



# Canyon Avenue Parade

By DON PETERSON

Saturday evening you will have a chance to view the opening basketball game of the season with Mill City and Gates playing a pre-season King's X affair. Fans may watch and prophesy their favorite's chances in the "B" league games for the season. The game will be played in Mill City high school gym.

Another truck met its match at "Baldock's nightmare" hill here in Mill City this week. Isn't it about time that the highway commission do something about this ridiculous hill that is so well hidden behind Epps furniture store that one must get out and survey it before attempting to negotiate its steep grade?

This truck was owned by the C. & L. Lumber Co. of John Day, and was transporting a new lift truck to its plant in John Day. The load was doing OK on normal highway grades, but when it attempted to climb this hill the load was too much and the front end reared up and there it was parked, requiring Stewart's wrecking truck to assist in getting it back on its wheels again with its heavy load. A logging truck assisted in pulling the loaded truck up the hill via Alder street.

Last week a loaded hay truck attempted to come down the hill in the early hours of the morning, and lost its load in front of the tavern and doing considerable damage to parked cars and the tractor and trailer hauling the hay. We published a picture of that accident last week, but apparently none was made of this week's accident.

We believe the highway commission is grossly negligent in caring for this piece of highway. It is without doubt their obligation to fix and keep it in repair. There is no excuse for leaving a booby trap such as this on any highway in the state. These truckers pay heavy fees in taxes for using the highway and are not expected to know they are being subjected to booby traps every time they pass through Mill City.

Of course, it is possible that the highway commission does not feel responsible to anybody but the governor, so perhaps we will have to wait until another administration is elected before we get results.

The subject of school consolidation in the canyon is becoming a hot issue in some quarters and more discussion on this subject is entirely in order. We hear on every side the argument that Gates taxpayers would go along with a union high school, but for consolidation, NO!

I will challenge those who say they would support a union high school plan, but not consolidation, because we have urged union high school planning for the past year, but not one has come forward and attempted to circulate a petition for a union high school during this past year, if they were sincere they have had their opportunity. I think this talk is only a subterfuge, and they will not support either plan!

First and paramount is the point, which high school plan will give the children the education they need and the best for the money available—the present limited curriculum, a union high, or a consolidated district?  
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## 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

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

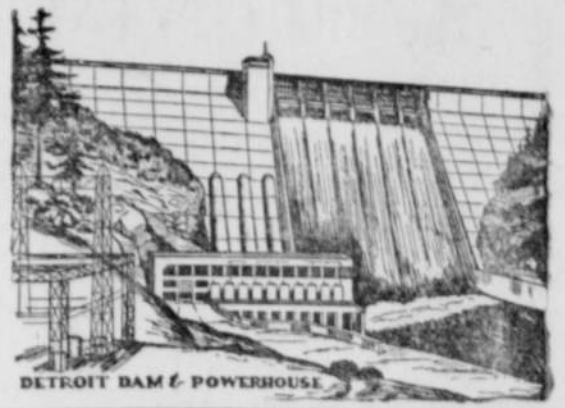
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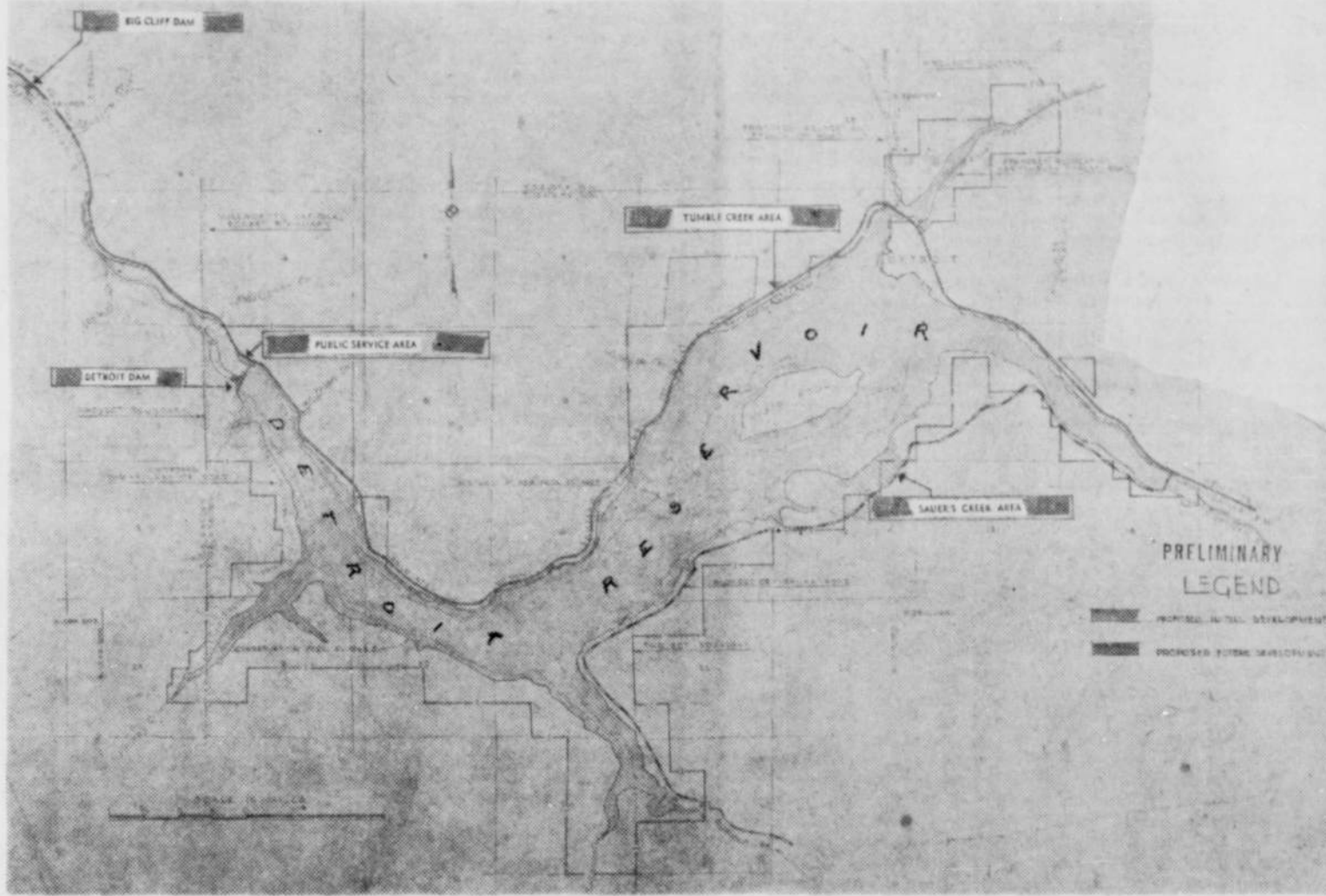
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"Signs of better times." This might well be the caption of this map of the Detroit reservoir area. For "better times" it will be—for thousands of eager-eyed and pleasure seeking tourists to the North Santiam canyon. Fishing, camping, boating and picture-taking are but a few items of recreation slated for the Detroit lake section of the North Santiam canyon. The North Santiam highway will lead travelers to

this wonderland of summer recreation possibilities. The Corps of Engineers and the U. S. Forest Service have their heads together on plans for developing the Detroit lake area. There is some discussion that Oregon should take on some of the load of administering and managing this fine new future recreation spot in the Pacific Northwest. (Map courtesy of the Capital Journal)

## Detroit Lake Site Will Bring Thousands Here

The North Santiam Canyon soon will play host to literally thousands of Oregonians and out-of-state tourists in the not-to-distant future. The reason for such happening is the fact that Detroit lake will provide splendid overnight picnic and camping areas, boat moorings, and viewpoints for sightseers and amateur photographers. Present plans of the U. S. Corps of Engineers and Forest Service for Detroit lake include all these items. These plans have been submitted for official approval.

Officials estimate the annual attendance at Detroit lake will be 65,000. The bulk of these persons will enjoy the lake during the period, May through September. Under the plan outlined, the Forest Service will assume the administration and future development of vital recreation areas. The entire project lies within the Willamette national forest. Plans call for the Corps of Engineers providing and managing sightseeing facilities in the Detroit lake recreational area. The Engineers will start development of Mongold, Tumble creek and Sauers creek camp sites.

"Industries will not be located directly on the reservoir shoreline, but access roads are being constructed around the lake shore to facilitate harvesting of timber crops, fire control and for recreation. The reservoir will be stocked with fish from hatcheries and the lake promises to become a popular recreation area for sightseeing, boating, swimming, fishing, picnicking, and overnight camping." The above paragraph is quoted from the recent North Santiam canyon survey prepared by Civic Service of Salem.

Waiting for the Washington nod are a parking area and walkway between the North Santiam highway and parapet wall on the face of the canyon at the right abutment of Detroit dam; an overlook at the right abutment of Big Cliff dam; Tumble creek picnic area, parking for 95 cars, 50 picnic units (tables, stoves, garbage disposal), water system, boat ramp, foot trails, forest clean-up; Sauers creek picnic area, 40 individual parking spurs and overnight camping units; and Mongold boat ramp, turnaround and parking facilities near the reservoir shoreline.

A sum of some \$244,000 will probably be needed for the carrying out of the above plan. The plans outlined are not hard and fast—recreational organizations planning use of Detroit lake may enter suggestions and outline facilities for consideration. A Corps of Engineers pamphlet issued in 1949 states, "Proposed development of the Corps of Engineers includes sightseeing facilities in the vicinity of both dams and such basic public use facilities as access roads, parking areas, picnic and camp ground areas, rest stations, and potable water at Detroit reservoir. Construction of concession facilities may be permitted by local agencies or private interests after the project is completed."

## Justice Geo. Rossman Edits Legal Organ

Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon George Rossman was elected to the board of editors of the American Bar Association Journal at the annual American Bar meeting in New York recently. His election to this important position brings honor to Oregon; and lends weight to the fact that Justice Rossman ranks high among the scholars of today. Judge Rossman fills the vacancy on the editorial board left by the late David A. Simmons of Houston, Texas. Judge Rossman has lived in the northwest since he was two and one-half years old. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago law school. Judge Rossman once stated, "The Journal is and should be one of the most important publications in our country. Any publication which influences the thinking of our profession sways the thoughts of the American people, for it is to the lawyers that the layman turns for guidance upon public issues. The great influence which the Journal possesses demands that it should represent the best that our profession offers."

## Scout Meet Honors Tenderfoot Scouts

Scouting assumed its rightful role in the affairs of Mill City under the watchful eye of Scoutmaster Charles Kelly, Thursday night, Nov. 29, in the local grade school. All the pomp and ceremony of a Boy Scout court of honor for Tenderfoot investiture held the stage during the Scout meeting. Richard Verbeck, junior assistant Scoutmaster, conducted the colorful award ceremony, where 13 scouts received Tenderfoot badges.

Clarke Lethin, scout executive from Albany, was on hand for this memorable event in scouting. Tenderfoot badges were pinned by proud parents upon the uniforms of their boys. Now sporting Tenderfoot badges are Ray Steiner Jr.; Lahny Podrabsky, Lauren Dart, Steve Donaldson, Michael Peterson, Dean Gluny, Tony Boothby, Rodney Goble, Billy Haun, Larry Kanoff, Herman Johnson, Larry Large and Alan Ray.

Others playing their vital role in Scouting during the Thursday night meeting were John Taylor, senior patrol leader; Don Lemke, Flaming arrow patrol leader; Gregory Peterson, Beaver patrol leader; and Maurie Bassett, Eagle patrol leader.

The presentation of Tenderfoot badges was not the only scout recognition given, since John Taylor received Star and Life awards plus a nature study merit badge. Don Lemke got a Star award and merit badges in Dog Care and Music. Arthur Cox was presented his second class award. Three service stars were given to Richard Verbeck; and two such stars to John Taylor. Maurie Bassett received one service star.

## Fire Damaged Area Cloaked in Snow

By JEAN ROBERTS  
A recent trip to the Sardine creek fire area which is covered with almost 2 feet of snow still shows evidence of the fierce fire that raged there a short two months ago.

Small trees (reproduction) which were swept to the west by the intense suction of the fire that killed them, still remain bent with limbs extending in that direction; almost like trees bordering a wind swept beach.

Snags bereft of bark with unburned trunks, give evidence of the violence of the fire which exploded the bark from them, before it could be burned.

Standing near Rocky Top mountain brown patches of young fir killed by the fire can be seen stretching across  
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## Gates Volunteer Firemen Start New Home

Gates—Work on a building to house the fire fighting equipment and afford a meeting place for members of the local Volunteer Firemen was started Sunday. The concrete foundation is expected to be poured by December 1. This building will be erected on a lot owned by Floyd Volkel, who has given the firemen a 99-year lease on the property.

Oswald Hirte, member of the board of directors announced the following firms and private parties who have to date made donations toward the building of the firehouse: Mt. Jefferson Lumber Co; Freres Building Supply; Frank Lumber Co; Remine Mill; Hill Top Grocery; Red and White Grocery; Jenkin's Hardware; John Nelson-McCulloch saws;

## NORBLAD OPENS OFFICE

Salem — Representative Walter Norblad this week opened his office in the State Capitol.

While maintaining his office there during the Congressional recess, he will visit a number of communities in the First Congressional District.

Dave Reid, Insurance; Stiffler Appliance; Pauline's Cafe; Garrison's Variety; Glen Heaving; Ned Richards; Gates General Store; Hutcheson-Parker Furniture; and George Mielke Union Service Station.

All labor will be donated by members of the fire department and others sponsored by them. Elmer Klutke and Jo Bowes will donate the use of their trucks and time hauling supplies.

## Willamette University Hosts Area's Cagers

This year will see 10 teams scrambling for high positions in a jamboree on Willamette university's gym floor, Monday, Dec. 3. Game time is 7 p.m., sharp. Mill City plays Scio in the last game of the evening. The purpose of the jamboree is to give the yell squads and their pep groups a chance to experience real competition with one another.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners.

## March of Dimes Need Cited by Leaders

R. L. Elfstrom and Jason Lee, co-chairman of the coming March of Dimes campaign, today stressed the need of voluntary workers in the Marion county solicitation of funds.

Elfstrom pointed out that there will be no administration costs whatever connected with this year's campaign, every cent raised goes to the foundation. Marion county funds are exhausted said Elfstrom and the county is borrowing from the last of the national fund. Polio has struck the area unusually severe, with the future needs still unknown.

Those who will volunteer should get in touch with Elfstrom, phone 2-2493, or Lee, evenings, phone 2-0773, Salem.

Those who volunteer will not be asked for any sizeable amount of time until after the holidays, but organizational work of Marion county requires persons call now.

The call has been issued early and it is hoped volunteers can arrange time for this important work.



GATES, Nov. 23 — When fog grounded a helicopter alongside the highway here Wednesday, it attracted quite a crowd, as shown above. The plane, from Yakima, Wash., was dusting canyon forests with poison to kill field mice. Tree seeds will be sown in the area next year, and the mice are being exterminated to keep them from eating the tree seeds.

(Photo courtesy The Statesman)

# Attend Food & Apron Sale - Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. at Stiffler's Radio

# Gates Woman's 'Love Rides the Rail' Mill City Theatre Thursday, Dec. 6, 8:15 pm

Club presents --