



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam.

Oil Up the Machinery

Why does Mill City remain a sleepy little community in an area that throbs with big things? Outside observers quickly note that Mill City blissfully plugs along each day. Those new to Mill City have high hopes for its future. Many Mill City citizens see only another Hamman mill era. The Hamman mill folded—Mill City promptly followed suit. A co-operative spirit was kindled and the thing glowed cheerfully for a time and then again folded. Now the era of Detroit dam is upon us. No attempt is made here to place a bundle of blame at someone's doorstep—too late for that stuff.

We mentioned the above history not with a feeling of hopelessness, but with a sense of duty. Here we are—a good people in a wonderful area with citizens all over the state rooting hard for us—yet we stare ahead blankly. We pay great attention to our lodges and other fraternal organizations—in them we go places—or so we are led to believe. We do not condemn these social groups—they are very necessary—a step in the right direction. Each such group has a sense of what is needed for the general welfare of all. As the local groups expand their grasp of the community's need, there can not help but be greater action attacking problems common to all who live here.

Community work demands community action and co-operation. The machinery used in performing such work is useful only if it meets and does what must be done. Mill City's chamber of commerce once was an important machine in community work. This civic body is now breaking out all over with a rash of rust and decay. A wise mechanic does not tolerate such happening.

We suggest that the local chamber be polished up and put into running order. Polish it up by making a leader in each Mill City organization a member of the local chamber and directly responsible to his own organization for what he does in the civic body. Put the local chamber into running order by handing it the job of building a public swimming pool for Mill City.

The local chamber can be made into a flexible and hard-hitting civic group. The swimming pool project is but the beginning—other larger projects are yet ahead. Getting a swimming pool for Mill City would be something we all could snap our suspenders about; and what is more—use. Just because winter chases the goose pimples out on our hides now is no reason for letting it freeze solid and silence all effort towards a municipal swimming pool. Each social group is interested in doing its bit for its community—we hereby suggest this as a machine whereby Mill City can again spring to life and act very much alive—how about it?

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FOR QUICK ACTION

The Japanese Peace Treaty has gone to the United States Senate for ratification. The wiser the Senate, the more speedily will it ratify the treaty and the accompanying security pact.

There is a disposition in some quarters to use the threat of nonratification in order to persuade Japan to recognize the Chiang regime on Formosa. We believe such a purpose to be self-defeating. The good will to be won from the Japanese by speedy ratification can bring far greater dividends in post-treaty cooperation and enlightened action than can formal policy commitments exacted under pressure.

Any concessions wrung from the Yoshida government as the price of sovereignty could result in a dangerous weakening of that government at home, whereas a sovereign Japan appealed to on grounds of rational self-interest is likely to be a far more reliable and willing partner of the United States under all eventualities. As a matter of fact, the Japanese people know that the United States for its own good must ratify the treaty and security pact; hence last-minute coercive pressures would seem particularly ill-advised.

A clean, swift ratification could clear the Pacific air of the sort of misrepresentation already trying to fog up Japanese-American relations. — Christian Science Monitor.

INDO-CHINA AND THE UN

Last week Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden issued a sharp warning to the Chinese Reds. Their intervention in southeast Asia, he declared, "would create a situation no less menacing than that which the United Nations met and faced in Korea."

This statement has been hailed as evidence of a new Anglo-American solidarity in the Far East. Taken in conjunction with the Anglo-French American talks at the Pentagon, exploring the possibilities of joint military action of the Chinese Communists should move against Indo-China, it constitutes the sort of forewarning which might have prevented the Korean aggression if made in time.

However, while interest has centered on the kind of aid the United States might give the French in Indo-China in an emergency (i.e., air and naval support, but almost certainly not ground troops), one point in Mr. Eden's speech has not received much attention. It is his emphasis on the UN. In the case of a thrust by Peking into southeast Asia comparable to its Korean intervention, he declared, "the United Nations, I trust, would be equally solid to resist it."

Perhaps it would be. But there is also a possibility that the Asian and Arab nations in the UN would be fairly solidly opposed to backing the French in this case. So great is the antagonism of these nations to the remnants of western colonialism in the East that it still overrides for most of them the far greater Communist menace.

This, of course, is no reason for holding the matter back from UN. It is rather an argument for bringing it before the UN as quickly as possible. Southeast Asia will not be saved purely by Anglo-French-American power except at a cost that would be ruinous to those nations' commitments elsewhere. The task will require the cooperation of Asians themselves and the moral backing of world opinion. The sooner the honest differences of opinion between the non-Communist nations in regard to Indo-China are thrashed out in debate the better.—Christian Science Monitor

Mill City Hi-Lites

By GARY PETERSON

Frances Johnson is back in school after doing some time in the hospital as a result of a car-pedestrian accident.

The Green and Gold casaba crew mauled the Deaf schoolers with a thirty-six point scoring attack in the second half. After a disappointing first half, in which the OSD team led at the first quarter mark 11 to 10 and Mill City took the lead at the halfway stop 19-18, the legions of the green were never topped in fashioning a 55-29 victory. Roy Chase and Denny Marttala took scoring honors with 14 points each. The "B" squad also won, 39-27.

The Detroit Cougars just didn't have a chance against the Timberwolves as the Mighty Men of Mill City high, chewed them up 68-32. Roy Chase dunked 16 points to haul down the scoring lead once again. Richard Verbeck, sophomore regular on the "B" squad who joined the varsity temporarily because of the illness of Bob Shelton, tossed in a cool 12 points to lead the second "five" which spelled the first string during substantial portions of the second and fourth quarters. There was no "B" squad game because various members of the Detroit squad had influenza.

The Teen-Canteen, seemingly thriving again after a short layoff during the fall, has resumed festivities in the firehall.

The girls are supposed to bring lunchbaskets for a basket social this Saturday night. All proceeds go to the March of Dimes program. And, of course, the young gentlemen(?) must come financially prepared (well heeled) especially if they want to lunch with their favorite gal. Baskets will be auctioned off at 10 p.m.

PTA supervisors warn teenagers to come as much as possible, because a minimum of twenty-five in attendance is required in order to pay for the rental of the hall. Election of officers is on the fire for Saturday night, according to Dick Kanoff, president of the club. A good turnout is necessary in order to get the right officers.

A party was held for the Student Body of MCHS and for those students of Gervais high who wished to stay for it. Various students described it as a wonderful success.

Hoodoo Ski Bowl was recently honored by members of the Junior and Senior classes, along with a few Sophomores who managed to stow away for the ski party.

Next week, then, I say.

Three Korean Heroes Receive Medal of Honor, The Highest Fighting Award



Washington, D. C., Sept. 1.—Three Army heroes, pictured after receiving the nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor, from President Truman. They are, from left to right, Sgt. John A. Pittman, Tullala, Miss.; 1st Lt. Carl H. Dodd, Kenvir, Ky.; and 1st Sgt. Ernest R. Kouma, Dwight, Neb. Sgt. Pittman, although wounded, threw himself upon an enemy grenade thus saving the lives of his men. Lt. Dodd spearheaded an attack against a well entrenched enemy position. He single-handedly cleared out a machine-gun nest and led his platoon in wiping out every hostile position. Sgt. Kouma discovered his tank was the only obstacle in the path of an enemy onslaught. He spent nine hours of violent action, running an eight-mile gauntlet through enemy lines, leaving 250 enemy dead behind. Twice wounded he attempted to return to the fighting. These heroes are giving everything in defense of their country, and they expect those at home to do their share. The best way, they say, is "to buy U. S. Defense Bonds." They add: "Defense is your job too. Back the Fall Defense Bond Drive."

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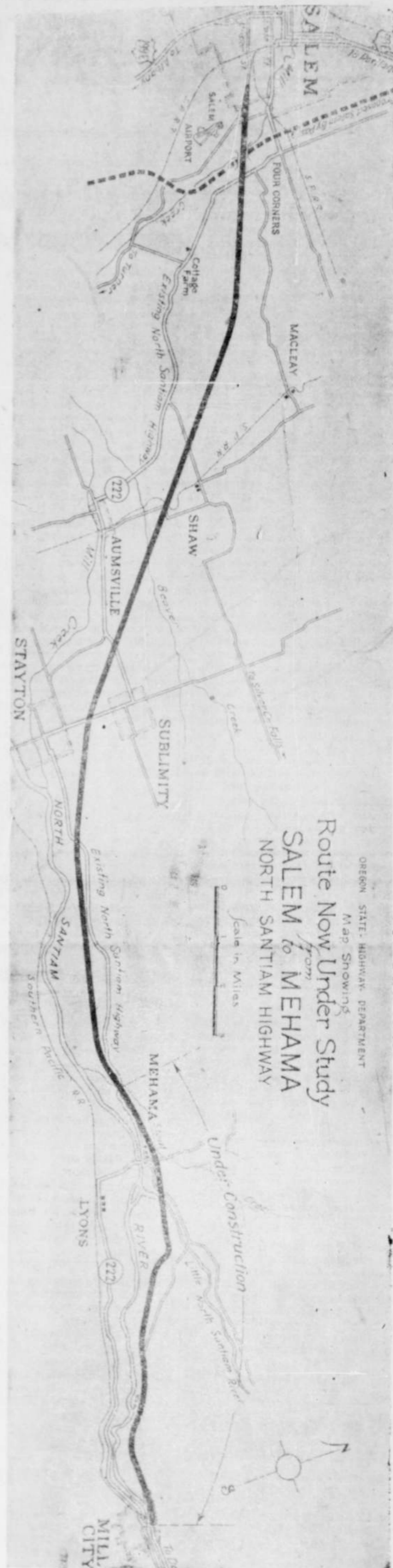
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ONE OF SEVERAL ROUTES PROPOSED FOR THE NEW SANTIAM HIGHWAY—Proposed Santiam highway will follow a straight route and probably skirt a number of towns now situated on the road. The route shown in the map has not been approved and is only tentative. H. R. Baldock, chief engineer of the highway department said that the route shown is but one of several being studied by the department. Entrance into Salem is shown at Mission street but there are several other points where the road may enter the city. Inasmuch as the proposed by-pass roadway east of the city will be started or even finished before the Santiam road is completed it is planned to bring the latter road over the by-pass at Four Corners. (Map courtesy of The Capital Journal)

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