

Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

The Sisters Chamber of Commerce is planning a dinner at the Santiam Ski lodge for next Tuesday, February 17 at 7 o'clock p.m. They have extended an invitation to everyone interested in promoting highway 22 to come take part in the meeting at that time. Plans are for holding a dance after the meeting in the lodge quarters and all are invited to come and bring their wives for an evening of business and pleasure.

The Sisters Chamber of Commerce depends a great deal on its existence from the publicity given to the new highway and we on this end of the road see a great deal of future in it for us—they hope to get together and help plan for future publicity to tell the rest of the world about this wonderful recreational country.

I attended the Santiam Sportsmen's club meeting last Monday night at the Sublimity Gun club and enjoyed an interesting evening with that organization. Perhaps the most entertaining feature was the showing of a game commission movie in technicolor giving the history of the care of big game and the many problems involved to preserve these residents of our beautiful forests. The work of the game conservationist was pictured in much detail and describing his work in periodic counts of game and feeding conditions found in order to learn better conservation methods.

The Santiam Sportsmen voted to encompass the sport of bow and arrow hunting and will have a program prepared for this year's activities. Jim Drake of Albany, vice president of the Oregon Bow Hunters association, was present and outlined the many activities of bow hunters. Anyone interested in the sport of bow hunting should attend the next meeting which will be held here in Mill City early in March and they can learn about the bow hunters plans for this year. At this meeting in March it is planned to have a game commission picture showing Oregon game fish and I am told it is worth seeing by any fisherman or anyone who is interested in learning more about Oregon's game fish. Jerry Coffman of Mehama is president of the Santiam Sportsmen's club and anyone wishing to join may see him at Ken Golliet's store in Mehama any day.

I spent an hour one day this week looking over the plant and operations of the M & M plywood company at Lyons asking questions of the genial engineer in charge, Mr. Elroy Carlson. It was fascinating when you realize that less than two years ago it was only an open field and next week it will start testing operations in preparation to producing veneer board and that probably within another year other buildings will be constructed to further manufacture lumber products. Those operations are the life blood of industry in this canyon and every plant that can be put into operation is just that much more prosperity for all of us. It is the hope of many that more will come here to live and manufacture products for the markets of the rest of the world. We all hope that Vancouver plywood will soon be able to start operations at their property east of the city and that the sound of whistles calling men to work will be a regular friendly morning sound.

It has come to that time of the year when dog licenses are for sale by the county officials. A fine is attached when licenses are not purchased before March 1, so don't put it off too long. Also dog owners can save themselves a lot of trouble if they will see that their dogs do not run wild and destroy their neighbor's gardens. It can be very provoking, so let's all co-operate and perhaps save many tempers. Before you decide to poison some child's pet, it would be much more neighborly to drop by and say "hello" to the neighbor whose dog is offending, perhaps he would like to know when his dog becomes a nuisance, and will help solve the problem.

Eugene Thornley Called Into Military Service

Eugene Thornley left February 5 or Fort Lewis, Wash., following induction in the armed services at Salem. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Case of Mill City. His brother Lawrence is already there and has started his tour of duty only a few weeks ahead of Eugene.

Eugene is a 1949 graduate of Mill City high school and has been attending the University of Oregon until he received his call for induction.

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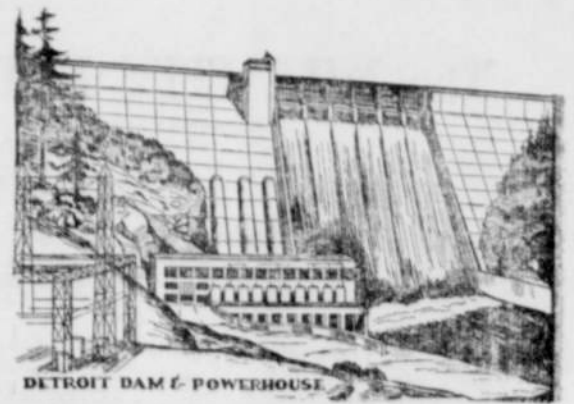
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Highway Now Open

The North Santiam highway 22 closed for eight days by a slide near Detroit dam, was opened Thursday (today) evening, W. F. Mizner, bureau of public roads foreman, reported.

Large Timber Sale Planned

Detroit—Timber sale plans for the Willamette National forest for the year 1953 have been announced by J. R. Bruckart, supervisor, in a detailed report of proposed sale areas for the six ranger districts of this forest.

Sixty-seven million board feet will be sold on the Detroit district in an estimated 28 tracts. The largest single sale will be 28 million feet on Straight Creek. Other large sales outlined will be located on Blowout Creek and Gale Hill.

Of the total timber to be sold eleven million feet will be salvage of insect-killed and wind-thrown timber.

The Cascadia district will offer approximately 55 million board feet of timber on 38 sales. The Canyon Creek sale of 16 million will be the largest single sale on the district. Thirteen million feet of salvage timber will be offered this year.

Timber will be sold at auction on dates to be announced prior to sales. Total proposed sale for the entire forest will be 358 million board feet.

Legion-Auxiliary Assists Projects

The Mill City American Legion and Auxiliary are pushing the Valentine box social which will be held at the IOOF hall, February 14. Unit members serving on the entertainment committee expect a large turn-out of members.

Dorothy Stewart, Auxiliary president, thanks all members who helped make the recent cooked food sale successful. She reported that the food sale cleared \$36.00. Thanks are extended Mrs. Ruth Witt for the use of her building for the sale. Several dozen of unsold cookies were contributed by the unit to the chairman of the March of Dimes Roosevelt Ball, where they were sold at the refreshment bar during the evening.

Those having clothing which their children have out-grown are urged to contact any auxiliary member. Joan Cauble, child welfare chairman, would like the clothing for needy families in the canyon. Phone 324 for pickup of clothing donations.

The Auxiliary's regular monthly meeting will be held February 16, at 8 p.m. at the Legion hall. All those interested in joining the group are urged to attend.

February's "Big Three"



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Walt's Garage Moves To New Quarters

Walter E. Westgaard has leased the Heidt's Auto Electric building on Santiam boulevard and will open in the new location Monday, Feb. 16. Westgaard will operate as Walt's Garage. He has been in the Hathaway building formerly occupied by John Nelson during the past few months.

Westgaard has been a resident of Mill City for seven years. His mother and sister, formerly of Lewistown, Mont., have made their home with him for the past year and a half. Westgaard, who was employed by Jungwirth in Lyons, and has worked as a mechanic at Detroit dam, will operate a general auto repair and welding shop.

Heidt's retirement from active business has been forced by ill health.

World Day of Prayer Observance Feb. 20

Churches of Mill City Friday, February 20, will unite with Christians all over the world in observance of World Day of Prayer.

Ministers and members of all the churches in Mill City will participate in the services at the Mill City Presbyterian church at 2 p.m.

The theme of this year's Day of Prayer, taken from Ephesians 5:8, is "Walk as Children of Light". Everyone is invited to this service of prayer.

Scouts Receive Awards on 43d Anniversary

In celebration of Scouting's 43rd birthday several Mill City Boy Scouts were the proud owners of many Scouting awards and advancements following the conclusion of Wednesday's awards session in Mill City grade school. Scoutmaster Charles Kelly endowed members of the local Boy Scout group with their new status and merit badges.

Ed Cooke, Boy Scout committee chairman, and Lee Ross, committee member, were present in official recognition of the occasion of Kelly's presentation of the scouting awards.

Tenderfoot awards were given M. Kelly, B. Sullivan, A. Beery and D. Jennings; second class awards to L. Dart, T. Boothby, L. Urban and J. Foster; first year badges were pinned on T. Boothby, B. Hedge, D. Jennings, D. Jones, T. Muir and L. Large.

Gregory Peterson received his Star rank and a bookbinding merit badge, Don Lenke, his merit badge in art.

Walter Forrest, 62, Passes at Lyons

Walter Ward Forrest, 62, of Lyons, passed away at the home of his son, Stanley J. Forrest, in Stayton, on Wednesday, Feb. 4. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. N. N. Neufeld at the Weddle Funeral Home in Stayton last Friday. Forrest was born July 17, 1890 in Kansas.

He was three when his family brought him to Oregon where his father, James Marion Forrest, had driven a stage coach 12 years before. Ward Forrest spent his early life in Salem, later becoming a farmer and lumber grader in the Lyons area.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Emma Forrest, Lyons; two sons, Stanley J. Forrest, Stayton, Raymond Forrest, Lyons; three daughters, Wardine Jepsen, Mill City, Marie Christensen, Stayton, Anita Linbeck, Lyons; a brother, Stanley E. Forrest, The Dalles; three sisters, Mildred Taylor, Portland, Minnie Moore, Salem, and Anna Pierce, Salem; also seven grandchildren.

Burial was in Fox Valley cemetery Lyons.

Kettleson Becomes New Detroit Scoutmaster

Detroit—Frosty nights and warm school coach and instructor, has been named scoutmaster of the Detroit-Idanha Boy Scouts to replace Albert Snyder who has served ably in that capacity for several years.

Kettleson will be assisted by Albert Warby, seventh grade teacher. The first meeting held Monday evening was well attended and scouts enjoyed a wiener roast at the Idanha fire hall.

M & M Plywood Peeler To Start Testing Operations

A new industry in the North Santiam Canyon near Lyons stirs into initial action next week when M & M's plywood peeler plant conducts testing operations. When in production, the peeler plant will employ 45 men when in one-shift operation and about 80 men in two-shift operation. The plant has a capacity of one-and-one-half million board feet of veneer per week with two shifts on a five-day week.

M & M's newest addition to the industry of the North Santiam will produce green peeler veneer for sale on the open market, according to Elroy Carlson, plant engineer in charge of local operations. Carlson stated that the Lyons peeler plant will have a yearly capacity of 75 million board feet as against the 65 million board feet output of Albany Ply Lock division of M & M.

Carlson, M & M's Lyons plant engineer, formerly lived in Portland and Seattle. He is married and has one seven-month old child. He will bring his family to the North Santiam as soon as he locates suitable housing. He at one time held a position with Pacific Power and Light company.

Two G. E. Amplidyne controlled peeler lathes will soon be put into operation at the Lyons plant. One lathe is large enough that it can handle 90-inch logs. These lathes are operated by remote control. The lathe blade automatically cuts veneer to a carefully controlled thickness. Only the most modern equipment is being installed from the log pond through mill operations. Remote controls are operated by electric buttons for starting and stopping the barke, lathes, storage system transfer belts and cutters up to the loading docks.

The main lathe cuts 450 feet of veneer per minute in widths of eight to ten feet. The plant will have a 175-foot six-deck storage system for peeled veneer as it comes off the lathe ready for the cutters, thus assuring a steady supply of veneer for the cutters while a new log is being placed in the lathe. A 10-ton capacity overhead hoist will handle the larger logs in getting them into place for the peeler lathe.

The small lathe will take over when the main lathe has been used to finish the cores. The small lathe will trim 14-inch cores to a diameter of six inches.

A new feature found in the Lyons peeler plant is a "chipper", which is used in cutting up much of the waste material left from the peeler operations. Plants officials expect that this chipped material will fill four railroad gondola cars each full day's operation. A new air pressure system (Continued on Page 8)

Detroit Gets Mildest Winter in Decade

Detroit—Frosty nights and warm clear days are sustaining the record established thus far for the mildest winter in the Detroit-Idanha area in the past decade. The January rainfall of 27.09 inches was the highest monthly precipitation on record.

Canyon residents who prepared for the usual winter of ice and snow by mounting sawdust tires on motor vehicles are ruefully claiming they may have guaranteed the continuing mild weather. Only three appreciable snowfalls have been recorded and very little freezing weather.

The usual winter weather deals the upper canyon a variety of cold rains, heavy snow and low temperatures that create a scenic landscape of snow-laden trees and ice-festooned rooftops.

Weather records kept by Mrs. Earl Parker of Detroit indicate a total precipitation for the year 1950 of 109.13 inches, with January of that year bringing 122 inches of snow reaching a total depth of 56 inches on the ground. January of 1952 is recorded as having twelve inches of snow on the ground.

Heavy snows are not unlikely for February and March in this area, but the absence of deep snow on surrounding mountains at this time of year is unusual.

Cold winters have been notable for the migration of deer driven by hunger to the lower levels of the canyon where they become a common sight in yards on the outskirts of town. Natural forage conditions are excellent this year and the deer have kept on higher ground.

Signs of spring which are usually from four to six weeks behind those of valley areas have been in evidence for several weeks. Early shrubs are leafing and spring bulbs are showing spikes of green several inches above ground.

Canyon residents are wondering if it is really winter.

Camp Fire Girls Hold Candy Sale

Mill City Camp Fire Girls' annual candy sale starts Saturday, according to Mrs. Lee Pinkston who has charge of the project.

Boxes of chocolate mints will be sold for one dollar each by Camp Fire Girls as a fund-raising scheme for the Camp Fire Girl treasury. Mrs. Pinkston stated that under the candy sale campaign 15c of each \$1.00 remains in the local treasury, the remainder pays for the candy and goes to the Camp Fire Girl organization.

Mrs. Pinkston stressed the importance of the candy sale project indicating that Community Chest funds have been insufficient for two years now. Community Chest supports Camp Fire Girl work.

'Debs' Devine Suffers Heart Attack Friday

Gates—"Debs" Devine suffered a heart attack Friday afternoon after he had entered the Chili Bowl for lunch. Dr. John Reid of Mill City was called and ordered Mr. Devine sent by ambulance to the Salem Memorial hospital.

Mr. Devine will be confined for several days. At last report he was making satisfactory recovery.

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