

Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

A week from Saturday on September 13, we will have another opportunity to play host to visitors from other parts of the state. That is something we can become famous for. As time passes we will be entertaining more and more visitors from all parts of the country who will come here for vacations and recreation in our new playground which will soon possess a large lake stocked with the gamest of the game fish.

The Corps of Engineers will throw open for inspection the new Detroit dam on Sept. 13 and the Mill City chamber of commerce will assist in playing host to the many visitors who will come for a tour of inspection through the deep tunnels of the dam and out through the power house. The chamber will serve coffee and donuts to the visitors and help make them welcome.

The paving contractors have started work on South First street and are preparing it for its new black top surfacing, it has long needed. This week Al Toman completed black-topping his parking area north of the Hill Top Market. The work was done by the contractors doing the highway work.

This week work starts on black-topping the highway towards Mehama, beginning in Mill City and working west. Crews have been working preparing the bed with crushed rock, grading and rolling.

Today a truck hauling brick with a trailer hitched on behind it tried to negotiate the famous Baldock hill here in Mill City and ran into trouble again as many before it has. The driver broke a rear axle on the truck when it twisted off on the heavy pull as he started up the steep grade. He was several hours in getting the truck and trailer backed off the hill and parked where he could leave it while a new axle was being sent out from Portland to make repairs. It is rumored that this hill will be blocked off when the new road is completed and entrance onto the highway made by turning left and entering the highway in front of The Enterprise office.

This week the children of the community are heading back to school, some light-heartedly and others with a heavy heart sorry to see the summer come to an end so soon. Next Monday the bells will ring calling them back to their seats and more study. Every boy or girl under 18 is required by Oregon law to report for school work and every parent is obligated to prepare their child for classes. Preparing the children for school means more than just dressing and clothing—it means preparing them mentally and assisting to place them in a frame of mind so that they will want to stay in school and finish their education.

All too many children find too many excuses for staying out of school. Many times the possession of books will do much to start a young student on the road to better education as is pointed out very clearly elsewhere in this paper by Mrs. Wanita Myers, a rural school teacher in Linn county, when she discusses rural libraries. Knowledge of our hobbies can help create a desire to learn more of other things, or teach children to enjoy more reading.

The Mill City chamber of commerce received the following letter expressing the thanks of the Tillamook softball team for treatment given them while here during the state softball tournament:

August 22, 1952
Mill City Chamber of Commerce
Mill City, Oregon
Gentlemen:

This letter is our way of expressing our thanks for the manner in which you accommodated us at the recent Softball State Tournament, held in your city, for the year 1952. As this was our second year in State Tournament competition we have compared the accommodations and find that you are far in the lead as far as we are concerned. Will you please see to it that our thanks also go to the Santiam Softball Association, the Gates Chamber of Commerce, and the Mill City Lion's Club?

At this year's State Tournament we were made to feel that we were welcome to participate and to enjoy all your wonderful attractions in your area. We were welcomed very heartily at the central headquarters and were shown a good time at all times while we were in Mill City. We again wish to thank you for everything which you have done for us this past year. Very truly yours,

BOB SCRIVNER, Manager
Bushong Loggers Softball Team.

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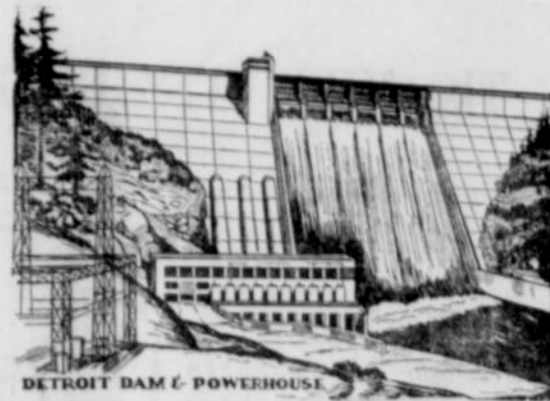
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New North Santiam Route Approaches Completion—Top picture: Arch type concrete bridge 387.5 feet in length spans Little North Fork of the North Santiam two miles east of Mehama on the new route that will save .84 miles of driving between Stout creek and Mill City. Lower: Scenic attractions abound along new route where ballasting is now in progress. If paving is completed in October this pleasant, fast route may be open to public travel early this winter.

Landscaping Contract Let On New Rangers Station

By MRS. S. T. MOORE

Awarding of the landscaping contract for the new Detroit ranger station to Doerfler and Sons of Salem is the final major step toward completion of the \$170,000 project, one of the many changes brought about by the construction of the Detroit dam which will soon swell the waters of the North Santiam river to a depth of 175 feet at the site of the old station.

Rapid Progress Santiam Road

By BEN MAXWELL
Capital Journal Staff Writer

Another link in the new North Santiam highway, now approaching completion between Stout creek near Mehama and Mill City will offer a scenic route for fast, pleasant driving between these points and a mileage saving of .85 over the old, crooked highway that followed a horse and buggy road.

W. C. Williams, spokesman for the state highway department, believes the new route may be open early this winter if the Rogers Construction company can complete their paving in October. And that, Williams points out, is a matter of weather. Paving will start within three weeks.

Cost of the 9.39 mile project amounts to \$896,700: bridge construction, \$217,000; paving, \$316,000, and grading, \$363,000. In this federal aid job federal government and state each bear approximately 50 percent of the costs. For this construction of minimum 80 foot right-of-way was acquired for the 32-foot roadway.

C. J. Eldon is contractor for the distinctive arch type concrete bridge spanning the Little North Fork of the Santiam about two miles east of Mehama. This type was chosen by Glenn S. Paxson, highway bridge engineer, because steel shortage at the time of design was acute and because of the size of the stream and the rock foundation base favored this type of economical construction. Total length of the structure is 387.5 feet with a central arch span of 207.5 feet. At its greatest elevation the bridge stands 44 feet above low water of the Little North Fork.

New Lookout House At Battle Axe Peak

By MRS. S. T. MOORE

Detroit — Construction of a new lookout house on Battle Axe Peak is expected to be completed in another week according to forest service personnel at the Detroit ranger station.

Three carpenters have been employed on the building for the past five weeks, erecting the 14x14 glass surrounded house which serves for both living quarters and fire detection purposes.

At an elevation of 5,540 feet, Battle Axe lookout is located above Elk lake where it contributes to fire detection on both the Willamette and Mt. Hood national forests.

The new building replaces an old cupola type lookout which was erected on the same spot 30 years ago.

A summer job on Battle Axe has not always been so comfortable for the forest service lookout. The point was first manned in 1909, when the guard made a daily round trip hike from Elk lake to the lookout and back each evening, a distance of four miles without trail or telephone communications.

In 1910 the first telephone line was strung between the Detroit ranger station and Elk lake, a distance of 14 miles by trail. In 1911 the line was extended to the top of Battle Axe.

By 1912 a tent camp was provided at the site of the present lookout, and this arrangement continued until 1922 when the first horse trail was made, permitting the transportation of lumber to the lookout for the first house. All supplies were taken from the ranger station by horseback, 16 miles one way.

Lumber must still be cut to specified lengths for horse pack and is transported two miles by trail in this manner after being trucked from the ranger station to the base of the lookout trail.

Cost of the new lookout house is \$3,000.

Ressler's Grocery Guttered by Fire

Ressler's Grocery owned by Paul Ressler and W. E. Sylvester and located on highway 222 near the Richfield Service Station in Mill City burst into flames during the afternoon of Labor day. Contents of the grocery were scorched, blackened and melted. Living quarters above the store were only slightly smoke-damaged, however.

Promptly after the grocery store fire was reported to them, Mill City's faithful firemen were on the scene and had the flames under control. Not only did the firemen douse the fire, but also they performed salvage work. Perishable frozen foods and undamaged articles in the refrigerators were removed to a safe place, because the electric current on the fire damaged store was turned off.

The Resslers and Sylvesters were at the Oregon State Fair when the fire in their grocery occurred. They knew nothing about the fire until they returned to Mill City around 10 p.m. Monday. Mill City firemen believe the fire originated in the motor of the deep freeze unit inside the store. The sweep of the flames indicate the air-conditioning unit spread the fire throughout the store.

Ressler and Sylvester expressed the belief that insurance would cover approximately one-half the fire damage. Fire-proof ceiling material is credited with having protected the living quarters above the store itself.

Proprietors of Ressler's store announce a fire sale next week, Sept. 11, 12, and 13 elsewhere in this week's paper.

Just Arrived...

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Warby, Detroit, Sept. 4, at Salem Memorial hospital.

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne H. Behrens, Lyons, Route 1, Sept. 3, at Salem Memorial hospital.

NOTICE TO MILL CITY PTA AND BOARD MEMBERS

Due to the fact that school begins the second week in September the first meeting of the PTA will be Oct. 8th. The executive board meets Oct. 1st at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Roger Nelson, hostess.

Ed Cooke's Duplex Suffers Damage

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cooke's duplex apartment building at the west end of Alder street in Mill City was damaged by fire during the noon hour, Tuesday.

Prospective occupants of the apartment left a lighted cigarette on the davenport while inspecting the premises. Soon after the apartment had been relocked by the Cookes, Mrs. Deval, a neighbor, discovered the Cooke duplex was on fire and summoned Mill City firemen.

Within just a few minutes firemen had the flames under control and extinguished. The davenport was destroyed and the walls of the apartment fire damaged. The adjoining apartment is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hammond. The Hammond apartment was not damaged. The Hammonds were not home when the fire in the duplex occurred.

Rural Libraries Found Inadequate

An abundance of good books which are interesting to pupils helps increase their reading achievement and interest in school work as a whole, according to Mrs. Wanita Myers, rural school teacher in Linn county. Mrs. Myers finds that the average rural school library, and the service now available to supplement these libraries, is inadequate to meet the needs.

At the request of the committee studying the library situation in Linn county, Mrs. Myers has written of her experiences as follows:

"A very bright sixth grade boy in the rural school in which I was teaching was unable to read books on anything above a third grade level. When I discovered that he was especially interested in a rock collection he was developing, I borrowed books on rocks and their formation from the city library. He became so interested in learning about his hobby and telling others about it that in two months' time his reading achievement had increased by almost two grades, and he was well on the way to becoming a good reader. Not only had his reading improved but he had gained an interest in books, and had lost his hatred for school and reading.

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Open House Planned At Detroit Dam

Detroit dam's Capital Journal inspired open house is upon us. September 13 is the awaited day when the public can inspect at close range completed Detroit dam.

Corps of Engineers and CBI personnel will conduct individuals through the dam and show them the many galleries and mechanism of this huge project.

The Mill City Chamber of Commerce will be on hand to serve visitors with hot coffee and doughnuts during the day and assist in the open house celebration.

The first tour will start at 9:00 a.m., daylight time, and a tour thereafter each hour until 4 p.m. Visitors to Detroit dam will get an intimate picture of Detroit dam which they can add to that they have of the beginnings of Detroit's 8.5 mile reservoir; and the sheer 463-foot height of the concrete structure.

Potential 455,000 acre-feet of water storage has inspired plans for a popular recreation area for sightseeing, boating, swimming, fishing, picnicking and overnight camping. The area that will be reached by the stored water has forced removal of all affected places of habitation. Detroit ranger station was caught in this change of landscape as was the old town of Detroit.

Detroit Girl Injured In Auto Mishap

By MRS. S. T. MOORE

Detroit — Jake Fischer and Ruth Wentzel of Detroit suffered injuries Friday night when the car in which they were riding failed to make the turn into the detour near the old CCC camp, site of numerous accidents the past few months.

Miss Wentzel was taken to Salem Memorial hospital where she will be confined for several weeks with multiple injuries, including a broken arm, fractured jaw, lacerations and bruises.

Fischer, whose injuries were cuts, bruises and shock, was not hospitalized.

The accident occurred the evening Fischer was elected to serve on the new Detroit city council.

First Station Built in 1907

Outmoded and inadequate for the capacity of business on the district, the former ranger station first rounded to the clearing axes in 1907, and for a year the five acres designated for the station on cutover land below Detroit underwent the removal of logs and debris left by a logging operation.

In 1908 the first box-like house, barn and office were constructed, mainly by the ranger's labor. At that time building construction was one of the ranger's principal duties, along with trail location and maintenance, surveying, timber cruising, administration of small sales and the ceaseless vigilance against fire.

Alterations and additions were made as the early buildings became inadequate to meet the needs of the growing district. In 1928 the recent large barn was built, followed by tool and storage sheds which were erected in 1930.

The district ranger's seven-room dwelling was built in 1932, still largely with forest service labor, and all other recent buildings rose during the period of the Civilian Conservation Corps program, from 1933 to 1935.

Dozen Buildings in Colony
A dozen buildings comprised the colony at the old station, that number now being duplicated in the present plan with each new building more adequately designed to serve the need. Contractors for the project were McKel, Inc., of Portland.

Redwood veneer exteriors have been used throughout the station with building designs in conservative line to suit the natural surroundings.

A seven-room office fronts the highway, easily accessible for tourist or business visitor. There are two four-bedroom homes, three with two bedrooms, all equipped with circulating fireplaces and automatic oil-burning furnaces.

The new cook house has a capacity to serve 20 with sleeping quarters available for seven men. Quarters for visiting forestry officials are available in the office.

Landscaping of the station will be completed this fall at the bid price of \$6949.14.

Mill City Camp Fire Leaders Plans Work

Mill City Camp Fire Girl leaders are making plans for an active 1952-1953 year, according to Mrs. Charles Harman.

During the first few days of school, Camp Fire and Blue Bird literature will be circulated among all school children. All girls interested in joining these groups may so indicate by signing a survey sheet.

Leaders of the season just past are carrying on and new ones are rapidly signing up. However, there is still need for many adult workers, as well as leaders. All mothers interested may contact Mrs. Charles Harman, telephone 6555.

Leaders, prospective leaders and anyone else desirous of attending will meet Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. in Mrs. Harman's home.

Miss Walcott, and the new field director from Salem will be present for the meeting in the Harman home. Plans are being made for eight groups of Camp Fire and Blue Bird Girls.