



**Canyon Avenue Parade**

By DON PETERSON

The North Santiam Chamber of Commerce held its February meeting at the Gates high school Wednesday evening of this week with a spirited meeting of over 50 present to take part in the discussions of the evening. President Fred Lindemann of Lyons announced that the next meeting in March will include the election of board members and they in turn will select the new officers for the coming year.

The meeting was to hear from S. T. "Tenny" Moore, forest ranger for this district on matters pertaining to the forest and its recreational program, but due to the slide blocking the highway near the Detroit dam he and others from the Detroit-Idanha end of the canyon where unable to get to the meeting.

The game and recreational committee reported on its activities since the last meeting in Sublimity in January. A new member is to be appointed by the governor to the state game commission and it was thought desirable to have a representative from this district on the commission. They report that Jack Lingaas of Mehama was selected to be recommended to the governor for appointment to fill the coming vacancy on the game commission because of his knowledge of game and forest problems. The chamber voted to endorse the action of the recreational committee and support Lingaas for the position.

Jerry Coffman reported that the federal government had received over \$650,000 last year as revenue from the forest lands and that only \$17,000 was allotted to this area for recreational improvements such as roads and camping sites for last year. No sum has been allowed yet for this year. A bill has been introduced in congress to turn back 10% of forest land revenues to the area it came from for such improvements, this bill is expected to run into serious opposition before it can be passed. The bill would make available over \$65,000 should it become law.

Coffman further reported that the new fish hatchery on the McKenzie is to be the largest in the United States and that one third of its output is to be placed in the Detroit reservoir when it is completed, or a yearly planting of 800,000 fish.

Two changes in the by-laws of the chamber were proposed for action by the next meeting of the chamber in March. One was changing the required number of directors present in order to have a quorum of 18 out of the 27 directors to a simple majority or 14 for the purpose of conducting business at a board meeting, the other in regards to sending out meeting notices 10 days in advance of the meeting. It was felt that 10 days was too long a time before and many were inclined to forget about the meeting date. Two or three days in advance was suggested as sufficient. These changes will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Bob Stewart of Stayton, manager of this district of the Mountain States Power Co. was called upon for explanation in regard to the surcharges placed on users of power in this area. He stated that the surcharge was granted at a hearing before the utility commissioner over a year ago, and that the company is a private monopoly utility controlled by the state laws which literally guaranteed 6% profit on investment, but does not permit building a surplus to take care of emergencies such as existed last fall when the company had to operate steam generating plants and buy power from small sawmills in order to meet their customers' demands. He stated that likewise the company could not make over 6%, while other business might make as high 100% and thus be able to get over emergency periods of higher costs.

Mr. Stewart had numerous questions piled at him and a great deal of indignation was evident at the meeting from those who felt they were being charged unjustly. Stewart admitted that the stockholders of the company were paying out of their earnings the extra costs of operation in the Springfield district because the company was in competition with the municipal power company in that city. Mt. States is furnishing power to Springfield at a preferred rate in order to meet the competition of the municipal owned power system.

Accusation was made that Bonneville Power Administration had caused the shortage of power in the northwest by over-selling power to new industry in recent years. But it was (Continued on Page 8)

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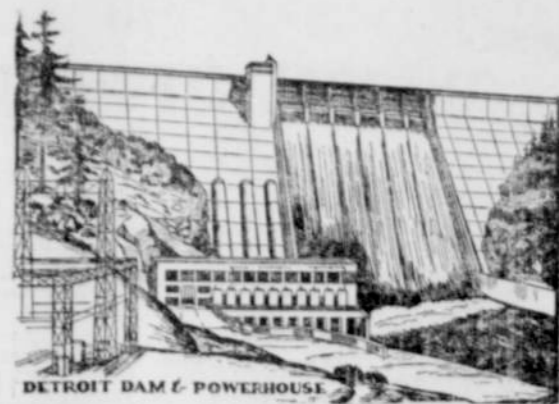
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Huge rock slide on North Santiam highway that is expected to halt traffic for 10 days from both directions is shown with Sam Street, employee of the Bureau of Public Roads, inspecting the damage. The slide contains approximately 15,000 cubic yards of material and covers a 400-foot section of the highway about half a mile downstream from Detroit dam. (Photo courtesy Capital Journal and Robert Veness)

## Hiway 22 Closed by Big Rock Slide at Detroit Dam

Water soaked dirt and rock tumbled down upon the North Santiam highway near Detroit dam Wednesday night and buried a 400-foot section of the road under 15,000 cubic yards of what was formerly part of a mountain side.

Bill Misner, foreman for the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, estimates that the road will be closed about 10 days.

### R.B. McClain Honored Upon His Retirement

A birthday banquet was held Tuesday evening, January 27, honoring R. B. McClain on his retirement from employ with the Mountain States Power company.

McClain began his employ with the company in 1922 at Albany, and gradually advanced and was transferred to the Sandpoint division at Newport, Wash., as local manager in 1931. He continued there until the Newport district was sold in 1949. He was then transferred to Mill City where he has been for the past four years.

A certificate of 31 years service was presented to McClain from the company. Presentation was made by R. C. Sipe, Albany, Willamette division manager. R. L. Stewart, Stayton, Stayton and Mill City district manager, acted as master of ceremonies. A gift of luggage was presented to McClain from the employees. Presentation was made by W. B. Shuey.

Those honoring McClain were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sipe from Albany; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stewart from Stayton; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kuhlman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mundt, Mr. and Mrs. George Arthurs, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mason, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bruder, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Holt, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shuey, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cline, and Mrs. R. B. McClain.

### Public Library Open To Rural Residents

Linn county residents outside of the Albany area may now borrow books at the Albany public library upon paying an annual fee.

This action was taken by the Albany public library board in response to many requests from individuals and from the Linn County Farm Home and Rural Life committee.

This committee is currently studying the need for library facilities for all Linn county residents, looking toward establishment of a county-supported library similar to those now operating in many other Oregon counties. Meanwhile it appears desirable to extend the use of present library facilities.

The Albany library board voted to extend the borrowing privilege to Linn county residents outside the Albany area for a fee of \$3 a year.

This figure is based on the fact that the city of Albany, through city tax, is paying at the rate of \$3.02 per year to provide library service for each present library user, meaning each person registered as a borrower within the past three years.

This amount is approximately the cost of one book, and is less than the \$3.90 average price of the 20 current best-sellers.

In taking this action, the library board reaffirmed its previous policy that the use of the library continue to be free to all persons who reside in Albany or who receive their mail through the Albany post office, and to those permanently employed in Albany.

### 50% Polio Patients Recover

Of every 100 individuals stricken with polio, 50 percent recover completely; 30 percent recover with no disabling after-effects; 14 percent may be severely paralyzed and about 6 percent may die. But the March of Dimes provides for care in whole or in part for every polio patient in the United States who needs financial assistance.

### Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Opens Feb. 13

Mason's of Mill City tees off for business on "Arbor Day, Friday the 13th. The newest and best in famous brands in feminine apparel comes to Mill City with the opening of Mason's on the traditionally unlucky day, Friday 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Mason of Silverton yesterday, (Wednesday) made final arrangements on purchase of the shop formerly known as Oleson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason have placed the management of Mason's of Mill City in the hands of Mrs. Raymond P. Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Greene of Mill City. Mrs. Thompson has two sons, John, 14, a freshman in Mill City high school and Patrick, 9, in the second grade. Her husband is temporarily employed in Arizona in construction work. Mrs. Thompson is the sister of Mrs. L. O. Kuhlman of Mill City.

The Masons live in Silverton where they own and operate Mason's Style Shop. Mason is a Navy veteran of the South Pacific in World War II. Mrs. Mason hails from Portland. They have two children, Marion, 6, and Van, 4, whose birthday is Tuesday, Feb. 10. Mason is active in the American Legion and chamber of commerce and brings to Mill City 20 years of top-notch experience in women's apparel merchandising.

Outstanding feature of the Friday 13 grand opening is a deluxe gift wrap of any purchase.

Mrs. Thompson indicated that everything in feminine attire, except fur coats and shoes, will be offered for sale. Mrs. Mason stated, "Those too will be offered if the girls demand them." Brand names such as Pendleton, Jantzen, White Stag, Graff and Kafouri sportswear, Maidenform and Jantzen foundations, Frances Dexter and Georgianna dresses, Betty Rose coats and suits will be on display together with appropriate accessories, jewelry and millinery.

Mrs. Thompson, local manager of Mason's, stated that business hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. six days per week, Monday through Saturday.

Turn to page 5 for Mason's grand opening sale ad in this paper.

### Mill City PTA Meeting Scheduled For Feb. 11

The February meeting of the Mill City PTA will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 11th at 8 p.m. in the Mill City high school auditorium.

There will be a special observance of PTA Founday's day. The program will include special numbers by the Mill City Camp Fire Girls.

### City Council Names Budget Committee

Mill City's council tossed about the much-debated issue of popular election of the city's mayor and other present appointive officers during a busy evening Wednesday night in the city hall. Robert Y. Thornton, Oregon's newly-elected democrat attorney general, has before him this dispute awaiting an opinion, according to John Muri, Mill City mayor.

Results financial-wise on last year's summer recreational program for Mill City youngsters were presented to the council by Jim Hale, recreational director. Hale reported that \$1,450 was spent last year on the program. He presented a \$1,300 budget for the coming summer vacation recreation program starting a week or so after the end of school. He proposed a 50-50 split on this sum between the city and the school system. Councilman David Reid assured the city's half of the program a spot in the city's budget.

After discussion, Councilman Lee Knowles proposed an item in the new city budget for defraying the expenses of the council in attending out-of-city meetings in the city's interest. This expense has been borne by the individuals on the councils in the past.

City licensing of businesses came in for its share of the council's spotlight Wednesday night. A review of the businesses pointed up the fact that the matter of licensing is in confusion. The greatest point of friction is with regard to what businesses must pay a license fee and, if so, how much. Revision of business licensing into three classes should be complete by June, if results are gained from the re-survey ordered by the council Wednesday.

Next council meeting, Wednesday, February 18, will wrestle with the new city budget for 1953-'54. Don Jenkins, owner of Jenkins' hardware in Mill City was made a member of the city budget committee by Mayor Muri, Wednesday.

### Teague Chevrolet Wins Large Auto Contract

Gene Teague, Stayton Chevrolet dealer, was the successful bidder on over 100 state passenger automobiles at recent contract awarding. Teague's low bid will result in these 100 new automobiles getting their initial servicing in Stayton. Teague's order was the largest single order from Oregon.

Teague had additional recognition bestowed upon him by his fellow dealers recently by their electing him to a 10-man dealer planning committee in the district of Oregon-Washington-Idaho for Chevrolet dealers.

### March of Dimes Box Social February 14

A real old-fashioned Valentine's Day box social is in store for Mill City and the canyon, Saturday night, February 14, in Mill City IOOF hall, if Bill Stewart of Mill City has his way about it. It's all in the best interests of the March of Dimes. Stewart expressed the hope that the Valentine day affair chalks up the success that the Roosevelt Birthday Ball met last Saturday night.

Geo. Veteto, dance chairman, was bubbling over with thanks for the generous response of the public to this much-enjoyed affair. The hall was stuffed to the rafters with dancing couples and echoed the roar of a host of people enjoying themselves. Latest tallies indicate a profit of over \$200 was realized for the March of Dimes fund.

Veteto voiced the thanks of Mill City Lions club to the attendants at last Saturday night Roosevelt birthday dance, Mill City's bank for the use of the hall, the musicians, the American Legion for the use of their piano and refreshment donation, Mill City grade school for the use of its chairs, Mill City ball club for the use of coffee urn, Shell Oil Co. for stove oil and all the other numerous merchants who donated so liberally to making the dance a great success.

Veteto had a special word of thanks for those who worked in close co-operation with him on the dance committee and in the handling of the dance program.

### Valentine's Day Food Sale by Garden Club

Another of the now-renowned food sales of the Mill City Garden club takes place Valentine's day, Saturday, February 14, in the building formerly occupied by Hinz coffee shop, beside Mill City variety store.

The food sale starts promptly at 10 a.m. and as usual, will continue until sold out.

Mrs. Alta Grimes will be the hostess for the next regular meeting of the Garden club in her home, Thursday, February 26.

### Sportsman Club To See Big Game Movie Monday

North Santiam Sportsman's club members will hear Les Zumwalt, regional game superintendent, next Monday at Sublimity Gun club, Jerry Coffman, club president announced.

Zumwalt will be guest speaker on a program which will include a motion picture entitled, "The Story Behind the Trophy", a picture of Oregon's big game. Also on the program will be an officer from the Oregon Bow Hunters club.

# Mill City Timberwolves Vs. St. Paul, Tues., Feb. 10