

Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

Tomorrow night Friday, March 21 residents of the canyon are invited to attend a benefit card party at Gates high school recreation rooms sponsored by the Gates P.T.A. Prizes for canasta, five hundred and pinocle are planned, and refreshments are included in the 50 cent admission charge. Everyone is invited to attend according to the committee.

Those listening to the radio tonight may have caught the significant fact that our enterprising theatre operator, Bob Veness, has scheduled the academy award winning picture "An American in Paris" for this Sunday and Monday. Bob has consistently been showing fine pictures over the years, and again has come through with a "first".

Paul Smith, our famous walking man, has been doing a good turn again by supervising the cleaning up of Fairview cemetery and burning off the old grass and moss on the grounds. In doing so he has exposed old cans, bottles, and broken glass which need to be picked up and carried away. Paul needs an hour help from as many as will come out and help to do the job and put the cemetery in a neat, clean condition. He tells us he would like as many as possible to turn out next Sunday afternoon if the weather permits. In case of rain or snow then the following Sunday will be the day for all hands to turn out.

This week we noticed many ladies again fighting the "splashing" of water that flies up in their faces as they cross the Santiam bridge here in Mill City. The floor of the bridge is so level that water stands in puddles all along the curb side next to the sidewalk and as a car comes along it splashes the water up in your lap and face—very refreshing to say the least.

We are happy to see the interest being shown in the consolidation issue being studied in the canyon communities. It is a definite sign of democracy at work and the people informing themselves on issues that are to be decided. This week we received a letter from Mr. J. Cal Schlador of Detroit discussing the points in favor of keeping the high school in Detroit—it is printed in full under our column, "Editor's Letter Box."

First, if we have the impression that Mill City is trying to get students away from Detroit, Idanha or Gates, then I agree we should defeat the consolidation issue. Mr. Schlador used his "end quote" too soon, because the full quotation says "If we will succeed in the struggle for survival in this, a great future industrial area, we must step forward with some action."

I think our masthead will show that we have always included every community in this canyon area, that we have always advocated canyon-wide action through the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce, that the policy of this newspaper has always been for the whole canyon, and not pitting any one community against another for any reason. During the past discussions on the subject of union high school or consolidation we have tried to show that every student in the area would benefit by having only one high school, so well equipped that no other school could claim to be any better.

Mill City was here before the dam was started and it will continue to be here afterward the same as Gates, Detroit and Idanha. These communities have not been boom towns in any sense of the word, such as the communities Mr. Schlador refers to at the Parker, Coolidge, and Shasta dam sites. The communities Mr. Schlador speaks of were only "camps" and were not in existence before the

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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.
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 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

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The picture above shows the present state of construction of Detroit dam. When the dam is completed the top will be on a level with the point indicated by the arrow. The dam will be 463 feet high from foundation to deck, 1579 feet above sea level, and will be 1580 feet long. Maximum width at the base will be 335 feet. (Photo courtesy Capital Journal)

Ancient Building Found Interesting

By JEAN ROBERTS

A building at least 79 years of age has recently been dismantled and burned. The house, owned by the Keith Phillips family, was built prior to 1873, as newspapers bearing this date were used to paper walls.

Hand hewed sills, fastened with wooden pegs had been used to construct the house, but the pegs now crumble to sawdust in one's hand.

The old fireplace was built of soapstone sawed from a hill on the property.

Reading from the newspapers on the wall, advertising of the 1870's sounds odd now: One read: "Revolving Shoe Heel Co.—revolving shoe heel doubles the durability of shoes and boots—saves expense of reheeling—is noiseless." A shot gun was advertised for sale in large letters, it reads: "A double barrel gun, warranted genuine twist barrels and a good shooter or NO SALE. With flask, pouch and a wad cutter, for \$15."

Patent medicine advertisements were plentiful such as: "Keynote to health. Health is wealth, wealth means independence. The keynote is Dr. Bosanko's cough and lung syrup."

Deafness and catarrh was of no concern in those days as a lady advertised to cure anyone afflicted, by a "simple Indian recipe." Not to be outdone was Dr. Henleys Celery Beef and Iron. A nerve tonic and "remedy for broken down constitutions."

The Hon. David Davis, a candidate for an office in 1877 was described as "a very opulent man, but he is quite simple in his tastes and ways, but by no means averse to the pleasant things of the table, edible and potable."

An excerpt from the Science Weekly reads: "Washing the ear out with soap and water is bad and makes it absorb the dust with which the air always abounds."

An item of foreign news also dated 1877 says: Ten thousand workers in the flax mills at Leeds, are on a strike for a reduction of their time to nine hours a day.

Registration Deputies Named for Linn County

The Linn county clerk, R. M. Russell issued a news release this week setting out the names and addresses of those in Linn county who may register voters. The list includes for this district the following:

Chas. and Nellie Umphress in Mill City at their shoe repair shop.
M. G. Brassfield at the I.G.A. Store in Lyons.

Rilla M. Schaffer at her home in Idanha.

Registration closes for the May Primaries on April 15th and all are urged to take time out to register before the deadline, according to County Clerk Russell.

Body of Gerald Swan Arrives From Far East

Among the servicemen whose bodies arrived abroad the Winthrop Victory when it docked in San Francisco from the Far East March 14 was Gerald L. Swan, electrician's mate, fireman apprentice, Mill City.

The Navy man, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Swan, was killed January 14, when his ship, the minesweeper Dextrous, was hit off the Korean coast near Wonsan.

Amos Leonard Hiatt Passes at His Home

Amos Leonard Hiatt, 81, passed away at his home in Lyons Monday afternoon March 17 at 4 p.m. He was born at Ringo county, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1870 and came to Oregon with his parents when a small boy.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 9:30 from the St. Patrick Catholic church here in Lyons with interment in the Fox Valley cemetery. He is survived by his widow Martha Hiatt, 66, son Percy J. Hiatt of Lyons, one daughter Mrs. Veronica Thoma of Lebanon, three grandchildren and one great grandchild, two brothers Elmer Hiatt of Lyons, and Charles Hiatt of Redmond.

CBI Workers Swell March of Dimes Fund

Stuart Compton, Marion County treasurer of the 1952 March of Dimes, reported today that he had just received a check for \$1,136.10 from Edgar F. Kaiser of the Consolidated Builders, Inc., representing contributions of the Detroit Dam workers.

This additional contribution was transmitted to William R. Stewart and C. R. Stewart, Mill City co-chairmen for the March of Dimes, by J.E. Lents, administrative manager for the Consolidated Builders.
R. L. Elfstrom and Jason Lee, Marion County co-chairmen for the 1952 March of Dimes, expressed their thanks to the Detroit Dam workers and to all of the Marion County contributors who have shared in making the March of Dimes campaign a success.

Kelly Calls Chamber Meet Tuesday Night

Mill City Chamber of Commerce is stirring to life. The chamber's board of directors caucused Tuesday noon in Ede's Cafe. In the face of problems of this community Russell Kelly, president of the chamber, is thumping the tub for recruits for the battle. The directors set March 25 at 8 p.m. in the Legion hall as the time and place for re-organizing the Mill City chamber of commerce.

Kelly said, "There's plenty to work on and many other matters coming up!" The directors of the Mill City chamber voiced the need for civic action in community problems. The meeting Tuesday, March 25, at 8 p.m. is the kick-off in building a fighting chamber of commerce for Mill City.

Detroit PTA Holds Public Meeting

Detroit's P.T.A. thinks enough about the current school district consolidation issue that it will foster a debate on just that. Announcement was given this week by J. B. Gordan, clerk of Detroit school district 123-J that a public debate will be held at Detroit grade school, Monday, March 24, at 8 p.m.

Speaking for consolidation will be Otis J. White and Huber Ray. Those supporting the negative reportedly are Mrs. Reba Snyder and Nolan Rasnick.

After the debate proper, the meeting will be thrown open for a general discussion on the issue of consolidation of the Detroit, Gates and Mill City school districts.

Woodworkers Cast Their Strike Ballots

Strike vote ballots will go out to more than 50,000 CIO Woodworkers in the five northwest states early next week, IWA-CIO President A. F. Hartung announced today. Ballots are to be returned postmarked not later than April 14 and will be counted April 17, followed by a meeting April 18 to take further action on the basis of the tally.

Industry-wide bargaining between the northwest regional negotiating committee of the IWA and principal employer groups representing some 250 operations in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California was at a standstill this week, which precipitated the union's action.

The Woodworkers ask for a 20-cent-an-hour wage boost plus a more liberal vacation clause, shift differential pay, three more paid holidays to make six in all, leave of absence clause, travel time for loggers, rest periods and minimum crews on power saws.

The employers' groups have "offered" to renew present contracts with no changes. Industry-wide contracts expire April 1.

There are some 350 other operations under IWA in the states with which negotiations are continuing.

The union contends it has about 9 cents an hour coming under the cost-of-living adjustment as of December 15, 1951, and that the additional 11 cents is due on increased productivity and standard of living increase.

BLS figures for West coast saw mills and planing mills show an average hourly wage of \$1.69 in 1949 and \$1.89½ in 1951, showing an 18.5 cent increase. But reduced to 1939 spendable dollars through increases in cost of living and taxes, the boost actually amounts to only 2½ cents, or \$1 a week, based on a 40-hour week," Hartung said.

Sorosis to Have Fine Arts Meeting

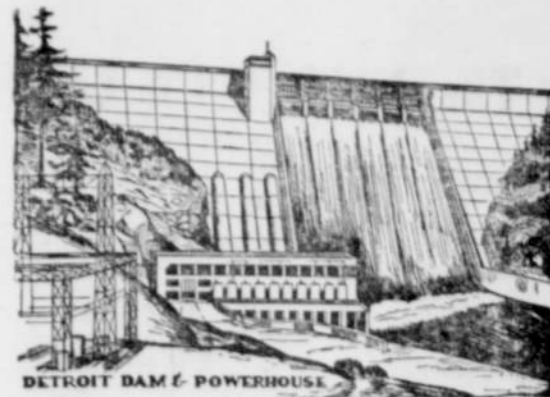
Mrs. Lester Hathaway, Mill City, fine arts chairman for the Third district, Oregon Federation of Womens clubs, will be guest speaker for Portland Sorosis at the fine arts departmental meeting and tea Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Her subject will be "Art is a Religion to Me." She sponsors an annual art exhibit at Mill City.



Estes I. Jones, (left) commissaryman, first class, USN, whose wife resides in Mill City, with the aid of a navy man from Pueblo, Colo., J. F. Anthony, commissaryman seaman, takes pictures of the ruins of Urakami Catholic church in Nagasaki, Japan, a city devastated by the atomic bomb late in World War II. The navy men are serving aboard the amphibious force flagship, USS Estes in the Far East. Jones is a veteran of World War II recalled to active duty in February, 1951.

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North Santiam Chamber Talks Recreational Plans

The main business of the Wednesday meeting of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce centered on the recreational future of the area which will surround Detroit dam reservoir.

Owen Davis, of the Army Engineers stated that recreation possibilities may not come up to the estimation of some because of the necessary fluctuation of the reservoir's water level, approximately twenty-three feet. He told of an estimate by the Engineers and Forest Service which sets the annual number of guests at 65,000, with fifty thousand of these during the period between May 1 and September 31 yearly.

Davis outlined a tentative plan for the use of lands surrounding the reservoir. When the question arose as to the possibility of summer homes on the lake front, Davis explained that a federal law stated that a strip of land of specified width must be set aside for public use.

President J. C. "Doc" Kimmel next introduced Jack Smith, of the Forest Service, who showed the group a map of the Detroit Dam Reservoir and Area with the planned camp areas colored in. Six choice spots were reserved for public use as camping and picnic sites; six lesser sites are for organizations—the Boy Scouts, the YMCA, church groups, etc. Also included in the plan is a summer home area, near but not on the lake shore, two resort areas, and one camping area on the island which is accessible only by boat.

The Engineers and the Forest Service, Smith disclosed, has a small fund for early development, but stated this sum is pitifully inadequate. There are three means of obtaining the necessary money: direct appropriation by congress; the Tackett Bill, which provides ten per cent of the profit derived from Federal lands be applied for recreation development and wildlife; and the least attractive plan—charging those who use the forests.

Retail Workers Gain Five Cents Per Hour

A five cents an hour increase has been added to the hourly minimum wage in the retail trades industry, Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey said today in announcing new rulings of the state wage and hour commission for the mercantile and cannery industries of Oregon.

The new minimum wage for stores up from 65 cents to 70 cents an hour applies to ALL women and EXPERIENCED minors working in the retail trade. It is the first pay-boost in the mercantile industry's minimum wage since May 1948.

This order sets a minimum of 60 cents an hour for any minor having less than four hundred hours retail experience except in the cases of high school and college students working out-of-school hours. A learning period of eight hundred hours has been established for such students after which the 70 cents hourly minimum becomes effective.

In cases of emergency an employer may now apply to the state labor commissioner for permits to work women and minors in excess of the state maximum—8 hours a day, 44 hours a week—but all such overtime must be paid for at the rate of not less than \$1.50 per hour for experienced help and 90 cents an hour for learners.

Rest periods for retail store employees also came in for overhauling in the order just adopted by the commission after a series of public hearings. Heretofore, the law has ordered ten minutes rest periods for each four hours of working time, to be taken in the forenoon and the afternoon. Under the new order if the forenoon work is less than two hours and forty-five minutes the morning's rest period need not be given but a twenty minute rest period becomes due in the afternoon. It is ordered that rest periods shall be free of duties and no wage deductions shall be made for them.

Tax Benefit Given Disabled Veterans

Disabled veterans and war widows were warned today that April 1 is the last day on which they may apply for a \$1,500 property tax exemption provided by state law. Application is made to the county assessor in the county where the property is located.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs said the special tax exemption on homes or personal property is available to the following persons:

1. Any war veteran with a 40 percent disability or more, as certified by the Veterans Administration or a branch of the armed forces. The veteran must obtain this statement from the Portland VA regional office, or from the branch of service from which he was retired, and submit it to the county assessor when he applies for the tax exemption.
2. The un-remarried widow of a war veteran. She must submit proof of the husband's military service and copies of the marriage and death certificates.
3. Any union veteran of the Mexican, Civil or Indian wars.
4. Any war veteran who, lacking a disability rating from the VA or the armed forces, submits a certified statement from his physician and the county health officer that he is 40% disabled. The veteran in this category is not entitled to the exemption of his gross income in the last calendar year exceeded \$2,500.

The applicant must also submit proof that the property is recorded in his name. All evidence supporting his claim must be filed before the April 1 deadline. The tax exemption applies to the person's homestead—that is, the property he owns and on which he desires—or to his personal property.

Men who have served in the armed forces for 90 days or more since June 25, 1950, are now classed as war veterans and they or their widows may receive the exemption if they otherwise qualify.

Widows of Spanish-American war veterans receive another \$500 exemption in addition to the \$1,500, for a \$2,000 total exemption.