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Lions Club to Handle March of Dimes Drive

The annual "March of Dimes" for the benefit of the National Infantile Paralysis fund will be sponsored by the Mill City Lyons club, according to Charles Kelly, president. The campaign for 1954 will run through the month of January.

Opening feature of the campaign was held Wednesday night when the annual "double-header" of basketball and volleyball took place. The high school varsity drew the faculty men for basketball, while the high school girls had the faculty women as opponents. Unappropriate costumes were worn at this annual fray.

It was announced by Mrs. John Muir, president of the Woman's club at their meeting Tuesday night, that the annual "Mothers' March on Polio," sometimes called the Porchlight Parade, will be held this year, the date to be announced later. The Campfire girls usually do the actual soliciting, assisted by the mothers who drive cars.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Lions club already raised a total of about \$140, under the leadership of Mrs. Roger Nelson, at their series of "coffee" held in their homes late in the fall.

A "March of Dimes" dance probably will be held on former President Roosevelt's birthday, the place to be announced later.

The usual collections will be made at the Mill City Theatre during the last week of January. A "trailer" film on the subject will also be shown.

Miniature "test tubes" will be placed in all the business houses of the community in the near future to receive contributions.

Many more dimes and dollars are needed this year than ever before, due to the scheduled use of the new polio serum which will be administered to thousands of school children at the second grade level in chosen counties all over the country, according to the percentage of cases in each county. More publicity on that score will be forthcoming.

Gates Community House Nearly Ready for Use

GAES—After eight years of "sweat, blood and tears," the community house under construction by members of the Gates Women's Club will soon reach the stage where the building can be used for meeting of the club and small social affairs. Much yet remains to be done before it is completed, but due to the progress made in the past few days by donated labor, the members of the club will undertake the task with renewed enthusiasm.

During the holidays a crew of local men have donated their labor to finish the ceiling of the large recreation room and to lay the floor. Windows and doors were also cased. The fireplace was completed less than a year ago. The smaller club room has been finished and has been in use as the city hall for the past two years.

The kitchen, rest rooms and outside finish are yet to be completed.

The efforts of Mrs. W. R. Hutcheson, chairman of the building committee, were directed to securing volunteers for labor and serving food to the laborers.

Among those donating their time the past week are: Dick Parker and Ray Lord, who directed the work; Philip Hess, Pat Adams, Glenn Gordon, Burrell Cole, Phillip Cann, Don Miley, W. S. Hudson, Phillip Stevens, Walter Brisbin, Bud Struckmeier, and W. R. Hutcheson.

Members of the Gates Woman's club wish to take this means to express their thanks to those who so generously donated their services.

Merrills and Kubins Attend Funerals for Relatives During Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kubin of Mehama motored to Lakeport, California recently where they attended the funeral services for Chester Merrill, grandfather of Mr. Merrill and Mrs. Kubin. The deceased at one time operated the ferry across the river between Lyons and Mehama, and was a millwright here in Mill City in the early days.

The Merrills and Kubins and Mrs. Cliff Bradford motored to Portland where they attended the funeral services, December 23 for Mack Beck, an uncle of the Merrills and Kubins, who passed away at the Veterans hospital in Portland. Mr. Beck's home was at Wheeler, Oregon.

Fire Department Called To Earl Bassett Home Twice for Chimney Fire

Mill City firemen were called to the Earl Bassett home twice on Sunday to put out a chimney fire. The first call about 5:30 in the afternoon was answered by the department and when they left all seemed under control.

About 10 o'clock in the evening the department was called when the flue started burning again. Considerable damage was done by smoke and water this time.

Sunday School Convention to Be Held Here

The Cascade district Sunday School convention will be held Sunday afternoon, following a basket dinner, at the Mill City Christian church.

A new type of program has been planned, which will include devotions, special music, presentation of the theme, "The Means to Reaching and Teaching for Christ," discussion of the theme in separate age groups, roll call, reports and awards for memory verses and for attendance at the convention.

The Cascade district includes Mehama, Lyons, Mill City, Gates, Detroit and Idanha.

All Sunday School superintendents, teachers and workers are urged to attend this important meeting.

Salem Daily Papers Merge Printing Plants

Merging of the physical plants of the Capital Journal and the Oregon Statesman, in the Statesman-Capital Journal building, formerly the Statesman building at Chemekeeta and Church streets, was completed Saturday.

Both the Oregon Statesman, morning newspaper, and the Capital Journal, afternoon newspaper, will be printed in the merged plant Monday.

Charles A. Sprague will continue as publisher and editor of the Oregon Statesman, while Bernard Mainwaring will continue as publisher and editor of the Capital Journal.

The incorporation articles name Sprague as president of the Statesman-Capital Journal company and Mainwaring vice president and treasurer. All of the stock in the company is owned by the Sprague and Mainwaring families.

Stayton Degree Team Here for Meeting

Robert Draper and his newly elected and appointed officers of Mill City Lodge, AF&AM, held their first meeting of the year at the Masonic temple Monday evening with a large attendance of members and visitors present.

A large delegation of Masons from Santiam Lodge of Stayton were present and exemplified the Master degree for a candidate from Gates.

After the business and degree work was completed the men gathered in the dining room where an hour or so of fellowship was enjoyed around the coffee cup.

This coming Monday evening a group of Masons from Mill City Lodge are planning on attending a meeting at Stayton when a similar degree will be conferred. The Master of Santiam Lodge urges all Masons of the area to participate in this meeting.

New Supreme Court Clerk Assumed Duty January 1st

SALEM—Frederick M. Sercombe, Portland attorney, arrived in Salem Saturday to succeed Arthur S. Benson, for 52 years chief clerk and assistant chief clerk of the state supreme court.

Benson retired from the office of chief clerk Thursday night under the state retirement act.

Sercombe served as secretary of the Oregon State Bar from 1935 to 1949 and has since practiced law in Portland. He is a member of the law firm of Gilley & Sercombe. Benson said he had no immediate plans for the future, but expects to enjoy a needed rest.

Engagement Is Announced



At a holiday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson in Mill City they announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Phyllis Gibson to George Williams Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Cosmopolis, Washington.

Mr. Gibson is employed with Westinghouse at Detroit Dam and Miss Gibson is employed at Mom and Pops Cafe. No date has been set for the wedding.



Patterson To Seek Return Engagement

Governor Paul L. Patterson Saturday announced he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination to succeed himself in the primary election May 21.

Ted R. Gamble, Portland theatre owner and radio and television executive, will head the Patterson campaign, the governor said.

The governor's long-expected announcement of his candidacy virtually assured a hard-fought contest for the nomination, because Secretary of State Earl T. Newby announced months ago and has already begun setting up his organization.

Gamble is president of the Mt. Hood Broadcasting company, which operates KOIN-TV, in addition to his other interests and activities. He was treasurer of the 1952 campaign of State Treasurer Sig Unander.

Wm. Bryant Leases Hathaway Station

Bill Bryant completed a deal the first of January whereby he has leased the service station from L. G. Hathaway.

Mr. Bryant has been working at the station since the time Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway were injured in an automobile accident.

Mr. Hathaway stated Tuesday: "Any courtesy you show Mr. Bryant will be appreciated by me."

Nursing Conference To Be Held Here January 12

A nursing conference, offering immunization to preschool children and infants will be held January 12 from 10 to 12 at the Mill City elementary school.

The Marion County Health Department will be assisted by Mrs. William Pennick of Gates.

Ed Cooke Family Injured in Car Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cooke and daughters, Donna and Carol, who spent the Christmas holiday with their brother and son, James, who is stationed with the U. S. Navy in Pensacola, Florida, met with a serious automobile accident shortly after starting out on their return trip home. According to a letter received here by Mrs. Bert Morris from James Cooke, an oiler ran a stop sign smashing into the Cooke car. Mrs. Cooke received a fractured wrist and ankle; Donna, fractured hip and thigh, plus facial lacerations; and Carol has a fractured jaw and thigh. Mr. Cooke received no broken bones, but was severely bruised.

Donna Cooke had intended enrolling at the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth for the coming term. She attended the University of Oregon for two terms during the last year. Carol is a member of the eighth grade in the grade school here.

Mrs. Cooke, who is employed in the cafeteria at the grade school, is to be temporarily replaced by Mrs. Opal McRobert. Word of the accident was first received here through Lyle Mason, Donna's fiance, who is in the Navy at San Diego, Cal., and had expected the Cooke's to stop there on the return trip until receiving the message from Mr. Cooke.

Post Nuptial Shower Held For Mrs. Don Engdahl

MEHAMA—Mrs. Don Engdahl (Suse Teeters) was guest of honor at a post nuptial brides' shower at the Women's club house Wednesday evening, December 30.

After a short time spent visiting, the gifts were opened by the honor guest assisted by Mrs. John Mack Jr., and Miss Betty Ware. The hostesses Mrs. Keith Phillips and Mrs. Tillman Rains served refreshments to Mmes. Horace McCarley, Mabel Patton, Esther Ohms, Orvall Bilyeu, Ed Castle, Larry Kimsey, John Mack Jr., Peter Hughes, E. J. Hughes, G. V. Christensen, Gayle Brown, Ken Golliet, Lilly Wolfkiel, Giles Wagner, Walter Johnson, Julia Klodahl, Grant Smith, Ray Roberts, Jennette Behrens, Harold Wodtly, G. J. Blum, Art Anderson, J. M. Teeters and Misses Carol Sletto, Lois Blum, Shirley Wodtly, Nancy Wodtly, Betty Ware and Roxie McCarley.

Sending gifts were: Mmes. B. L. Kirsch, Kenneth Weldon, Elwin Erickson, Elmer Taylor, Gene Coles, Ira Kirsch, Harold Longfellow, Pearl Allaway, R. E. Shields, Raymond Branch, Hubert Wagner, Jack Lingaas, Charles Crook, Frank White, Lou Pooler, Chris McDonald, Karl Wintzer and Robert Draper.

Work On Gymnasium To Begin In About 10 Days

Bonneville Power Adm. Asks Bids for Work At Lyons Substation

Bonneville Power Administration is calling for bids for construction of a control house and oil storage house at the Santiam substation. The site of this substation is located 3 miles west of Lyons in Linn county. Bids will be opened in Portland January 15, 1954. The successful contractor will be given 200 days in which to complete the work outlined under this proposal.

The grading for the substation switchyard and the spur track was recently completed by the Frank Lyons Company of Portland, Oregon, which has been working since last September. Later in the year the Administration expects to call for bids for the installation of the substation facilities that will be required for service to the Benton-Lincoln Electric Cooperative and the Mountain States Power Company.

Zone Meet of Lions Club Here

About 50 Lions club members from various towns in the district gathered in Mill City Monday evening for a zone meeting, with Wally Carlsson, zone chairman in charge.

Among the distinguished guests present were Jim Tindall, district governor of Salem and Ken Williams, deputy district governor from Stayton.

During the meeting members of the clubs gave their views on Lionism, and gave hints on various phases of work being done by their clubs.

The next zone meeting will be held in Silverton sometime in March.

At this meeting Charles Kelly, president of the local club stated that the club here had again taken on the task of the March of Dimes drive. About \$5 was collected for the fund at the Monday night meeting.

'Gay Nineties' Party Held Tuesday Night

The Mill City Woman's Club held an unusually interesting meeting in the recreation room Tuesday evening, the affair depicting a party of the "Gay Nineties," with many in costumes of that period, and a display of antiques in evidence. Upon entering, each member registered under an "assumed" name which was popular in that era. The registration "fee" was set aside as a donation to the scholarship loan fund.

The entertainment under the direction of Mrs. Harry Mason, started off with a clever "bingo" game, using the adopted names of the members, with prizes being awarded. As each name was called, the owner stood up and told about the antiques she had brought, also explaining the chosen name. Those who did not bring anything for the exhibit were forced to act out a " forfeit."

An attractively costumed quartette, consisting of Rosamond ReMine, Doris Sheythe, Edna Ross, and Dorothy Dyhrman, sang two appropriate selections, "After the Ball," and "Ta-ra-boom-de-ay." They were accompanied at the piano by Virginia Hoeye.

A high spot of the evening was the reading of "Casey at the Bat," by Mrs. W. W. Allen, whose pointed-toe shoes drew much comment. She explained that they were her "going-away" shoes on her wedding day.

The entertainment closed with a group singing many old-time songs, led by Edith Mason, with Virginia Hoeye at the piano. A number of very old pictures hung about the room added atmosphere, the largest being the first schoolhouse in Mill City, located on the Marion county side of the river.

Refreshments were served at a beautifully-appointed table, with gorgeous silver tea and coffee service used for poring. Hostesses for the delightful affair were Mrs. Melbourne Rambo, Mrs. Martin Hansen, and Mrs. O. K. DeWitt. Mrs. Ida B. Geddes, who will be ninety-nine years old on February 9, added much to the occasion with her display of "tin-types."

Mill City Without Lights Sunday Afternoon

Mill City was left "in the dark" and hungry in some instances Sunday afternoon when a tree fell across the power line out by King's cafe on the old highway just west of Mill City.

Many dinners were in the oven about that time.

At a meeting of the Mill City school board held Tuesday noon, Wall, Bartram & Sanford, contractors of Junction City and low bidders, were awarded the contract for constructing the new gymnasium.

According to the board it is believed that work on the gymnasium will be started within 10 days. Local labor will be used where possible.

The list of contractors and their part of the building program is given below:

Wall, Bartram & Sanford, Excavating, backfilling, grading; concrete and cement work; glass block; caulking; masonry and incinerator.

Millwork, J. O. Olsen, Eugene.

Miscellaneous Iron & Steel, Columbia Wire & Iron, Portland.

Steel Sash, Mercer Steel Co., Portland.

Asphalt Tile floors and counter tops, and wood finish floors, Union Floor company, Portland.

Roofing and Sheet Metal, R. L. Elfstrom, Salem.

Glass and Glazing, Capitol City Glass, Salem.

Lath, plaster and stucco, F. R. Barnes, Eugene.

Tackboard, Northern School Supply, Portland.

Metal toilet partitions, Weistee Products, Portland.

Insulation and acoustical tile ceilings, Stewart-Griffith, Portland.

Metal doors, Grand Metal Products, Portland.

Ceramic tile work, Multnomah Tile, Portland.

Plumbing and heating, Forsyth Plumbing & Heating, Corvallis.

Electrical, Marion Electric, Salem.

Painting, Ludlow & Wixon, Albany.

Stock Dividend Declared by Bank

At the December meeting of the board of directors of the Mill City State bank a stock dividend of \$25,000 was declared.

This raised the capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000. There is a surplus of \$55,000 and undivided profits and reserves of \$4,900.14 making a total capital account of \$109,900.14, according to the statement being published elsewhere in this issue.

M & M Report Shows Gains

M & M Wood Working Company reported Wednesday increased net sales and net earnings for the first nine months of its current fiscal year. Net sales amounted to \$26,815,527 and net earnings \$1,209,397 for the nine months compared with net sales of \$25,251,073 and net earnings \$924,585 in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Earnings per share for the 1953 period amounted to 84 cents compared with 64 cents in 1952.

For the third quarter net sales were \$8,270,646 and net earnings \$335,206 as against net sales of \$8,396,371 and net earnings of \$238,073 in the third quarter of the preceding year. Earnings were equivalent to 23 cents a share in the 1953 quarter as against 17 cents in the 1952 one.

The gains made in the face of the sharp reduction in plywood and door prices were due largely to the big plywood and door concern's policy of keeping products diversified, it was declared. The third quarter increases in earnings was attributed to profitable operation of M & M's subsidiary Eureka Redwood Lumber company at Eureka, California.

Local Soldier Enjoys Rest in Kokura, Japan

Army PFC Richard A. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hunt, Mill City, recently spent a seven day rest and recuperation leave in Kokura, Japan.

Normally stationed in Korea with Company L of the 2nd Infantry Division's 9th Regiment, Hunt stayed at one of Japan's best resort hotels and enjoyed many luxuries unobtainable on the war-torn peninsula.

LYONS TO FORM RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

According to a legal notice being published in this issue of The Enterprise on page 7, a hearing will be held in the court rooms at the court house in Albany at 10 o'clock in the forenoon January 28 to discuss the boundaries of a proposed fire district.

The district when formed will be known as the Lyons Fire Protection district.