

Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

This week we are coining a new word in our editorial columns. This word is synonymous to depressions and soup-lines as we witnessed and many of you shudder to remember back in the early 30s when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt came to office and was forced to close the banks and set up regulations that stopped the bank failures that had marched through every state in the union until thousands of banks had closed their doors and gone into receivership, while farmers, home owners, and small businessmen lost their homes and property to face a desperate situation that drove many to commit suicide, and that same situation faced many a "big" businessman too, as witness the suicides among their numbers as were reported in the daily papers back in 1929 and 1930.

Yesterday was F. D. R.'s birthday and it is fitting that the word "Tafooverism" was coined on his birthday. Hoover was on the air recently expounding more of his philosophy that lead this country into the greatest depression it has ever known. His under-study Taft is out selling the voters of this United States of America another White Elephant in the 1952 elections. So the word "Tafooverism" comes closest to telling the world what Taft and Hoover have been selling their country all these years by every trick in the books. We don't think the voters of this country will be gullible enough to take another sip of their Tafooverism drug.

Paul Smith, Mill City's famous walking man came in our office today and left a few samples of rock he had picked up in the neighboring hills, last summer. One sample he avers assays very valuable and it was picked up just 18 miles south of Mill City! An amazing man!

Mill City's famous hill, known to many as Baldock's nightmare, and to many others as Banfield's suicide curve, claimed another victim this week. Fortunately the victim was not a human being, but it could very well have been, had it not been for the skillful driving of Bill McCoy, driver of a logging truck, who managed to bring his load to a safe stop before it could spill over and catch someone on the sidewalk in front of the Dawes building.

McCoy was coming down the hill and as he made the turn, the rear broke allowing his trailer to swing out toward cars parked at the foot of the hill, narrowly missing spilling his load of logs onto the cars or into the Mill City Meat Market store front. It was very lucky that the load of logs remained on board, and they missed going off by the narrowest margin!

Just when will someone lose his life on this treacherous hill in order to get it classified as "dangerous" on the books of the state highway commission—that seems to be the only method by which citizens are able to force attention to a dangerous condition. I do not know whether anybody has ever been killed on this hill, but if no one has we can certainly put this case down as one in which the guardian angel of somebody was on the job. The rear wheels of this load just touched the rear end of a parked car and only a few more inches would have been enough to cause the rear wheels to throw their load of logs and somebody might well have been the victim.

How can any highway commissioner permit such conditions to continue, when by cutting a small corner off the Epps Furniture store and cutting down the hill a reasonably safe corner can be maintained at a small cost (Continued on Page 2)

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.
Tonstmistress 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, 2d

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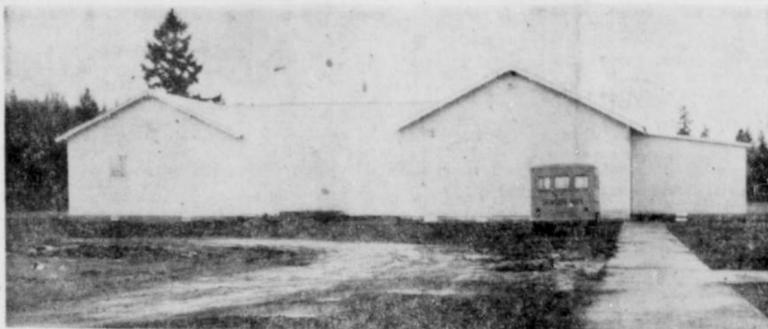
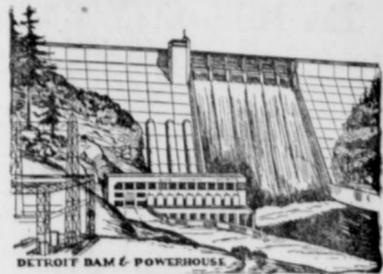
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Mari-Linn school's double gymnasium (top photo) was remodeled from two old gym's when six districts consolidated and adopted the name Mari-Linn. At lower left, Principal Thomas Putman, is shown wheeling the school lunch cart to classrooms, where students dine in their rooms. Serving lunch, at right, are (from left) Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. Melvina Franklin, cooks, and Mrs. Elva Kuiken, teacher. (Photos courtesy The Statesman)

Mari-Linn Grade School Sets Small School Pace

By JEAN ROBERTS

Lyons—Mari-Linn poses as model for all small schools. Consolidation of six districts combined Marion and Linn counties; hence the name. The school boasts nine teachers and nearly 200 pupils.

An alert, broadminded school board, backed by parents is co-operating with school teachers in making the school and gym buildings a community center. Scarcely a night of the week passes that finds the gym idle.

An unusual feature is the Tuesday community night. Led by eighth grade teacher Ralph Hurst, the entire community is invited to come and participate in supervised sports, basketball, volleyball, and tumbling. The gym is double, separated by the school pupils for physical education, basketball and volley ball games; the gym is also used by the Town Team basketball squad. This team practices nearly every night and holds public games about twice a week.

At present the school board and interested parents are investigating the possibilities of roller skating, for a weekly activity.

One of Mari-Linn's largest achievements is a hot-lunch program; operation of which is unique in the state.

The new school building was not built with the idea of serving lunches so was not equipped with a cafeteria to facilitate serving. Determination of interested parents and teachers however, have made possible the serving of meals efficiently despite a small kitchen.

A double-deck cart operating on four wheels is loaded with dishes and kettles containing the day's fare and wheeled to the first grade room at 11:30 a.m. Each teacher is required to help serve all the pupils in her room, staggering the lunch hour from 11:30 to 12:15, when the eighth grade is completely served.

Lunch, meeting government requirements for vitamins and nutrition, is planned by the week to give the pupils a varied menu. The ingenuity of the cooks enable the lunch program to successfully operate on 20-cents a day per pupil, and still serve protein, vegetable, bread and butter and milk each day. Of course left-overs must occasionally be served. The cooks, however, promptly dubbed this dish "football stew" and it was met with acclaim by the pupils. Any pupil desiring a second helping may go to the kitchen for a refill.

Still another accomplishment of this school, which is only in its third year of existence, is a movie projector. Most of the money to purchase this projector was made by the pupils themselves during a magazine subscription campaign. A school-sponsored magic show, as well as modest contributions from local organizations have financed the projector. It is planned to use films to further school work by obtaining educational films that supplement textbooks. The movie projector is also available to local organizations who wish to use it.

Parents, pupils, and teachers are all proud of their school and the advantages it offers, which have only been accomplished by diligent community spirit working to further education. So enthusiastic is the principal Thomas Putman over this progressive school, he has named his first baby daughter Mary Lynn.

Roy Roger's Day Saturday At Mill City Theatre

It's Roy Rogers Day Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Kids' matinee at Mill City theatre, according to Bob Veness, manager.

Feature picture is "Down Dakota Way", starring Roy and Dale. Also there will be a contest. The boy who looks most like Roy; and the girl who looks most like Dale will be picked. Contestants are asked to dress in western garb. Winners will be named king and queen of the cowboys, and will receive fancy prizes.

Jim Walton, Gates High Student, Suffers Accident

Jim Walton, sophomore of Gates high school, was on his way to the school cafeteria last Thursday noon when he fell against a glass door breaking the glass pane and cutting deeply the muscles of his arm.

Walton was taken to the office of Dr. Jack Reid who closed the gaping wound in the high school student's arm. Walton was back in school Monday.

Basket Social Big Success

Thanks to a co-operative spirit and the untiring efforts of a go-getter pair of young men, Mill City collected well over \$250 for the polo cause, Saturday night in the Mill City IOOF hall. Final totals are not yet available because cash contributions have swelled the fund.

Wm. and Chas. Stewart of Mill City, co-chairmen of this year's polo drive, tried a few new angles for raising polo funds. Their most valuable idea was the old-fashioned basket-social.

Heart-tugging phase of the basket social was the giving away of a multi-colored cocker spaniel puppy. "Santiam Sam" Geo. Steffy donated the lovable puppy in the interests of the polo cause. Fifty-cent chances were sold on the puppy. Lucky ticket-holder was Mrs. Joe Harman. Some \$35 was gained from the raffling of the cocker pup.

Santiam Sam carried out the auctioneer's role in the traditional manner and extracted the unusually high figure of \$25 for one supper-box. Bill Stewart, Sr. was the man paying the fee for the costly lunch-box. The basket-social portion of the program netting the polo cause \$204.50.

Orchids were tossed to that pantomine pair of Dick Springer and Bob Paine of Salem. These talented young men donated their time and expenses of the Mill City polo performance to the Mill City polo drive.

Those who enjoyed an entertaining rewarding evening, thank the Odd Fellows for the use of the IOOF hall. The Stewart brothers just thank everyone for their grand support.

Detroit High Students Debate School Move

Seniors of the Detroit high school were the principal speakers at the meeting on Wednesday evening held for the purpose of clearing some points about the coming election to be held on Monday, Feb. 4, for the purpose of determining whether or not the Detroit school should be discontinued and the pupils transported to Mill City for the coming year.

The meeting was conducted in the form of a debate, the affirmative, it should be discontinued and students transported to Mill City was taken by John Davis and Mary Gordon with S. T. Moore summarizing the points made by the affirmative following their talks; the negative was taken by James White and Bob Layman with Mr. J. B. Gordon summarizing the points made. Rebuttals were given by James White and Mary Gordon.

John Davis stressed the fact that the classes would be larger and would better prepare for college than a small class. 2. There would be a greater choice of subject matter, in fields such as science, foreign languages, commercial subjects, etc. 3. There would be more activities from which to choose. 4. There would be a chance for the student national assemblies which comes to larger high schools.

Bob Layman as first speaker on the negative stressed the transportation difficulties, bad roads, ice, snow, slides and rolling rocks to say nothing of the fog and had road conditions at present. 2. Students would be leaving their homes earlier and getting home later and given thus less time for any jobs which they might need to perform at home. 3. People may fail to settle in Detroit in the future if the school is taken out. 4. Since property valuation is based in large measure upon school facilities this might prove a definite handicap. 5. Parents and friends would be unable to attend school functions, games, plays and other things which makes them seem a part of the school.

Mary Gordon, second speaker on the affirmative gave a resume of attendance at the Detroit high school since its beginning in 1937 with (Continued on Page 7)

Otto Alexander Passes At Rainier Thursday

Otto Alexander, 69, old timer here, passed away at his home in Rainier, Ore., last Thursday. His funeral was held in Scio this Tuesday where he was buried.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baltimore and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grimes of Mill City attended the funeral. Mr. Alexander had spent the recent holiday vacation here visiting old friends and was widely known in these parts. Mr. Alexander was an uncle of Mrs. Baltimore.

Howard Bair Breaks Leg on Skiing Trip

Howard Bair, 15, Mill City student Sunday broke his leg in three places just above the ankle. Bair was skiing at Hoodoo bowl when the accident occurred.

Young Bair is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bair of Mill City. He had accompanied Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nesbitt and children, Donald and Francis to the winter playground. The Nesbitts are veteran skiers.

An operation will be performed this week on Howard's leg for the purpose of pinning fragments of the leg bone together so that healing will be speeded up.

The accident happened as Bair was gliding down a gentle slope and struck a siltmark. "Siltmarks", depressions in the snow caused by another skier's tumble, normally are smoothed out by the skier involved. Another skier's careless disregard of this rule netted Bair a severely damaged limb.

Carl Thomas Passes After Long Illness

Carl N. Thomas, 76, single and former resident of the Gates farming area, succumbed of natural causes Saturday afternoon, Jan. 26. Thomas had been in failing health for some four years previous to the time of his death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Watkins of the Mill City Community church, Tuesday.

Thomas was born November 15, 1875, in Colton, Washington. He is survived by two brothers, Norris J. Thomas, of Lyons, Route No. 1; and Clyde G. Thomas of the Belgium Congo, Africa; and five nephews and four nieces. Carl Thomas lived most of his life in Malheur county on a stock farm.

Interment was made in Fairview cemetery. Pall bearers were C. D. Johnson, Bob LaVon, Sam Culwell, Clyde Richards, Jhue Johnson and Joe Bentley.

Kimmel Re-elected To Hospital Board

J. C. Kimmel will serve again on the Santiam Memorial hospital board in the role of vice president. He and the other officers of the board were re-elected during the first annual meeting of the Santiam Memorial hospital in Stayton. Some 200 hospital subscribers were present for the annual meet. The 134 votes cast resulted in the re-election of the entire last year's board of directors.

Immediately following the annual meeting, the board of directors met and re-elected the present officers to serve again. Walter H. Bell, president; J. C. Kimmel, vice president; G. W. Schachtsiek, secretary-treasurer. President Bell reappointed all committees.

Since 21 directors were elected, terms of office were determined by lot, as drawn by the board. This divides the group into three groups, for one, two and three-year terms.

M. H. Schmeer, Jr., architect of the firm of Roald, Schmeer and Harrington, was present and described the building plans.

Walls will be of concrete with brick veneer; alternate bids will be invited. Foundation will be of concrete and floors will be plastered and halls acoustically treated. Floor coverings will include asphalt tile, linoleum and vinyl. Terrazo tile floors will be laid in areas where washing is done often.

Early call for bids for construction of a 34-bed hospital is anticipated. Approval of the federal grant by a board in San Francisco was indicated in telegrams received here Thursday.

Late News Flash . . .

Among contracts let today by the state highway commission, meeting in Portland, is one for \$12,000 for paving First street in Mill City from Broadway to a point .41 of a mile south toward Kingwood to the Rogers Construction Co. of Portland.

A contract was also let for the paving of the new section of the North Santiam highway from Mill City to Mehama, 9.2 miles for \$278,000, to the same company. These paving contracts are to be completed by September of this year.

Accidents Plague Two Log Trucks

Log trucks found this week a bad one for them. One dumped its load in Gates; another nearly raised Cain with the Dawes building in Mill City. Log truck driver Dan Muzechenki was embarrassed slightly this week when his load of logs tumbled near Gates' post office. Bill McCoy, owner-contract carrier of logs, got down Banfield's nightmare route, but the jaunt broke the reach on his log truck. Said logs headed for Mill City Meat Market show window.

Muzechenki was hauling logs for Curtis Deetz of Stayton to Salem, when his unfortunate accident blocked the North Santiam highway for a time at the street intersection in Gates. McCoy's truck broke its reach Wednesday afternoon during the busy time of the day, 4:30 p.m. Again some unseen hand must have been at work in connection with these two accidents because no one received bodily injuries as a result of them.

Mill City Water Given Safe Bacteria Record

Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, drew attention this week to the fact that Mill City's water supply during 1951 was found free of coliform bacteria, according to a letter received by the Mountain States Power company. This is the second consecutive year such a report has been made.

Water samples were submitted regularly each month to an approved laboratory and was of safe bacteriological quality.

Erickson expressed his feeling about this record in this manner, "This is a very fine record and we wish to take this opportunity to commend you and your staff for this accomplishment. Such results reflect careful operation of the water system."

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