

Canyon Avenue Parade



By DON PETERSON

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay appeared as the principal speaker at the dedication of Detroit dam Wednesday of this week, flanked by plenty of top brass, both military and civilian he gave what has been called his dedication speech of this great public service dam. His speech did not carry the convincing qualities that could be expected for the occasion. Those gathered were not impressed and only gave a mediocre greeting upon introduction by Governor Patterson. His speech was not interrupted at any time with applause of any kind and upon completion his applause was so feeble that the governor called him back on the platform for another "try". It was another feeble response.

Contrary to the reporting by the Capital Journal in Wednesday's edition there was a conspicuous lack of cheering. Perhaps the mistake was that the wrong party was attempting to dedicate this block of concrete to the service of mankind.

Harry Truman or Wayne Morse should have been invited to do honors. They have been among the forefront in getting these dams under construction and appropriating the money for them, either of these men could have brought life to the assembled crowd of about 4,000. The thought must have run through the minds of many present just who does he intend to give this dam too after it gets into operation? Many of those present did not want a Hells Canyon deal pulled on them and it is believed that it won't be long until some sort of "deal" will be made, if it is not already made to give-away this dam.

Secretary McKay has been busy denying the truth of statements made by Drew Pearson in Pearson's column the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" which appeared in Tuesday's papers of this week. Pearson has stated that the contracts offered to private utilities, would raise the price of power to make it prohibitive for industry to operate in the Pacific northwest and that certain restrictions were to be placed on co-ops and rural electric companies until they are forced to sell out to private companies.

Pearson reported that a seven-man steering committee from industry officials was chosen "to look into the matter, and in the days that have followed, the stunned silence of republican industrialists has changed to righteous indignation."

Pearson continues, "For the northwest has begun to realize that with its higher labor costs and heavy transportation rates, the end of cheap hydroelectric power will mean the end of industry in that area. Even some of the staunchest republican spokesmen therefore are up in arms against the 'New Deal' for the private utilities."

Pearson undoubtedly knows what he is writing about or he wouldn't be writing until he did.

This week I wish to take this opportunity to announce the sale of The Mill City Enterprise to Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on Page 8)

Timber Carnival at Albany July 2-3-4

Able-bodied woodsmen from many sections of the Pacific northwest will convene at Albany, Oregon, July 2-3-4 for the ninth annual Timber Carnival at Waverly Lake—scene of the world championship logging contests.

The Timber Carnival attracts an estimated 100,000 onlookers during its three-day program, including some 40,000 persons who annually witness a giant fireworks display, touched off on the night of July 4. World champions in four of five logging divisions are crowned each year.

During the Timber Carnival in Albany each year world championships are decided in bucking, topping, climbing and chopping. The world title in burling—log rolling—is still conferred annually at Gladstone, Mich.—scene of the National Rollo.

While logging events are the feature of the annual affair in Albany, eleven Linn county girls annually compete for the title of queen of the Albany Timber Carnival. Timber Carnival buttons and tickets are sold by contestants to finance the event. The winner is named on July 2 on the basis of total points scored.

Other activities include dances each night of the festival, an amusement carnival for children, a grand parade, a horse show, a model airplane show, a baseball game, a water show and the fireworks display.

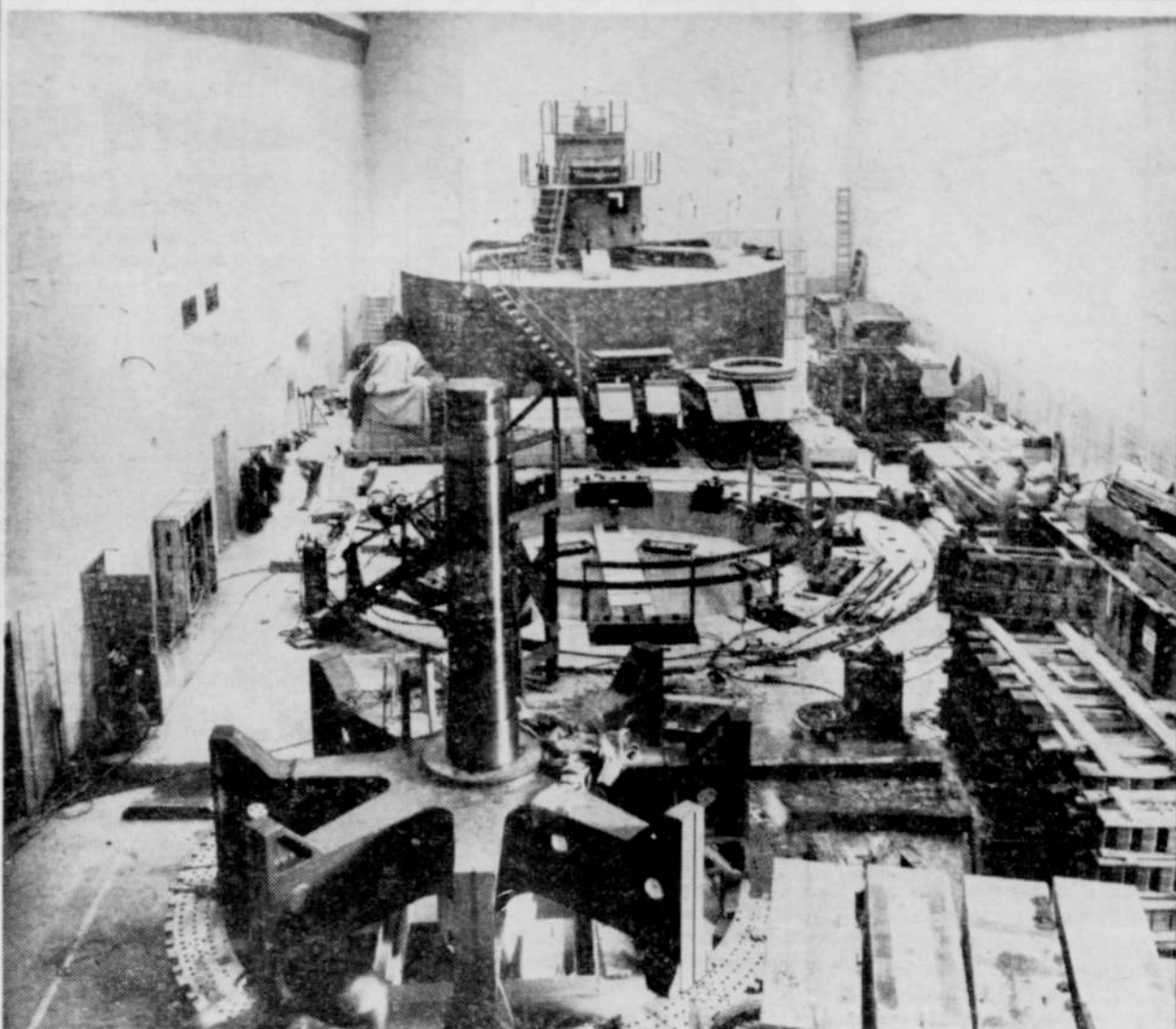
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The Powerhouse for Detroit Dam has been a scene of feverish activity this week as 40 workmen race the calendar to have generator in rear of cavernous building ready to throw power "on the line" by June 10. A small amount of water has been flowing through generator for 10 days to dry out the windings. Big, 267-ton rotor in foreground will soon be lifted into hole at center by 300-ton overhead crane, but will not be ready to generate power until this fall. Each generator will produce 50,000 kilowatts. (Photo courtesy The Statesman)

Facts and Figures On Detroit Dam

Detroit dam is 232 miles from Klath Falls, 101 miles from Eugene, 100 miles from Portland, 49 miles from Salem, 55 miles from Albany and 86 miles from Bend.

The Detroit Dam Reservoir is 8.5 miles long with a shore line of 45 miles and an area of 4,000 acres. Its maximum storage is 455,000 acre-feet with 300,000 acre-feet reserved exclusively for flood control, 40,000 acre-feet for power and 115,000 acre-feet dead storage.

Detroit Dam itself is 1,528 feet long at the crest and 454 feet high above the foundation. It has a 1,579 foot top elevation above mean sea level and 339 foot maximum width at the base. Excavation required to provide sound rock foundations totaled 787,000 cubic yards.

Detroit Dam required 1,345,000 cubic yards of concrete and 7,300,000 pounds of steel. The dam has four outlet conduits, each five feet eight inches by ten feet, and six radial gates, each 28 feet by 42 feet on the spillway. For the production of power there are two penstocks, each 16 feet in diameter, and two generators, each with a rated capacity of 50,000 kilowatts.

Detroit Dam is the fourth unit in the Willamette River Basin to be completed. Cottage Grove Dam on the Coast Fork and Fern Ridge Dam on the Long Tom River have been in operation since their completion in 1942. Dorena Dam on the Row river was completed in the fall of 1949.

Here at Detroit Dam the North Santiam River has an average stream flow of 2,000 cubic feet per second and a maximum flow of 41,200 cubic feet per second.

Detroit Dam was authorized by an Act of Congress June 28, 1938. One of the original seven dams authorized (Continued on Page 7)

Mrs. L. A. Kennedy, 86, Passes Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Louise A. Kennedy, who died Tuesday at her home here, were held Thursday of this week at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian church.

The Rev. Noble Streeter will officiate, and interment will be at the Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. Kennedy had lived in this community for 35 years, coming to Oregon from Virginia where she was born October 5, 1866. She is survived by a daughter, Kathryn Kennedy, of Mill City; a sister, Mrs. T. A. Bray, Blackwell, Okla.; and a brother, James Whitely, Cedarville, Kans.

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 60 other useful items.

High point of the evening will be the door prize drawing at 10 a.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 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!

Sunday 'Mill City Day' at Kilowan

Sunday, June 14 has been announced as "Mill City Day in Camp Kilowan", Willamette Area Council Camp Fire Girls camp. This will be a work day. Mill City folks will take along a picnic lunch. Camp Kilowan opens to campers on June 25.

Moms and dads will help ready camp, Sunday. There are many needs, and every family member will find a job to suit his abilities. These jobs need doing for the camp season: distribution of cots, ticks and mattresses; sweeping of cabins and buildings; repair of several bunks and building of supports for new canvas bunks; unpacking and shelving of dishes and utensils; checking, testing, and repair of fire-fighting equipment; roofing of one cabin; raising of tent-tops; clearance of winter debris from trails; cleaning and painting; and painting of boats.

These projects will be co-operatively shared by Mill City, Salem, and Woodburn volunteers as set up by the Area Camp committee. Polk county district is responsible for completion of the new water system, installation of replacements and additions to the hot water system and other related projects. Benton county people are building a handyman's cabin and clearing up other responsibilities as well. The new playfield is also on the committee agenda.

Camp Kilowan is located three miles from Falls City, the route out of Falls City being plainly marked. When arriving in camp June 14, bring hammers, brooms, saws, rags, rakes, shovels, family and food.

R. D. Johnson, 64, Dies Suddenly

Detroit—Ray David Johnson, owner of the Detroit Telephone Co., died suddenly Saturday evening at his home here.

He was born August 12, 1888 at Alton, Kansas and united in marriage to Ella Thompson, December 16, 1908 at Almena, Kansas.

Mr. Johnson and family came to Oregon in 1924. In 1928 he moved to Dayton and managed the telephone company until 1946. That same year he moved to Detroit and built and operated the telephone exchange now serving the Detroit-Idanha communities.

Johnson had worked in the telephone industry for over thirty years and held membership in the National Telephone Pioneer association, and was a director of the Oregon Independent Telephone association.

Johnson was a member of the IOOF lodge No. 20 at Dayton. He was active in civic affairs, serving on the city council at both Dayton and Detroit. He was a member of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce.

Besides the widow he is survived by two children, Lola Christenson of McMinnville, and Cletus Johnson of Portland and three grandchildren, Gayle and Norma Christenson and Carolyn Johnson.

Services were held in McMinnville Tuesday, June 9, at Macy's funeral home. Internment was in Evergreen Memorial park.

School Districts Hold Elections

Local school districts in the North Santiam hold their annual meeting Monday, June 15. Election of a director for a three-year term takes place.

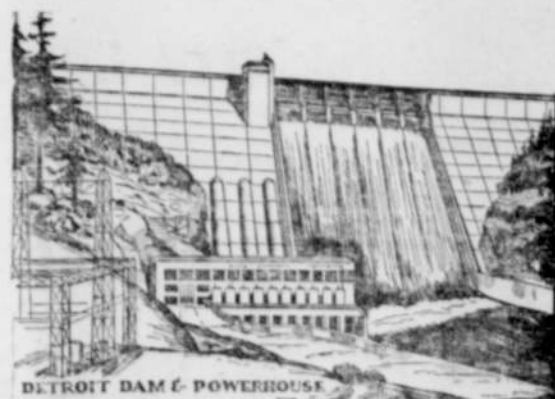
J. B. Gordon, Idanha, announced the election scheduled for the Idanha area. Gordon stated that one must have been registered 30 days before the election in order to be entitled to vote; also it is required that one reside for the preceding six months within the school district.

Gordon stated the law is that it is not necessary that a voter be a property owner.

Mill City school district will hold its annual meeting to elect one director for a three-year term, and for the purchase and sale of property next Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the high school building.

Other districts will meet in their local school buildings for annual elections also on Monday evening.

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Dedication Ceremonies To Bring New Era To Santiam

A seven-year Oregon epic has transformed the upper N. Santiam and reached its climax in Wednesday's dedication. The result is the fourth highest gravity dam in the world—a towering slab of concrete as tall as Chicago's tallest skyscraper and as long as five football fields.

A crowd of approximately 3,800 assembled in this gorge, 50 miles east of Salem. Spectators had their choice of four tours, ranging from a stroll across the deck (top) of the dam, to a 40-mile, deadhead trip around the dam's reservoir.

19-Gun Salute Opens Ceremony

Tours conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. paused during the dedication ceremony. The rites opened with a 19-gun salute by the Oregon National Guard at 1:20 p.m. The dedicatory speech followed.

Tours resumed then. The hardy walked down 515 steps through the interior of the dam and come out at the powerhouse where buses hustled them back up to the North Santiam highway.

The first generator could not be started because of mechanical trouble. Pre-dedication runs turned up the mechanical difficulty.

Small Dam To Adjust River's Flow

The second generator is still under construction. Each generator will have a capacity of 50,000 kilowatts, but the powerhouse will not run full blast until Detroit's re-regulating dam, called Big Cliff, is finished.

Reason is that it will take approximately 5,000 cubic feet of water per second flowing through Detroit dam to generate the peak output of 100,000 kilowatts.

That is far more than the normal flow of the North Santiam river, which drops to less than 1,000 cubic feet per second in August.

But Big Cliff dam will catch the flow and ration it out to keep water flowing downstream while Detroit dam closes its gates and stores up more water.

Will Provide Double Salem's Need

When Detroit dam is generating a peak load it will provide approximately twice as much electricity as Salem and its suburbs use during average wintertime hours.

And little Big Cliff dam has its own powerhouse, where another 18,000 kilowatts of power will be generated. Construction at Big Cliff, which never gets the publicity accorded Detroit dam, is proceeding on schedule. The dam is slated to start generating power next April.

After that, employment in the project will soon simmer down to the 29 employees, all Corps of Engineers workers, who will be required permanently to operate and maintain the project.

Peak employment saw 1,500 working on the project, including those who helped relocate 15 miles of highway and clear timber for the reservoir. At present there are 325 working at the dam. Most are employed by Consolidated Builders, Inc., contractors for the project.

Grange Master Slaps McKay's 'Give-away'

Medford, June 8—The Hells Canyon dam controversy flared anew here today as the Oregon State Grange opened its 80th annual convention with a blistering attack by Grange Master, Elmer McClure, of Milwaukie on Secretary of the Interior, Douglas McKay for withdrawing the opposition of the Interior department to a proposal by Idaho Power company to build three small dams on the Snake river in place of a large multi-purpose federal dam at the Hells Canyon site.

Charging that McKay knew what he was doing when he "gave away the Hells Canyon damsite", something which McClure asserted he did not have a moral right to do, the Grange Master stated that, "If as the result of his (McKay's) actions, Hells Canyon dam is never built and the Idaho Power company gains control of the Snake river, it will be forever to his shame."

"Following the western land frauds of an earlier day, a potent book was written titled, 'Looters of the Public Domain'. I am fearful that the material for Volume II of that book is now being prepared", McClure told his audience.

In his address, the farm organization head predicted that the nation's farmers this year will receive less than seven per cent of the national income, although they make up 18 percent of the population of the country, a new all-time low. The present combination of falling farm prices, lowering farm land values, declining export markets and restricted credit "are the identical trends which preceded the depression of the 30's", Mc-

Clure warned. "With the experience of the 30's still fresh in the minds of most of us, when falling farm incomes were immediately followed by the collapse of the whole nation's economy," McClure asserted, "one would think that drastic and immediate action to reverse these trends would be the order of the day but the attitude of those at the helm seems to be that, given time, the situation will correct itself. This is certainly not in accord with history."

Lyons Traffic Tied Up By Truck-Train Crash

Harold Dean, Mill City log truck driver, escaped with minor scratches Tuesday afternoon when his truck was hit by a westbound Southern Pacific freight train at the Lyons crossing of state highway 226.

Dean, driving north with an empty truck, failed to see either the train or the frantic signals of a switchman, he told state police later.

The truck was demolished, the trailer damaged, and the diesel locomotive thrown from the rails after dragging the truck over a hundred feet down the track from the crossing.

Highway traffic to Scio was blocked for several hours, and the Mt. Jefferson Lumber company was forced to shut down when the street to their re-saw mill was shut off.

Both the truck driver and the locomotive engineer were shaken but neither was seriously hurt.