



**Canyon Avenue Parade**

By DON PETERSON

Next Tuesday the voters of Mill City will decide the fate of their streets. Will they decide to endure another year of dust and chuck-holes or will they place an X in support of this proposed bonding so that the streets will be drained and graded ready for hard-surfacing?

It should not be hard to decide which course to take but some will not take the time to go out to vote, but everyone should take time out to mark their ballot. That is their democratic duty. No one else can vote for you, that is one job you must do for yourself.

The cost is not prohibitive when you consider it will only raise your tax by \$1.50 per \$100 assessed valuation, which is an average of only \$6 per householder for Mill City, most of us have spent more than that each year trying to oil our streets in front of our houses and we still have not had a satisfactory job when it was completed.

Progress is never attained by sitting back and watching the other fellow do a job, we must all put our shoulders to the wheel and push. Let's all go to the polls Tuesday and tell our councilmen that we want our streets put in order with the largest majority ever given any project.

VOTE "YES" ON THE BOND ISSUE!

A. C. Heyman, leader in the electric utility district movement which has recently sprung up, was in the city this week assisting the organization of committees in support of the public utility district for the canyon and surrounding area. Heyman is a retired Linn county farmer.

Vacation is here and the school children are all enthused with the idea of freedom from studies. I have been wondering how I could figure out a good old-time three-month school vacation for the parents from the chores of making a daily living and I haven't been able to come up with an idea—can you?

Summer may be here—one whole day without any rain!

### Public Auction To Benefit Aged Home

For years the community of Mt. Angel has seen the necessity of building a home for aged and infirm people. Property has now been secured and a fund drive is underway for the erection of buildings, on a site to be known as Benedictine Village, a non-profit corporation at Mt. Angel.

A state-wide auction sale is planned for Decoration Day, May 30. Eight auctioneers have already offered their services free of charge. Business firms from Portland, Salem and surrounding towns are daily donating and consigning valuable stock and merchandise which will be auctioned.

Those donating merchandise may contact Joe LeDoux, J. J. Penner, or Fr. Hildebrand at Mt. Angel. This home will consist of individual cottages, hobby shops, infirmary, and a large building for individuals tenants. It is a non-sectarian home.

### Mill City Students Win Prizes in Art

Industrial arts students from other schools in the Willamette valley found tough competition from local industrial arts students when they met at Salem last week.

Over 300 entries were entered in the various classifications which included metalwork, woodwork, wood turning, leatherwork, ceramics, printing and photography. Mill City students were entered in the woodwork and wood turning divisions and came out with a fine showing.

In the woodworking division for grades 11 and 12, Phil Goble of Mill City took first, Dean Way, Silverton, second, and Roy Chase, Mill City, third. Roy Podrabsky of Mill City and Elmer Harvey, Silverton, won honorable mention.

In the wood turning division, grades 9 and 10, Rowewayne Holt won second place. Many of you saw these entries when they were on display in the McCarthy Furniture store a week ago, and this week pictures of these prize winning articles are on display in the Mill City State bank window.

Delos Hoeye was instructor of industrial arts classes this past year in Mill City high and much credit is due him in guiding the work of these classes.

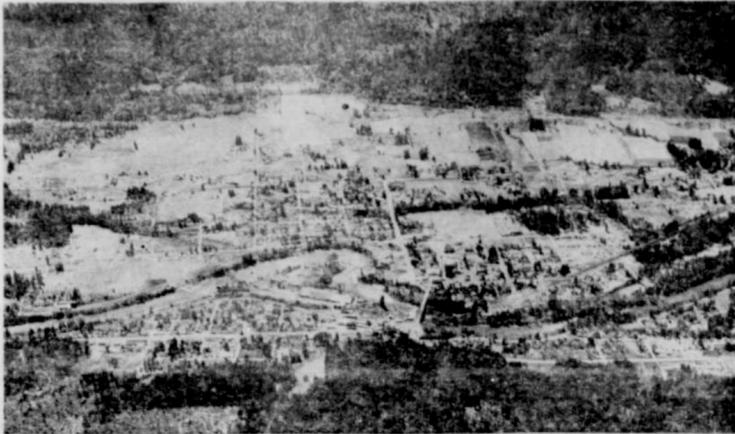
# THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

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Air view of Mill City. We are proud of this city and will do all we possibly can to help it grow. Beautifying the streets is a large task, but with everybody working together it can be accomplished. Vote X Yes For the Bond Issue next Tuesday.

## Improvement Bond Issue Up for Vote

Mayor John Muir of Mill City carried the ball at the public meeting Tuesday evening in the local Legion hall on the proposed street improvement bond issue up for vote June 2.

Muir gave a detailed and careful summary of the proposed bond issue. A small, but interested audience threw questions at Mayor Muir. Those present appeared favorably impressed with the Mayor's answers and arguments.

George Steffy of Mill City volunteered his skill in lettering signs favoring the proposed street improvement bond issue on automobiles.

Muir presented the argument that a maintenance bill of around \$18,000 per year might be cut in half by a program of street improvement the proposed bond issue would permit. Muir pointed out that even though the present bond issue is not for paving, it makes possible a paving program that will result in permanent improvement of Mill City streets.

Voting on the 15 mill increase that the bond issue would result in will take place, Tuesday, June 2, at the city hall.

## N. Santiam Sportsmen Club Meets June 8

Detroit—A meeting of the North Santiam Sportsman club, will be held Monday night, June 8th at 8 p.m. in the Library at the Detroit school. If you are interested in membership, please attend.

Don't forget folks about the "Trout Derby" sponsored by the North Santiam Sportsman's club. There are some mighty fine prizes to be won.

First prize for the heaviest cut-throat, is a handle pole, on display at Santiam Hardware, Stayton; 2d prize for heaviest Rainbow (not over 20 in. in length) Cop spinning reel, on display at Camp's Tackle, Stayton; 3rd prize for heaviest eastern brook trout, \$15 merchandise certificate at Ken Golliet's, Mehama; 4th prize for the heaviest German brown, or dolly varden, 5-way combination glass rod, on display at Meander Inn, Mill City.

The foregoing business places are "weigh-in" stations. Tickets are also obtainable there if you are not a member.

In Detroit, the Lake club is at your service as a "weigh-in" station.

## Mrs. John Neal, Lyons On Bookmobile Library

Mrs. John Neal of Lyons was named a committee member of an organization recently founded in Linn county which will promote a county library and bookmobile in Linn county.

Mrs. Neal was given committee status during the first regularly scheduled meeting of the new group, which calls itself "Linn County Bookmobile Committee". The meeting was held at the Red Hat cafe in Albany, May 29.

## 'At the Crossroads'

Mill City is again at the crossroads—shall we go forward and improve our town or shall we remain stagnant. With new industries building on all sides of us, it would be possible to obtain new residents and businesses—but only by making our town more attractive and inviting to the expected influx of people. We feel that a drainage system and street improvements are the first "musts" for Mill City. Any and all future progress and improvement of the town is dependent on such a project. For your information, we pass on the estimated costs that have been given to us by our registered engineer, Mr. N. W. Haner and Associates of Portland.

Mr. Haner has surveyed Mill City and outlined a drainage system that would cost \$32,205 and he advises that the grading, leveling, and putting base rock on the streets would require the balance of the \$75,000 requested. After completion of the drainage project, it would then be the responsibility of the individual property owner to work toward getting the top seal or layer of paving on his own street.

In consideration of the above facts, the city council has again called an election for the approval of a sale of general obligation serial bonds in amount of \$75,000 to be retired over a period of 15 years at a rate of interest not to exceed 4%. This money would be spent only for the drainage and street improvement project. Each expense is supervised and controlled by state laws. The entire project would be under the supervision of Mr. Haner who is a competent and well-known engineer. If there should be any excess money in this fund it would have to be used to retire the bonds and for no other work.

At present valuations, retirement of this bond issue would increase your property taxes approximately \$1.50 per \$100 assessed valuation. If the assessed valuation on your home as shown on your tax statement is \$400 (this is the average in Mill City) the cost to you would be \$6.00 per year. It is obvious that the benefits derived from this project would greatly exceed the cost. Also consider that although the bond issue would increase your taxes, the improvements would also increase your property value, furthermore, with the expected building in connection with the industries coming into the canyon, within a few years the taxes would be lowered accordingly. Another item to consider is that our past maintenance costs for street repairs have been quite high and that the cost of the bond issue would be somewhat offset by lesser maintenance costs.

The assessed valuation of Mill City is so low that the amount of \$75,000 is almost the limit for which we can be bonded. We would not be able to bond again until a substantial amount of this \$75,000 is repaid. Therefore, we must get full value on this job. The program as set up, with the co-operation of property owners on the paving, would give us good streets for a period of five to ten years with little or no further maintenance costs.

The election will be held at the City Hall on Tuesday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. We urge you to support this bond election. We believe it will benefit the whole community. We urge you to cast your vote.

Signed: JOHN MUIR, Mayor  
BOB HILL, Jr.  
ARLO TUERS

DAVE REID  
LEE KNOWLES

## Mill City Summer Playground Program

Registration for the Mill City area summer playground program begins at 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 7. Activities will be available for boys and girls of all ages and begins Tuesday, June 9.

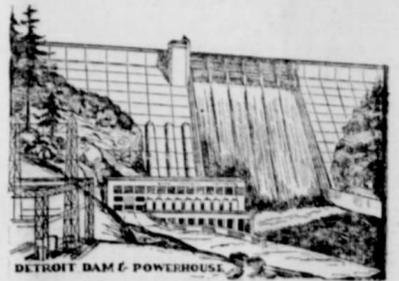
In addition to the regular summer program, various Mehama and Mill City businessmen, Post 159 of the American Legion, and the Recreation department are jointly sponsoring a Junior Legion Baseball team.

An effort is being made to secure a desirable swimming hole.

Schedule of activities:  
9 to 12—Little League Baseball  
Playground Activities  
1 to 4—Junior League Baseball  
Arts and Crafts  
Playground Activities  
Story Hour

Playground Activities: Archery (1 to 2:30 each day), Tennis, Ping Pong.  
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## Detroit Dam Dedication Ceremonies Set June 10

Plans have been made to accommodate more than 10,000 visitors at the dedication ceremonies of the U. S. Army Engineers' \$70,000,000 Detroit Dam on the North Santiam river, Wednesday, June 10, according to Ronald E. Jones, chairman of the Willamette River Basin Commission.

Coming from Washington, D.C., for the ceremonies will be Maj. Gen. S. D. Sturgis, Jr., chief of the U. S. Army Engineers, and the Hon. Douglas McKay, Secretary of Interior.

Visitors may view the dedication, to be held between the powerhouse and the dam, from the deck of the dam and from the lower area. Limited room below the dam may require many to watch from the deck of the dam where loudspeakers will be set up to broadcast the program.

Detroit dam on that day will be open to visitors from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. when visitors will be required to clear the galleries and assemble for the dedication ceremonies. At 1:20 p.m. the Oregon National Guard will fire a nineteen gun salute in honor of Secretary McKay and visiting governors of the Pacific northwest states.

Following rendition of the national anthem by high school bands of the North Santiam canyon, the Rev. George H. Swift, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Salem, will deliver the invocation. Gov. Paul Patterson of Oregon will be introduced by Ronald Jones.

Governor Patterson, in turn, will introduce special guests, including Governors Len Jordan of Idaho and Arthur Langlie of Washington, mayors of Willamette valley cities and towns, representatives of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency committee, the Willamette River Basin Commission and the Willamette Basin Project committee.

Other guests will include: R. A. Hoffman, vice president in charge of construction for Consolidated Builders, Inc., prime contractors for construction of Detroit and Big Cliff dams; Harry W. Rutherford, Detroit Dam resident engineer for the Army Engineers, and Col. Emerson C. Itchner, North Pacific division engineer.

Following remarks by General Sturgis, Col. Thomas H. Lipscomb, Portland district engineer, will give a brief description of the construction of the newest unit in the Corps of Engineers' Willamette Basin project.

Secretary McKay, who as governor of Oregon served as first chairman of the Willamette Basin Commission, will deliver the dedicatory address and press the button starting the first 50,000 kilowatt generator in Detroit's powerhouse.

A group of Warm Springs Indian Reservation Boy Scouts will stage Indian dances at the conclusion of the ceremony. The project will then be re-opened to public inspection until 5 p.m.

Detroit is a concrete gravity type dam, 1,528 feet across the deck, 454 feet high from foundation to deck and 339 feet (maximum) wide at the base. A total of 1,345,000 cubic yards of concrete and 7,300,000 pounds of steel were used in its construction.

The Detroit Dam reservoir is 8.5 miles long and will have a total storage of 455,000 acre feet. Each of its two generators will have a capacity of 50,000 kilowatts.

Army Engineers have scheduled four tours for visitors. The grand tour, starting on the deck of the dam, will take sight-seers down through the stairways and galleries to the powerhouse (515 steps). A shuttle bus will return visitors from powerhouse to the parking area.

The junior tour will start with a walk through gallery two and then downstairs to the powerhouse (187 steps) and return by shuttle bus to the parking area. The deck tour will be limited to a walk on the dam deck from which the powerhouse, stilling basin and lake behind the dam may be seen.

The fourth tour is that of the reservoir lake, approximately 40 miles round trip. Visitors should drive east on the highway, through the relocated town of Detroit, and on toward Idanha. Cars should cross the new Blowout road bridge to the south side of the North Santiam river and proceed on that new road to its junction

## McCarthy Furniture Opens Here Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCarthy this week opened their furniture store for business in the store formerly occupied by the Mill City Furniture. They will do business as the McCarthy Furniture.

Bill McCarthy will be remembered when he was employed by Dave Eggs while Dave operated the local furniture store. In February 1952 McCarthy went to manage Eggs' Albany store. McCarthy came to Mill City from Longview, Wash., where he managed two stores for the Big Four furniture company to open his own store here.

McCarthy Furniture will handle all types of household furnishings. McCarthy will do everything he can to show every popular line of appliance and furniture.

## Farmers Home Loans Now Made Available

Applications are now being taken by the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, for farm housing loans. These housing loans are for farm houses, barns, milk houses, poultry houses, etc. or, they may be used for remodeling or adding to a present farm structure.

The interest rate on these loans is 4% and the terms may be as long as twenty years. A real estate mortgage is taken to secure the loan states Martin H. Baker, who is county supervisor for Linn, Lincoln and Benton counties. There is no charge for appraisal of the farm buildings—and only low income farm families are eligible for these loans. Veterans have a preference.

The Farmers Home Administration office is located in Room 222, Post Office Building in Albany.

## Eagles Installation Planned June 7th

Detroit—The Albany F.O.E. Auxiliary with their drill team, will install the officers of the Detroit Auxiliary, Aerie 2745, Sunday, June 7th, at the high school auditorium.

The impressive ceremony will start promptly at 2 p.m. All officers will be in formal dress.

Aeries in the district are invited to attend the public ceremony. Refreshments will be served to members of the F.O.E.

with the old. The return should be made on the same route.

Guides wearing hard hats will be stationed at various points on the project to furnish visitors with general information, answer questions and direct them about the project.

Big Cliff dam, a unit of the Detroit project, is nearing completion approximately three miles downstream from Detroit dam. Its primary purpose will be to re-regulate the fluctuating discharges of the Detroit dam power plant. In addition the water will be used again to operate the Big Cliff power plant, capable of producing 18,000 kilowatts.

A concrete gravity dam, Big Cliff will be 289 feet long and 191 feet high from foundation to deck. It will require 104,000 cubic yards of concrete and 1,850,000 pounds of steel.

The Minto egg collecting station, seven miles downstream from Detroit dam, and Marion Forks salmon hatchery, 24 miles east of Detroit dam on Highway 22, are now in operation by the Oregon State Fish Commission. These fish facilities were constructed by the Corps of Engineers as restitution for loss of upstream spawning areas resulting from construction of the dams.