shelton and Miss Loueks sustained minor injuries.

Glen Shelton, father of Bob and former grade school caretaker, suffered a heart attack when informed of his son's accident. Damage to the Shelton car was estimated at \$500 to \$600.

Contrary to rumor, Denny Martala and Gary Peterson, friends of Bob Shelton's, were not in the Shelton car at the time of the accident, Sunday afternoon.

## Just Arrived ...

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Idanha, Oct. 16, at Salem Memorial hospital.  
A SON—To Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Kuhlman, Mill City, October 15, at Salem General hospital.

## Coming Events ...

**MONDAY—**  
American Legion Auxiliary 3d Mon. Lions club meeting.  
A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting third Monday.  
O.E.S. meeting, 2d Monday month.  
**TUESDAY—**  
Riders of the Santiam, 1st Tuesday 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—**  
Boy Scouts, 7:30, H. S. Recreation Santiam Eagles and auxiliary 8 p.m. at Mill City fire hall.  
Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.  
City council first Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Altar Society 3d Wednesday 8 p.m.  
PTA, second Wednesday 8 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, 2d

## Magic Show Slated For Mari-Linn Gym

Lyons—A spectacular magic show is billed for the Mari-Linn school. Arthur White, the great, master magician who has thrilled thousands of people throughout the Pacific Northwest, will stage baffling illusions at the new Mari-Linn gym, Thursday evening, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m.

White will be assisted by Miss Nita Drake. They will perform such noted acts as the famous Nero's sword cabinet, the Chinese torture mystery, the great levitation, sawing a lady in half and many more interesting effects.

Miss Drake, who is also a slight-of-hand artist has won the hearts of the people wherever she has appeared. This full evening's entertainment is being sponsored by the children of the Mari-Linn school. Proceeds will go towards the movie projector fund in which the school children are interested.

Refreshments will be sold by the Mari-Linn parents teachers club after the show. Admission price for adults is 60c and school children 25c. When the new gym is complete, there will be seating for a crowd of 700. Advance ticket sales, as well as the door, will be handled by the upper grade children.

## Linn Farmers Union Studies Tax Work

The recently authorized property re-assessment program of the state was discussed by Robert MacLean, state tax commissioner, at the Linn county Farmers Union convention at Riverview, Saturday. The objective of the re-assessment work, according to MacLean, is making sure that property taxes are fairly distributed between classes of property and between individual taxpayers.

Until 1940 there was no really important change in property values between classes of property. However, since that date the value of various classes of property has risen, but not at a uniform rate. As a result, the pre-1940 assessment base results in inequalities between taxpayers.

The greatest changes have been in timber values, as a rule. In addition, some timberlands logged in previous years are sometimes re-logged from two to five times as the trees left become valuable. Then, too, large acreages of land—especially in eastern Oregon—formerly classed as grazing land, now have considerable value as timber land. These and other changes in value will be determined by re-assessment work.

No corporation excise tax is now paid by privately owned utility companies. Attempts at placing such properties under the state corporate excise tax law failed at the last legislature due, in large part, to recognized inequities in assessments for the property tax. The re-assessment (Continued on Page 5)

## Oregon Seed Crops Meet Stiff Rivalry

One word, quality, is taking on increasing importance in the outlook for Oregon's seed industry.

The day when buyers came rapping on the door, says H. E. Finnell, extension seed certification specialist at Oregon State college, has definitely passed. Today, more states are entering the market places with increasing amounts of seed. Ladino clover and tall fescue, both widely grown in Oregon, are good examples of increasing competition.

This year, says Finnell, the national acreage of certified ladino clover will approach 70,000 acres. Compare that with 42,000 acres just a year ago. For the second year running, California is away out in front as a certified ladino clover seed producer. Acreage there this year is 34,000 compared with 25,000 acres in Oregon, the second ranking state.

Altogether, 14 states are producers of certified ladino clover seed this year. Idaho ranks third with 5,400 acres followed by lesser amounts in Wisconsin, Washington, Illinois, South Carolina, Wyoming, Tennessee, Ohio, Montana, Missouri, Indiana and Georgia.

Top quality certified ladino clover seed has been supported at \$1.25 per pound by the government, but now there is talk that it will be unsupported next year. If that occurs, growers will likely face lower price prospects.

Oregon once had the tall fescue seed market just about its own way. (Continued on page 5)



This is Big Cliff dam's diversion tunnel as seen from an upstream vantage point on a level with the bed of the North Santiam river. The temporary coffer dam of rock can be seen in the center of the picture as it connects up with the mouth of the diversion tunnel. A foot bridge across the river bed can be spotted near the power crane in the picture. Water is now flowing through the completed Big Cliff diversion tunnel. Work on the main dam is now underway. The concrete structure will rise within that area defined by the power cable strung across the chasm shown to the right. (Photo courtesy of the Capital Journal)