

Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

Everyone please remember to bring the kiddies to the Mill City Fire hall on Saturday, December 20 at 12:30 p.m., because Santa Claus will be there at that time to pass out goodies to the little folks. The Firemen and their ladies have been working hard to help Santa with his big annual task. Remember the time and the place: Dec. 20 at 12:30 p.m. at the Fire hall in Mill City!

Capt. F. L. Thompson of Albany paid us a visit Wednesday of this week along with Clarke Lethin, field scout executive for this district, also from Albany. Capt. Thompson is president of the Cascade Area Council of the Boy Scouts and is associated with Thompson-Hendrickson Logging Co. of Albany. He was in our community inspecting the scouting activities up in this neighborhood. Our troop is doing fine here under the able direction of our postmaster, Chas. Kelly, and the scout troop committee, but they were very much concerned with the future of the scout troop in Gates.

Gates has been fortunate in years past with an excellent Boy Scout troop. More recently they are experiencing the oft-repeated difficulties of many communities in not being able to find a scoutmaster to give guidance to the boys at their meetings and on hikes into the hills. Their experience is not at all unusual. It is always a problem to find the right man to serve as scoutmaster, or as a troop committeeman. Both functions are important, but the loss of a scoutmaster is the most serious for then everything pretty well comes to a stop.

That is the problem facing the community of Gates at this time. First of course is needed a sponsoring organization, and then the job is to get a troop committee to be responsible for the troop activities. The committee needs five men to work as a committee to find a meeting place, secure a scoutmaster, organize a program, and then help the scoutmaster to execute the program in co-operation with the boys themselves. Many times the PTA, or the woman's club or the church, or the local chamber of commerce take on the job of sponsoring the scout troop.

The other necessary ingredient for a scout troop is the boys—and you need not worry about that, because the boys are there just waiting to be directed into channels of interest to their peculiar make-up. Just find the activities that interest him and he will be there rearing to go! It's a difficult job to find something of interest to these boys, but Scouting has it all set up and planned. Meetings, hikes, camping, and achievement results whet the appetite of every boy when he finds a man interested in directing that tremendous amount of energy he seems to have in such abundance.

Isn't there an organization in Gates interested in the boys enough to help put the Scouting program to work? It could help your own boy along to a finer and richer life to have the guidance of the Boy Scout program.

J. C. "Doc" Kimmel's new drug store building is nearing completion and within a few days he hopes to open up with a line of Christmas stock in his new building. The drug business he plans moving over to the new location after the first of the year. "Doc" has an attractively appointed building and I am sure everyone will agree that it is a valuable addition to the Mill City business district.

James Cooke Chosen for Natl. Honor Fraternity

James Cooke, University of Southern California student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cooke of Mill City, has been chosen for membership in Blue Key, national honor fraternity. Blue Key was founded at the University of Florida in 1924 and now has over 100 chapters. The University of Southern California chapter was chartered in 1930.

New members of the local organization were chosen on the basis of successful completion of one or more campus activities, demonstrated leadership abilities and an academic record equal to or above the all-men's average.

Just Arrived...

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lowery, Mill City, Dec. 6, at Salem Memorial hospital.

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Letters To Santa



(Hurry, and send in those Letters to Santa, next week is the last week before Christmas that we can print them for you!)

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and washing machine, a refrigerator and a toy stove, a sink, a toy piano. That is all. Thank you,

SHARON PATE,

Route 1, Lyons

I will try and be good.

Good bye.

My arm is tired, mother is holding it.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 5 years old, and I go to Sunday School every Sunday and I sing too. I want Santa to bring me a big doll and a pair of cowboy boots.

GLORIA JEAN STODOLA

Mill City

Dear Santa,

My daddy is sick and can't work much.

I would like a truck and I have 2 little sisters. They want a doll each and I would like a pair of anklets for each of us. I am 6 and I take size 7½. My sisters are 4 and 2 years old. My sister 4 takes size 6½ and my baby sister takes size 6 and would like a pair of shoes size 8.

We would like something to eat for Christmas.

FRANKIE ANGLESEY,

Mill City

Dear Santa,

May I please have a new blanket for my dolly. Thank you. I am almost 6 years old.

CAROL ANN RAGSDALE

Mill City

Dear Santa,

May I please have a car for Christmas, just a toy one. Thank you. I am 19 months old.

LARRY JOE RAGSDALE

Mill City

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a pair of slipper-sock and

Tree Farming Pays, Says Specialist

Raising Christmas trees can be a profitable business if good farming practices are followed, says an Oregon State college farm woodlot specialist.

Paul Goodman, extension products marketing specialist, says Christmas trees develop best on poor, shallow soil where retarded growth gives them time to fill out and become bushy. He adds that a good crop of Christmas trees will return as high profits as most Oregon crops grown on such soil.

Proper thinning, pruning, weeding and brush control will triple the number of high quality trees that can be cut from wild stands where fertile forest land brings fast, spindly growth, the forestry specialist states. Goodman advises against stumpage sales where the buyer selects and cuts trees on the owner's land at 6 to 10 cents a tree. The OSC specialist says many owners don't place enough importance on Christmas tree sales to properly supervise the cutting. This has resulted in mounting public sentiment against wasteful use of timber resources.

Growers will profit most if they

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a cooking set, and a set of dishes. I am 5 years old. Thank you,

BINKY BENGSTON,

Mill City.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Dolly and a Doll Buggy and a set of dishes. Age 6.

LAURENE PODRABSKY

Mill City.

Dear Santa,

I am writing this letter for my sister. My sister wants a Doll house for Christmas. I would like an Electric train for Christmas. Thank you, from JERRY & JANETA JOHNSON

(Editor's note: The letter we received for Santa Claus signed by "A Friend" has been turned over to an agency we think can deliver it to Santa by a faster route.)

Jewel Myers, 52, Dies Sunday in Arizona

Detroit — Jewel Myers, 52, died Sunday at Tucson, Ariz., where he had been flown last week for treatment by a cancer specialist. With him was his wife, Edna Myers.

Myers was born in Dallas, Tex., and moved to Oregon in 1912. Most of his life has been spent near Gates and in the upper canyon where he has been in the logging business.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian church in Mill City with the Rev. Noble Streeter officiating. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

Surviving are his sister Mrs. Eloise Jones, Salem, and four brothers, Ray Myers, Salem, Floyd of Danville, Cal., Efoyle in Idaho and Victor at Mill City.

Lyons Cafe Robber Gets 15 Year Term

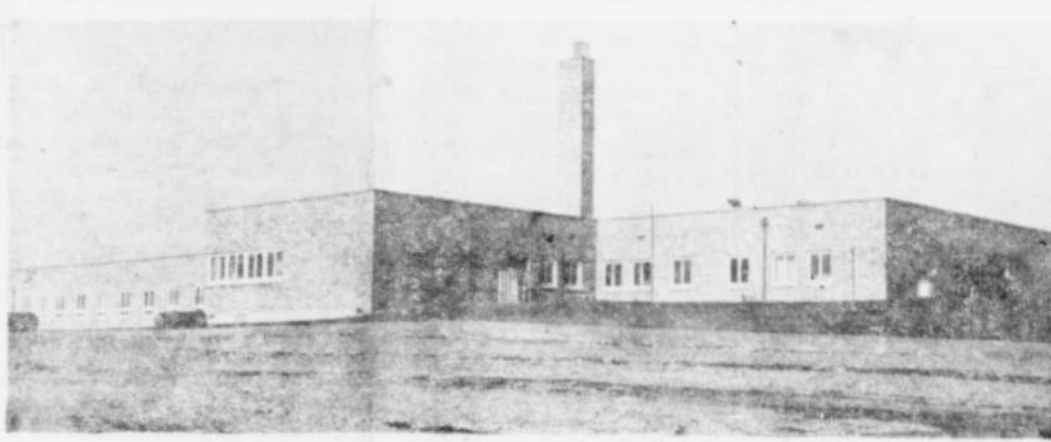
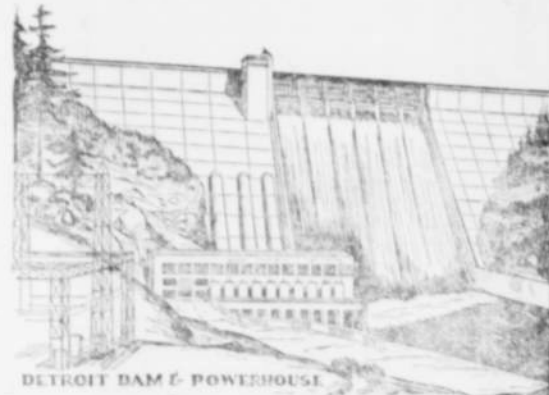
Albany—William Woodrow DeLatter dre wa 15-year prison term here this week after pleading guilty to holding up the Question Mark Cafe at Lyons on December 4.

DeLatter was charged with assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

He was arrested by state police approximately 15 minutes after he pulled a hunting knife on Mrs. Patricia Jobe, wife of the proprietor of the cafe, took money from the cash register and fled in a stolen car.



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The Santiam Memorial hospital which is nearing completion at Stayton, was built by public subscription. The hospital is already in use although some of it remains yet to be finished. The campaign for funds started in November 1950. (Photo courtesy The Oregonian)

Oregon Schools Set March of Dimes Mark

Hope that Oregon schools will continue to stand at the head of the class in the forthcoming March of Dimes was expressed today in Salem by Dr. Rex Putnam.

The state superintendent of public instruction made this view known in a statement prepared for mailing to Oregon's elementary and secondary school administrators.

Dr. Putnam noted that Oregon school pupils, teachers and administrators accounted for the highest per capita contributions made by any state education system to the 1952 March of Dimes.

"This is an honor which should mean a great deal to us," he said. "We hope that we shall continue to hold that favorite position in the year to come. In 1952," he continued, "Oregon schools raised \$57,340.00 during the March of Dimes campaign for the purpose of fighting polio. This was some \$9,000 more than was collected in 1951. This worthy project should continue to challenge your very best efforts for the 1953 campaign."

State board of health figures released in conjunction with Dr. Putnam's statement showed a total of 476 polio cases for the first 11 months of 1952. The December 1 count was 349 in 1951 and 489 in 1950. The 520 cases recorded in 1950 constituted an all-time high.

State Epidemiologist Samuel T. Osgood of Portland said the 1952 incidence would be the second heaviest in Oregon's history. From four to six cases are being recorded each week—mostly on the basis of delayed diagnosis and reports—after the severe onslaught earlier in the year.

U. S. Civil Service Needs Auditors

The United States Civil Service Commission this week announced examinations for auditor (industrial cost audits and internal audits), and resident in hospital administration.

The auditor positions pay \$4,205 to \$10,800 a year and are in the Department of the Army located in Washington, D.C., and in various other large cities throughout the country. Men only are desired. No written test will be given. Appropriate experience, or education and experience is required. The maximum age limit is 62 years.

Resident in hospital administration positions pay \$2,200 a year and are located in Veterans' hospitals throughout the country. No written test will be given. Appropriate education is required. The age limits, waived for veterans, are 18 to 35 years. Persons who successfully complete the residency, which is 12 months in length, will be eligible for promotion to positions paying \$4,205 a year.

Further information about these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained at most first- or second-class post offices, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission Washington, 25, D. C. Applications for Auditor positions will be accepted until further notice at the places listed in the examination announcement. Applications for resident in hospital administration must be filed with the Central Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D.C., not later than February 15, 1953.

Annual Christmas Seal Sale Underway

The 46th annual Christmas Seal sale is now under way in Marion county and will continue until December 25. Some 23,000 envelopes containing two sheets of seals were mailed to residents of the county. These seals are the only financial support that the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health association has in its year-round fight against TB.

Last year the dollars contributed to the Christmas Seal sale helped the association carry on its program of health education on the danger of tuberculosis, medical research for a specific cure for the disease and free chest X-rays in Marion county for all adults.

Hundreds of volunteers help in the various communities of the county or where they stuff the envelopes for mailing, open the returned letters and sell the little, bright-colored seals in the booths.

Schools in the county do not receive seals, but the children have a part in the campaign by buying the little, red double-barred crosses.

Mrs. Arlo Tuers is the Christmas Seal chairman for the Lyons, Mill City, and Gates area and she asks that your blue envelope with your contribution be returned as soon as possible so that it will not be forgot in the rush of the holiday season.

Legion Auxiliary Ready For Party

A special meeting of the Mill City American Legion Auxiliary was called to order by the vice president, Ina Chase, due to the illness of Delores Stewart, president. There were 18 members present who sacked candy for the Christmas party December 14.

It was brought to the attention of the members by the Child Welfare chairman, Joyce Hale, that there was a family in the community who was in dire need of warm clothing and shoes. This family consists of six children whose ages are 4, 8, 10, and 15 for girls, and 5, and 13 for boys. The Auxiliary will donate some money, but would like all members to take anything that could be used to Mill City Meat Market or to Muir's Bakery. Some of the children cannot attend school because they do not have proper clothing. Anyone in the community who would like to help may do so.

The decorating committee will meet at 1 p.m. at the Legion hall and hang decorations. Joan Cobble is chairman of this committee.

There was an error made in the cards sent to the Legion members; and the auxiliary reminds the men that the gifts they bring for the exchange be marked "Men" and not exceed 25c in value.

The Auxiliary has 27 paid up members and four prospective members. Ina Chase reminds all members that their dues should be paid by the 31st of December.

Members on the committees are as follows: coffee maker, Mrs. John Muir; silverware, Joan Cobble; hot dish, Thelma Jenkins, Joyce Hale, Ina Chase; napkins, Cora Mulburg. Members cooking the turkeys will be Martha Ragsdale and Ledora Kelly.

Children Enjoy First Snowfall at Detroit

Detroit—Eager children read the promise of a white Christmas in the first winter snowfall that blanketed the upper canyon Saturday. Rain fell heavily Sunday to wash away much of the first snow, but colder temperatures brought snow again Sunday night and Monday.

Snow at Detroit measured two inches Monday. Marion Forks lodge reported 10 inches there late Sunday with heavy snow falling there and at all higher elevations.

Snow plows worked to keep the North Santiam highway open for traffic. Chains were recommended for travel over the summit and several motorists were reported to be having trouble.



Work was progressing rapidly two weeks ago on the new North Santiam bridge when this picture was taken. This was the last link in the new highway from Mehama to Mill City on the Marion county side of the river. Last week the state highway commission opened the new bridge to public travel. (Photo courtesy The Oregonian)

Timberwolves Meet Chemawa, Friday, December 19