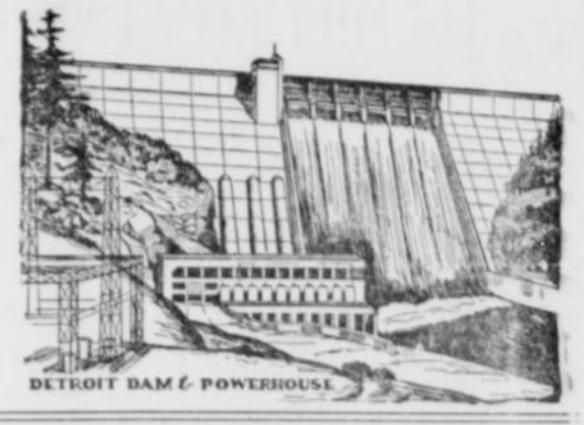




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By DON PETERSON
Don't overlook an evening of dancing Saturday night at the Mill City fire hall. Chief of Police Kenneth Hunt extends a cordial welcome to one and all. He assures us that excellent music is provided with Bob Fisher's orchestra of Albany furnishing the down-beat! Everybody welcome.

Mill City High Timberwolves will play Detroit high next Tuesday night on the home court, Dec. 11. The "B" squad will warm up the floor at 7 p.m., with the "varsity" boys taking over at 8 p.m. Come early and support your favorite team—the boys will do their best to give you good clean sportsmanship and athletic competition.

Mrs. Melbourne Rambo, local Christmas Seal chairman reports \$223.50 has been contributed to date in the Mill City-Gates area. Mrs. Rambo has requested that all who have not yet bought their seals please do so as soon as possible. Last year Mrs. Rambo reports that \$450 was contributed from this area. It is hoped that this year might exceed that figure because the need is very great for funds to carry on the fight to stamp out tuberculosis.

Kiddies, Santa is coming to town! Be ready, and don't be late, for his arrival at the Mill City fire hall on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22 at 1:30 to 3:30. The ladies of the Firemen's Auxiliary have arranged for his arrival again this year, so save this date for Santa Claus! We hear he'll have a bag well filled with candy, too!

The Lyons Altar Society of St. Patrick's church is busy these days selling and distributing their 1951 Cook Books, containing hundreds of recipes furnished by the ladies of the community together with hundreds of recipes from others from all parts of the state and many others from other states as well. They are on sale in most grocery stores and if you can't find one just stop in at Free's garage in Lyons, where I am sure you can obtain a copy for \$1.00.

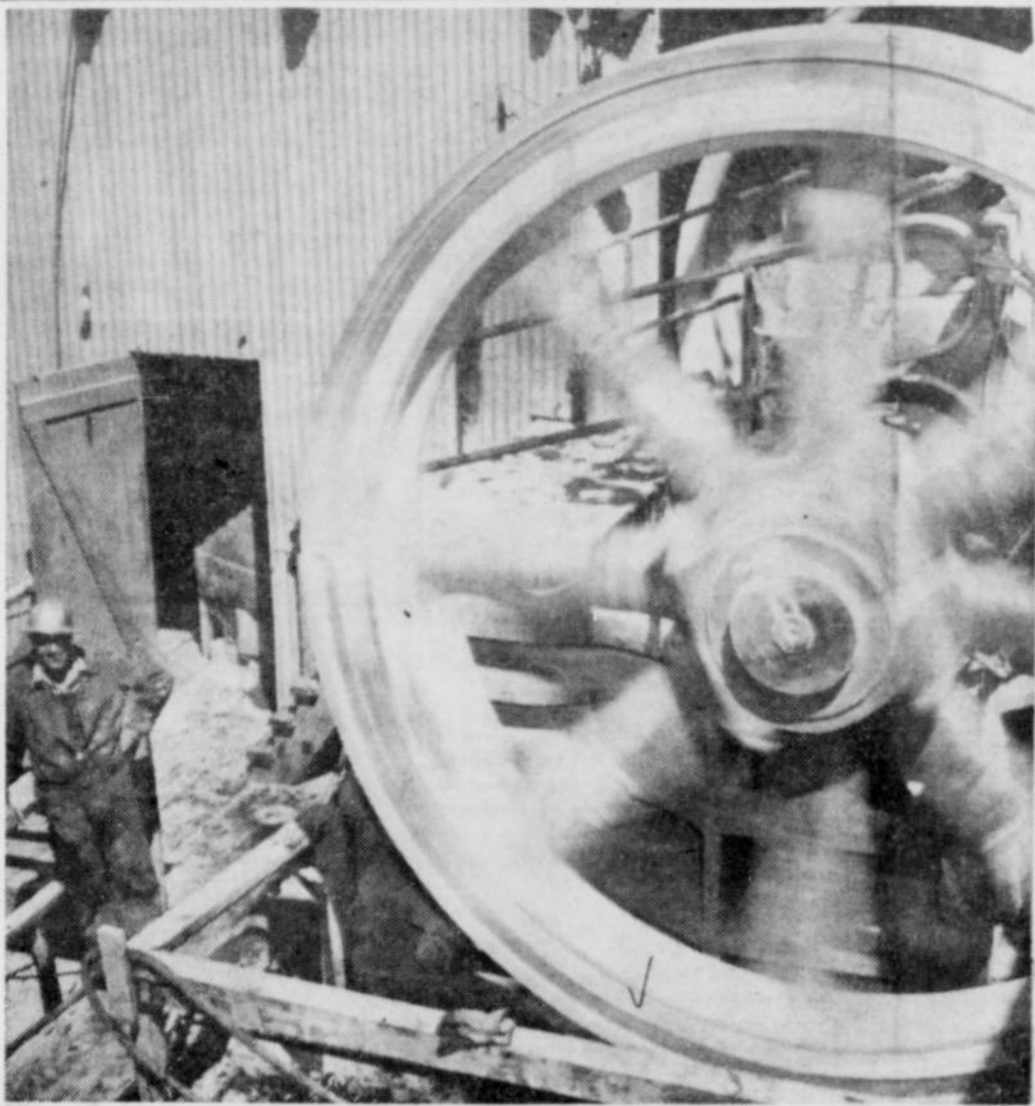
Gene Teague Chevrolet has introduced a novel idea for the winter months at his showrooms in Stayton. He has set up in the showroom each Monday night a table tennis court open to the public. Everyone is invited to use it and meet your friends in a friendly game, or challenge your rival table tennis champ to a game. Two of his salesmen are reputed to be pretty good and invite competition. Gene says Tom Snodgrass and Buck Hoag are the boys who are "pretty good" and will be glad to give a few pointers on the game to any novice.

I don't know when I'll get the paper out this week since the lights are out again and I am writing this by candlelight. Tuesday, Wednesday and now Thursday the light and power has failed us. It is reported that five trees at least were down Tuesday between Mill City and Scio. A split pole caused the outage Wednesday—don't know what it is tonight! It's sure tough on the repair boys to fight such conditions in fair and foul weather. One looks wistfully at the Bonneville line—continuous power to the dam—no shutdown there!

Got two anonymous letters in answer to my last week's column objecting to my reporting that Gates gives only two years of English, etc. I still stand on my statement as the true facts—that anyone can verify for himself. This year Gates high school offers ONLY freshman and junior English, NEXT year sophomore and senior English will be offered. The same is true of physical education and mathematics. Now the difficulty arises when a student transfers to Gates from a school such as Silverton or Mill City who is this year a sophomore and has already started his second year English and has already completed his freshman English—how can this student continue with sophomore English?

I am not attempting to ridicule the Gates school, I am willing to agree that Gates has a fine school, and has produced excellent students, but if it can be improved and I believe any educator will agree that it can be improved, in fact ANY school can be improved, if the will is there, then I believe it is our duty to take any steps necessary to improve our schools. Not many years ago the citizens of Gates and their neighboring smaller districts did consolidate to improve their educational facilities and they started a high school—it served its purpose then and now again another opportunity is presented for further improvements to the entire system. It would seem to me a wise move to take the opportunity and make the most of it.

I spent several hours last Sunday visiting with Clarence Rush, clerk (Continued on Page 3)



These wheels did not stop. During the roar of high winds and the pelting rains this week, the fly-wheels of the Detroit dam rock crusher kept whirling there own special brand of thunder. Even if life became stalled in North Santiam canyon cities by lack of normal conditions, the task of building Detroit dam continued.

A heavy blanket of snow can, however, hamper work to the extent more effort will be needed for doing normal construction. Outside jobs like this of the rock crusher crew are bearable when the weather is nice, but there is always weather like that of this week.

(Photo courtesy of the Albany Democrat-Herald)

Winter's First Storm Stops N. Santiam Power, Lights

Weather was in the driver's seat the beginning of this week. The wind blew—and hard. The rains came—and plenty. The barometer sulked around in the region of the storm indication. Trees fell. Snags in the forests crashed—a blessing! Rocks and earth tumbled onto the highway near the dam. Electric power lines failed and so did telephone lines. The North Santiam canyon knew it "had it" Tuesday.

58 Pints Blood Given Monday

Detroit—The blood bank was set up in the basement of the high school and was open for donations between the hours of 2-7 on Monday afternoon. The committee in charge were Mrs. R. W. Hellwig, Mrs. Ray Johnson and Mrs. A. R. Monroe. Mrs. Hellwig reports that workers from both the Marion county and Portland units assisted in taking the blood. There were 165 signed although only 99 of that number reported for donations. There were 58 pints of blood received.

The community was well organized with canvassers covering Mongold, Idanha and Detroit. Those who canvassed in Mongold were Mrs. Roscoe McGraw and Mrs. Otto Pogue, those for Detroit were Mrs. Harold Champion, Mrs. Charles Nyberg, Mrs. L. L. Rynearson and Mrs. Otis White. Those canvassing Idanha were Mrs. Esther Fouts, Mrs. Myrtle Gestson, Mrs. George Barney and Mrs. Rhodes.

Those in the registration were Mrs. Robert Redmond, Mrs. Charles Belling and Mrs. Charles Stayton. Nurses in the bleeding room were Mrs. Oja, Mrs. Nick Weinfurter and Mrs. Curtis Trau.

Traffic workers from the bleeding room to the recovery room were Mrs. Verne Alvin, Mrs. Mabel Parker, Mrs. Dorlan Ray and Mrs. Buck Storey. Mrs. R. C. Haseman was in charge of the recovery room. While canteen workers in connection with the recovery room were Mrs. Frances Stout, Mrs. Jack Haseman, Mrs. Huber Ray and Mrs. Jim Worthington.

Even the Southern Pacific train that has been so faithful—failed. Sixteen hours late—it gave up the ghost too! Back to Albany it was taken for a new try at the North Santiam run, Thursday.

When high winds, driving rain and snow halted, fog boiled and spread its eerie cloak over the area of the North Santiam river and highway. The icy hand of "jack frost" drew wonderland patterns on automobile bodies, windows, and sidewalks. Winter arrived this week and took a bow. Oregonians agree that "Old Man Winter" is in rare form.

Roy Mundt Injured
Train crews wrestled fallen trees and other debris off railroad tracks. Each bout with foreign matter on the tracks piled up more and more delay. The Southern Pacific line near Gardner was hit by the storm in a tragic way. Two section hands lost their lives while feverishly engaged in freeing Roy Mundt, a former Mill City resident. A fallen tree had pinned Mundt down and in the process broke and fractured his leg. Another tree fell among the struggling men and killed two of the men assisting Mundt.

The storm-caused accident happened on the SP right-of-way near Coos Bay. Mundt is the section foreman on that run. He now is in the North Bend hospital, and his condition is reported as "fair".

A tree on the John Bradshaw property fell across highway 222 and stalled traffic until it could be cleared away. Highway crews finished disposing of the tree, Wednesday afternoon. This same tree took out the power lines leading to the upper North Santiam area. Mill City and Gates were left without power for some fifteen and one-half hours. The power went off at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday morning and stayed off until 6 a.m. Wednesday. The electric supply was not back to "normal" most of Wednesday. Life ceased its normal flow because of the power interruption.

The North Santiam river got into the weather act by swelling up and licking away the debris cluttered the river all day Wednesday. Two trees, a big snag and mounds of rock and dirt made it cautious going from Detroit to the lower canyon area.

Weather Predictions "Made"
The fickle action of the weather prodded out some local "surmising" on the weather and whether it will be a "rough" one.

Other areas have reported that the caterpillars (not the man-made-kind) which have a strip on their backs—have a narrow stripe this year. A narrow stripe predicts a mild winter. Reports have it here, however, that this same brand of caterpillar in the North Santiam canyon has a wide stripe this year—this means, according to observers, a bad and hard winter.

The real weather story is this one! When the Indian was asked for his prediction on the coming winter he said, "White-man putting in much coal—hard winter! Anyway it was snowing Wednesday in the lower areas of the North Santiam and there as thirty inches of new snow on the North Santiam highway high in the Cascades.

Silver Saddle trailer court felt the fury of the storm by way of a tree falling on a trailer. The man in the trailer escaped unhurt, even though (Continued on Page 8)

Handicraft Sale Annual Event

Marking the start of what is hoped will be an annual event, members of the Marion-Polk County Medical Society Auxiliary will conduct a sale of handicraft articles made by patients of the Oregon State Tuberculosis hospital, according to an announcement today by Mrs. Lynn Hammerstad, president of the auxiliary. The sale, she added, will start December 5th continuing through the 8th at 130 So. Liberty Street in downtown Salem.

"We feel," said Mrs. Hammerstad, "that this sale will give due recognition to the efforts of the many talented people fallen victim to tuberculosis. Their diligence and ambition as expressed in their handwork offered for sale will be rewarded because all monies taken in, will be returned to the individual contributing each article."

She pointed out that among the articles to be offered will be such items as: paintings, knitted pieces, crocheted creations, hammered copper handwork, jewelry, leather-work and various other types of handcraft. "While Christmas Seals do yeoman work in providing medical and care facilities," added Mrs. Hammerstad, "they cannot perform the task we have undertaken in starting this project. Our job is to give these patients a pat on the back by showing that their hours of work are appreciated by the general public."

Assisting Mrs. Hammerstad in the manning of the sale during the four day event, starting December 5th, will be members of the auxiliary group as well as the committee in charge of the project. Members of the committee are: Mrs. Harmon Harvey, Mrs. William Lidbeck, Mrs. Paul Romniger, Mrs. Otto Kraushaar and Mrs. H. E. Gilbert.

PTA Christmas Party Planned December 12

The annual PTA Christmas party will take place at the regular PTA meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. Everyone attending should bring a "white elephant" or inexpensive item wrapped as a gift. Mrs. James O'Leary, PTA president, explained.

The program will include a talk by Mr. Frederik Bolkestein, an exchange student to Willamette university from The Netherlands, on education in his native country. The flag presentation will be performed by the Boy Scouts. Music will be furnished by the school band under the direction of Earl Loueks. Following a brief business meeting, the gifts brought by those attending will be distributed and refreshments will be served in the high school recreation room.

Mari-Linn and Mill City Schools Visited Recently

Visitors at the Lyons and Mill City schools on Wednesday, Nov. 28, were Miss Henrietta Wolfer, co-ordinator of field services, and Mrs. Minnie Andrews, placement and alumni secretary, of the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth.

Miss Wolfer's visits are one of the services extended by the three state colleges of education to their beginning teachers and included Miss Norma Jean Miller at Mari-Linn school and Miss Letha Thomas and Robert Thorpe at the Mill City school.

Fire Destroys Lester Brown Residence West of M. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brown were victims of a fire at their home on highway 222 across from the Frank saw mill between Mill City and Lyons. The fire started about 9:30 p.m. after Mrs. Brown had put their two children to bed. Mrs. Brown only had time to rescue her children before the house was enveloped in flames. Mr. Brown was at work on the swing shift at the dam.

The house was owned by Rev. W. W. Watkins, and is a total loss together with the personal effects of the Brown family.

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—** Chamber of Commerce 2 & 4 noon luncheon. 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



Helicopter Loaded With Douglas Fir Seed by S. Tenny Moore, district forest ranger, (left) and John C. Cameron, director of Perpetual Forests, Inc. More than 9,000 acres of the Sardine creek and adjacent Santiam canyon burned over areas were reseeded over the week-end.

STAMP OUT TB
BUY AND USE CHRISTMAS SEALS . . .

Mrs. Podrabsky Heads Firemen's Auxiliary

At the last meeting of the Firemen's Auxiliary election of officers was the important business of the evening.

Mrs. Irene Podrabsky was elected president for 1952, with Mrs. Tearly Muir as vice president. Mrs. LaVerne Knowles was chosen secretary, and Mrs. Germaine Weltze will serve as treasurer for the coming year.

The ladies also put in a request to Santa Claus to put in an appearance on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22 at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the fire hall for their annual Christmas party for the kiddies of pre-school and grade school age.

First Home Basketball, Tuesday Night, Dec. 11th - - - Police Benefit Ball, Saturday Night, Dec. 8th.

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