

## Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

The local leaders of Camp Fire and the Blue Birds held their spring "flying up" ceremonies and issued awards to the girls for their achievements earned during the past year on Tuesday evening in the recreation room at the high school building before a packed house of parents and friends to witness the festivities. The ladies have worked hard and we are glad to commend them for their efforts in behalf of the youth of the community. Anyone who has worked in youth movements is well aware of the time and energy needed to lead such a group of live wires as young girls or boys. These ladies are deserving of your thanks for a job well done—we hope they will keep up the good work, as we are sure they will.

The one-party press of the country is throwing overboard their angel that they so proudly heralded all over the country while he was calling the State Department under Truman Communist-dominated and doing everything but call Atcheson a Communist. Oregon's fair-haired ex-governor McKay, now Secretary of Interior even sat on the same platform with this fellow Republican when he spoke at Jantzen beach park last summer. I refer to Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin, the pet of radio "news" commentator Fulton Lewis Jr.

In this column I have pointed out many times during the past year the dangerous character of McCarthy and how he is playing right into the hands of the Communist forces by his attacks on hundreds of innocent federal employees. I repeat what better way is there to destroy our beloved democracy than to allow such characters of ill-repute to slander from the senate floor as this man has done and then when he visits our state our own governor stoops to put his stamp of approval on his actions.

That was all fine while it was Democrats that he was slandering before the last campaign, but now he has been getting a little more "nasty" when he continues to attack the Republican State Department. I quote from an editorial in the Oregon Statesman of Wednesday this week. Two sentences in it would like to quote here, "He (McCarthy) has done nothing but spread fear and suspicion in this country and contempt for us abroad. He has not tagged a single Communist in government service." And don't forget that Fulton Lewis Jr. is his most ardent and vociferous supporter on the airwaves!

On another page we are printing in full the speech of Owen Hurd, president of the Northwest Public Power Association on May 7 at Vancouver, Wash., before their annual convention. I tried to cut it down but gave up feeling that perhaps you would like to read it in full. I think it contains much of value to this community in its future here with the coming of new power from the dams in our back yard. What other communities have done can be accomplished here if the will is generated to go after it. The story of Monmouth can be rewritten here.

## Engineers Ask Bids for Shelter at Detroit Dam

Bids are expected to be invited by the Portland district, Corps of Engineers, about May 26 for construction of a viewpoint shelter at Detroit dam on the North Santiam river.

Prospective opening date of the bids is 2 p.m. June 16 in the office of Col. Thomas H. Lipscomb, Portland district engineer. Completion time is 30 calendar days. The bids will be invited under serial No. CIVENG-35-026-53-160.

## Detroit Legion-Auxiliary Hold Memorial Services

The American Legion and Auxiliary will hold a memorial program, Saturday, May 30th at 10 a.m. in front of the Post Office in Idanha.

Robert Lady will give the General Logan Orders of the Day. Speakers will be Commander Hilliard (Buck) Storey, and Rev. Robert Unger of Idanha.

A brief history of the Gettysburg address will be presented by Miss Marla Vickers.

Mrs. Edison Vickers will give a pledge to the departed comrades. Mrs. Myrtle Geston will then place a flag at the foot of the flag pole.

Chaplain Russell Hoyt will administer a prayer. Taps will be sounded at the close of the program, by Robert Lady. Refreshments will be served.

# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

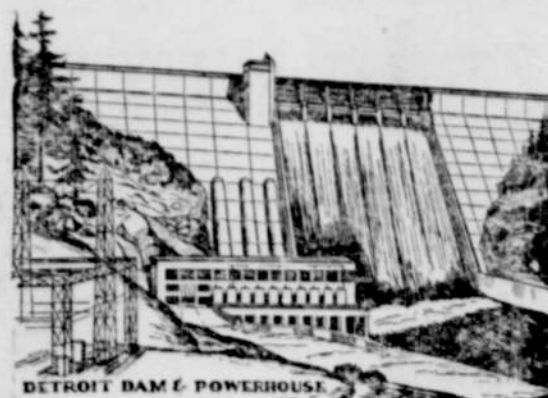
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Children of the Mill City kindergarten class, who have just "graduated" into first grade, are pictured with their teacher, Mrs. Roy Keirsey. The kindergarten is sponsored by the PTA, but is not maintained by the school district. Pupil's (from left) are Susan Peterson, Cecelia Anne Keirsey, Sherry Bennett, Carol De Stewart, Peggy Allene Agge, Richard Humphrey, Skippy Wingo, Nancy Stewart, Christine Story, Claudia Budlong, Sonja Herlofsen, Sharon Berry, Bucky Lyons, Edward Gatewood, and Leonard Herman. (Photo courtesy The Statesman and Robert Veness)

## Lyons To Install Dial Telephones

By JEAN ROBERTS

Lyons—Increasing population and industrialization of the North Santiam canyon has made itself felt in the telephone service in this area. A dial system will be installed in the future to replace the present central switchboard.

Central, who will remain on duty for another year, is known to everyone for miles, just as Alta. Her voice is better known than her face as she has worked at the telephone switchboard since 1935.

The line which is a Farmers' Cooperative was built to accommodate outlying families and for the convenience of closer ones. At the time it was built subscribers were few, money was scarce, and membership dues were often paid with eggs or butter.

At that time people knew everyone by the first name and merely called Alta and asked for the person. Though the subscribers have doubled and even tripled, people haven't changed. Alta has just been required to keep up with the population. A call comes in and someone says "Alta, give me mom." Numbers are seldom used and Alta can call most subscribers by name as soon as she hears their voice.

As well as being central she is almost regarded as a walking encyclopedia and answering questions of all sorts is part of her daily work. Such as: "Alta, what is the price of nuts?" or "What time is it?" One man even engaged her in a lengthy discussion on revising the English language by omitting the silent letters.

Active in community affairs, Alta can carry on a lively conversation between rings. Her emergency bell can call her to the switchboard at any time of the night and frequently does.

Despite long hours, accommodations and illogical questions, Alta maintains "Folks are awfully nice to me."

In case of fire, someone hurriedly calls Alta and she quickly calls the neighboring fire departments without further instruction.

The new dial system when installed will relieve the over-worked switchboard and give 24-hour service to the new industries. Most persons however, wonder how a telephone system can possibly operate without Alta, whose time for the past 18 years has belonged to this community.

## Call for Clean-up Help At Fox Valley Cemetery

Directors of the Fox Valley cemetery association announced this week their plans for sprucing up Fox Valley cemetery.

The directors stated that clean-up work would start this weekend. They expressed the hope that the excellent support received in prior years would continue this year.

## Ladies Softball Getting Organized for Practice

The ladies entry into the softball picture the coming softball season is being sparked by Vernon Todd as manager, according to reports from the local softball scene.

Any girls interested are urged to see Cleo Thomas or Phyllis Gibson and get signed up for the team.

Practice games will be organized as soon as enough players are signed up.

## '1-Cent Power' Now Possible for All

The housewives of America can have electricity at one cent per kilowatt hour. The electric industry now has the technological ability to put electricity in the homes of American cities at an average cost of one cent per kilowatt hour. Yet the national average charge is 2.77 cents.

Speaking at the annual convention of the Northwest Public Power Association on May 7, Mr. Owen Hurd pointed to this huge price gap as a real challenge to the industry. "What the electric utility industry needs is an emancipation of the engineer. If only we could take the wraps off and let him go to work on the problem of slashing unit costs. The engineer is basically sympathetic to the objective of one cent power."

(Complete text of Mr. Hurd's address printed in full elsewhere in this issue.)

The president of the Northwest Public Power Association and manager of the Benton County Public Utility District at Prosser, Wash., entitled his scholarly presidential report, "One Cent Power: Symbol for Better Living". To demonstrate the technological feasibility of "one cent power" he cited 42 Canadian and 18 United States municipal electric distribution systems which retail at less than one cent. Fort William, Ontario averages 0.669 cents or two-thirds of a cent per kilowatt hour. Lowest rate in the states is 0.82 cents per kilowatt hour in Monmouth, Ore.

Other Pacific Northwest electric systems retailing under one cent are Vera Irrigation District near Spokane, Milton-Freewater, McMinnville, Forest Grove, Tacoma, Canby, Salem Electric and Grand Coulee. The report (Continued on Page 3)

## Academy Candidates Apply by June 10

The Civil Service Commission will hold a preliminary qualifying examination Monday, July 13 for candidates for appointment in 1954 to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Candidates for admission to the Naval Academy must be not less than seventeen years of age nor more than twenty-two years of age on July 1, 1954.

Candidates for the Military Academy are eligible for admission from the day they are seventeen until they become twenty-two years of age, on which latter day they are not eligible.

Candidates for both academies must be actual residents of the First Oregon district, which embraces Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill counties, and must never have been married.

Applicants must notify Cong. Walter Norblad, 1121 House Office bldg., Washington 25, D.C., in writing not later than June 10.

## Mill City Churches Plan Union Vacation School

Five Mill City Protestant churches are uniting in a single Union Vacation Bible school of the community.

Classes will be held from 9 to 12 a.m. beginning June 8 in the Presbyterian and Christian churches.

The theme for the school this year will be "Crusading With Christ."

## Detroit Gets Streets Named and Marked

Detroit has got names for their streets now. And not the kind we've been calling them either. These street names originated from the Hammond town plat.

How did this all come about? The boards were donated by Jesse Glasgow, the Cedar posts by Lloyd Ketchum, the Briles mill whittled them down to sign post size. F. C. Kettleson planned them smooth. Bob Manning donated the stain, and Brad Humphrey Sr. and Brad Jr. painted them and put them up. So that's how come we got street names. Thanks fellas.

## Hospital Auxiliary Plan Silver Tea

The Santiam Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Silver Tea at the home of Mrs. R. D. Paris, 562 E. Marion street, Stayton, Thursday, June 4th. Calling hours will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and all the ladies of the Santiam, Jordan valley and surrounding territory and their friends are invited to call.

Entire proceeds of the afternoon will be used for the Free Blood fund of Santiam Memorial hospital.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its semi-annual visit in Stayton, Friday, June 19 at the Stayton grade school gym. Hours will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Bloodmobile will make the visit on the supposition funds will be forthcoming from the community to carry on the work this summer.

Mrs. Roy Philippi is chairman of the Bloodmobile committee and appointments for donating blood may be made by writing her or calling her at Stayton 4504.

This will be the only visit of the Bloodmobile in this district and all the people of the Santiam Memorial hospital area are urged to visit it as it is sponsored by the Santiam Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

"JOE BEAVER"

By Ed Nofziger



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## M & M Starts \$2 Million Expansion

Construction work began this week and soon thereafter bogged down on a \$2 million expansion of the Lyons M & M plywood plant to a 400-employee industry. Heavy equipment put into operation just this week on soggy soil near the north-east corner of the plant's big pond quickly mired.

The muddy state of the new expansion site brought to a temporary halt actual work on the much-rumored \$2,000,000 plywood plant expansion of M & M Woodworking company. Bulldozers and earth-movers proved unequal to the task assigned them because of the rain-soaked condition of the soil.

Officials of M & M in Portland confirmed reports that the expansion now underway is two and one-half times larger than the present plant. They say the \$2,000,000 expansion when complete will enable the employment of 400 men at their plywood plant located near Lyons on an around the clock basis.

Contractor for construction of the big new addition is Malarkey & Moore of Portland. Present plans call for completion of the plant sometime next January.

Present operations of M & M Woodworking are limited to peeler work for plywood sections. The expansion underway will make the Lyons plant a complete plywood plant in every sense of the word, officials indicate.

## D. E. 'Debs' Devine Dies at Hospital

Delbert Edward Devine, 69, Gates logger, passed away early Tuesday morning in the Santiam Memorial hospital. Devine had been ill of a heart ailment for some five months prior to his death.

Devine had made his home in the Gates area since 1916. Funeral services will be held at Weddle Funeral home in Stayton, Saturday, May 23, at 2 p.m.

Devine was born in Lebanon and is survived by two sons, Merle of Gates and Harold of Portland; two sisters, Mrs. Willis Hanson, and Mrs. Russell Wood, Portland; a brother, Merritt D. Devine, Lebanon; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interment will be at Fairview cemetery. Those who will serve as pallbearers are E. J. Richards, Philip Hess, Len Young, Charles Giebler, Percy Mulligan, and Everett Leighton of Gates.

## Legionnaires Plan Memorial Program

Mill City American Legion Post is sponsoring a parade Memorial Day, May 30. Units that will parade will include the Mill City band, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, an honor guard and a firing squad, Santiam Riders and the Mill City fire department.

The paraders will form at the edge of highway 22 at 8:45 a.m. and then move slowly through Mill City streets and end up at the grade school gym.

Memorial services under the direction of the Mill City Ministerial association will be conducted at the Mill City grade school gym at 9:45 a.m. Graveside services will be held at 10:45, according to John Muir, Legion commander.

## Just Arrived ...

KAY — To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kay, Mill City, a daughter, May 17, at Santiam Memorial hospital.

RIGGS — To Mr. and Mrs. James J. Riggs, Idanha, a son, May 21, at Salem General hospital.

MANNING — To Mr. and Mrs. Leland Manning, Lyons, a son, May 15, at Salem General hospital.