



Canyon Avenue Parade

By DON PETERSON

Don Gessner, business agent of Labor's local union 441, and chairman of the Bloodmobile drive wishes to remind everyone that the blood bank will call at the Gates school Jan. 31, from 1 to 6 p.m. The union and CBI have endorsed this drive and we feel sure that everyone realizes the importance of these blood banks to the lives of the armed services besides the local county blood bank for local use of those in need of blood. "It costs so little to save a life."

The new section of the North Santiam highway is moving another step forward toward completion when at a highway commission meeting in Portland, January 31 and February 1, bids will be opened for paving the new section just graded this last summer by the Cosmo Gilo company between Mill City and Stout creek, the other side of Mehama.

This new road will be a decided improvement over the present route of 222 between Stout creek and Mill City and will help to invite more visitors to the canyon. Many more dangerous corners and side trips such as the ones taking the traveler winding his way through Stayton and Aumville are being proposed according to plans published in the daily papers this week.

I believe it is sensible to by-pass cities by skirting the city limits with highways that usually become speedways as soon as they are straightened out. It is much safer for children in a community when the highway is not going directly through the middle of town, and it serves to lend safety while traveling along the highway when traveling along the countryside instead of in the cities.

Budget time is trawling close for the school districts and it will become the duty of the school board to prepare budgets for the coming school year. We have heard some expression of the desirability of including a summer program of recreation for the young people.

We think that it would be a very good project to include a recreational director for the summer months to organize the young people into baseball, tennis, hiking, or swimming groups. Such activities would be healthful and instructive to the young people of the community, leading them and assisting them in using their time to the best advantage during their vacation time.

The cost of such a project would not be exorbitant, and there are numerous young men and women in the field of recreational studies attending our colleges who would welcome an opportunity to earn something during the summer months and also put into practice ideas learned in college.

The cost could be included in the school budget and divided among the taxpayers, would not amount to more than 50 cents for each taxpayer, and perhaps less. This week we complete publication of a series of articles discussing school consolidation prepared as a result of the interim committee named by the legislature to study school problems. The study was conducted by Dr. T. C. Holy of the Ohio state university. He is regarded as a specialist in this work and has made some recommendations and given reasons for them in his report. We have tried to present food for thought as best we could. The reports are voluminous and more public meetings should be held to acquaint the people with them.

Time is getting short to accomplish consolidation in time for this school year of '52-'53 budget work, so any action must be pushed along in order to be ready for the next fiscal year.

Many have expressed inquiries as to what has happened to the Mill City Chamber of Commerce. What has happened to it, who killed it and where is it buried? There has been very little accomplished since Bob Veness was secretary and president. During his terms in office Bob worked hard and things did happen. It is too bad we do not have more workers like Bob who will pitch in and make the community better known. George Steffy was well on his way to putting this canyon on the map, but he was laughed at and scorned as a dreamer. George dreamed and organized the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce, it was his ideas that brought it life. Now it would appear that we are about to lapse into unconsciousness for lack of a spark-plug, such as Bob and George have been.

We need salesmen such as these men if we are to hold our own and make progress. We have plenty to sell but no one to do the selling job. Are we going to lose the advantage we now have by not taking the ball and carrying it. Power is soon to be available from the new dams and we must be ready to take it or we may lose it. Many of us had hopes the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce might accomplish this job for the whole canyon—selling our location to new people.

I advocated at the start that we (Continued on Page 2)

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

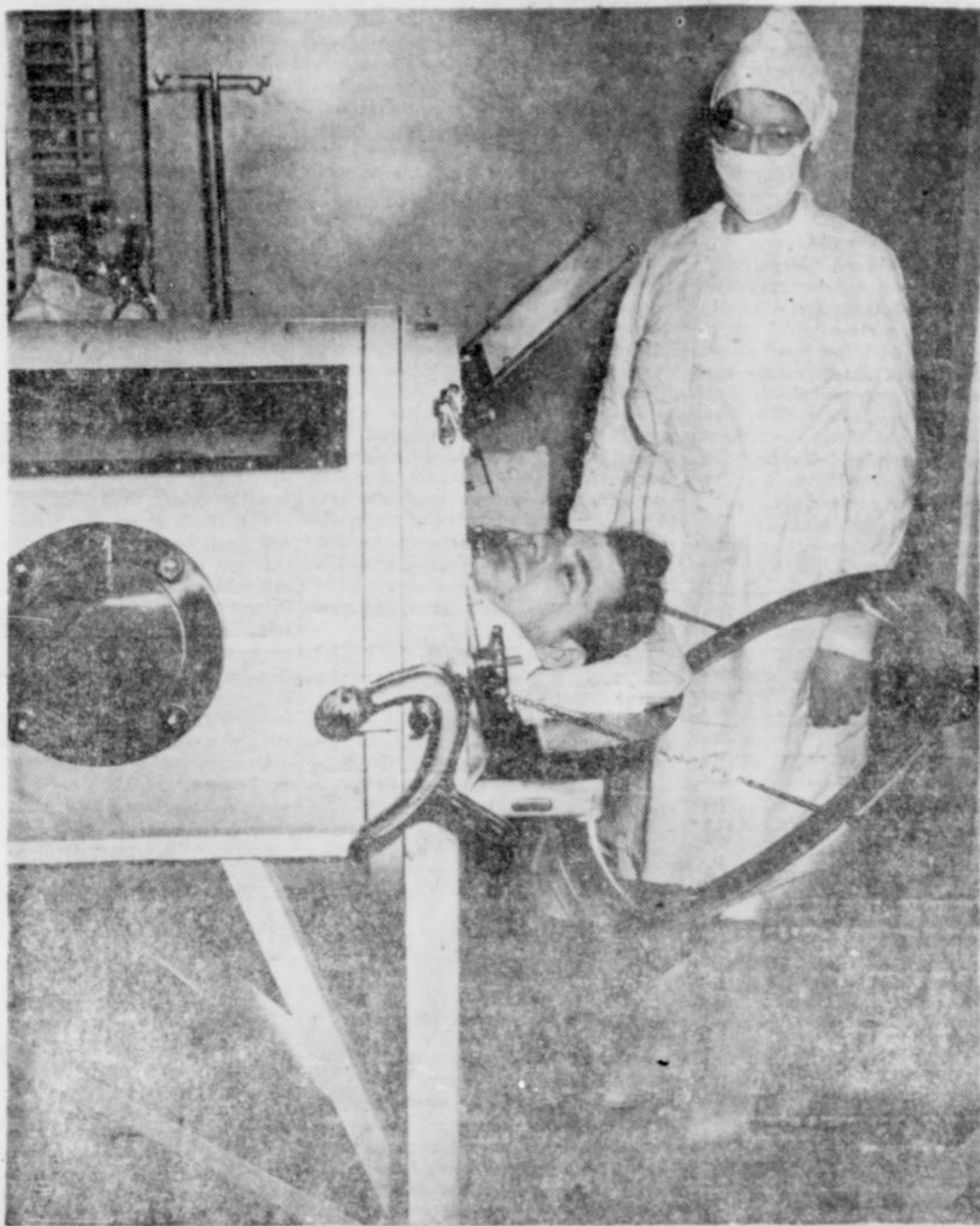
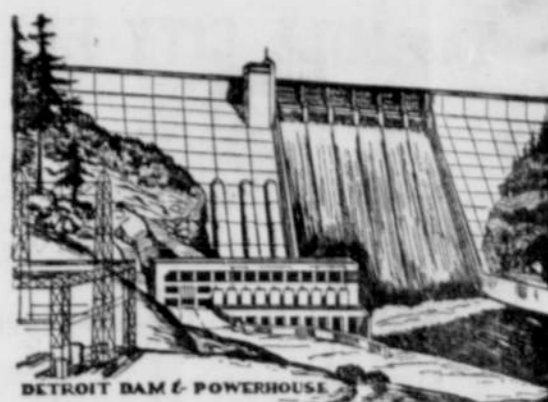
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IRON LUNG PATIENT—Ernest Kreft, 25, of the Keizer district and an employe of the industrial accident commission, who was stricken with polio December 28 and placed in the iron lung at the Salem Memorial hospital New Year's Eve. Shown with the patient, whose condition is listed as serious, is Nurse Evelyn O'Neil. It will be the funds collected from the March of Dimes drive now being conducted that will be used in caring for Ernest Kreft, stricken with infantile paralysis last month.

## Toman Announces His New Manager

A. W. Toman disclosed this week his association with Mel Whelchel in Hill Top Market. Whelchel has been appointed as the manager of the produce department of Hill Top Market. Whelchel has a wide background of experience in Salem and elsewhere in the handling of fruits and vegetables.

Mel comes to a market place well equipped with the most modern of devices for the cooling, preserving and displaying of fruits and vegetables. Hill Top Market's new produce manager formerly held a position with the Saving Center in Salem. He also has had marketing experience in Independence.

Whelchel is making Mill City his home; and has moved his wife and three children here from Salem. Young Toman invites the public to "Come in and meet Mel!"

## 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

## Gates Post Office Entered and Robbed

The Gates post office was broken into and robbed sometime Sunday, January 6. Two-hundred dollars was stolen. The money taken was all in currency, no stamps or silver were touched. It is surmised the robbery took place between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday night; the only time the post mistress, Mrs. Walter Brisbin, was absent from the building that day. The robbery was not discovered until the office was opened Monday morning.

The office is housed in the same building as the Brisbin residence. No mail is distributed on Sunday but the outer lobby of the office is left open for the convenience of box holders and those wishing to mail letters. The thief is supposed to have entered the lobby and finding no one about took the money and made his escape unobserved.

Mrs. Brisbin has served this community as post mistress for the past 19 years and this is the first time during her tenure of office any thing of the kind has happened. The postal authorities and state police were notified as soon as the robbery was discovered and are still investigating the crime. To date no arrests have been made.

## Scotland Yard Man Tells Of World War 2 Bombing

First hand experience with Civil Defense during the aerial bombardments of World War II in London will be told by Robert Harris, former detective of Scotland Yard, at the joint meeting of Marion County and Salem Civil Defense at 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 23 in the Bush school auditorium, University and Mission Streets, Salem.

"The London Fire Raid," a dramatic documentary motion picture taken during the big fire raid on London December 29, 1941, also will be shown. The public is invited to attend, although the program is part of the training course for Civil Defense workers of the County.

Mr. Harris, who was a member of the famous Scotland Yard force for 18 years, now lives in Salem, where he brought his family after resigning from the Yard. He was stationed in London all through the war.

## North Santiam's Health Pictured

The North Santiam is now undergoing a health survey of searching nature. The canyon survey is but a small part of the Marion County health survey, a voluntary effort seeking out the true state of health of our citizenry. People who conduct the survey do so because of their interest in bringing about more enlightened health measures for this community.

Those who are doing the leg-work on this survey are the enumerators. These persons must go from door-to-door and asked dozens of health questions of the canyon's citizens. After these many and important questions are asked, the answers must be set down in the proper blank spaces.

Those who canvas the Mill City area asking the questions and filling in the blanks are Mrs. Lee Donaldson, Mrs. Kenneth Crosier and Mrs. John Donnelly. For Mehama, Mrs. Steve Dark and Robert "Bob" Draper have volunteered. The good work in Gates is being done by Don Gessner, Mrs. Floyd Volkel and Mrs. K. W. Martig. Hoping for a hospitable and warm welcome in Detroit area are canvassers Mrs. Earl Parker and Mrs. Otis White. Idanha is represented by Mrs. Leveille Haseman and Miss Kazi Inuzuka; and Mongold by Mrs. Ran Helwig.

Vern Olsen, health educator of the Marion County health department states that the information given or received in this survey is held just as confidential as any which is given in the privacy of a doctor's office. All identifying marks or names are removed before the interviewer leaves the home being visited. The interviewer is bound by law to hold all information entirely confidential and for statistical use only.

## Christmas Tree Disposal

Leonard Herman, manager of the Mill City Disposal has requested that anyone having Christmas trees they want disposed of to place them on the curb or in full view of the road where the pickup is normally made. If this is done on Saturday, January 26th, the disposal service will make a FREE pickup at that time to remove trees.

Mr. Herman emphasized that trees are too large to take with the normal pickup and should be kept separate for this special Saturday pickup.

## Parents Offer Views On Oregon School System

"The degree of discipline in the home has dropped . . . but parents expect children to come home from school with 100 percent discipline."  
"Under the guise of efficiency, the school system has become so highly organized, the primary purpose of teaching is lost."  
"The superintendent in this district has assumed the role of dictator."  
"We couldn't understand why the children in the third and fourth grade are not made to learn the multiplication tables."

"The educational program as a whole is failing in teaching fundamentals."

"The athletic teams leave in the morning and half the school goes with them."

Those are a few of the comments attached to some 783 questionnaires which parents filled out for Dr. T. C. Holy and his survey staff who released a 400-page report on Oregon public schools. The survey, made at the request of the legislature through an interim committee and the State Board of Education, covers all phases of common and high school education in the state.

Holy summarizes the bad features of the Oregon schools:

"The complex, wasteful, and educationally damaging school district system" is most fundamental defect.

The managing and purchasing practices of the school transportation system are wasteful. For instance, costs for similar bus insurance range from \$20 to \$198. Prices paid for similar school buses range from \$5,500 to \$8,850. Only one-third of the districts having transportation get discounts on gas and tires.

Present school laws, which are poorly organized, so contradictory and full of obsolete provisions as to be difficult to understand.

The 6 percent constitutional tax limitation which fosters great inequities in the tax bases of school districts and diverts time of administrators from real education.

Method of apportioning state money for transportation, which makes it possible for densely populated districts in sparsely populated counties to get more than their share.

The high rate of turnover in administrative and teacher positions, especially in the small school districts. In 1949-50, 31 percent of all teachers were in their jobs for the first time and 34 percent of administrators were new to their posts.

As will be seen in the following summary of parental comment, Oregon's mothers and fathers, in general, are satisfied with their schools.

Also by way of a modest bouquet, are the off-the-cuff comments of Dr. Holy, himself, concerning the good and bad of the Oregon system.

Main complaints of parents who were queried through forms sent to parent-teacher heads throughout the state, are: 1. over-emphasis on athletics, 2. neglect in teaching the fundamentals, 3. too many extracurricular activities, and poor discipline.

Every county in the state was represented in the replies, with Multnomah County having the largest number (216), Clackamas County next largest (100). Next six counties in order of numbers of replies were: Jackson, Lane, Washington, Umatilla, Clatsop, and Linn.

Items receiving the lowest general ratings in the elementary schools were, "community attitude toward the school", "quantity and quality of competitive athletic program", "quality of the extracurricular social activities".

Most criticism in the high schools was leveled at "teaching of fundamentals" and "discipline". The grade schools came off somewhat better than the high schools on (Continued on Page 8)

## "Jerry" Swan Killed In Korean Fighting

Jerald "Jerry" Lee Swan, 19, Navy fireman apprentice Monday was listed as one of those killed aboard his vessel, the mine sweeper Dextrous in Korean waters. The Dextrous was hit by enemy shore gun-fire Friday



near Wonsan, Korea. Serviceman Swan was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Swan of Mill City.

Navy sources indicated that the Dextrous was struck by two shells—believed 75 mm. One explosion tore away the radio antenna and reportedly caused young Swan's death. Swan joined the Navy February 28, 1951. During his "stateside" duty he attended service school for technical training and as a result won an advance in rating.

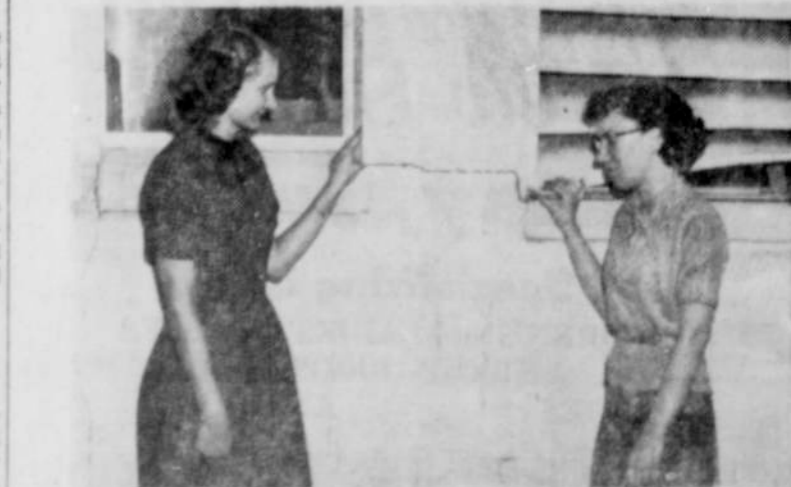
Swan received his formal education in Mill City grade and high schools. He was a member of Mill City high school class of '51; and played baseball during his last year. Before leaving for overseas, Swan spent a leave in Mill City with relatives and his many friends here.

Swan was born December 13, 1932. He is survived by his parents, three brothers, John E. of Illinois; Ronald of Portland; and William A. Swan of Mill City; and a sister Mrs. Albert Smeenk, Portland.

## State Police Nab Out-of-Season Deer Killer

State Police called attention this week to the fact that Francis Raymond Rasnick, Lyons, who lives on McCully Mountain, was arrested and imprisoned for his part in having shot and killed a deer out-of-season. Rasnick was arrested Monday, Jan. 14, on McCully Mt. He was taken before justice of the peace Harlow Weinrick in Albany.

Rasnick pled guilty to the charge of shooting and killing a deer out-of-season and was sentenced to thirty days in jail. Two hunters in the McCully mountain area discovered the carcass of the illegal deer and notified police who in turn brought about the apprehension of Rasnick. Rasnick chose the 30-day jail term rather than the \$200 fine.



Mari-Linn school pupils and their teachers were startled Tuesday morning by a jolting blast within the building about them. The building was damaged in some of its walls and equipment, but no one was harmed by the explosion which occurred in the area of the heating plant of the new building. School has been dismissed because of the blast; and authorities await a full investigation. Some idea of the force of the explosion which abruptly ended the Lyons school classroom studies may be gained by examining the crack in the wall and misshapen ventilator vane of that building as these two Mari-Linn teachers, Miss Norma Miller and Miss Vivian Boyce, are shown doing.