

## Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

The school election Monday night called to get permission to dispose of the old grade school building resulted in a small turnout. However the result was unanimous in favor of disposing of the property. The vote was reported 18 in favor and none against the removal of the old building.

The next move will be to call for bids for the property in order to get the best possible value for the old building.

A call is being issued for old time fiddlers to participate in a fiddler's contest and square dancing. This event is to take place in the Eagles lodge at the Mill City fire hall next Wednesday evening, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. The public is invited with admission at 75 cents per couple. We are informed that more "fiddlers" are needed, so get out your old fiddle and warm it up with a tune or two before it is too late.

Snow is slowing up logging operations in the higher hill country to a standstill. Four inches of snow is reported to have fallen at the dam site last Monday. Here at Mill City the snow has been very light with rain falling most of the time.

News of the granting of federal funds by the state authorities to the Santiam Memorial hospital is heartening news to many who have worked hard to get this hospital started. It is hoped that the Physicians and Surgeons hospital in Portland will not block this assignment of funds by injunction as the need is urgent for work to start at once.

Paul Smith, Mill City's perennial long distance walker is making plans for a projected hike in 1953 that will take him across the continent. He plans to beat the record made some years ago crossing the United States from coast to coast. His plans call for starting at San Francisco and walking to New York City. He tells us that he will have to make 70 miles per day in order to beat the record.

Many times it has come to my thoughts that some method should be set up that would encourage more voters to turn out and cast their vote at general elections. There is a considerable laxity on the part of men and women to exercise their vote or their privilege of registering in order to be eligible to vote. One of the first things anyone should do when they move into a community is get themselves registered so that they are eligible to cast their ballots in all future elections, but sadly enough many do not "find the time" to register, thus being ready when an election is held.

I am suggesting that possibly a credit can be set up in connection with our income tax report, so that when we have cast our vote at a general election, a credit of \$5 be allowed to any who have proof that they cast their vote at the last general election.

## Golden New Owner Of Al's Richfield

Clyde Golden is the new manager of the Richfield Service station located beside Kelly Lumber supply on the outskirts of Mill City. This service station formerly was known as Al's Richfield Service. Al Molnar, popular operator of the Mill City service station on the North Santiam highway, is being called back into the military service. Molnar is in the Army Reserves.

Golden, the new Richfield man, was born and reared in this community. He was active in Boy Scout work for five years. Golden was a charter member of the Mill City Volunteer firemen. He served as Chief of the Mill City fire department for two years; and has served some seven years as a volunteer fireman.

For the past 11 years, Golden has been employed at Kelly Lumber Mill in Mill City. A back injury forced his retirement from this position last year.

Molnar expressed the thought that the public continue receiving under Golden's management the same courteous service experience has taught them they could expect at Richfield service.

## DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINER ON DUTY FRI, JAN. 18

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Mill City Friday, Jan. 18, at the Fire Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with minimum of delay.

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

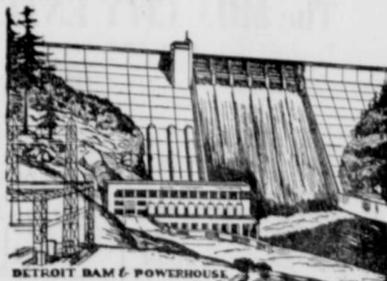
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Much photographed Detroit dam lends another pose for posterity. Construction is more than 70 percent complete. Some 22,000 cubic yards of good, substantial concrete are being placed each week. The weather and the holidays put a slight nick in this average recently. Clearing of the reservoir area goes on rapidly. Roads like the Kinney creek road and Blowout creek roads dependent on Detroit dam are complete. French creek road is about 65 percent complete. The big question is: when and how fast will this Detroit reservoir appear? One thing is clear—Detroit dam is very much here these days. (Albany Democrat-Herald photo)

## Stockholders of Hospital Meet

There will be a meeting of stockholders of Santiam Memorial hospital in Stayton on January 17th, at the Union high school gymnasium at 8 p.m. The meeting was set by order of the hospital's board of directors in a "victory" meeting at the Bon Ton restaurant Wednesday evening.

To come before the meeting, which will be its first annual, will be reports of the intensive work that has been done during the past year toward getting federal funds and election of seven directors.

Lots were cast at the board meeting to determine terms of present directors. Results were:

Terms expiring now and to be filled by election January 17—Irvin Schumacher, Huber G. W. Schachtsick, W. H. Bell, John Silbernagel, Larry Goss and M. J. Martin.

Ending January, 1952—A. J. Frank, Chris Neitling, L. E. Spraker, R. L. Stewart, Roy Philippi, George Huffman and J. C. Kimmel.

Ending in 1953—Albert Toman, Sam Wright, Wm. Lulay, Gene Teague, L. H. Wright, B. J. Minden and T. G. Freres.

It was brought out at the board meeting that persons eligible to vote at the annual meeting must have paid in \$100 toward their subscription.

The by-laws prohibit voting by proxy. The office staff is to mail out notices of the meeting and membership certificates to paid-up members this week-end.

A nominating committee was appointed. This group will prepare nominations for the seven directors to be elected. Comprising the committee are L. E. Spraker, R. L. Stewart and J. C. Kimmel.

## Solomon Described As Master Pianist

Solomon, described by numerous interviewers as the "master pianist," will be presented in concert the night of Thursday, January 17 at the Salem high school auditorium, under the sponsorship of the Associated Students of Willamette university.

The British pianist, who uses the single name, a child prodigy "come true," has searched deeply through the classic and romantic piano literature in his efforts to work out a pleasing program.

Solomon has a "personal and caressing way with Chopin," remarked Cyrus Durgin, music critic of the Boston Globe.

Thomas Archer of the Montreal Gazette, after hearing the British born musician said "He can play with classical precision and boundless romantic feeling."

Solomon is one of a series of prominent musicians who are being brought to Salem by Willamette students. Tickets may be secured at the door or by writing Willamette university.

## Air Force Reservists 'Andy' Spriggs Dies After Short Illness

This month's week-end meeting of the 922nd Reserve Training Wing, the only organized Air Force Reserve wing in the northwest, will be held on Saturday and Sunday (January 12 and 13) at the Portland International Airport.

Lt. Col. Robert W. Sheets of Portland, commanding officer of the reserve wing, further announced that week-end meetings for the remainder of the quarter would be on February 10 and 11 and March 9 and 10.

The wing is composed of Air Force reservists throughout the northwestern Oregon and southwestern Washington areas. For participating in four training periods at each of the week-end sessions, wing members will draw four days pay.

Training at the January meeting will be in two major phases. One will be on-the-job training for 922nd Reserve Training Wing members with officers and airmen of the 403rd Troop Carrier Wing, an active duty unit stationed at the airport.

The other phase is classroom instruction in aircraft maintenance, operations, photography, communications, supply, and personnel and administration.

The week-end sessions will start Saturday at 8 a.m. in Building 414 at Portland International Airport. Col. Sheets stressed the fact that any individual, whether a member of the Air Force Reserve or not, is invited to visit the base then to obtain information on the wing's activities.

## 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—**  
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.  
129-J School Board meeting 2d Tues.  
Riders of the Santiam, 1st Tuesday  
Lions Auxiliary 4th Tuesday

**WEDNESDAY—**  
Boy Scouts, 7:30, H. S. Recreation City council first Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Santiam Eagles and auxiliary 8 p.m. at Mill City fire hall.  
Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 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

Andrew "Andy" J. Spriggs, 60, of Mehama, passed away Monday. Spriggs was the operator of the Southern Barbecue near Mehama on the North Santiam highway between Stayton and Mehama. Recently he suffered multiple fractures of an arm. Apparently the Mehama businessman's health rapidly thereafter became worse and worse until his death resulted, Monday. Spriggs was born at Meadowview, Va., Oct. 3, 1891.

Spriggs is survived by his widow, Ida Spriggs, Mehama; brothers, David Spriggs, Baltimore, Md., William Spriggs, Blade Springs, Va., Vullen Spriggs, Meadowview, Va., and Sgt. Worley Spriggs, U. S. Army; sisters, Anna Callahan, Lancy Fulcher, Alice Spriggs, Elizabeth Spriggs, Blade Springs; Esther Zudker, Abbington, Va., and Emma Hankley, Marion, Va.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. in the Weddle Funeral Home in Stayton. Rev. Dick Neufeld will officiate. Burial will be in Lone Oak Cemetery.

## County Wide Health Survey Underway

A survey of Marion County health needs and services is being planned as the first major project of the Marion County Health Council, according to the chairman of the Council, William Munroe Hamilton.

This survey, beginning January 10, will be fielded throughout Marion County by volunteer workers in the various communities.

Confidential information given by the householders will enable the Health Council to determine the health needs of the people of the county, and what health services they are getting. It is hoped that measures can be taken, through community planning, to better satisfy the health needs discovered by the survey.

Questions include information on family health, health insurance plans, treatment used for illnesses, and amount of time lost from work because of sickness.

One out of every ten of the 32,000 households of Marion County will be asked to co-operate by answering the questions on the schedule. These households will be selected carefully in order to make sure that they will reflect accurately the views and experiences of all the people of the county. Accuracy and completeness in answering the questions will greatly aid the survey in finding just what the health needs and services of the county are. All information will be held strictly confidential, and will be used only to secure totals and averages and percentage figures.

Field workers will be instructed in survey procedure by members of the sociology department of Willamette University. They will be under the direction of Dr. John A. Rademaker, chairman of the sociology department. (Continued on page 5)

## Shifting Instructional Staff Should Concern Parents

Heavy teacher turnover is a serious matter and should set in action every parent who sees his youngsters under a constantly shifting instructional staff, according to Dr. T. C. Holy and his survey of the state's schools. Quoting the "truism" that the best

## Santiam Hospital Get \$124,718

Culminating a year of "keeping everlastingly at it" was announced Tuesday afternoon that Santiam Memorial hospital had been granted \$124,718 for construction purposes.

The money is from federal sources authorized by the Hill-Burton act. The grant was made to the Santiam Memorial hospital by the State Board of Health which has responsibility for allocation of funds set aside for Oregon. The sum awarded represents approximately one-third of total cost of the project.

The hospital's board of directors has had representatives appear several times and individuals interested in the hospital project have assisted by contacts with various members of the state boards.

Under the leadership of W. H. Bell, president of Santiam Memorial hospital, comprehensive brochures were prepared and distributed to all parties having to do with distribution of the federal funds.

Last Friday eight men, in pairs, called on members of the two state boards in Portland, Albany and Eugene on behalf of the project. The advisory group voted Monday to recommend the grant to the Santiam Memorial, which the state board adopted Tuesday afternoon in a meeting at the state capitol.

At the latter meeting, J. C. Kimmel, vice president of Santiam Memorial, made a brief talk and answered questions.

Comprising the groups making the visitations Friday and at the state board meeting in Salem, Tuesday were: A. J. Frank, M. J. Martin, Irvin Schumacher, John Silbernagel, L. H. Wright, R. L. Stewart, G. W. Schachtsick, L. E. Spraker and J. C. Kimmel.

The Salem area had the highest priority, according to need, as set up under rulings of the state boards. When the Salem General hospital's board withdrew its application for a grant of \$292,700 from 1950-51 allocations, Santiam's prospects picked up. Since the Santiam Memorial is a part of the Salem area, it got all the money remaining in the fund, \$124,718. The Santiam's application had sought \$126,000.

Salem General, according to Geo. M. Shiffer, secretary of the State Advisory board, withdrew mainly because the fund would not be sufficient to warrant going ahead with their project. They chose, instead, to reapply for the larger sum from funds expected to become available in the (Continued on Page 8)

buildings, the best financial support, won't buy a good education if teachers are poor—the report states that the teacher turnover problem in Oregon "seems somewhat aggravated".

While the average Oregon teacher has been five years on his present job, 30 percent in 1950 were in their posts for the first time. Figure for administrators was 24 percent.

Shifting is most prevalent in small districts, says the survey and gives these reasons: absence of any security of position under the law for most teachers (Oregon law established teacher tenure only in districts of 20,000 or over); low salary scales in some districts; tendency of school boards to replace older teachers in order to keep down retirement costs; remote geographical locations; and "extremely poor" facilities which some districts provide their teachers.

Here, as in all parts of the 400-page report, the inadequately financed, poorly-run, small district rears its head. A first recommendation of the section on teaching is that the three-year program of state-wide reorganization of districts, outlined elsewhere in the report, be the first school business of Oregon's legislature.

In Oregon, selection of teachers is left to the school board and Dr. Holy comments that: "It is apparent that the procedure used by some boards is, in many cases, not likely to locate the best and most competent candidates for the position".

Twelve percent of teachers are receiving less than \$2,800 and 27 percent more than \$3,599 this year. Average administrator's salary is \$4,324.

Dr. Holy recommends raising the state minimum teacher salary to a flat \$2,400 and states that only two percent get less than that now. At present, the minimum for teachers without experience is \$1,800 for those without bachelor's degrees and \$2,100 for those with degrees.

The experts deplored the general system of having text books, audio-visual aids and library service operating as separate departments, said it is wasteful, prevents development of any effective instructional materials division in a district.

Oregon is one of the few states left, outside the south, that still has state adopted textbooks and a textbook commission—a system considered poor and a deadening influence on the schools.

"Generally speaking, teachers and students who use textbooks in Oregon have very little voice in their selection," the report states.

Present system calls for one-third of all texts to be chosen by the commission every two years. Result is that frequently no agreement can be reached on the hundreds of books available, and a compromise decision (Continued on Page 3)

## Polio Poster Boy



March of Dimes Poster Boy Larry Jim Gross, 7, gets sledging instructions from his dad, Air Force Chief Warrant Officer Jim Gross. The lad, whose left leg was weakened by polio when he was 16 months old, is visiting U. S. cities in behalf of 1952 March of Dimes this January. His picture appears on all March of Dimes posters with the 1952 slogan, "This Fight is Yours." Join the 1952 March of Dimes today.

## Timberwolves Meet Sublimity Saints Tuesday, Jan. 18 on Local Floor