



By DON PETERSON

Scouting is celebrating another milestone in its life here in Mill City this Saturday evening when a court of honor will be conducted by Ferris White of Salem, advancement chairman for the state at the Mill City park at 7:30 p.m.

At this court of honor the first local boy to receive his Eagle badge will be Richard Verbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Verbeck. Richard has been a hard worker in local Scouting for several years earning his credits and has finally reached that goal of all Scouts the highest rank in Scouting, that of Eagle. Scoutmaster Charles Kelly urges all to attend the outdoor ceremonies in the city park. Other awards will also be given to the other scouts.

Sunday morning the scouts are planning to leave for Camp Pioneer where they will enjoy a week of camping under the guidance of Scoutmaster Kelly and the camp directors.

Lee Knowles, was appointed councilman this week to fill the unexpired term of Wm. Hutcheson, resigned, and was initiated at a special session of the Mill City council Wednesday night. He will be street commissioner. The council first took up the problems of taking over the street and lighting in the CBI addition, sold to the government last week by the CBI for the use of the operating personnel of the dam.

Knowles paid a visit to the pulp mill in Lebanon this week and reported that we can get pulp liquor for \$22 a load to put on our streets. Two coats are recommended and Knowles was authorized to take care of SE. Fairview street going out to the mill pond and the county road now known as Kingwood street. Knowles has been busy getting co-operation of those involved and collecting the finances for these projects. Lee Logging is helping to finance the job since its trucks are heavy users of these streets.

A visit to Detroit Monday of this week shows the new city fast getting "settled" after its moving day just past. New buildings are going up and streets being graded so that one gets a good feeling when he looks over the possibilities of the new city. They are holding elections next month to select a city council and governing body for their new community. The telephone company is busy installing new dial phones and in about two months they expect to be in operation. We should closely watch this new improvement, and perhaps we can also have them here someday.

Last Sunday afternoon the Willamette valley and Salem in particular was entertained by an afternoon of "Bug" racing in Bush Pasture park. I was one who took in and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon of races. In case you don't know what "bug" racing is I had better make myself clear. "Bug" or Soap Box racing is where a boy builds a small motorless car and rides it down a hill in competition with other boys. The final winner of the day winning an opportunity of an expense paid trip to Akron, Ohio, to take part in a national Soap Box Derby with other boys from all parts of the country. Over 100 boys took part in this race and it was thrilling as anyone in attendance will testify. As they pass the finish line the boys are traveling about 25 miles per hour in their little cars. Boys from all over the immediate area adjacent to Salem took part and the day proved particularly exciting when two brothers finally were opposing each other in the final race. The younger brother won the Class B races and the older boy the Class A races. As they passed the finish line the older boy was only a matter of two feet ahead of his younger brother. The Capital Journal was one of the sponsors of this event and I think they should be complimented for their fine work and efforts in making it the success it was.

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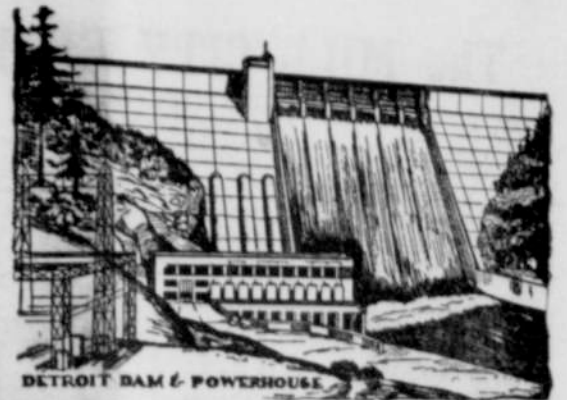
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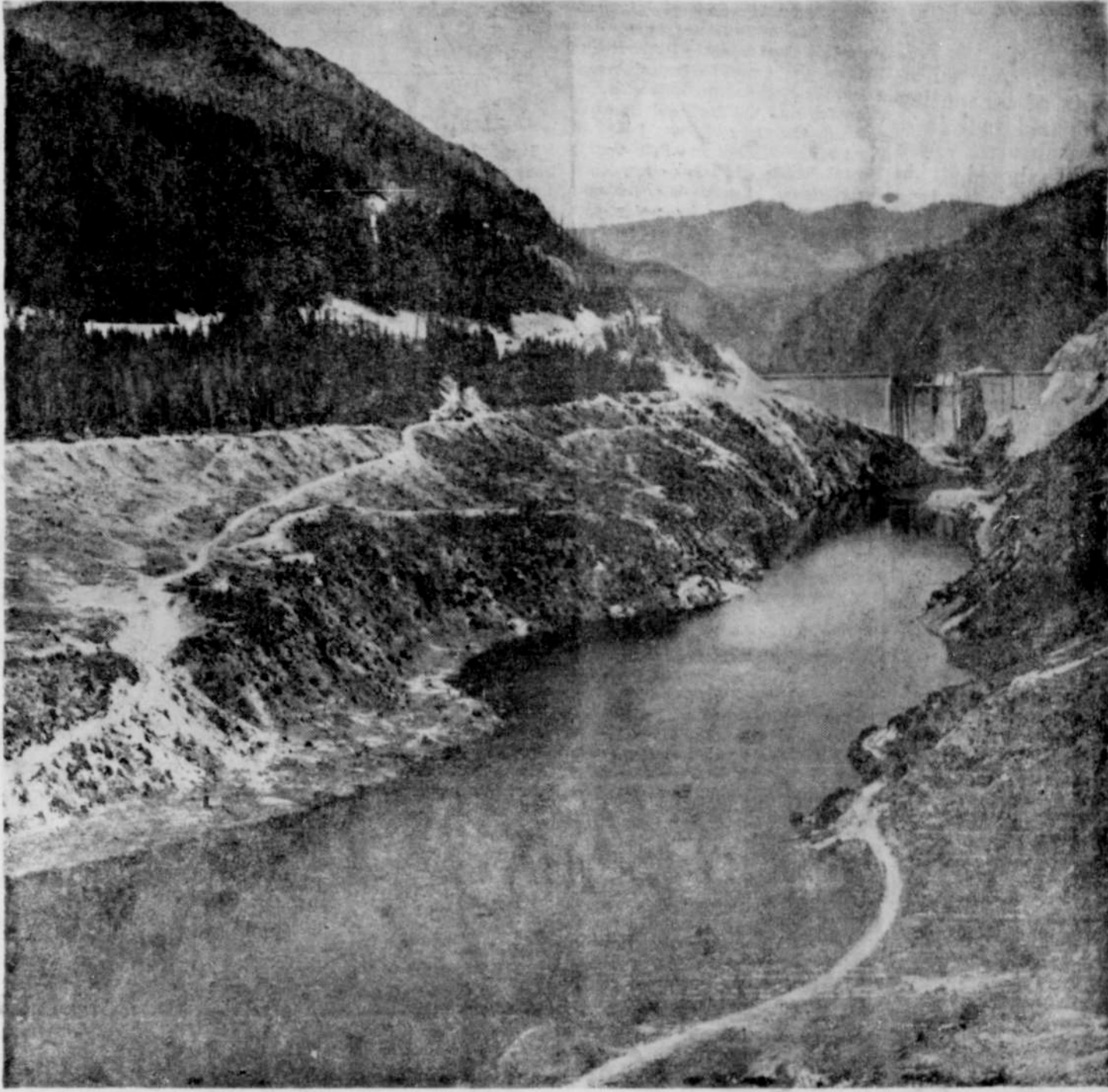
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Lake Grows Behind Detroit Dam in North Santiam Canyon



A river with a big future is the above portion of the North Santiam in which Detroit dam's reservoir is now forming. Above photo was taken about one mile upstream from dam, visible in background. Water-level of this portion of the reservoir will remain about as shown, authorities report, until fall rains send it

rising. But it may be two years before the big basin fills. Tree-line on left bank shows where trees were cleared for floor of reservoir. Water will eventually rise near that point. It will also rise near the level of the North Santiam highway.

(Statesman Photos by Charles Ireland, Valley Editor)

Government Buys 15 M.C. Houses

Purchase of 15 houses from Consolidated Builders, Inc., in Mill City by the U.S. government was disclosed Friday by C. R. Overholser, resident engineer at Detroit dam.

The houses now being used by supervisory personnel on the Detroit dam project will be used later by operating personnel for the new dam.

Possession of the dwellings will be taken on a progressive basis, with operating personnel moving in as construction supervisors withdraw from the project.

Cost of the 15 units to the government was not disclosed. However, the original cost of the 21 units in the project was approximately \$250,000.

Consolidated Builders withheld six residential units from the sale to provide housing facilities for personnel until the Detroit and Big Cliff projects are completed and accepted by the government.

The residences are situated in the south part of Mill City not far from the city park.

Richard's Tavern Sold This Week

Richard's Tavern, something of a landmark in the city of Gates, has succumbed to these modern times. It too has changed hands. Daisy and Ned Richards have sold their business to the Lewis W. Browns of Kennewick, Wash. Richard's Tavern will come under the management of its new owners about August 1.

For some 27 years the Richards have operated a pool hall and then with the passing of prohibition in 1933 they operated a tavern in the same building. They moved to Gates in February, 1925 from Mill City, when Mr. Richards took over the road foreman's position, which he held for over 20 years.

Daisy and Ned have become widely known for their management of the tavern and were the oldest continuous operators of a tavern in the canyon. Byron Davis in Mill City now will be the oldest in the business with his nine years of continuous operation after the Browns takes over management of Richard's tavern.

Carl Bradens Return For Home Town Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Braden of Smith Center, Kans., have been visiting the families of Mr. Braden's sisters, Mrs. Paul Horner and Mrs. Verne Clark. They have visited a number of scenic places of the state, including Belnap springs, Peterson's rock gardens, Silver Creek Falls and the beaches.

They have made trips to the higher elevations to take colored pictures of the beautiful rhododendrons that are in bloom at this time of year.

Braden was a resident of the Gates community during the first part of the century and packed freight on horses from Gates to the mines beyond Elkhorn. It gave him quite a thrill to find his initials that he had written with a pencil in a cave forty-three years before.

At that time there was a post office at Elkhorn and Braden's mother was postmistress at Gates.

Santiam Riders Take Part In Horse Show

Members of the Santiam Riders will act as the host riding club for Stayton's '52 Bean Festival Horse Show, it was announced today by Gene Teague, chairman of that event. In addition to participation in the different events, the canyon horsemen will be directing traffic up to the time of the parade which starts at 1 p.m. on August 2nd.

The official list of events for a full afternoon of free fun has been announced by Mr. Teague as follows:

1. Grand entry following parade
2. Presentation of parade awards
3. Drill by Governor's Guard
4. Boys and girls race, age limit 16 —two laps of the arena.
5. Stake bending contest, team
6. Pleasure horse contest
7. Stake bending contest, individual
8. Scurry race, individual
9. Flag race, team
10. Stock horse contest, dry
11. Pie eating contest, age limit 18
12. Greased pig contest race
13. Wild calf riding
14. Pack horse contest

Winners in every event and most

CCC Buildings To Move To Detroit

Detroit—Buildings at the former CCC camp between Detroit and Idanha will be moved soon to a new location prepared for them east of the present site, according to Gates Cochran, proprietor.

The new site has been cleared and graded and water mains are ready for immediate connection. Seventeen dwellings will be available at the new location, four of which will be duplex apartments and thirteen single units.

The CCC camp is within the boundary of the new Detroit reservoir and must be evacuated soon. Date of the move depends upon the schedule of the contractors, the Holman moving company.

Individuals placing second shall be awarded trophies and ribbons for honors. All horsemen so desiring will be given a free dinner Saturday night at our bean hole feed.

Mr. Teague announced, "Ample time will be available to any horseman wishing to attend the Silverton horse show starting at 8 p.m. upon the conclusion of our show." Teague also wished to make it clear that "this show is for everyone in the canyon, and we want to invite everyone to attend."

Pfc. Charles M. Stewart Heads for Guard Camp

One Mill City man is among members of the 929th Field Artillery Battalion scheduled to attend annual summer camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash., beginning July 20.

Pfc. Charles M. Stewart of Mill City is a member of headquarters battery of the battalion which is scheduled to leave at 7:30 a.m. (PST) July 20 for the two weeks training period. The unit will return August 3.

Richard Verbeck Gets Eagle Scout Badge

Richard Verbeck is due for his Eagle Scout badge. The same will be presented to him in appropriate ceremonies in the Mill City park, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., July 19, according to announcement by Charles Kelly, scoutmaster.

Ferris White, state scout advancement chairman, will make the presentation of the coveted scout award. Verbeck has an active and envied scouting career in Mill City.

During the meeting wherein Verbeck's Eagle Scout award will be presented, other awards will be made to Scouts in the Mill City troop for their achievements.

Detroit Area Closures Ordered Last Week

Detroit—Closures ordered by the regional forester last week due to increasing fire dangers included several on the Detroit district, located in logging slash areas and high hazard old burn areas.

Specific areas named by the Detroit ranger station were Cedar creek on the North Fork of the Santiam, the old Tumble creek burn, the Blowout area and the Boulder Ridge area.

Permits for entry into the areas will be issued at the ranger station office to persons having legitimate business.

Shriner's Trek To Mary's Peak Sunday, August 3

Corvallis—A Hollywood star, Monte Blue, will be master of ceremonies at the seventh annual Shriners' Trek to Mary's Peak, just 27 miles west of Corvallis on Sunday, Aug. 3. Events begin at 12 noon (DST).

The Trek is a family outing known as the Mary's Peak Trek foundation and sponsored by the Shrine clubs of Benton, Linn, Polk and Lincoln counties.

All profits go to the Shrine hospital for Crippled Children in Portland. An average of \$11,000 annually has been turned over to the hospital.

Government Buys Mill City Houses Built for Dam Construction Officials

Houses built for personnel on the Detroit dam construction project were sold to the government last Friday. The photo shows the neat houses, broad lawns and sweeping drives in the project is located in a grove of fir trees west of the Mill City park.



(Photo courtesy of The Oregon Statesman)