



By DON PETERSON

Mill City has accomplished an excellent feat of entertaining her guests during the softball tournament just concluded and the committees are grateful for the part the citizens played in their role of hosts to their visitors. Perhaps not as large a crowd came and stayed as some had expected, but the committee had to plan for any eventuality and therefore some of their plans had to include possibilities that did not materialize. However no one is disappointed that I have been able to locate at the crowd who did come for the games and financially they were a success.

Many Mill City citizens opened their homes to our visitors and the committees wish to thank them all for their efforts in making this tournament the great success it was.

For some of us who have never attended games of this calibre before I think we were well pleased with the quality of teamwork and players' ability displayed — I was thoroughly pleased and highly thrilled at the excitement and tenseness of the various situations. I could think of nothing else I would rather do than attend these games and watch their progress. Sometimes it was almost more than my heart could stand, but I always wanted to come back for the next one and I found most of the others feeling the same way.

I think nothing can describe the mixed feeling of emotion as Mill City went down to defeat to the Eugene team on Monday night after having the game in the bag ready for delivery to the record books. That was probably the heart-breaker of the whole tournament.

The umpires and scorekeepers did an excellent job both on the field and in their choice for the all-state places and the special selections for outstanding pitcher, outstanding player other than a pitcher, and best hitter. They worked hard and deserve a lot of credit for the smoothness of the running of the tournament.

At the closing of the softball tournament here the state softball directors accepted the resignation of C. H. Ferguson as softball commissioner for this district and they in turn named Bill Hutcheson to take his place. Many will miss "Chet" in this activity, but his work will take him away from Mill City in the near future, so he found it necessary to resign.

Bill Hutcheson, we believe will be an excellent commissioner and he will do a good job. He worked hard on the tournament committee and much of its success is due to his thoughtfulness.

I am going to try once more to correct a statement made in a news story on July 24 and in my column of July 31 in reference to the \$1500 guarantee paid to the state softball association to get the tournament here in Mill City. In the first item I gave credit to Mr. Hill for putting up the sum of money, then I learned that a note had been signed as security for the money, but I had failed to give credit to these signers for their part. My correction of July 31 seems to have been read by some as a slam at Mr. Hill, which I did not intend it to be, as he was innocent in that he had only been asked to loan the money and signers would be provided to protect everybody concerned and the bank in this transaction. Mr. Hill did his part, and I am sorry for the misunderstanding, it was not intended.

Announcement is made of the First Annual Mid-Willamette Valley Swimming Meet to be held at the Leslie pool in Salem on Friday, August 29. There will be races for boys and girls in four age groups 10 and under, 12, 14, and 16 years. Anyone interested can see Mr. Hale at the local playgrounds and get signed up. All boys and girls are eligible.

Work on the paving of highway 222 between Mill City and Mehama is about to get under way. During the past week a number of pieces of heavy road equipment have been moved onto the job and a portable rock crushing plant is in operation on the county road near the A. T. Barnhardt gravel pit and crushed rock plant, formerly known as Jungwirth's gravel pit. A large stockpile of crushed rock is ready for placing and work is expected to begin immediately.

School will be opening up and down the canyon in another two weeks. Registration for high school in Mill City will be Sept. 4 and 5. It is hoped that all young people in the canyon will take advantage of the coming school year and sign up for another year of study. Too many of our

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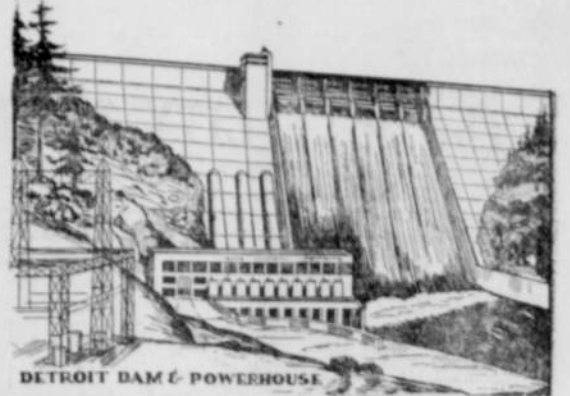
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Here are the Corvallis Elks, newly-crowned Oregon State Softball champions. Front row, left to right, Hal Wehmeier, Jack Sprick, Ed Wilson, Bob Quisenberry, an unidentified member of the sponsoring Elks club, Bill Harper, Bob Labhart and Carl Gustafson. Back row, from left, Keith Shinn, Dick Sprick, Lou Stagg, Dr. Rodney Smith (umpire), Bob Bareinger, Jim Nordyke, John Reardon and Dow Poling.

Corvallis Elks Wins 1952 Softball Championship

The Corvallis Elks, losers in the first round of play to Salem, arose from the defeated ranks in a brilliant comeback stint to break the undefeated five-year reign of Eugene softball teams by upsetting the Rubenstein club of Eugene twice in the final night of the 1952 double elimination tournament. 1000 partisan fans braved the chilly weather to cheer the

Street Paving Meet Wednesday Night

Street paving in Mill City will be the topic for discussion and action, Wednesday evening, August 27, at the Mill City high school recreation room. Whether or not the paving program will have a spot on the November ballot in Mill City tops the list in importance.

Facts and figures have been tossed back and forth across the council table about the \$85,000 paving project and \$32,000 drainage system for all of Mill City's streets. The final phase of all this can climax Wednesday night when each and every citizen can ask questions and expect answers. City officials have invited N. W. Haner of Portland, city engineer, and Joe Devers, Stayton, city attorney to this public session, according to Councilman Lee Knowles.

Not only will the Mill City councilmen be present for the Wednesday meet, but they will answer questions. This matter of paving the city's streets has been on the hands of the council since its beginning. The council is familiar with the problem. The meeting Wednesday will unfold the council's information on the paving and drainage projects. Wednesday will see a decision made for a vote or not this fall on paving Mill City's streets. Every piece of property should be represented at this important meeting.

Mobile X-Ray Unit To Be At State Fair

If it's an X-ray you crave, you can get some free at the Oregon State Fair, Saturday, August 30 through September 6. The mobile chest X-ray unit of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association will be in operation at the fair in Salem.

Mrs. Virginia Martig, Gates, received announcement this week of the X-ray privilege from Ruby Bunnell, executive secretary of the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health association. The X-ray unit's operation is a continuation of the widespread campaign against tuberculosis carried on by federal and state agencies.

Indian Engineer Studies Dam Building Methods

Studying conditions at Detroit dam for two weeks is an Indian national engineer, Mr. Singh, who will return to India to assist with dam construction in that country after reviewing methods in engineering in the United States.

Mr. Singh will study dam design, machinery, construction methods and concrete production at the Detroit project.

High School Students Registration Sept. 4-5

The new school year is about upon us, and as is custom, a pre-school announcement is here made.

The high school faculty is completed and will be: B. Burton Boroughs, boys' PE and health, coach, and commerce subjects; H. T. Caughey, principal and socio-econ.; Lorraine E. Caughey, girls PE and health, English, chorus, and Spanish; Henry Chaney, geography, history, and general mathematics; Wymah D. Hoeye, shop, mechanical drawing, algebra, and plane geometry; Arthur LeCours, English and science; Earl Loucks, band; Edith Mason, library, English, and home economics; Elnora Albright, clerical assistant.

The administration asks for co-operation for the rule which does not permit metallic toe and heel plates. This rule has been made necessary due to the considerable damage caused by the toe and heel plates in previous years.

The Mill City high school will have a registration for the 1952-1953 school year on September 4th and 5th between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon each day. Freshmen and sophomores will be accepted September 4th, and juniors and seniors on September 5th. It is important that students present themselves at the times indicated. No exceptions can be made, and if the students are desirous of registering for the special limited-size class subjects, it should be better if they presented themselves early. Regular classes will begin on September 8, 1952, the following Monday.

Students are requested to pay all necessary fees as soon as possible, for no exceptions can be made for those not paid. Fees include: Student body — \$2.00 a semester PE towels — 2.00 a semester Sports towels — 1.00 a sport (Participants only) Locker key deposit — 50c a year (25c rebate at end of year on return of key.) These fees may be paid at registration.

Entering freshmen should bring to registration their 8th grade report cards AND their diplomas.

Santiam Grange Sets Fall Festival Date

Lyons — Santiam Valley Grange, meeting Friday, discussed plans for the Harvest Festival to be held Sept. 27. Elmer Taylor is general chairman with Lloyd Sletto and Albert Julian, assistant chairmen. Fern Sletto and Lorena Stevens are secretaries.

Chairmen for committees were appointed as follows: fancy work, Blanche Wagner; canning, Bertha Basl; flowers, Celene Taylor; fruit and vegetable, Wilson Stevens; farm booth, Steve Dark; baking, Melvina Franklin; livestock, Giles Wagner; advertising, Jerry Coffman; entertainment, Robert Draper; bazaar, Leora Stevens.

At the lecturer's hour, Judy Flanagan sang and played. The Rev. Rinke Feenstra gave a talk on the country and town churches institute. Three guests were present from Stayton, Mrs. Jake Lambrecht, Mrs. Steinberger and Mrs. Reta Gehlen.

Benton-Lincoln Electric Buys Idanha Power Co.

Idanha — Benton-Lincoln Electric Co-op has purchased the Idanha Power company for a sum of \$60,000 according to an announcement by R. B. Little, Co-op manager.

Transfer of the power company will increase accounts of the Benton-Lincoln system by 170.

Paul Reynolds of Idanha, former owner of the Idanha Power company, has managed the plant for over 10 years.

State Fair Program Outline Announced

Salem (Special) — In a setting of pastel-colored buildings, the 87th Oregon State Fair, boasting one of the greatest all-around exhibitions of livestock, poultry, 4-H and FFA, county, and commercial exhibits in its long history, will open here on Saturday, August 30 for its annual eight-day run.

In livestock, the picture, according to Mrs. Viva Poorman, superintendent, outstanding animals from all over the west will be shown in competition for the \$75,000 in premiums and awards made by the fair.

In poultry, K. I. Jennings, superintendent, promises a display of birds and rabbits hitherto unequalled in the annual event.

In the floral department, special garden entries are being arranged for the eight-day run. Other types of floral entries will be outstandingly colorful and profuse as indicated by Mrs. Claude Miller, manager of this division.

A flood of entries in the textiles division has Mrs. A. J. Ullman, superintendent, and her staff busy with recording and arranging for proper display of all the expected articles of handicraft.

In foods, Mrs. Gladys Turnbull, manager, has arranged a number of outstanding demonstrations by representatives of the country's leading appliance and food manufacturers. In addition, entries in the various classifications show that the department will be crowded, showing the bounty of Oregon and the skill of Oregonian housewives.

An interest center for the agricultural-minded will be the \$500,000 display of the latest in farm machinery, equipment and appliances will overflow the machinery area. This huge display, a drastic departure from recent fair years, has been made possible through the co-operation of the Central Willamette Valley Farm Equipment Dealers association. Every-

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SP Bridge Getting New Coat of Paint This Week

The Southern Pacific did rather thorough repairs on their Mill City bridge last year. They are back again this year. This time the SP is painting that same bridge.

Right now the bridge looks rather lurid because of the bridge color of the primer coat of paint on the rust spots. Workmen assure one and all that the new look will be more pleasing to the eye. It is expected that the bridge will settle back into its "retiring look" soon.

Rodeo, Horse Show Salem, Aug. 23-24

Rodeo and horse show scheduled in Salem. The Posse Grounds on South River road in Salem, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, August 23 and 24, will abound with a wide variety of horsemanship activity.

Salem Rodeo and Horse Show is the two-day business of the Oregon Mounted Posse and the Salem Saddle club. Gene Teague of Stayton, widely known horseman in this area, stated "... from the appearance and present indications both shows will be complete sell-outs. . . ."

Unregistered entries will be accepted on any of the scheduled events, according to Teague. Starting time for the Saturday show is 2 p.m. and for the Sunday show, 1:30 p.m.

Boys and girls will compete in a whirl of fast-moving events. Men and women will pit their horsemanship in skill demonstrations and all around riding ability.

On the program Saturday among the jumping, riding and driving events is a "Kid's Goat Roping" for boys and girls under 12 years of age, and a half mile free for all. Sunday's show lists the item "Wild Cow Milking" event. On Saturdays entry list will be the following events:

Jumpers; cowgirl quarter mile straightaway; western pleasure horse; roadsters to bike; quarter mile free for all straightaway; stake bending (4-man team); parade horses (other than Palomino); half mile free for all; kid's goat roping (boys and girls under 12 years of age); flag relay (4-man teams); English pleasure horse; and junior horsemanship (under 18 years of age).

Entry list for Sunday: Jumpers; cowgirls quarter mile straightaway; stake bending (4-man teams); road horses; quarter mile free for all straightaway; three gaited (open); parade horses (Palomino); half mile free for all; kids' goat roping (boys and girls under 12 years of age); flag relay (4-man teams); five gaited (open); junior horsemanship (under 14 years of age); calf roping; wild cow milking; and bareback.



Russ Kelly (left) chairman of the 1952 State Softball tournament and sponsor of the Mill City entry, proudly awards the most outstanding player trophy to Pete Valdez, Mill City third baseman, after the final game of the tournament. (Photo courtesy The Capital Journal and Bob Veness)

chilly weather to cheer the Corvallis nine and their pitching ace, Hal Wehmeier, as they combined to shutout the formidable Eugene club twice 8 to 0 and 5 to 0.

Wehmeier, in a nifty iron man hurling performance allowed only three hits in the two contests while his mates pounded the famed Eugene duo of Ron Willoughby and Bo Willis for 12 blows and 13 runs.

Kelly's Take Third

Mill City, the tourney tough luck team, placed third by virtue of lasting through four rounds of play. They defeated Nyssa 3 to 0 in the first round and dropped Central Point 1-0 on Don Carey's fine no-no game in the second round, only to lose a heart-breaking 6 to 5 decision to Eugene in the third encounter and a 4 to 3 decision to Corvallis in 13 innings in the fourth round. Campbell Rock Wool of Salem emerged with fourth place honors by coping to wins against two losses.

In the ceremony following the championship games, Ken Kerr, state softball director, praised the members of the tournament committee and the fans for making the 1952 tournament at Allen Field one of the most successful ever held. Kerr also extended the appreciation of the state directors, the umpires, and the tournament teams for the hospitality received from the people of Mill City.

Hale and Watt Honored

Jim Hale, Mill City grade school teacher and ballpark supervisor, and Carl Watt, CBI carpenter superintendent were presented with wrist watches by Kerr for the outstanding work they had accompanied on Allen Field. McDonald Candy company of Salem and Stewart's grocery donated the watch to Hale who supervised the preparation of the infield and outfield for tournament play and faithfully maintained its preservation throughout the seven sessions of the five day grind.

Watt was highly commended by Kerr for his part in designing and supervising the construction necessary on Allen Field to make the Mill City tournament possible. The wrist watch was donated by the Santiam Softball association in gratitude for the splendid work accomplished by Watt in three weeks time.

Coca-Cola Trophy Awarded Corvallis

Bob Quisenberry, Corvallis player-manager, stepped forward to receive the huge first place trophy awarded each year by the Coca-Cola company, and presented by St. Elmo Massingale, district manager for the Coca-Cola company at Salem.

Ralph Guinness, state softball association president, also presented Bob with a \$500 check allotted each year to the championship team by the association for expenses to the regional tournament to be held in Washington. In addition, a gift of \$200 was issued by the Santiam Softball association to further defer tournament expenses for the Corvallis team.

Valdez Most Valuable Player

Three Mill City players were awarded all-star berths. Pete Valdez at third base, Al Zuber at shortstop, and Don Carey as one of three pitchers. Valdez, a fire ball at third base for the Kelly crew, and also a .400 (Continued on Page 8)

Missionary Society Plans For Fall Presbyterial

On Wednesday, August 27th, the Women's Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. Ida Geddes. The special guest at the meeting will be Mrs. Victor Clerk, presbyterial president of Redmond, who will be here to make plans for the fall Presbyterial.

The fall Presbyterial is scheduled for Mill City in September. (Date will be announced later). The local president Mrs. Lester Hathaway invites all members and friends to attend this meeting.