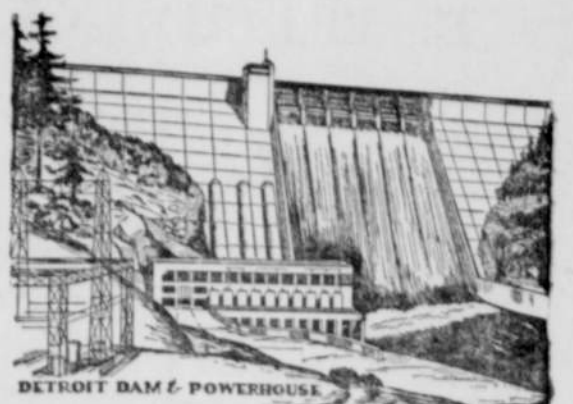




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ON THE SCENIC NORTH SANTIAM HIGHWAY — GATEWAY TO THE HEART OF NATURE'S EMPIRE

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**Canyon Avenue Parade**  
By DON PETERSON  
Scoutmaster Charles Kelly has issued a call for all parents to attend the Investiture ceremony next Thursday evening at the grade school for new members of the Boy Scout troop. It is hoped that ALL parents will attend to see their boy get his badge of Tenderfoot rank. This ceremony is one of the most important in the life of a scout, and it is important that parents take part. The ceremony is open to the general public as well as parents, and Clarke Lethin, field executive from Albany will be present for the occasion. Please remember Nov. 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the grade school.

Chief of Police Kenneth Hunt is announcing the date of the police benefit dance this week as Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Mill City fire hall. He has secured the Bob Fisher orchestra of Albany for the affair. The cause is a worthy one and we should all help make it financially successful.

The Gates Woman's club is working hard to put on a worth while bazaar at the Gates school house next week Friday, Nov. 30. They promise lots of fun for everyone, beside the opportunity to pick some lovely gifts for the early shoppers for Christmas. A treat is in store for those who come early by a short preview of the old fashioned melodrama "Love Rides the Rail". The play is home talent and those who have enjoyed other offerings will agree that they are good entertainment.

Money earned will be spent to complete the club house for the use of the entire community. They hope this bazaar will raise enough to put it in use at an early date.

John Muir announced the campaign to raise funds for the "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave" is in full swing and bottles have been placed throughout the community as receptacles for such contributions as you may want to give. The purpose of this campaign is to buy gifts for every veteran in the Veterans' hospitals at Roseburg, Medford, and Portland, at Christmas time. John has the local Legion and Auxiliary organized to help this campaign and it is small enough that we can put our coins into the pot to help finance it.

One of the "managers" of the Dawes building is still looking at me with a blank stare! He thinks I'll be sorry! Too bad he feels that way, I could write many columns about it!

Received word this week that the Detroit-Idanha school district has sent their petition with 65 names on it asking for school consolidation to the Linn county school superintendent. I did not learn what has happened to the petition circulated in Mill City, but it probably has been sent to the superintendent. Gates has a petition circulating and possibly by next week we hope to have something more to report as to its progress.

We believe that it is a worthy cause to consolidate the districts of Mill City, Gates, and Detroit-Idanha. Financially it is without doubt sound. But first consideration is for the students of these districts. Just what can they expect to get out of consolidation? Probably the most important item is the curriculum.

Let's illustrate in a small way. Mill City gives eleven subjects with eight teachers; Gates gives seven subjects with three teachers; and Detroit-Idanha nine subjects with four teachers. There you have fifteen teachers with a maximum of eleven subjects, and none of these subjects include physics, Spanish, or German, since they are not taught in any of these three schools. Yet they are considered by educators as very important to a rounded school program. A student going away to higher education must take some subjects as extra work in order to major in certain fields, while if it had been taught in high school where it should be, the students would have time for other work. I am not too well versed in educational programs, but I think I recognize this weakness in our canyon educational programs.

Let's all get back of this consolidation movement and put it over—I think it's worth while. Put our community jealousies aside and come up with something really big—every community has old skeletons "hanging" in the closet, now is the time to clean house and work for something for the children for a change.

The call has gone out to everyone interested in beautifying the Fox Valley cemetery, that now is the time to step up and help the landscaping job that is planned and ready for action. Cards have been sent out to all members of the association asking for financial assistance, but for those who may have missed this appeal is made and to those who may wish to assist in this laudable cause we wish to call it to your attention. A greenhouse has made a desirable offer of  
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*For the good things of life...*  
**COME, LET US BE THANKFUL**



## W. T. Ransom Funeral Services Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at two o'clock from the Weddle funeral home in Stayton for William Thomas Ransom of Lyons, who passed away November 15, 1951, at the age of 82 years, 11 months and 5 days. He was born at Hartford City, Indiana, Dec. 10, 1868, and had lived in Lyons the past 14 years.

Mr. Ransom is survived by one son, George, of Coquille; three sisters, Mrs. Effie A. McGovern, Mrs. Mary Oller, both of Portland, and Mrs. Alice Perkins of Idanha; two nephews, Wayne Ransom of Lyons, Harold Ransom of Turner. Rev. R. A. Feenstra from the Lyons Methodist church officiated with interment at the Twin Oaks cemetery near Turner.

Pallbearers were Merrill Brassfield, Percy Hiatt, Herman Free, Floyd Bassett, Art Ayers and Pat Lyons, all of Lyons.

## 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. Toastmistress Club, 2d & 4th, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY—**  
I.O.O.F. meeting.  
Mill City IWA meeting last Friday Farmers Union meeting at Mehama Woman's club, 2nd

## Plans Made for Visit Of Bloodmobile

Detroit—Saturday afternoon a group of women headed by Mrs. Ralph R. Moody of Salem met with a representative group from Mongold, Detroit and Idanha to plan for the Blood Mobile unit coming to this vicinity. The general purpose of the meeting was to appoint those who would canvass for blood donors, as well as to find a suitable location for the unit to set up for receiving donations.

The date selected was December 3, on Monday the hours from 2-7 in the afternoon in the basement of the high school.

Mrs. Ran Helwig from Mongold to represent Mongold and Detroit and Mrs. Nancy Monroe was selected to head the group from Idanha. Donors should be between the ages of 18-60 and in fair health. It has also been stated that those with anemia will not be taken. However, there will be a doctor and two nurses in charge who will give an examination to ascertain whether the donor is physically fit. Half pint as well as pint donations will be taken.

## Santiam Lions Club Sponsors Explorers

Santiam Lions club will sponsor the Mill City Explorer post of the Boy Scouts of America. A vote was taken by the group Monday night, Nov. 19, in the Presbyterian church recreation room. Clarke Lethin, field executive for the Cascade area of Boy Scouts, was present for the meeting.

Lethin told the Lions the functions of the Explorers. He exhibited films and color slides on Explorer scouting. Lethin's explanation of Explorer scouting gave the Lions a concrete idea of their duties as sponsors.

The Explorers are made up of a group of boys, 14 years of age or over. When a post charter for the Explorers is issued, Explorer activity will start in earnest. "Every boy, 14 or over is invited to join. He does not need to have been a Boy Scout before. No experience is necessary", Lethin stated.

It is hoped that a large number of boys will heed this call and join the already growing group. There are about ten registered at the present time.

## Future of Oregon Depends On Proper Child Education

"The well-being of the future economy of Oregon is dependent in large measure upon the ability of the people to conserve and properly develop the natural resources of the state. It is therefore incumbent upon the people of Oregon that they educate their children in such matters as re-forestation, reclamation, soil conservation, fire control, elimination of waste in production, development of hydro-electric power, and improvement of transportation and marketing," according to the Digest of a Study of Public Elementary and Secondary Education, published by the State of Oregon.

## Gates Ladies Seek Record Bazaar

Ladies of the Gates community are working hard and diligently on their big bazaar, Friday, Nov. 30, in the Gates high school building. The state of things even now show all the earmarks that this bazaar will be the best ever put on by them. All articles are timely and useful.

The textile-painted articles are something new and very pretty . . . lovely to give or receive. Entertainment has been planned for every age; and, of course, good fun, lots of laughs and prizes.

A treat for those who come early will be a short "preview" of the home talent play "Love Rides a Rail".

Work on the Gates community club house has been resumed. Money raised by the bazaar, Friday, Nov. 30, will go a long way towards making the dream of a community center come true.

## Joseph Podrabsky Succumbs In Salem

Joseph Podrabsky, 73, long a prominent figure in Mill City affairs, succumbed of a heart ailment which had troubled him for more than a year. Death came at Sunny Convalescent home, Salem, Saturday afternoon, November 17. Minister Hugh E. Jull gave the funeral oration in the First Christian church in Mill City, Tuesday afternoon, November 20.

Podrabsky, one of Mill City's elder citizens, was born April 1, 1878, in Horni Pocatpi, Czechoslovakia. He married Maria Filip, July 29, 1902. The Joseph Podrabskys came to the United States, August 12, 1907, and at first made their home in Phillips, Wisc., until March, 1911. The next move was to Mill City where Podrabsky lived out his full life. During his life, Podrabsky engaged in farming and sawmill work.

Sons of Joseph Podrabsky are Arey, Ernest, and Joseph C. Podrabsky of Mill City and Carl of Sublimity. Daughters are Mrs. Helen Collingwood and Mrs. Martha Weston of Klamath, Calif. A sister, Marie Slanska of Czechoslovakia, and a half-sister, Elizabeth Knotek of Omaha, Neb., survive. Other relatives include 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Joseph Podrabsky preceded her husband in death, November 24, 1939.

Podrabsky was a member of Western Bohemian Fraternal association. Pallbearers were Albert Toman, Joe Toman, Frank Rada, Anton Moravec, Louis Rada, and Charles Dolezal. Kirk Wyrick, accompanied by Mrs. Eldon Hutchinson sang, "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Beyond the Sunset". Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Gates.

## Mt. States Power Pays Tax Bill

Marion County tax coffers received \$26,795.87 last week when Mountain States Power delivered a check for this amount to cover its 1951-52 property taxes.

The Marion County payment together with those for other Oregon counties produced a November 15 tax bill of \$661,210.72 for the power company, according to R. L. Stewart, district manager. It is the largest Oregon tax bill ever paid by the company.

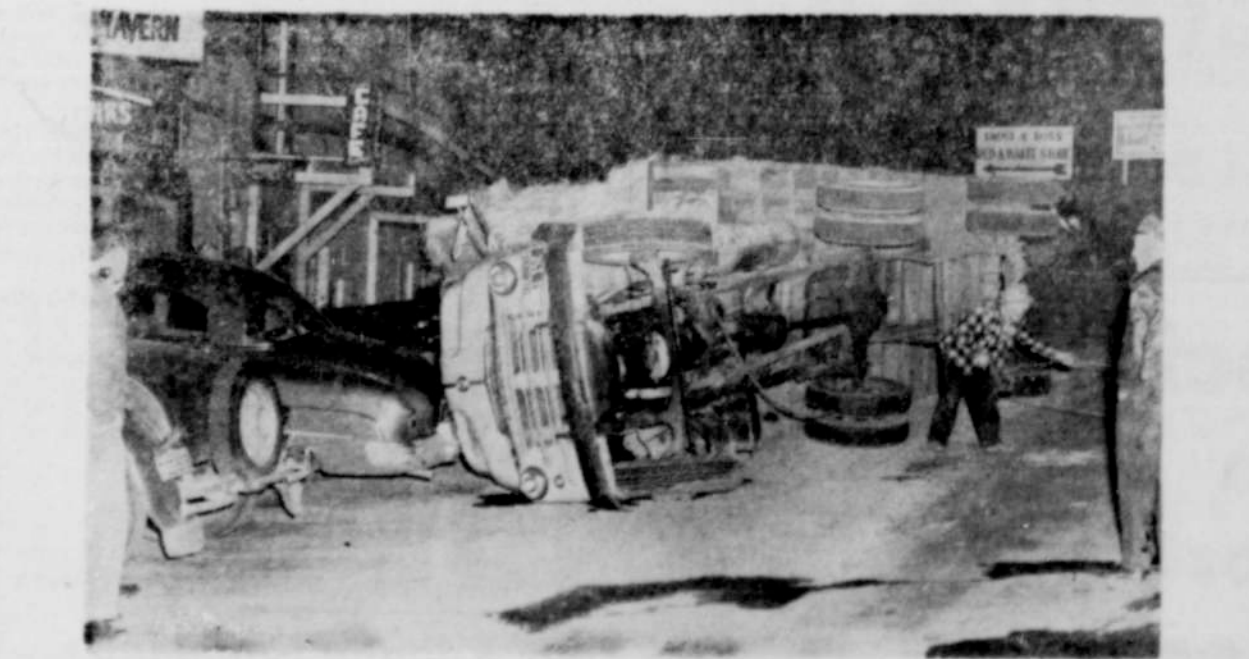
At the same time taxes were being paid here property tax payments were also being made by the company in Wyoming and Montana. The total current year property tax bill for the company is expected to be about \$900,000.00. Direct taxes of all kinds to be paid by the company for the current year will approximate \$2,650,000.00. R. L. Stewart said that this is equivalent to 2¢ out of every dollar collected by the company.

## Mrs. Clara Mathany Funeral Rites Held

Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Mathany of Mill City died in a Salem hospital last Saturday, Nov. 17. Mrs. Mathany had been seriously ill for many months. She was the wife of Hugh Mathany.

Surviving are her husband and children, Colleen, Gary and Roger Mathany of Mill City; brother, Robert Frank, Gresham; mother, Mrs. Amelia Wright, Mill City.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, Nov. 21, in Clough-Barrick chapel, Salem. Dr. Seth Huntington officiated. Interment was in the Douglas cemetery, Troutdale.



Another victim. Fortunately no man, woman or child lost his life or was injured by this accident. In the night, at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, this large hay truck lost its balance while descending the "booby-trap" on highway 222. The steep and sharp turn on the highway behind Epps furniture store in Mill City has long been the bane of heavy trucks. "Tex" Blazek's car got dented by this victim. J. C. Kimmel's car got dents from the previous victim. Charles and Mynard Newton of Corvallis were the drivers of the hay truck owned by Gem Feed and Implement company of Emmett, Idaho. (Photo courtesy The Statesman and Venes)

**Gates Woman's Club Bazaar, Friday, November 30, at 8 p.m. at Gates School**