

Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

Tuesday of this week the Republican party set the pace for its "give-away" program when it voted in the senate at Washington to give our off-shore oil holdings to the states it borders, and when former Governor McKay, now Secretary of the Interior in the Eisenhower cabinet, made a top-level pronouncement of the administration when he said that the government would not object to private industry building a series of small low level dams on the site of the proposed Hell's Canyon dam.

The Republican congress along with the help of southern Republicans Tuesday gave away billions of dollars of public property, possibly enough to more than pay the national debt of some \$270 billions. Why if they are so economy-minded didn't they use this resource to cancel the public debt? These are the same senators and congressmen that have always voted to saddle the cost of government on small wage earners, you need only to read the Congressional Record to find proof of that statement.

You still have a chance to stop this oil grab by writing to President Eisenhower and ask him to reconsider his campaign promise to sign this off-shore oil bill. Ask him to consider the rights of all the people of the United States and if enough letters pour in on him you may succeed in getting him to veto this trespass on the rights of the people.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey a few weeks ago raised the interest rates on a new billion dollar issue of government bonds and it was immediately over-subscribed five times. Do you think anyone wishing to buy a \$25 or \$100 government bond will get that new interest rate? I think not. In fact I doubt that any small investor will be given the opportunity to buy one of these bonds at the higher rate of interest.

The whole purpose of the raise was to force interest rates up and immediately housing loans have had rates raised making it more expensive to build and own a home. The Congress refused to go along with Eisenhower's request for 35,000 housing units per year so now it is only possible to get housing finance through banks at the new higher rates of interest. All this is costing the small home owner and worker additional money to live and only lines the pockets of those already in the chips!

The Hell's Canyon project is another Republican "give-away" being attempted by withdrawing administration objections to the Idaho Power company's plan to build a series of small dams on the Snake river. These dams (five in all) will not produce anything near the amount of electricity that the proposed government built dam would produce and the larger dam would also make it possible for the dams that are now producing below this point to increase their output by added water supplies being kept in reserve to guarantee year around normal water flow. All the Idaho Power is concerned with is their own immediate profit and they care nothing for the future planning of the water use of the river.

Public power has demonstrated in every instance that it can and does furnish power at a cheaper rate per kilowatt hour than private power companies do or are willing to do. Yet when the public owned power company pays a higher rate at the bus bar for power than the private company pays they still show a profit sufficient to pay off the bonded indebtedness and put a sizeable sum in the treasury of the city involved.

Monmouth, Oregon, is one city that did just that. In 1940 Monmouth started furnishing power to its residents at 3.16c per kwh. Before the city took over the operation of its own plant the power rate was 3.80c per kwh in 1938. In 1941 it lowered its rate to 1.61c per kwh, and by 1948 when it finished paying off its bonded

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PTA Planning Final Meeting for May 13

The final meeting of the Mill City P.T.A. for this year will be held Wednesday evening, May 13, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Special features of the program will be graduation exercises for the Kindergarten class which has been taught by Mrs. Roy Keirse. There will also be installation of the newly elected P.T.A. officials for the coming year. Everyone is urged to attend.

THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

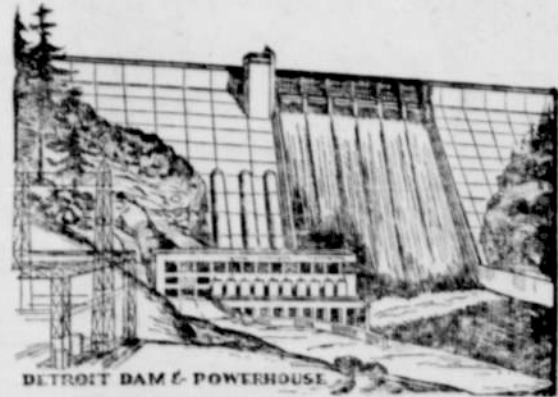
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NOTICE

Santiam Softball League meeting Monday night, May 11 at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire hall. All team sponsors and managers taking part in Santiam Softball league play this summer should be present at this meeting.

Soap Box Derby Interest Slow

"Local interest has not been evidenced at this writing by any North Santiam Canyon entries in the 1953 Salem Soap Box Derby," according to Gene Teague Chevrolet, "and for any boys interested, we can furnish all entry blanks, and much information."

The 1952 Derby saw two Stayton boys, George Tiger and John Stevens, vieing with youths, aged 11 to 15, from a 50-mile radius of Salem in the speedy races which sometimes reached 35 miles per hour. Both local entries were eliminated in the final day run-off by a faster contestant, however, both bugs were immediately passed by the inspectors on the preceding day.

The 1953 Derby has already reached an entry capacity exceeding last year's number of contestants, and the sponsors of the event are making plans for Salem's biggest show of the year for July.

"Any boy may enter this Derby, between the ages of 11 and 15, and the 'Bug' must be built by the boy. Standard equipment in the way of wheels and running gear are also a must for qualifying." According to Gene Teague, any boy desiring to enter the Derby will be sponsored by some canyon business firm, and to date there are several sponsors listed with his firm.

Public Power Assn. Organized Monday

With a P. U. D. for all territory served by the Willamette division of the Mountain States Power company as its immediate goal, the Willamette Public Power association was organized at a meeting of sponsors from five counties at Riverside Community hall Monday night. The exact boundaries of the proposed peoples' utility district were left undetermined, to be fixed later by the official sponsoring committee and the Oregon hydro-electric commission. Indications were that some of the cities included in the Mountain States area might be excluded.

Monday night's meeting was an outgrowth of the campaign against the rate surcharge initiated two months ago by the Linn County Farmers Union.

Four members of a steering committee of five were elected representing Linn, Benton, Lane and Marion counties. They are: W. W. Abraham, Shedd; B. P. Larsen, Springfield; George Tate, Stayton; Oscar Kendall, Corvallis. A fifth member to represent Polk county will be selected later.

Gus Norwood, executive secretary of the Northwest Public Power association, Vancouver, warned against relying too heavily on the temporary surcharge as a reason for revived interest in public power in Oregon.

"I would point, instead, to the permanent surcharge," he said, "being levied on the people of the Pacific Northwest by private utilities. The \$5,000,000 temporary surcharge is a drop in the bucket compared to this permanent surcharge in the form of higher rates the people of the Northwest are compelled to pay every year".

Norwood assailed the political influence which he said private utilities exercised in Oregon politics.

"It is difficult in Oregon to win public office if the private power companies are against you", he said. "The people of Oregon would save \$22,000,000 a year if they were being served by public instead of private utilities. But even if public power cost \$22,000,000 more than private power, the price would not be too great for the greater political freedom you would then enjoy."

All five counties in the proposed P. U. D. district were represented at the meeting with an attendance of over 125.



Massive spillway gates for Detroit dam have lately been delivered and are now being installed to bring the project to near completion. (Photo courtesy Capital Journal)

National Industrial Arts Award Contest

By DELOS HOEYE

Saturday is to be a big day in the lives of many budding engineers, architects, tin smiths and furniture manufacturers from the high school shop and drawing classes. For that's the day of the shop exhibit at the old furniture store.

Students have been busy the past week Indian trading projects they made, and gave to mom or dad, so they might proudly display their works to the general public. Each is convinced that HIS book end or coffee table or wall shelf has no equal anywhere. It is for the visitors to decide if each is right.

The exhibit has a two-fold purpose. First, to give the budding craftsmen a chance to show and tell about their work. And second, to have the visitors to the exhibit help select the best projects to be sent to Salem later this month. There, in the Valley Motor company show rooms, is to be gathered the best from high schools up and down the Willamette valley.

The Salem showing, sponsored by the shop teachers throughout the valley, has as its purpose the pre-selection of projects from this area to be sent to Dearborn, Michigan, to compete in the National Industrial Arts award contest sponsored by the Ford Motor company, where prizes in the form of college scholarships are given in some 30 classifications.

Visitors to our own project showing will be given selection blanks on which to rate the various projects. This way each may help pick the ones that will have a chance in Salem.

We hold scant hope of winning a national prize, but believe these boys (and girls) can compete equally with others of the valley. In any case, if you are interested in the efforts of our young people, come to the exhibit on Saturday. And, who knows? Maybe there will be coffee and donuts available to help you through your day. See you there.



Wiley E. Moise, who last month was graduated from the U. S. Naval flight school at Pensacola, Fla., as a naval aviation cadet. Moise, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Jenkins of Mill City, attended Willamette university prior to entering the service. He entered the Navy in 1952. (U.S. Navy Photo courtesy Capital Journal)

Hospital Auxiliary Pushes Blood Drive

Plans are being worked out this week for raising funds to carry on the free blood program in Marion county hospitals, according to Mrs. Kathryn Weddle, Stayton. Because the Red Cross money raising drive fell short in many areas in the county there is not sufficient money to carry on the free blood program after July 1.

Residents of the Santiam Memorial hospital area were the first ones in the county to phone in to the Salem Red Cross office inquiring, what could be done to save the blood program and it is expected in the area they will be the first to raise their share of additional funds to continue the program.

The Santiam Memorial hospital Ladies Auxiliary will be charged with the duty of planning and carrying out money raising ideas to meet the deficiency in this area.

Money raised will be kept here until it is sure the county quota of \$5500.00 is met. If the quota is met it will be put with other funds in the county and kept in a separate fund in trust in Salem for the blood bank use only. If the county quota is not met it will be kept locally to help develop a blood program for Santiam Memorial hospital.

Anyone who would like to donate money for this may give it to G. W. Schachtsiek at the First National bank in Stayton or to D. B. Hill, Mill City bank.

Mr. Clarence Pruess, laboratory technician at the Santiam Memorial hospital is interested in contacting groups that would like to be blood typed. A list of groups who are typed is kept at the local hospital for call in community emergencies for blood transfusions where large amounts of blood might be needed at one time.

Mr. Pruess is willing to do this typing in the evening to suit the individual group and would be willing to do it at their meeting place if quite a number was willing to be typed.

Typing of people who have been Red Cross blood donors is not necessary as their type, as printed on their Red Cross cards, would be accepted as their typing in the group.

Individuals from 18 to 55 years of age would be accepted for typing. People older than this could be listed if judged to be in excellent health.

There is a slight cost for serum to do the typing which would have to be borne by the group. This would

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SILVER SADDLE STATION TAKES ON TIRE AGENCY

Frank Hunter, owner of Silver Saddle Service Station, secured the exclusive agency on Gates tires and batteries for Mill City, this week.

Hunter states that his new agency will enable his stocking all popular sizes of tires and batteries, at Silver Saddle.

Hunter operates a trailer court in conjunction with his service station located on the old highway 222 at the west entrance to Mill City in Linn county.

'Weigh-in' Stations Named for Fish Derby

North Santiam fishermen are again seeing who is the best fisherman. The North Santiam Sportsman club has its annual trout derby in full swing now that the fishing season is here.

The Lake club at Detroit will be a "weigh-in" station for the North Santiam Sportsman club trout derby, according to Jerry Coffman, president of the sportsman group.

Other business houses co-operating as weigh-in stations are Meander Inn tavern and Hill Top Store, Mill City; Ken Golliet, Mehama; Santiam Hardware and Camp's Tackle of Stayton.

Lyons Plans Benefit Music Festival

Lyons school auditorium will echo with foot-tapping music and high level entertainment Friday night, May 15, in the interests of a new Lyons church. Lyons music festival will feature band and orchestra music and a varied program of entertainment.

Lyons community orchestra will furnish old-time popular music. Stayton high school band will be on hand for its share in the big program. There will be baton twirling, tap dancing, instrumental solos and duets, plus harmony groups.

A free-will offering will be taken. The program begins at 8 p.m. Those sponsoring the music festival are assuring their friends that a full evening's entertainment is on tap Friday night, May 15, at Lyons school.

Stock Growers Plan Public Land Steal

One of the most brazen "grabs" of all time is being attempted in Congress by a small clique of western livestock interests, O. K. DeWitt, chairman of committee on forest administration, Oregon division, Isaak Walton league, said here today.

Two bills have been introduced in congress—HR 4023 in the House and S. 1491 in the Senate—that would virtually strip the Secretary of Agriculture of authority for proper management of vast public lands in the western third of the country, while leaving him with utterly unenforceable conservation responsibilities.

"We have had word from our national offices in Chicago," said De Witt, "that among other bad features, the bills would give ranchers who have grazing privileges on public lands the right to take quarrels with the Forest Service into court, where cases could be dragged out for years while the nation's resources went to pot from overgrazing the mountain ranges."

"Our national offices have taken the position that a court of law is not a proper body to pass on the merits of administrative actions, that require technical knowledge of resource conditions, but should be resorted to only to review the legality of such actions—and this is a privilege that

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Dedication of Detroit Dam Set, June 10

North Santiam Chamber of Commerce members were briefed on parts of the coming dedication of Detroit Dam, June 10, during the Mehama meeting, Wednesday, in the Mehama Woman's club house. Harry Rutherford, resident engineer, spoke at length concerning construction of Detroit dam and the Army Engineers' role in the dedication ceremonies, Wednesday, June 10.

The Mehama meeting of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce was a public meeting. Ken Golliet, president of the canyon chamber and a Mehama business man, outlined additional details of the big dedication of Detroit dam.

Golliet unfolded plans for the dedication, which will involve radio, television and movie newscast coverage. The Secretary of the Interior will do the official dedicating of Detroit dam. A 21-gun salute will mark the occasion.

For the entertainment of those assembled Lt. Farley Mogan of the Oregon State Police showed picture slides made in the Soviet zone of Germany. Mogan explained to his audience that the pictures were taken with the cooperation of the heads of the police of both the eastern and western zones. Mrs. Ione Love Thielke entertained the group with folk music.

Golliet is enlisting the help of all citizens of the North Santiam Canyon in making Detroit dam dedication a big success. Golliet stated that bands from various schools would take part in the colorful ceremonies. An informative, 20-minute movie will be projected continuously for the education of those visiting the dam June 10. The dedication will be an all-day affair, according to Golliet. Further plans and committees will be announced later.

Refreshments of pie and coffee were served those attending the Mahama meeting of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce by the Mehama Woman's club.

Idanha Shingle Mill Burns, Total Loss

By MRS. S. T. MOORE

Idanha—a spectacular early morning fire claimed the Idanha Shingle Mill owned by Wilbur Chestnut and Sam Palmerton when the mill burned to the ground Thursday at 1:30 a.m.

Loss was estimated by Mrs. Sam Palmerton at \$25,000, only a portion of which was covered by insurance. The fire was the second to strike the shingle mill, which was destroyed before in the spring of 1943.

Warren Stoll of the Idanha fire department discovered the blaze and sounded the alarm. Firemen were unable to check the flames which had gained extensive headway after starting upstairs.

Work at the mill had shut down at 10 p.m. and the customary clean-up had been done after that.

The shingle shed and its contents of shingles in storage were saved.

Kelly Lumber Team Makes Good Start

Kelly Lumber softball team, Saturday night took a double-header from the Lebanon Elks 8 to 2 and 14 to 4.

Don Carey threw a two-hitter in the first game. Larry Poole, although a bit wild, pitched effective ball in the second game.

Highlights of the game were home runs by Mangold of Lebanon and Joe Lalack of Mill City.

The Mill City team in general showed strength at bat and numerous sparkling plays on the field.

Next scheduled game is Saturday night, May 9 at 7:30 Allen Field. Kelly's vs. Western Vaneer at Lebanon Tuesday night, May 5, Kelly's split a double-header with the defending state champs Corvallis Wilson Motors — won 4 to 3 and losing 5 to 2. Pitching was good in both games. Lou Stagg homered for Corvallis in the second game.