



Canyon Avenue Parade

By DON PETERSON

The softball fever is running high in this canyon community as witness the results of activities that have been accomplished under the able leadership of Russ Kelly during the past couple weeks.

Men and boys of the community have been turning out in good numbers to pitch in and clean up the grounds, haul off the rocks and care for the grass, while the others have been busy building stands and dugouts, building a press box, installing a drinking fountain on the grounds and in general working their heads off getting everything prepared for the coming big event.

Mill City and its friends in the neighboring community of Gates have been in there pitching doing everything in their power to make this tournament a success and second to none anywhere in the state.

No one has any complaint with the co-operation received from every citizen in this group of canyon communities, it has been wonderful to watch the progress of this venture, and the results will be worth while when the time comes for a little "looking backward" is here.

Everyone pitched in and did everything possible to bring the tournament here, then they have come forward with labor and materials to put the local plant in first class shape for the tournament, and now comes the approaching time for making them welcome and showing our guests a good time during their stay. The committee will need some help with securing sleeping quarters, so if anyone has a room available please let Dave Reid know how to find it, and he'll do the rest!

The Chamber of Commerce is going to be on the job to help with the entertainment problems as they arise. Everybody is putting their shoulder to the job, from the banker and the mayor to the most remote member of our community, so it must be a success—it cannot fail!

Mrs. Louisa Berry Dies In Salem Hospital

Final rites for Mrs. Louisa Berry, 82, were held today at 12:30 p.m. at Mill City Assembly of God church. Interment was at Fox Valley cemetery. Mrs. Berry died Sunday at a Salem hospital.

Mrs. Berry was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wese, valley pioneers. She was born in Kansas, June 15, 1870, coming to Oregon at the age of three. She had spent most of her life in Mill City.

She was married in 1890 to Joshua Ballard. Following his death she married Reuben C. Adkins. He died in 1928 and in 1931 she married John Berry, who survives.

Surviving also are four children, Charles and Louis Ballard, both of Portland, Mrs. A. J. Olson, Crescent City, Cal., and Mrs. Josephine Counts, Port Orford; a sister, Mrs. Phoebe Dow, Albany; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Korean Veterans May Now Apply for Pay

Veterans of service since the start of the Korean conflict may now obtain forms locally on which to apply for mustering-out payments under the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs announced today.

The state veterans' department has reproduced a supply of the application blanks and is distributing them to Oregon's county service officers. The department will also furnish them to veterans on request.

Mustering-out pay is provided in the new "GI bill" for personnel discharged from active duty in the Armed Forces since June 27, 1950, whether they had received mustering-out pay for World War II service or not. Applications are now being accepted by the various branches of the Armed Forces.

The payments amount to \$100 for veterans with less than 60 days' active service; \$200 for those with 60 days or more of active service in the United States only; and \$300 for veterans with 60 days or more of active service, some of which was outside the United States or in Alaska. Payments to discharged veterans will be in a lump sum. Those still on active duty will receive \$100 at discharge and the remainder, if any, in \$100 monthly installments.

It is paid to enlisted men and to officers below the grade of major or lieutenant commander. Discharge (Continued on Page 8)

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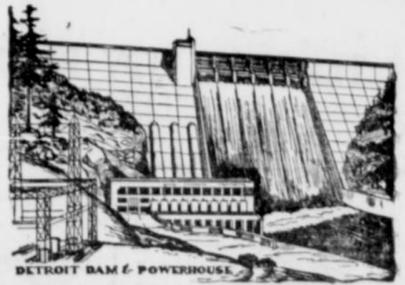
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Mill City Set For Softball Tourney

Next Saturday, August 16, at 4:30 p.m. sets the time for the opening of the Oregon State Softball tournament to be held at Allen Field in Mill City. This year's tourney will mark a milestone in softball play as a new system of an eight team double elimination bracket will replace the previous system of a sixteen team single elimination type. The eight teams entering the playoffs at Mill City will have qualified by first winning a district championship and second, by defeating the champion of another district. It will not only produce stronger teams at the tournament, but will increase spectator interest as favorite teams will not be eliminated by one defeat.

Another change inaugurated this year is the newly announced tournament dates. The eight team affair will open on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 16, which is one week earlier than in previous years. Rain nearly washed out last year's playoffs at Eugene and with regional tournaments set to start August 30, the earlier beginning of the Oregon tourney was deemed advisable.

Allen Field To Be Ready

According to Carl Watt, construction director for the Mill City field, all new improvements listed for this year's tournament will be completed by Sunday night. Six hundred new grandstand seats have been erected to boost the present total to 1200 seating capacity, and this can be supplemented by 700 seats made available at Sweet Home. A 4x12 foot scoreboard will be placed in centerfield, surrounded on both sides by a six foot fence 250 feet distant from home plate. A new five man press box and announcer stand has been erected above the main grandstand directly in line with home plate. These new major improvements are only a part of the many changes made in preparation for the softball tourney, which can be accredited to the efforts and donations of a few men and firms who have so willingly dedicated the time and material to make the Mill City tournament the best ever.

State Softball director, Ken Kerr, will release the tournament pairings for publication this weekend. Bracketing will be made by designating a number of each of the interdistrict playoff winners, as many of these results will not be known until one day prior to the opening of the tourney.

Few People Use Linn County Libraries

How are Linn county's public libraries serving the people today?

The average alert citizen, whether farmer, business man or housewife, wants books for many purposes; for self-improvement, to keep up with this changing world; to find directions for making and doing things; books for inspiration and for recreation. He cannot hope to buy all the books he needs. Instead, if he is fortunate enough to live near a public library he borrows or consults them there. For the public library is the only institution that provides books and information in all fields of knowledge.

Do libraries in Linn county provide this for all?

Let's look at the seven libraries in the county located at Albany, Lebanon, Sweet Home, Brownsville, Harrisburg, Scio and Halsey.

Albany, with 10,000 people, has 23,500 books; Lebanon, a city of nearly 6,000 has 6,500; over 6,000 people in the other five towns have 12,500.

These libraries are open to the public 48 hours a week in Albany, 16 hours in Lebanon, and from 2 to 6 hours a week in the other towns.

Over half the people living in Lebanon and Albany are registered borrowers, in the other places only one-eighth.

Here is the number of books borrowed by readers in a year: 88,600 in Albany; 16,800 in Lebanon; 12,700 in the other five.

Public funds provided for library support are: in Albany, \$17,400; in Lebanon, \$1,000; three of the others together \$1,000 (One gets nothing, one did not report).

The above figures are taken from the annual reports of these libraries for the year ending June 30, 1951.

In the year since then, many gains (Continued on Page 8)



Rev. C. R. Brewer and Mrs. Brewer, of Mill City. Rev. Brewer is the new minister for the Mill City Free Methodist church coming to the Santiam canyon from North Bend. He held his first services in Mill City Sunday. (Photo courtesy The Capital Journal)

Disabled American Vets Honor Swan

A prayer in the name of Gerald L. Swan, Fireman Apprentice, Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Swan, will be offered at the annual memorial service of the Disabled American Veterans 31st national convention in Boston, Monday evening, August 11, to symbolize all of the Mill City area servicemen who died in the Korean campaign.

All names for the impressive memorial service which will be held in the grand ballroom of the Bradford Hotel in Boston were chosen at random from Department of Defense casualty lists.

The names selected, representing hundreds of communities in every section of the United States, will be part of a beautiful memorial wreath in front of the memorial service platform.

John E. Feighner of Cincinnati, assistant national DAV adjutant, will conduct the services with representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergy taking part in the services.

Approximately 3,000 disabled veterans representing DAV chapters from throughout the nation will attend the 1952 convention to discuss problems affecting disabled veterans, their widows and dependents. The DAV Auxiliary will meet in national convention concurrently.

National Commander Ewing W. Mays of Little Rock, who will preside at the convention sessions, has just returned from an extensive tour of Korea and will report to the convention on his visit to the battle fronts and hospitals.

City Council Plans Public Improvement

Mill City is moving towards a full-blown street paving program. N. W. Haner, engineer, submitted estimates on the cost of paving Mill City's streets. A companion program is a drainage system for the city. Haner gave the figure of \$85,530 for the cost of paving and the \$32,205 for a sound drainage set-up.

A public meeting will be conducted by the city's councilmen in the near future. The location and time of the meeting have as yet not been determined. The matter of bonding the city for the cost of these improvements will be thrashed out at this public meeting and future meetings if such are necessary.

Hardworking Councilman Knowles reported that everything is about ready to proceed with the paving of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th streets. All property owners have agreed to help with their share and the city attorney is instructed to proceed with the necessary legal work involved.

Wednesday night the council voted approval of putting on the November ballot the question of whether or not Mill City should elect by popular vote their mayor.

Due to the fact that Lee Ross' resignation as city recorder was accepted by the council, Mrs. Homer Thacher was appointed as his successor.

Jim O'Leary, popular councilman, resigned his post also and Dave Reid, local realtor, was named for the remainder of O'Leary's unexpired term. O'Leary's reason for resigning is his moving to Florida where he will make his home.

Judge Olliver Dismisses Case Against School Board

School District No. 129-J directors were victors this week in their legal tussle with Charles Powelson. Judge Victor Olliver Tuesday entered an order of dismissal of this proceeding against them. Judge Olliver's action capped a long drawn-out legal battle. The case against the school board was begun May 18, 1950.

Sharon Gibson Rites Sunday Afternoon

Sharon Gibson, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson, succumbed of a heart ailment Wednesday afternoon in the Salem General hospital.

Sharon was taken to the hospital Monday. She had been ill for several months. She was graduated from the seventh grade at the close of last school year. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson were on their way to Salem for a visit with their daughter when her death occurred.

Sharon leaves besides her parents, two sisters, Phyllis Gibson and La Donna Roberts; and one brother, Gene Gibson.

Sharon's funeral will be Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church at 2 p.m., standard time, with interment at Fox Valley cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dale Walczak, Jim Baltimore, Charles Marttala, Terry Muir, Robert Herman, and Gregory Peterson, all class-mates of Sharon.

White Apartments Damaged by Fire

Detroit—Fire at the White apartments in Detroit Friday morning resulted in an estimated damage of \$250 or more.

Leakage in a gas line was reported to be the cause of the fire which burned through the wall of a bedroom before it could be extinguished. Firemen found it necessary to cut through the wall to reach the fire.

Mrs. Otis White credited the low damage to prompt action of the three fire fighting crews which answered the alarm, one from the Idanha fire department, one from Mongold and a forest service crew from the Detroit Ranger Station.

The building is covered by fire insurance.

Just Arrived...

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goodwin, Mill City, July 31, at Salem Memorial hospital.

Fritz M. Morrison Receives Promotion

Fritz M. Morrison has received a promotion to the position of district ranger according to word from J. R. Bruckart, supervisor of the Willamette National Forest.

Morrison, who for the past year has been timber management assistant on the Detroit ranger district, will be transferred to the Packwood Ranger Station on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest where he will assume his duties as district ranger about August 12.

Morrison graduated from Oregon State college in 1941 with a bachelor of science degree in forestry. He was seasonally employed on the Siskiyou forest from 1937 to 1941 when he received a permanent appointment, serving successively on the Rogue River, Siskiyou, and Willamette forests.

He is married and has two children. Successor to Mr. Morrison at Detroit will be Starr Reed, 1949 graduate of Oregon State college, who has served on the Ochoco and Willamette forests, at present on the Cascadia district. Mr. Reed has a wife and three children.

The parcel of property involved was what is now known as the R. S. Corbin property located west of the Mill City municipal buildings and southeast of the First Christian church of Mill City.

The plaintiff contended that the school board did not comply with the terms of this statute, and entered evidence to that effect, which was not contradicted by the defendants.

An open septic tank on the grade school playgrounds prompted attention to the affairs of Mill City School District 129-J. As the spot-light became more closely focused, certain citizens moved in the direction of reforming the situation. The school case was an out-growth of this reform movement. The matter of the conveyance of a parcel of school land was used as a trial balloon. Lack of any final decision on the case until this week dampened the reform movement's spirit.



Members of the congregation of the First Christian church of Detroit pool efforts to prepare old machine shop building moved from old Detroit, for Sunday services. Men in foreground are finishing rough steps to entrance of building. The pastor, Rev. Jim Stock, is standing on top step holding a folding chair in each hand. Mrs. S. T. Moore, who directed interior arrangements, is standing in doorway. First services were held Sunday, Aug. 3. (Photo courtesy the Capital Journal)

Bank to Display Trophy

The first place trophy to be awarded to the winner of this year's State Softball tournament will be on display at the Mill City State Bank as soon as it is received by local officials, according to Russ Kelly, tournament director. The huge trophy, which is donated annually by the Coca Cola company is expected to arrive Saturday morning.