



By DON PETERSON

Political plums are being picked all over the country by the job hungry Republican administration and this practice is reaching down to the lowliest of positions in the small towns of the country as is illustrated by the change in the postmastership at Gates.

Mr. Haywood was appointed last summer to take over the Gates office after the retirement of Mrs. Brisbin and has done an excellent job. He has two small children and is not able to do many of the physical jobs that other men are doing. He has been able to live on the small income this post office job pays and has not been on the labor market seeking another job. Not many will expect a position paying as little as this job unless they have other income.

It would appear that the patronage dispensers for the Republican party here in Oregon would leave the small paying jobs alone as long as they are satisfactorily filled. There are plenty of jobs available as time goes by to pay any political debts without causing hardships where there is no necessity for so doing.

If this is a sample of the house-cleaning the Republicans are doing throughout the country then may the Lord help us.

The Detroit lake will be open to fishermen for the 1953 season according to an announcement by H. W. Rutherford, project engineer. Rutherford in announcing the opening of the lake, designated two boat launching ramps for use of fishermen, one at Mongold on the road going toward the lake and the other at the old town site of Detroit on the pavement leading to the lake's edge, providing the water reaches an elevation high enough to use the old roadway. Should the water not reach that height boating enthusiasts are warned that it is extremely dangerous to leave the old highway and attempt to launch boats at other points.

Mr. Rutherford stressed three points in making the announcement and offered the co-operation of the engineer's office to make the recreational facilities useful to the public.

They are:

1. To stay above and off of the drift boom directly upstream from the dam;

2. To watch out for stumps when you approach shore, as the big trees were cut off five (5) feet above the ground; and

3. To watch out for the large amount of drift in the reservoir.

Along with the opening of the Detroit lake to fishing is the announcement that tributaries to the lake are also open to fishing on the opening day, Saturday, April 18, according to information furnished by the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce.

Today Sen. Wayne Morse introduced a bill in the Congress to authorize the building of a 722-foot dam on the Snake river or what is known as Hell's Canyon dam. This project is designed to produce 1,124,000 kilowatts of firm power, and would provide irrigation rights to all the water needed above the project plus furnishing a flood control dam to hold back dangerous and expensive flood waters flooding areas below the dam site on down the Columbia.

Simultaneously in the House Mrs. Gracie Pfoot of Idaho, Magnuson of Washington, and Metcalf of Montana introduced a companion measure authorizing the Hell's Canyon project.

In introducing the measure Morse said in a speech in the senate reproduced below in part:

"Without question, if Oregon and neighboring Idaho are to expand and prosper increasing we need large-scale irrigation and for irrigation we must have financial aid from power revenues. . . .

"As a prudent investment of public funds, the Hell's Canyon dam will be outstanding. The total estimated cost of the project works covered by this legislation would be \$404,734,000, made up of \$356,810,000 for Hell's Canyon dam and power plant and appurtenant works, and \$47,924,000 for the Scriver Creek power facilities. Almost 90% of the total, or \$361,199,000 would be returned to the Treasury within 50 years, including interest. . . .

"Hell's Canyon dam will add a large block of firm power, 1,124,000 kilowatts to be specific—to the Pacific northwest power supply. . . . firm power, power available every hour of the day, every day of the year. The energy will come from three sources (1) power produced at the site of the

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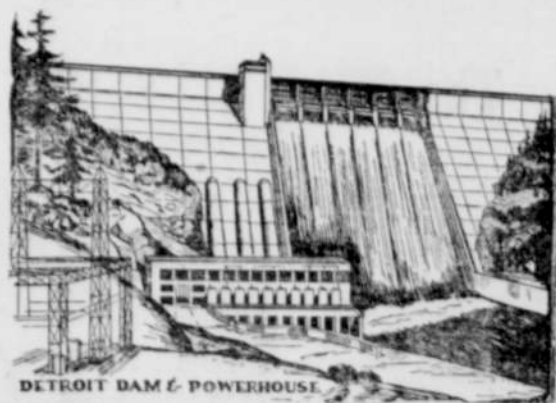
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## Old Church at Mehama Razed

By JEAN ROBERTS

The Mehama community is building a new church. Tearing down the old church, took one hour Friday afternoon and breaking ground for the new one was started the following morning.

An aging landmark, the church has stood in the center of Mehama for over 60 years. Several days ago the bell was removed and the inside furnishings salvaged. The bell bore the date 1899, but many say the church was built before that time. The bell was addressed to Mary E. Stout, who now lives in Salem. It had been shipped from Hillsboro, Ohio.

Old fashioned square nails were used for the building as it was constructed when fashionable to build high ceilings, which are difficult to heat.

A number of Mehama residents lined the street to watch the old church topple, an event which it was estimated will happen only once in a century. A large cat, furnished by Ercill Wilson and a number of volunteer workers soon demolished the old building. Two of Mehama's oldest pioneers Ed Taylor, and Mae Patton, who lived here before the church was built were present to watch it destroyed.

Mehama grade school was recessed and children and teachers lined the side walk to watch the event. A telephone lineman was present to repair wires which were broken when the steeple toppled.

The wreckage was burned the same night while workers played water on the fire to keep it under control. Two fire trucks also were present.

A large shade tree growing at the front of the church lot was felled and partially burned with the debris. It is said the tree was an oak, not a native of Oregon, but shipped to Luther Stout's father from back east to be planted by the church. Annie Stout hoped something could be made from the tree for the church interior.

The old church was too small for the present increasing population so a larger one will be constructed. A basement, now being dug will provide Sunday school class rooms when complete. The new building will be in a T shape with the sanctuary seating about 100 persons and a fellowship hall in the rear which can be opened to accommodate a larger gathering.

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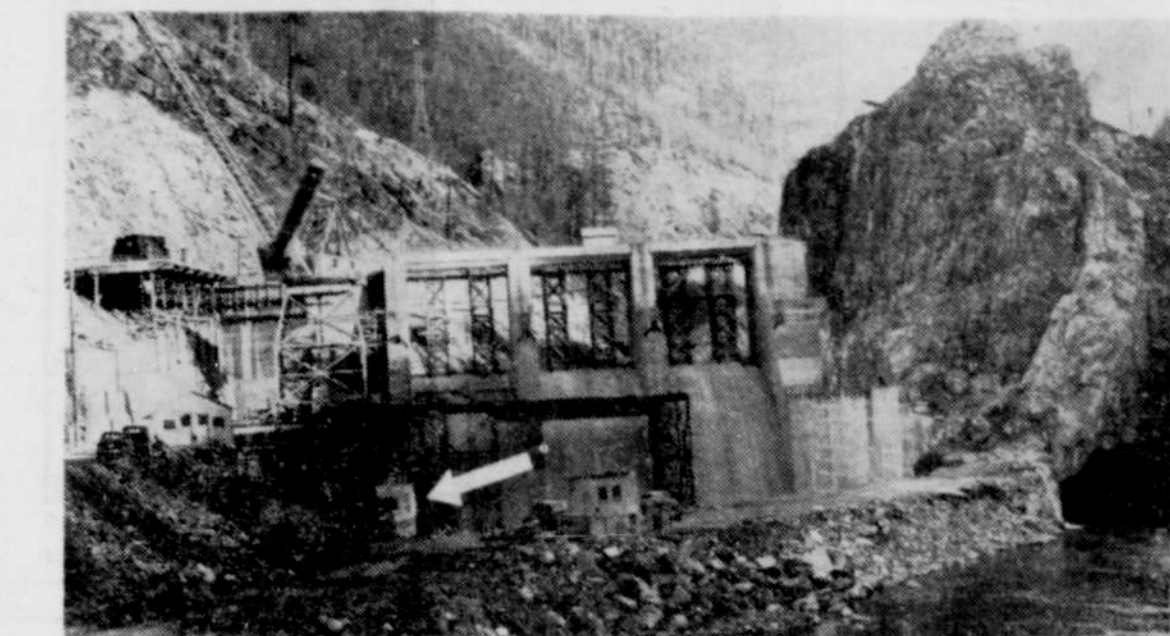
## Delbert Meeks Receives Promotion in Korea

In Japan, recently Delbert L. Meeks of Mill City, was congratulated by 1st Lt. George N. Rozier, assistant executive officer to the Tokyo Army Hospital Enlisted Detachment, after having received his promotion to corporal during ceremonies at the hospital. Corporal Meeks has been serving as a message center courier in the Tokyo Army Hospital Enlisted Detachment since last July.

Entering the army in February 1951 and arriving in the Far East the following August, the Mill City soldier spent 11 months service in Korea where he received the Korean and UN Service ribbons. His mother, Mrs. Gladys Meeks, lives in Mill City.



First girl baby born in the Santiam Memorial hospital's "baby derby" was Kathy Mae Lott, 8-pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lott of Mill City, who arrived Thursday, April 9 at 12:18 p.m. Kathy was less than an hour old when she posed with her mother for this picture.



Last section of Big Cliff regulatory dam west of the Detroit dam is now being poured by construction crews. Black arrow points to nearly finished section. White arrow points to foundations for power house still to be built below dam. (Photo courtesy Capital Journal)

## New Motion Picture To Help Fight Fire

A new method of preventing forest fires will be tried this year by the Oregon Forest Fire Association, according to J. R. Frum, president.

A spectacular technicolor motion picture, "The Enemy Is Fire", just released, will be shown throughout Oregon to loggers, fire protection personnel, and the general public in the next few months in this fresh drive to prevent man-caused woods fires.

Filmed here in Oregon by Rarig Motion Picture company of Seattle, the forest fire gigantic is an all-northwest product. A high-powered technical committee of loggers, foresters and operators in Oregon and Washington supervised production of the motion picture.

"The film," Frum said, "starts with the planning of a protection system and follows through the use of heavy equipment to pumps and hand tools on the fire line."

The motion picture has been so planned that it can be separated into six short films, each covering a special phase of fire protection and suppression, Frum pointed out.

"The Enemy Is Fire" shows how a forest fire starts, how loggers and fire fighters organize a plan of action and how they finally conquer the blaze and mop up spot fires ahead. It is the first time the entire action of a forest fire has ever been screened, Frum stated, and at its premier showing in Portland recently aroused hearty acclaim from old-time fire fighters.

"We will make the film available for widespread use by the general public," Frum indicated, "as soon as we have had a chance to show it to loggers, fire fighters and forestry groups. Several prints are being made and will be available from Keep Oregon Green, Oregon Forest Fire Association, Industrial Forestry Association, and Oregon State Forestry Department. The forest fire epic was financed jointly by the Oregon Forest Fire Association and Washington Forest Fire Association, and private operators west of the Cascades in the two states."

## June Miley Advances First Canyon Boat Accident Tuesday

June Miley, Mill City Toastmistress club member, won top honors again for Mill City in a speech contest in Eugene, Saturday, of Council No. 3 of the Northwest region, International Toastmistress clubs. This second big win gives Mrs. Miley a position in a series of speech contests in Salem, Saturday, April 25.

Mrs. Miley in Eugene competed against winners from the Redmond and Eugene areas, according to Aline Steffy, Mill City Toastmistress club secretary.

Mrs. Ruby Crosier, club president, presided over the regular session of the Mill City speech arts group in Mill City, Thursday.

Invocation was given by Ida Getzdes; Tyler Pinkston took the role of toastmistress.

There were several guests—Marion Todd had Harriett LeCours as her guest; Pat Wingo brought Dolores Stewart, and Lucille Lowery introduced Tearly Muir to the club.

The April 9 meeting was a little different from the usual, in that each member had been instructed to prepare a two-minute speech, for delivery into a tape recorder. Needless to say, the variety of subjects chosen was interesting — ranging from humor, travel, music, to the more serious vein.

At the end of the meeting, all speeches were "played back" to the group, and hearing the recordings helped all the participants learn their speech faults. June Miley was evaluator for the speeches; Louise Palmer, lexicologist.

The next regular Toastmistress meeting will be Thursday, April 23.

## Linn Farmers Union Holds Convention

The need for close co-operation and understanding between industrial workers and farm people in all farm organizations was stressed by Mr. Ed McSorley, representing the IWA local of Sweet Home and Mr. Harry Wiley, Linn County Pomona Grange Master at the quarterly convention of the Linn County Farmers Union.

Numerous comments were made by those present on the voting records of Linn county's legislative representatives on measures affecting the interests of workers and farmers and a continued close study of these records was recommended.

Paul Youngman, a Farmers Union member from McMinnville, showed pictures and gave a very interesting report on a 3,000-mile trip through the south.

Mr. Moeller, state president of the Farmers Union reported on the extensive and valuable holding of fertilizer deposits which the National Farmers Union is now developing.

Announcement was made that the State Junior Camp will be held at Camp Adams from August 1st to 8th.

Reports and proposals regarding the complaint filed by the Linn County Farmers Union against the surcharge of the Mountain States Power company took an important place on the day's agenda.

Howard Snodgrass, Linn county president, presided.

## June Miley Advances First Canyon Boat Accident Tuesday

By BOOTS CHAMPION

Detroit—Ercell Ingram, nephew of Cecil Briler, got a cold dunking in the Detroit lake, late Tuesday afternoon, when a 14-foot runabout boat capsized with him.

Young Ingram in company with his uncle Cecil and Richard Hans, had been boating together previous to the accident.

After returning them to shore Ingram decided to take a boat ride alone, when suddenly he found himself in the water. He managed to sit on top of the boat until rescued by Wayne Woodward of Idanha, summoned to the scene.

He was none the worse for his experiences except it was very cold sitting out there.

## Hi School Shop Visit Proves Tantalizing

By PROF. DELOS HOEYE

The other day when the delicious odor of ripe bananas filled the building curiosities bubbled. This had happened too many times lately for personal investigation to be put off longer.

Suiting action to thought the room pass was pocketed, and by sign language the teacher was left to infer what she would as I went out the door following my nose. Since my nose and I are inseparable, "project banana" went forward rapidly, along the hall, down the stairs, into the basement and through the shop door. The source was not far off. Soon the well-springs of this heavenly perfume would be cuddled in aching arms. In the throes of overpowering ecstasy your correspondent floated into the finish-room—now, now at last! But—No! What a disappointment. You can't embrace the ether, neither can you embrace a noisy racket, and certainly, who would want to embrace Phil Goble, the only other vibrating body present?

Turning away with tears of chagrin stinging the eyes and about to make a sad picture, the realization of what had been seen struck a sudden blow. I turned to inspect it further. Phil said it was a coffee table. To say it is out of this world would be more to the point. He was spraying on the sixth coat of lacquer sealer, the source of the disgusting stench. Phil even boasted that he had built it, and had been working on it for just about as long as he could remember.

With interest up, a tour of the shop was next. Everyone was busy and apparently happy. Happy, that is, except Bob Sullivan. Professor was telling him something about no, the project wasn't ready to be put together and no, it wasn't ready to stain. There was the impression that this was about the usual conversation between Bob and the professor.

"Porky" Podrabsky was busy on some big gadget made of mahogany faced plywood, he said. Couldn't tell you what it was but it certainly was pretty. Roy Chase was working sitting down, probably felt right at home since he spent a good share of the basketball season that way. He was working on a wall shelf. Made

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## Detroit Council Planning New Community Hall

By BOOTS CHAMPION

Detroit—A responsive attendance of the town's citizens was on hand for an informal council meeting held Tuesday evening April 14th at the Detroit school.

All current issues concerning city business was discussed by the assembly, before action was taken by the city council.

There was a major discussion on whether to build just a city hall or to construct a combination one-floor fire and community hall.

Drawings of various types of buildings was illustrated on the blackboard by Harry Rutherford, resident engineer.

Two committees were appointed by Mayor Nolan Rasnick to make further investigation as to the best suitable building to be constructed.

Chairman heading the two committees are Harry Rutherford, building plans, and Earl Layman, general building.

Appointed as city building commissioner was Archie Mattoon.

Ted Miller of Four Corners, assistant fire chief for Marion county, civil defense fire fighting forces, gave a brief talk on volunteer fire protections and its value to the community.

Other out of town guests attending the meeting in the interest of fire departments were Dale Jeffreys, Frank Boston of Four Corners, and Frank Hale of Portland.

Other business transactions was a report by Mrs. Guy Moore, secretary of the Community club, who stated the club agreed at their meeting Monday night to disband and to donate \$171.00 of the club's money to the coffers of the Detroit fire and Community fund.

Mrs. Margaret Howland reported that cash donations and pledges were nearly a hundred per cent.

John Estey, and Harold Champion were appointed fire committee men of the Detroit area, who attended the district fire meeting in Idanha, earlier in the evening, reported the Idanha volunteer firemen expressed a desire to see more of the men from this area, attend their meeting on Wednesday nights in order to create better fellowship and co-operation.

Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the Idanha fire hall volunteer fire men meet for drill and practice.

## Fifth Baby Arrives At New Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Spitz of Lyons, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter born Saturday evening at the Santiam Memorial hospital.

The little baby girl was the fifth and final winner to receive prizes in the baby contest at the new hospital since its opening date. She has been named Patricia and will share with the other four several hundred dollars worth of prizes.

The winners were well distributed over the canyon area, the first birth was from Stayton, the next two from Mill City, the first girl baby, born to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lott of Mill City, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Veri Moberg, Mill City; the fourth winner, a boy, to Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton of Idanha, and the final winner from Lyons.

## Contract Let, Power House and Lines

A contract for construction of the Detroit Power House 230 kv line, Detroit substation foundations and structures, and a part of the Detroit-Albany 230 kv line, for the Bonneville Power Administration, approved by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, was awarded today to Midland Constructors, Inc., Huntington Park, Calif., on a low bid of \$124,406.

Project Engineer Gregg Osborne will be in charge of this work with headquarters at Mill City.