

Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

Welcome visitors!
Saturday the Mill City Chamber of Commerce will take on the job of helping to entertain the many visitors who will come to look at the Detroit dam during the open house festivities. The Corps of Engineers and CBI personnel will be on hand to conduct the visitors through the mammoth block of concrete known as Detroit dam. Coffee and donuts will be on the counter for all comers.

J. C. 'Doc' Kimmel this week started construction on a new home for his drug business on the lot across from Jenkins hardware. He plans on a one-story building 30x68 made of light blocks. Plans call for the building ready for occupancy about the first of December.

The Parent-Teachers association is looking for competent help to conduct a kindergarten this year. If you know of someone or if you are interested you are urged to call Mrs. Roger Nelson at 1957.

At the invitation of the Oregon Journal I was one of the Oregon publishers who was in Portland to hear and meet Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson last Monday at the Benson hotel luncheon. I am glad I was able to be present and hear him deliver his address. Governor Stevenson demonstrated a remarkable ability to hold his audience's attention and get his point over. I think many of the editors present began to realize in some small measure how true the criticism leveled at the press was.

The Oregon press is no different than any other group of newspaper men throughout the country. The editors of one state are pretty much like the editors of another state.

I think most of the editors of the state were present and I hope many of them will have the conscience to realize the truth of the criticism the governor gave them when he pointed out the dangers of a 1-party press in a 2-party country or state when he said, "A free society means a society based on free competition and there is no more important competition than competition in ideas, competition in opinion. This form of competition is essential to the preservation of a free press. Indeed, I think the press should set an example to the nation in opposition to uniformity."

I have published his entire speech elsewhere in this issue, it would be worth a little time to ponder some of the thoughts therein expressed and we might then ask the question of why so many newspapers in Oregon and all the other states of the nation are so quickly found on the side of money interests rather than the side of the little people of their communities.

Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the newspapers find it most profitable to be Republican in its editorials along with the rest of "main street" in every town and city in the country.

Better Rural Library Facilities Needed

"Linn county schools need a county library," says Mrs. Cyrus McCormick, chairman of the county rural school board, who has long been an advocate of better library facilities for our rural residents.

The article by Mrs. McCormick which follows was written at the request of the county committee which has presented a series in the interest of undersanding the county library, and is particularly timely coming at the beginning of a new school year:

"School days are here again, and all over the county little six-year-olds are leaving home on one of life's great adventures: learning to read—an open door to the wisdom of the past and the understanding of the present.

"What will they find to help them when they arrive at school? Much better equipment, better trained teachers, nicer buildings, more attractive textbooks, more comfortable seats, better lighting than ever before; and certainly more companions — maybe even over-crowding and a teacher with too little time.

"With so much, why a library? Don't the children have books enough? Any teacher will tell you that if a child learns to read and like it, he has gone a great way on his educational journey. If for any reason he does not learn to read well in the first few grades, he will be limited for the rest of his school life and often because of failures in lessons and grades becomes a PROBLEM child.

"There is no hundred per cent sure-fire way of teaching reading to a group of children with varied interests. (Continued on Page 7)

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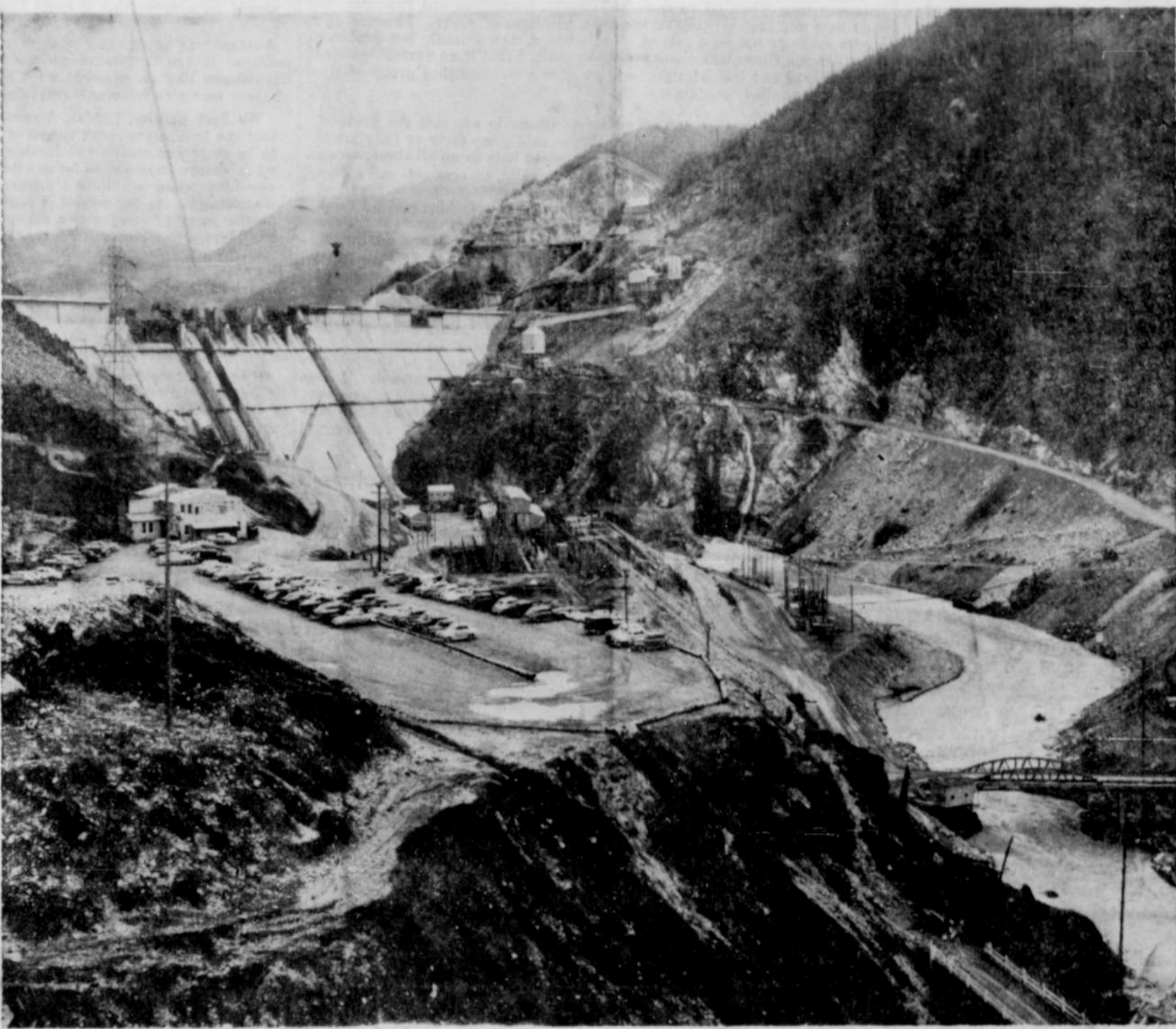
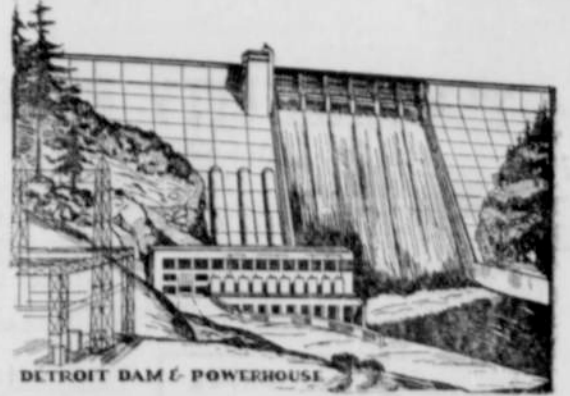
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Open House Saturday At Detroit Dam

All Oregon, especially residents of the central Willamette valley, and the Santiam canyon, will be given an opportunity to inspect Detroit dam on the North Santiam river on Saturday, Sept. 13, when the Corps of Engineers throws the nearly completed project open to the public.

Col. Thomas H. Lipscomb, Portland district engineer, said open house would be in order from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and that 25 Corps of Engineers employees and 15 Consolidated Builders, Inc., officials would be on hand to conduct visitors on a tour of the concrete dam and the powerhouse at its base, about 10 miles east of Mill City.

Tours will be under the supervision of Harry W. Rutherford, acting resident engineer, and S. R. Overholser, former resident engineer and now resident engineer at Lookout Point dam. The Mill City chamber of commerce will serve coffee and donuts in the powerhouse at the conclusion of tours.

Pouring of concrete for the dam is virtually completed although the dam and reservoir will not be completed until sometime next year. First power from the \$70,000,000 unit in the Corps of Engineers' Willamette Valley project is anticipated early in 1953.

It will be the first dam in the Willamette Valley project to produce power, approximately 100,000 kilowatts, since Fern Ridge, Cottage Grove, and Dorena dams are for flood control almost exclusively.

Currently under construction also and about three miles downstream from Detroit dam is Big Cliff re-regulating reservoir. Part of the Detroit project, it also will produce power, approximately 18,000 kilowatts, and will regulate the stream discharges of Detroit dam.

The Detroit project is a unit in the plan for development of the water resources of the Willamette Basin in the interest of flood control, power development, irrigation, navigation, pollution abatement and other multiple uses.

Registration Closes Oct. 4

Voters must be registered for the fall election by October 4th according to H. C. Mattson, Marion county clerk. Voters may register at The Enterprise office, Chuck's Shoe Shop or with Mrs. C. M. Cline in Mill City and Dick Parker in Gates.

Registration for the fall election will close on the 4th of October. This is the last date which a registrar will be able to register anyone that desires to vote in the fall election.

It is not necessary for one to re-register unless they have failed to vote within the two-year period. In other words if one voted in either the primary or general election in 1950 their card is still good. Also if one was registered for the primary election of this year he is still registered.

Detroit Clubs Plan Community Center

By MRS. S. T. MOORE

Detroit—The Detroit Women's Civic club voted to join with the Canyon Community club in purchasing and moving to a donated lot the former North Santiam Tavern building with plans for developing it for a community center. The decision was reached at a special meeting called Monday night at the home of Mrs. Otis White, club president.

Action upon the plan hinges on the decision of the Community club which meets this week.

A committee acting for the Civic club, including Mrs. Earl Layman, Mrs. Earl Parker, Raymond Sophy and Harry Rutherford was appointed at (Continued on Page 8)

Increased Truck Taxes Saves Operating Costs

Increased taxes which commercial truckers are asked to pay under the 1951 legislature's bill which the truckers have referred are "an investment in the roads which they use for profit" according to Charles A. Sprague, former governor, who heads the Good Roads Alliance which is fighting the truckers. In the debate before the Portland City club, the following example was cited:

"On a 72,000 pound gasoline truck making the round trip, Portland to Prineville, the increase in rates was 15½ mills (a cent and a half) per mile. On the 296 miles round trip this amounts to \$4.59 per trip.

"The Warm Springs route saves 82 miles per round trip compared with the old Wapinitia. Figuring 5 miles to a gallon of gas, the saving in gas consumption alone would pay the \$4.59 additional tax—not counting the savings in time, wages, wear and tear on trucks which would be pure gravy."

The referendum on the 1951 tax bill has saved the truckers more than \$2,000,000, and cost the state, its cities and its counties a corresponding loss in highway funds. Speaking for the truckers, former Utilities Commissioner George Flagg declared that savings due to new and improved road construction are passed on to the public in lower freight rates. He was asked if any part of the \$2,000,000 has been passed on in lower rates. He said that a large part had been absorbed in a million dollar wage increase to truck employees.

It was then pointed out that truck freight rates have been increased approximately 25% in the last year and that one of the major trucking companies, Consolidated Freightways, has just announced an increase of its quarterly dividend from 25c to 30c a share.

Just Arrived...

A SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Schroeder, Gates, Sept. 9, at Salem Memorial hospital.

Bloodmobile Visit To Gates Sept. 19

The Bloodmobile visits Gates, Friday, Sept. 19, 2 to 6 p.m. standard time, at Gates high school gym, according to Mrs. Ed Chance, chairman for the North Santiam Canyon area, Lyons to Idanha. Some 150 pints for the blood bank are sought on this trip to the canyon. This same blood bank will serve the new Santiam Memorial hospital now being erected.

Not only is blood being solicited by the Bloodmobile but also those refreshing things, coffee and donuts, states Mrs. Chance.

Mrs. Bernice Gordon is chairman of the reception committee for the blood donors. Mrs. Bertha Baltimore is donating her time to the cause as typist. Mrs. Amos Roten, Mrs. Louise Armstrong, Pat and Bob Wingo will serve on the canyon's nursing staff. Dispensing the donuts and coffee to North Santiam blood donors will be Mrs. Wm. Tickle.

The Red Cross acts as a collection agency for blood. It does not administer transfusions. It distributes

Daisy Hendricson Taken To Hospital

Miss Daisy Hendricson entered Salem Memorial hospital Saturday afternoon for x-rays and observation. She underwent surgery Wednesday morning of this week. Miss Hendricson is proprietor of Hendricsons' dry goods store in Mill City.

Recently Miss Hendricson underwent examination and x-raying. A turn for the worse prompted Wednesday surgery. Standing by are Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hendricson of San Leandro, Calif. Mrs. John Swan is in charge of the Mill City dry goods store during the illness of Miss Hendricson.

Miss Hendricson's many friends are wishing her speedy recovery.

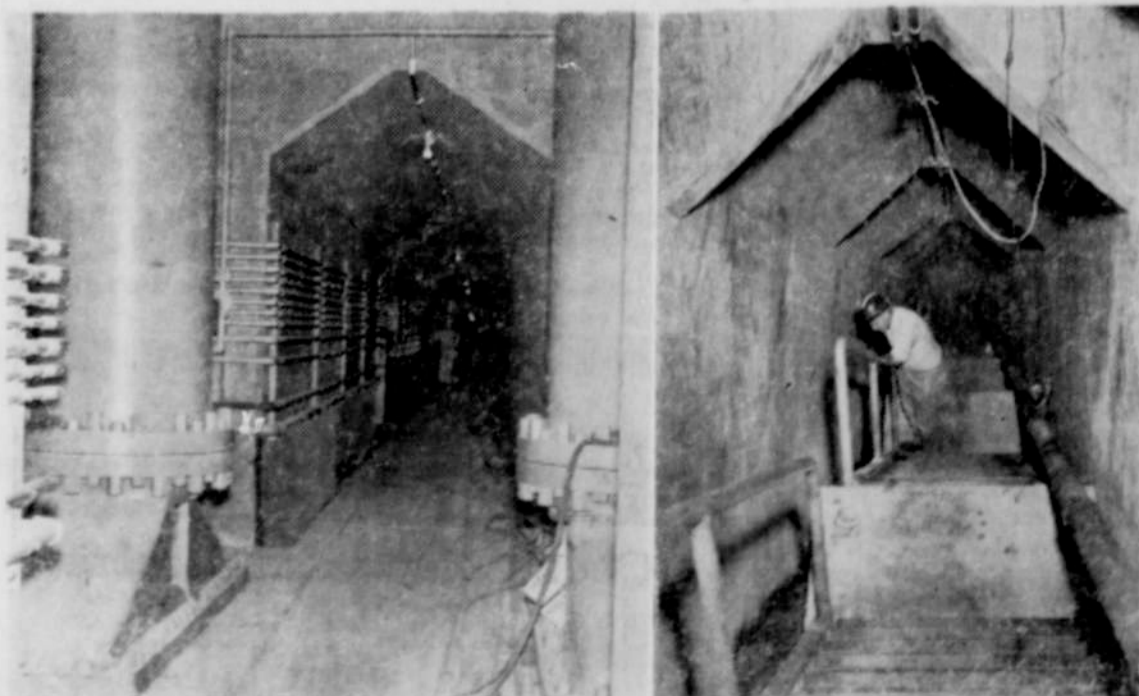
whole blood or plasma to military and civilian hospitals. In military hospitals the blood is given to patients only by military medical personnel without charge. In civilian hospitals charges may be made by hospital officials for professional services, but not for blood.

Mill City Cow Makes Startling Record

Joe Podrabsky's Jersey cow has stirred Mill City citizens. She did it this way. Some 100 days before the date of the birth of her first off-spring she began giving edible milk. This two-year old cow calved for the first time Monday, this week. She has been giving an average of three gallons of milk per day for the last 100 days, according to Podrabsky.

Podrabsky's neighbors discounted his story of his heifer giving milk, before she calved, by saying that she must have lost her calf and he had no knowledge of it. The arrival of a very-much-alive heifer calf proves Podrabsky was right. Agriculture officials of Oregon State college at Corvallis were also "Doubting Thomases".

College officials stated that they had heard of young heifers giving milk before calving, but not in the quantity and for the length of time Podrabsky's cow did. Podrabsky believes that something of a record has been set by his Jersey cow of registered ancestry.



Photos show two views within the new Detroit dam to be open to public inspection this Saturday. At left two huge hydraulic cylinders stand astride the horizontal passageway. Either may be used to open or close the regulating valves controlling the flow of water through the dam. At right is shown stairway that runs from the top to bottom of the dam, extends as a passageway across the bottom, and then returns to the top on the opposite side. Later an elevator will be installed for the convenience of visitors and workmen.

(Photos courtesy Capital Journal and Robert Veness)