



**Canyon Avenue Parade**

By DON PETERSON

Tuesday evening at a meeting called for the purpose of discussing ballot measures on the coming city election scheduled for next Tuesday, Dec. 2, a very small group turned out to ask questions and learn more about the coming election propositions.

Perhaps the most important proposition on the ballot is the ordinance authorizing and providing for a bond issue for street and drainage improvement. The charter already provides for some types of bond issues but for street and drainage improvement it was lacking in providing authority to the council to issue bonds. For instance it is now possible to issue \$50,000 in bonds to provide a water system without the necessity of calling an election for that sum. Now it has become necessary to provide drainage of surface water and build road beds in preparation for paving in order to progress with other paving projects. The city's meagre finances cannot prepare streets and put in sufficient drainage to protect road beds and prevent water standing in low sections of the city. The council has built a number of sumps and prepared what road beds they could but to carry on it will take a long time to get the city's streets paved.

The women of the city are probably most interested in getting the paving projects to moving faster so that streets can be rid of the clouds of dust so prevalent throughout the summer months. We have all spent sums of money oiling and doing everything possible to irradiate the dust problem—so now is the opportunity to start the ball rolling by giving the city council the authority to issue bonds and get along with the job.

Everyone who drives a car knows that to put our streets in first class condition will save many dollars of repairs on our automobiles and trucks. It will be a step in the right direction to vote for the charter amendment authorizing the issuance of bonds at this time so that the council can make plans to proceed as fast as time and weather will permit.

If the amendment passes then residents on the streets not having paving will be able to organize and be ready when weather permits next spring to get their paving started immediately after the road beds are prepared and the drainage is in place. By providing for drainage before paving, money will be saved because it will not be necessary to dig up any streets to put in drainage at a later date.

On the charter amendments pertaining to the election of city officers, it was contended that many voters were confused when they voted for both measures at the November 4 election, in as much as most of the voters voted for both measures and as a result both of them passed by a large majority.

Proponents of the Initiative Petition secured 100 signers to get their petition on the ballot for the November 4 election. In this petition it is provided that the mayor, city recorder-treasurer, and the police judge be elected for two-year terms, and it further provided that they must live in the city and own property in order to be eligible to hold these offices.

The city council took the position that to elect the city recorder-treasurer and the police judge did not give them any authority to hire and fire an officer who did not perform his duty and would therefore hamper their work if they failed to perform their duties, so they proposed an ordinance that would elect only the mayor with only the qualifications required of a voter.

However, many voters undoubtedly voted for both measures thinking that it would make no difference. Some contend that it does not make any difference to vote for both measures if you want to elect all the officers, however, the city attorney has ruled that they are in opposition to each other and therefore the voter should vote FOR ONE measure only and vote AGAINST the other.

We are printing the Sample Ballot in its complete form in this issue and hope that you will discuss it thoroughly.

**4 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT**

WHAT DO YOU HEAR ONLY HALF FINISHED?

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

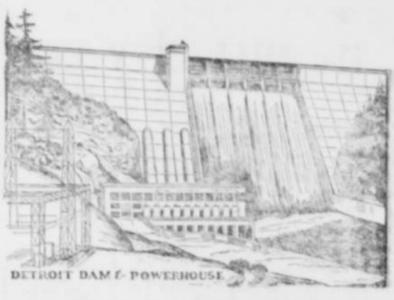
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## Thanksgiving

Lord God, we give Thee thanks this day,  
Humbly, in our simple way,  
For all the gracious gifts which Thou  
Hast deigned so richly to endow—  
For life—for every passing minute—  
For this, Thy world, and all things in it!

We give Thee thanks, dear Lord, for these—  
The green beneficence of tree,  
The kindness of rain, the birth  
Of springtime from a barren earth—  
The earth that bears the bread we break  
In gratitude for Thy sweet sake

We thank thee, Lord, for healing song,  
For courage, wise and tall and strong;  
For all the laughter and the tears  
That mold the pattern of our years;  
For truth and trust and constancy,  
For faith that lets us lean on Thee!

We give Thee thanks for ears to hear,  
For feet to tread Thy pathways here,  
For hands to touch, and lips to sing  
Thy name in every lovely thing—  
For friendship with our fellow men—  
But mostly for Thy love.

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## Special Election Discussed Tuesday By Small Crowd

Representatives of the Mill City council and their legal counsel conducted a public discussion regarding the forthcoming election ballot matters, Tuesday night in the Mill City high school auditorium. The Tuesday, December 2, election will offer the voter the opportunity of choosing two councilmen, a vote on a bond issue for street and drainage improvement and two propositions about making the office of mayor, municipal judge and recorder elective. Currently these positions are appointive.

John Muir, Lee Knowles and Mayor Greene put forth the position of the Mill City council on these items on the ballot. Representatives of the public were not too many in number and not overly critical of the situation arising out of the November 4 election on these same two proposals about making the office of mayor, municipal judge and recorder elective.

Joe Devers, lawyer, put the case of the councilmen for the ordinance making only the office of mayor elective, and keeping the offices of municipal judge and recorder appointive. Mrs. Ruth Witt from the floor put the case for making all these offices elective.

In response to questioning it was drawn out that the drainage system which will be made possible by a "yes" vote Tuesday, December 2, is not a sewer system for Mill City. The Mill City council under the present charter has the power and can issue bonds up to \$50,000.00 for a water system but has not done so. The charter does not allow bonding for drainage and street improvement therefore the necessity for this charter amendment allowing such bonding.

Sample ballots of the forthcoming Tuesday, Dec. 2, election were distributed to those present at the public meeting Tuesday night. The following is a substantial reproduction of this ballot:

### SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

for the  
CITY OF MILL CITY  
Linn-Marion Counties, Oregon  
**Tuesday, December 2, 1952**

Mark (X) Between the Number and the Name Voted For

To elect municipal officers, viz: two councilmen, each to serve a three year term of office on the Common Council of the City of Mill City as required by Chapter III, Section 8 of the City Charter.

- 301 ..... D. B. HILL, Jr.      Vote for Two
- 302 ..... ARLO C. TUERS

Mark (X) Between the Number and the Answer Voted For

Charter Amendment Submitted to the Voters by the Council Pursuant to

#### ORDINANCE

An act to amend the Charter of the City of Mill City, Oregon, by adding thereto a new section to be designated as Chapter XI, Section 1, authorizing and providing for a bond issue of general obligation serial bonds in the sum of Seventy-five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$75,000.00) for street and drainage improvement purposes.

- 307 ..... Yes. I vote for the amendment.
- 308 ..... No. I vote against the amendment.

#### ORDINANCE

An act to amend the Charter of the City of Mill City, Oregon, by amending Chapter III, Section 9, providing for and making the elective office of Mayor.

- 309 ..... Yes. I vote for the amendment.
- 310 ..... No. I vote against the amendment.

#### INITIATIVE PETITION

An act to amend the Charter of the City of Mill City, Oregon, by amending Chapter III, Section 6 to 12 and adding a new section providing for and relating to the appointive and elective officials, providing for the election of a Mayor, City Recorder-Treasurer and Municipal Judge, and qualifications of city officers and the qualifications of voters.

- 311 ..... Yes. I vote for the amendment.
- 312 ..... No. I vote against the amendment.

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

### John Trask, 72, Dies Friday, Heart Attack

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon November 23 at 2 p.m. from the Weddle funeral home in Stayton, with interment in the Fox Valley cemetery for John R. Trask of Mill City, long time resident in the canyon, who passed away Friday morning with a heart attack, following a year of ill health, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Trask was born May 21, 1881, in the Fox Valley district and farmed here most of his life.

Services were conducted by Rev. Vernon from the Christian church of Stayton.

Mr. Trask, last one of a pioneer family of seven boys and two girls was born and raised in this vicinity, having spent his entire life in the community. In 1905 he was married to Alta Wilson settling on a farm in Fox Valley where he raised his family of seven children.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Alta Trask; four daughters, Dorothy Williams of Ocean Lake, Marjorie Mason of Sweet Home, Thelma Grescher of Sublimity, Helen Nydegger of Lyons; two sons, Robert of Albany, and Theodore of Salem, and 11 grandchildren. One son Gail preceded him in death.

### Fire Fighters Invited To Demonstration

Table-top demonstration of how fires start and how they can be put out will be featured at the public meeting of Marion County Civil Defense Monday (December 1) at 8 p.m. in the Bush school auditorium, Mission and University streets, Salem.

Salem Fire Chief E. L. Smith, who also is the Civil Defense Deputy for Fire, will make the demonstrations and explain the ways to prevent fires or it one is started to extinguish it. A motion picture on fire fighting will be shown.

### More Fluoridation Questions Answered

Is fluoridation recommended?

Yes. By the Oregon State Dental association, Oregon State Medical society, State Board of Health, U. S. Public Health Service, American Dental association, and other similar organizations.

Is fluoridation dangerous?

No. Although fluorides are poisonous if administered in large quantities, no toxicity has been reported anywhere in the United States from artificial fluoridation of public water supplies at the approved range of one to one and a half parts per million.

Is fluoridation expensive?

From cities where fluoridation has been practiced it has been reported that chemical feeding apparatus usually ranges in cost between \$500-\$1000, but may cost as much as \$4000 in large installations. Cost for chemicals ranges from five to twenty cents per person per year.

What is the difference between sodium fluoride and sodium silico fluoride?

While sodium fluoride is higher in cost it is relatively soluble and may be fed into the water by means of either a solution feeder or a dry feeder. Where the water use is no greater than one million gallons per day, the use of sodium fluoride with solution feed apparatus should be satisfactory. Sodium silico fluoride, while less soluble than sodium fluoride, may be fed by the use of a dry feeder, and is lower in cost. In large installations where dry feed apparatus is adaptable to the solution, this will probably be the preferred material and equipment.

How was fluoridation discovered?

It has been known since 1905 that fluorine is one of the minor constituents of tooth enamel. In 1931 it was discovered that in communities where the public water supply contained several parts of fluorine per million parts of water, many of the people had dental defects called mottled enamel—chalky white spots or, in more cases, brown stains. These

### Milk Price Hearing Called for Nov. 29

A public hearing of interest to grade A fluid milk producers and milk dealers has been scheduled by the Oregon Milk Marketing Administration at the conference room, State Library, Salem, on Saturday, November 29, 1952, at 2:00 p.m., before W. S. Weidel, assistant administrator, as examiner, to consider a revision of minimum prices paid by distributors to producers and wholesale and retail prices charged by distributors in Marion county markets.

Prices being paid in the county have exceeded minimum prices set by the administration, having been set by negotiation between producers and distributors. Recent changes in regulations made by the federal Office of Price Stabilization have designated the minimum prices of the Milk Marketing Administration as of Dec. 15th, as the ceiling prices to be enforced by the federal agency. This situation has made the local hearing necessary to set ceiling prices sufficiently high to assure an adequate supply of milk.

### ATTENTION KIDDIES! Write a Letter To Santa

Beginning the week of December 6 The Enterprise will print your letters to Santa Claus, with the hope that he will be sure to get your message in time for him to get your request.

Just write your letter to Santa telling him what you want for Christmas and put it in an envelope and then address it to "Santa Claus, care of The Mill City Enterprise, Box 348, Mill City, Ore." We will print your letter in a special column and deliver a copy of the paper to Santa Claus so that he can find out just what you want for Christmas. Let's hurry and write those letters because there are only three papers before Christmas in which to get them printed!

(Mothers, will you help the little folks get those letters written, please?)