



By DON PETERSON

The big day many have been waiting for in the Canyon will be here next week June 10 with the dedication of Detroit dam and the starting of the first generators producing power for the good of the northwest.

On Wednesday there will be a great gathering of people from many parts of the country to witness this great event. It will be broadcast and televised to many parts of the world.

The North Santiam Chamber of Commerce this week put finishing touches on plans to assist in the celebration and dedication of Detroit dam at their meeting in Gates high school Wednesday evening.

This week Mill City voters again turned thumbs down on a proposal to amend the city's charter so that general obligation bonds could be issued by the city to make needed street and drainage improvements by a vote of 115 to 112.

It is too bad that these misinformed individuals must go about misinforming others—for had they taken the trouble to come out to the meeting called by the city council at the American Legion hall they could have learned what was in the plans and I am sure would have been satisfied with the plans as they are prepared.

Mill City will eventually get good streets, but these people will have spent many of your tax dollars holding elections because of their ignorance, and in this case had the proposition been passed last November the bonds could have been issued under the "Democratic" interest rates of about 2 1/4% while now it will cost the city 3 1/4% or over under the "Republican" interest rates on bonds, or about \$7,500 more on this particular bond issue.

The city council would have been able to cut street maintenance costs in half on their budget for many years had they been permitted to issue street improvement bonds, which would almost pay the annual cost of the bonds—of course these opponents to street improvements are not willing to come out and find out about these things before they go out house to house opposing city improvements, or they could read about it in the local newspaper.

### Santiam Softball Schedule Starts

The Santiam Softball league schedule for the first half of play was announced today with June 12 as the first games to be played. Starting time will probably be 7 p.m. for the first game of the double header.

The Mill City entry is being sponsored by Chuck's Fine Foods and by the Softball league. The Firemen entry is being sponsored by the Firemen's association and various local businessmen.

- June 12—Firemen vs. Kelly Mill City vs. CBI.
- June 15—CBI vs. Kelly Mill City vs. Firemen
- June 16—Firemen vs. CBI. Kelly vs. Mill City.
- June 19—CBI vs. Mill City. Kelly vs. Firemen.
- June 22—Firemen vs. Mill City. Kelly vs. CBI.
- June 23—Mill City vs. Kellys CBI vs. Firemen.
- June 26—Firemen vs. Kelly. Mill City vs. CBI.
- June 29—CBI vs. Kellys. Mill City vs. Firemen.
- June 30—Firemen vs. CBI. Kellys vs. Mill City.

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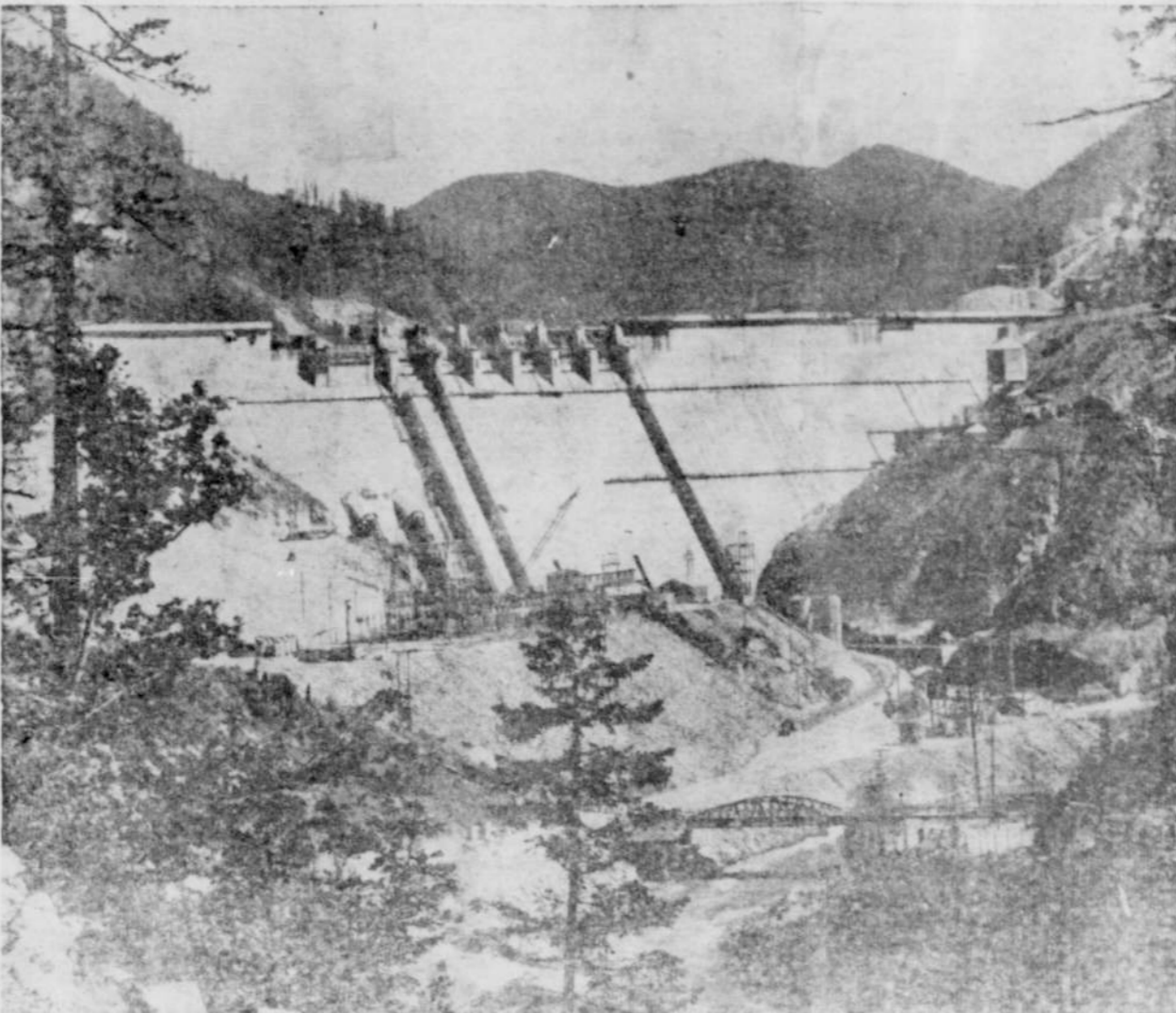
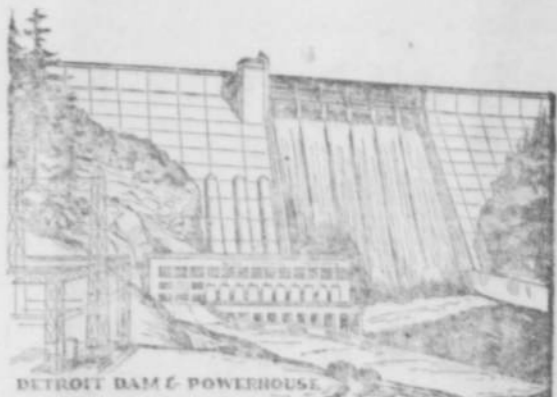
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Detroit Dam, June, 1952. This is Detroit Dam just a year ago. The highway atop the dam was not yet complete. Soon this highway was completed and Army Engineers invited the public in for a look-see at their famed Detroit Dam. It wasn't long before the North Santiam River started backing up against the dam. The silent build-up of Detroit Lake pushed out the old town of Detroit and Camp Mongold. (Photo courtesy Statesman)

### James B. Love Dies In Hospital June 3

James B. Love, 83, seriously ill for several weeks at the Santiam Memorial hospital in Stayton passed away this week on Wednesday, June 3. He had lived here for several years and early this year his daughter Mrs. Ion Love Thielke came here from Idaho to care for him.

Funeral services will be Saturday June 6, at 2 p.m. in the Mill City Presbyterian church with Rev. Noble Streeter officiating.

Mr. Love was born in Athens, Tenn., Aug. 31, 1869, and was one of a family of twelve. He is survived by two brothers, Charles P. of Warrensburg, Mo., and William S. of Eugene, and five sisters: Cassie Ambrose of Santa Barbara, Calif., Vernie Greenwell, Ruth King and Martha Rains of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Mary Gee of Los Angeles; two sons, Leonard E. of Naches, Wash., Chester M. of Astoria, and one daughter, Mrs. Thielke of Mill City.

### Story of Mongold

By AMBER RUTHERFORD

Today visitors taking the reservoir trip and happening to glance down at the first intersection after leaving the Engineer's office, may see two bleak, gray buildings perched forlornly on the shore of the lake. The water laps impatiently at the hastily improvised dirt levee and stockade at the edge. These two buildings are the last of the town of Mongold—the bustling community that housed government workers on Detroit dam.

#### Origin of Name

Claude C. Mongold was an engineer's engineer. He had been following construction since he was knee-high. Jake Fischer, Detroit engineer, remembers working with him more than twenty years ago at Anaconda in Montana. "Claude was one of the best. A good all-around man," he says. Big, bluff, hearty, Mongold made friends wherever he went. In 1939 Mongold was project engineer for Corps of Engineers at Eugene and supervising exploratory work on Detroit dam. His duties required numerous inspection trips of this area. It was on such a trip in May of 1942 that his driver, blinded by approaching headlights, lost control of the car and went over the edge near Sardine Creek and Claude Mongold was killed. From him did Camp Mongold derive its name.

#### Project Postponed During War

The war halted all non-essential construction work, and it was not until 1947 that the first buildings which were to constitute the new town (Continued on Page 3)



(Photo courtesy Capital Journal)

### Union Vacation Bible School Begin June 8

A union vacation Bible school, with five churches co-operating will be held June 8-19, with sessions Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The Beginner's department, for four and five-year-olds, will meet in the Presbyterian social hall; the Primary department, for children who were in the first, second and third grades, in the Christian church basement; and the Junior-Intermediate department, for those in the fifth to eighth grades, in the main building of the Presbyterian church.

All children of the community are invited to join in the school. The program will include songs, Bible stories, missionary stories, handwork, and recreation, all under the general theme of "Crusading for Christ."

### Junior Legion Plays Stayton Nine Sunday

American Legion Junior Baseball booster tickets went on sale this week in advance of the first game to be played Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. on Allen Field.

Junior Legion boys are the high school age group and five games have been scheduled for Mill City fans. After Stayton they will meet Aumsville June 14, Woodburn June 21, Oregon City June 28, and Salem on July 12 on the home field.

Season tickets are \$5 for the whole family which should be a bargain in anyone's language. This is part of the Legion's youth program and it is hoped the public will turn out this Sunday and cheer for the boys.

## N. Santiam in Holiday Mood For Dam Dedication June 10

North Santiam citizens will drop the affairs of routine work and observe dedication of Detroit Dam, June 10th. Logging operations will stop during the entire day, June 10, so that traffic dangers will be minimized. Most business houses of the canyon area will close Wednesday, 12 to 5 p.m. Idanha Lumber Co. will not operate Wednesday. Remaining open will be restaurants and service stations.

### Detroit's Birthday Carnival June 19

Some \$500 worth of merchandise will be given away at the Detroit Birthday Carnival Friday night, June 19 at Detroit school gym.

Prizes will include a twin waffle iron, double automatic toaster, electric coffee percolator, case of motor oil and more than sixty other useful items.

High point of the evening will be the door prize drawing at 10 p.m. An automatic washing machine, retailing for \$280, will be given away.

A huge birthday cake celebrating new Detroit's first birthday, will be cut by Mayor Nolan P. Rasnick.

There will be a fish pond, basketball toss, twenty-one, cake walk and a continuous cartoon movie for the kiddies. There will be plenty of weiners, coffee and pie. You are invited to come early and stay late—and have fun!

### Detroit Dedication Ceremonies Program

8 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Dam open to public inspection.

12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.—Visitors to clear galleries and assemble in preparation for the Dedication ceremonies

#### DEDICATION CEREMONIES

1:20—Official gun salute  
By the Oregon National Guard

1:30—The National anthem—played by Canyon high schools band  
Invocation, The Rev. George H. Swift, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal church, Salem.

1:35—Introduction of Gov. Paul Patterson by Ronald E. Jones, chairman of Willamette River Basin commission

1:40—Remarks by Gov. Paul Patterson  
1:45—Introduction of Guests  
By Gov. Paul Patterson.

1:50—Remarks by Maj. Gen. S. D. Sturgis, Jr., chief of Engineers, Construction of Detroit Dam,  
By Col. T. H. Lipscomb, district engineer, Portland district

2:10—Dedication Speech  
By Hon. Douglas McKay, Secretary of Interior

2:35—Sec. of Interior Douglas McKay pushes button that starts the first generator.  
2:40—Indian Dances, performed by Warm Springs Indian Reservation Boy Scouts

3 to 5 p.m.—Dam is open to public inspection.  
5 p.m.—All visitors to depart.

#### GATES STUDENTS GET HONORS

Oregon College of Education, Monmouth—Roy E. Leualleni, registrar at Oregon College of Education, announced today that Ida Belle Blackburn an dJohn Ryal, incoming freshmen from Gates, have received state scholarships.

North Santiam co-operative effort in the dedication plans stems from work now in progress by the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce. The chamber put the final okay on a full day June 10 for North Santiam Chamber members, Wednesday night at its Gates meeting.

The official dedication band will be a 100-piece massed band made up of high school bands from Detroit, Mill City, Stayton, Cascade and Jefferson, directed alternately by their regular leaders, beginning at 12:30. Duane Burgess, Stayton band leader has been hard at work getting the mass band in working order for the day's entertainment. Silverton high school's band appears on the program at 11:30 for a concert hour of entertainment.

Byron Shuck of Stayton will be chairman assisted by Boy Scouts of the pamphlet handout committee at Detroit Dam June 10. Albert Toman Sr. of Mill City will supervise soft drink and eating stand concessions at the dam site. Three spots will be kept in operation. Jerry Coffman of Mehama and E. C. Kennedy of Detroit will have charge of a 24x40 booth where picture slides on sporting and recreation and movies will be shown continuously throughout the day.

Raleigh Harold Florist of Stayton is donating the shrubbery that will decorate the movie booth managed by Coffman and Kennedy.

Special communication equipment for the day's activity will consist of amplifiers on top of the dam and inside the power house, and on the platform. Emergency telephone hookup is being installed at the dam site. Those wishing contact with a Detroit dam dedication guest may call Detroit 1000 for emergency service.

Sisters Chamber of Commerce was represented at the Wednesday meeting of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce by Art Ladd and Cliff Ulman of Sisters. They announced the Sisters Annual Rodeo, June 20-21. In response to a report on the Baker bill the canyon-wide chamber passed a resolution opposing passage of the bill termed "forest and grazing land grab" bill and recommending that citizens write to their congressmen.

J. C. "Doc" Kimmel reviewed the status of the blood bank program for the North Santiam and secured approximately \$50 in donations during the course of Wednesday's meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the canyon-wide chamber is in Stayton, July 8, at the city hall.

The Gates Woman's club served delicious pies and coffee to the large turnout after the business meeting was completed.

### Earl R. Wolfkiel Dies In Portland Sunday

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Weddle funeral home, Stayton, for Earl R. Wolfkiel, 66-year-old Lyons resident who died Sunday in a Portland hospital. Burial will be in Fox Valley cemetery.

The Rev. Glenn Vernon will officiate at services.

Surviving is the widow, Mrs. Lilly Wolfkiel of Lyons. The deceased was a native of Kansas.

### 'Gingerbread House' Opens in Mehama

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross have opened their new drive-in "Gingerbread House", on the new Santiam highway in Mehama.

The drive-in will feature home-made pies and cakes baked by the Rosses, with ice cream and sandwiches.

The Rosses did their own decorating for their drive-in, which is done in a Pennsylvania Dutch motif with yellow figures and trim.



C.B.I., Detroit Dam contractors, housed their engineer personnel in these attractive Mill City homes in what is yet known as C.B.I. area or Kaiser Court. Army Engineers have purchased part of these homes for the personnel who will operate Detroit Dam. (Photo courtesy Capital Journal)