



By DON PETERSON

This week the government surplus building recently purchased by the local Boy Scout committee was delivered and unloaded on the site of their new home in the city park.

Shields Remine, chairman of the Lions club amateur show committee, announces that the date of this year's amateur show is not far away—April 17th.

Friday, March 28th, has been set for the school consolidation election in Mill City, Gates, and Detroit-Idanha by the county superintendent of schools as a result of the petitions circulated some time ago asking for this election.

The benefits to be derived by a better school are well known to most of us—a full schedule of high school courses open to every one built into an economically sound and efficient unit.

Then there is the argument of financial cost of maintaining a high school in the Detroit area. The taxable valuation in the Detroit-Idanha district is very small and for that district to build a school on such a small valuation would be prohibitive.

We have no axe to grind in this matter, and as far as I am concerned it does not matter to me what the results are.

Coming Events . . .

- MONDAY—American Legion Auxiliary 3d Mon. Lions club meeting. A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting 3rd 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. Lions Auxiliary 4th Tuesday. Riders of the Santiam, 1st 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 106—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m. Altar Society 3d Wednesday 8 p.m. P.T.A. second Wednesday 8 p.m. THURSDAY—Theta Rho Club for Girls, meets 2d and 4th Thursdays. Gates P.T.A. 1st Thursday 8 p.m. American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs. Garden club fourth Thursdays. 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 Women's club, 2nd.

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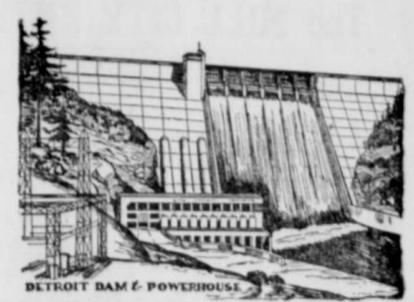
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Oregon Hardwood Industry Studied

Oregon State College—Ways to expand the Oregon hardwood industry have been under study by Jack Pfeiffer of the industrial relations section of the Oregon Forest Products laboratory on the Oregon State college campus.

Two major obstacles—lack of familiarity with hardwood operation techniques and with the market on the part of the operators—have been largely responsible for the "off and on" Oregon hardwood sales, Pfeiffer said.

These two deficiencies have been transmitted to the hardwood user who hesitates to purchase Oregon hardwood because of poor manufacture and because he can not always be sure of a steady supply.

To help clear up some of the troubles that have crippled Oregon hardwood output and to increase consumer confidence, a satisfactory hardwood log and lumber grading system will be organized. Co-operating with the laboratory will be local hardwood interests and the U. S. Forest Products laboratory at Madison, Wis.

A large profit in the Oregon softwood field has long overshadowed the potential hardwood industry. Most lumber mill equipment is geared to softwood production. A high-value and high-caliber product would be marketed if operators were informed of minor, but important, adjustments necessary for a switch-over, Pfeiffer said.

Oregon hardwoods, according to preliminary research at the laboratory, compare favorably in physical properties with Eastern and Southern hardwoods.

Ten Oregon hardwoods in order of quantity are alder, tanoak, maple, madrone, California black oak, cottonwood, Oregon white oak, ash, chinquapin, and myrtle.

Charles Umphresses Named Registrars

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Umphresses have been named voters registrars for Mill City and the surrounding area for Linn county, according to information received from R. M. Russell, county clerk.

The Umphresses' own the Chuck's Shoe Shop on Broadway avenue in Mill City where they maintain hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. making it easy to find and both Mr. and Mrs. Umphress have authority to register citizens for the coming elections.

Registration for the Oregon spring primaries closes on April 15, 30 days prior to the primary election. Six months residence in a community is also required to be eligible to vote at an election.

Construction Starts On New School

Mill City grade school hits the front pages with something new. This time it is a grade school annex. This new building will take on the usage normally given a classroom-music building.

Vital statistics on the multi-purpose structure now scheduled show building specifications of 104 by 28 feet overall plus an eight foot wide covered corridor on the south side of the building. The new structure will have a flat roof.

A contract for \$38,272.00 was let last week by the board to C. W. Hill and Son, contractors of Salem. This newest addition to the Mill City grade school plant will have its own individual heating system. Mills Construction company of Salem bid \$42,200.00 on this building, which will have two classrooms, one available as a music room. Work on the building started this week.

\$33,755.00 allotted by the federal government under Public Law 815 is immediately available for use on this building according to school board members.

Chinchilla Family Appears At Mill City Furniture

Ever see a chinchilla family? There is a papa, mamma and two kiddy chinchilla on display in the Mill City Furniture store. The Marsh Chinchilla ranch of Salem has the fur bearing animals on show Friday and Saturday.

The Marsh ranch is the Salem representative and associate of the Allied Fur Industry Inc. The chinchilla exhibit has been made possible because of inquiries about them from this area, according to Marsh ranch spokesmen.



The Red Cross must cover the world these days—do your part—answer the call.

Portland Auto Show Opens Saturday

Portland — More than \$2,000,000 worth of land, sea and air transportation equipment goes on display here Saturday when Portland's huge Motor Show opens in the Pacific International Pavilion.

In addition to 108 new 1952 models, there will be a costly array of antique autos, hot rods and custom, racing and sports cars. Luxury trailers, trucks, airplanes and hydroplanes expand the display.

The famous Gold Cup champion speed boat, Slo-Mo-Shun V, will be sent here from Seattle for showing.

The expanded auto show, Portland's first in 13 years, will occupy all 11 acres of the big North Portland plant. In the main arena, a \$19,000 stage show will be offered twice daily, starting Henry Busse and his orchestra, screen stars Preston Foster and Sheila D'Arcy and a strong supporting cast.

The show will be open from noon until midnight daily.

Airmen Must Have Identification Cards

"All airmen including pilots, mechanics, and others must have their identification cards on their person at all times while performing their duties," Charles F. Horne, administrator of civil aeronautics warned today.

If a person is performing airman duties without having the proper proof of his qualifications on his person, he will be cited for a violation which may involve a fine.

Applicants for the airman identification card must apply in person to the local aviation safety district office, CAA, and present his airman certificate, proof of place and date of birth (birth record, passport, baptismal certificate, or affidavit from an individual having personal knowledge of place and date of birth), and two recent identical photos, full face, one inch square.

Mrs. Philaine Digerness Final Rites in Salem

The John Muir family attended the funeral services held Saturday for Mrs. Philaine Digerness, sister of Mrs. Muir. The funeral was in Salem. Mrs. Digerness was quite well known in Mill City and had many good friends in this city.

Mrs. Muir's sister visited Mrs. Irene Nettleton and Mrs. Telmer Iverson in Mill City several times in the past. Mrs. George Veteto, Mrs. John Swan of Mill City and Mrs. Joe Joaquin of Gates also were present for the last rites for Mrs. Digerness.

Legion Post Celebrates 33rd Anniversary

American Legion post 58 observed their 33 anniversary with a pot luck supper held in conjunction with the business meeting at the Rebekah hall in Lyons Wednesday evening. The anniversary was held on a nation wide basis of the March anniversary with Mrs. Earl Allen, Mrs. Percy Hiatt, Mrs. George Huffman of Lyons and Mrs. Jabe DeJardin of Stayton as hostess. George Duncan was master of ceremonies, during the supper hour Cecil Bassett played several accordion numbers, and Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Feenstra favored with vocal solos. Vice Commander Fred Louche from Mt. Angel was present and gave a short talk.

Santiam Sportsmen Criticize Game Laws

The deer problem got some working over during the recent confab of the North Santiam Sportsman's club in the Mehama Women's club meeting hall. Community sportsmen joined in hashing out some decision about the crop damage inflicted by the canyon's deer population.

Eager "either sex" deer hunt espousers voiced themselves first when discussion opened. Game commission policy on deer hunting came in for criticism. Chief gripes were the drawing method of gaining a hunting permit and additional fees for special seasons.

Proponents of the status quo cited better fencing and controlled doe shoots as the only local measures warranting attention.

Evidence given during the meeting indicated that damage in certain areas ran into thousands of dollars. Some farmers stated that some 20 to 25 deer were eating their crops and bedding down in their fields on a 24-hour-a-day basis.

State officials sat in on the North Santiam Sportsman Club assembly numbering some 70 persons. Present for the state were Leg Sumwalt, Larry Jack and Bert Walker.

Miss Mikkelsen Honored By 'YW' Chairmanship

Miss Sue Mikkelsen, 1951 graduate of Mill City high school, had conferred upon her the honor and duties of promotion chairman of the YWCA on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene recently.

"Y News", a campus bi-monthly publication sponsored by the campus "Y" will be under the able management of Miss Mikkelsen. Sue will also have charge of the campaign of interesting next year's crop of freshmen girls in the "Y's" program. Sue will have as her propaganda mediums student parties, speeches and newspapers.

Stiffler Named Red Cross Chairman Mill City Area

Lowell Stiffler, owner of Stiffler's Radio and Appliance store in Mill City, takes the helm for this year's Red Cross campaign. Delmer Davidson of Jefferson is the rural drive chairman for Marion county. Jack Lacy, Detroit dam representative for CBI, will co-ordinate union and management effort in the current Red Cross drive. Half the funds raised in this area will be shared with the Linn county chapter of the Red Cross, according to Frank M. Parcher, manager of the Marion county chapter of the American National Red Cross.

Foresters Probe For Re-forestation Land

The state forestry department is now examining cut-over forest lands in Marion county to determine eligibility for classification as reforestation land under the Oregon forest fee and yield tax law, according to Phil Brogan, reforestation director. Over 35,000 acres of privately owned land in the county are now on the reforestation list.

Preliminary word by the department indicates many more areas in Marion county are eligible for classification. Those areas have not been included either because they were not cut-over prior to the last classification in the county or because the landowners have not been aware of the features of the reforestation act, Brogan stated.

Lands classified are removed from the ad-valorem tax roll of the county and placed on a special tax roll whereby the landowner pays a 5 cent per acre per year forest fee. Fire patrol tax is assessed the same as under ad-valorem. At the time the timber crop is harvested a 12% per cent yield tax, based on the stumpage value of the timber, is made thus deferring the bulk of the tax burden to a time when the landowner is better able to pay.

If the present examination reveals sufficient demand for additional classification, a hearing will be conducted this year to decide if such classification is in the best interest of the landowners and the county. The state forestry department will receive requests for classification from the landowners, but such requests must be filed with the state forester early enough for the lands to be examined this summer and listed by September 1, 1952.

Hutcheson Reports Real Estate Transactions

W. R. Hutcheson reports several large real estate deals which have been completed recently. The Marion County Investment company have purchased the Don Gesner place for the sum of \$20,000. This place is located three miles east of Gates on highway 222, comprising about 90 acres of land and a number of tourist cabins. Chuck's Tavern is also located on the place, which was formerly known as the Dike ranch.

Amandus Frank of Stayton recently purchased the Steel ranch in central Oregon, Hutcheson states, for the sum of \$42,500.

The Heath Logging company has completed the purchase of the Squaw Creek ranch, located five miles east of Sisters, the purchasing price was \$75,000.

'52 Softball League Play Organized

Lee Logging, Kelly Lumber, CBI Engineers, Chuck's Tavern and Mill City Fire department have reserved rights in the coming softball season according to Russ Kelly and Chet Ferguson, league officials.

Mill City firehall was the scene of an important softball meet, Monday evening. Discussion on forming the 1952 softball league play held the center of attention. Tentative plans call for a six-team league and a twilight play schedule starts approximately the 20th of May.

The main reason for the twilight play is the getting of their teams lined up and ironing out of the players' winter kinks by team managers. After this round of play will come the regular season softball under lights July 4th. Last year a record crowd enjoyed the softball games and a brilliant fireworks display sponsored by the Mill City Fire department and CBI.

Further softball meetings are planned Monday evening, April 14 and May 12. At these meetings entrance fees and other important business will be transacted. There is room in the pending schedule of play for one or two more softball teams. All softball players and softball enthusiasts are welcome at the scheduled softball sessions in April and May.

Legion Auxiliary Plans Poppy Sale Strategy

Mrs. Nell Stahlman and Mrs. Mar-thetta Jones will be co-hostesses for the next meet of the Mill City American Legion Auxiliary. The Legion ladies will gather in the Stahlman home in Mill City, Monday night, March 17, at 8 p.m. The coming Poppy campaign will be the focal point of the evening's business.

Mrs. Tearly Muir, president of the Legion Auxiliary said, "We hope all the members will turn out at this meeting so that our Poppy program can be discussed and planned. Any new members interested in joining our Auxiliary can receive information at the Muir bakery. Dues are past due and now payable."

Crew of 'The Oregon Special'



SOMEWHERE IN KOREA—(Special)—Crew-chief Cpl. Ernest L. Podrabsky of Mill City and armorer, Pfc. Charles R. Pierce of Salem, congratulate their pilot, Lt. David H. Poling of Albany, at the completion of another mission of "The Oregon Special", jet plane manned by complete Oregon crew, now at an advance base in Korea. (Air Force Photo courtesy of The Statesman)