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Clearance Work For Power Line To Begin Mon.

The Linn-Lane Construction company of Sweet Home this week has been building an access road to enable them to begin the job of clearing the right-of-way for the power line from Detroit dam to the substation at Lyons.

According to Floyd Emmert, in charge of the work, not much of the actual clearing work will be started until the first of the week. It is expected that about 40 men will be employed on the job, Mr. Emmert said Tuesday forenoon.

Included in this contract are clearing and construction of access roads on approximately 22 miles between Detroit and the Santiam substation for Bonneville's two high-capacity Detroit-Santiam transmission lines to be constructed in the near future; clearing of approximately 14 miles of right-of-way on the Santiam-Chemawa 230-kv transmission line; and cleanup and reclearing of some 15 miles of right-of-way on the existing Detroit-Lyons transmission line.

Following completion, the Administration plans to start construction of two additional high-voltage transmission lines between Detroit and the Santiam substation.

He stated they have 300 days to complete the clearing of the land for the power line.

Interurban Telephone Co. Takes Over Detroit System

DETROIT—The Interurban Telephone Company of Silverton, purchased the telephone system of the Detroit Telephone Co., and took possession April 1.

Detroit Market has been retained to represent the company in the Idanha-Detroit area. They will accept payment of bills, report telephone and communication trouble for the company.

The Detroit telephone company, owned and operated by the late Ray Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, was established in April 1946 when they bought the interests of Lowell Brown, who had filed on the system in the old town of Detroit. The system was forest service owned with a forest service line maintained to Idanha.

The Johnsons who came here from Dayton, took over the interests of Brown and purchased the forest service lines including the one long distance trunk line to Mill City, thus establishing Detroit's first independent telephone company.

Later the Detroit Telephone Co. sold the long distance lines to the Bell Telephone company. They added three more long distance circuits connecting Detroit and Salem direct.

When the dial system was installed in the new town of Detroit a year ago last September, the Bell company added two more long distance circuits.

Mrs. Johnson will continue to make her home here.

Fluoridation Plant Now in Operation

Fluoridation of the city water, which was ordered by the City Council last fall, has been carried out, with the equipment being installed Monday, April 29. The Mountain States Power Company reports that the purchase and installation of the equipment amounted to approximately \$1400. It was not necessary to add any new buildings as the original pump house could be used.

Witnessing the installation were authorities from the Oregon State Board of Health and executives of the Mountain States Power company. The machinery was manufactured by the Omega Company in the east.

A slight rate of increase of about 10 cents per customer per month is scheduled to go into effect next month. This is not to reimburse the company for the original outlay, but to cover operating costs and the price of the chemicals used. It takes about two hours each day to carry out this program.

The proportion of fluoride in the water is .8 of one part per million parts of water, this amount having been flowing into the city water supply since about three days following the installation.

Highway Clearing Right Of Way in Mill City

The State Highway department Wednesday morning began clearing timber from the strip of land joining the highway to the north in Mill City, which was purchased last week.

The strip of land was purchased to enable them to widen the highway at this point.

"Neighborhood Plan" Being Used in Cancer Drive for First Time

With a unique "neighborhood plan" in operation for the first time, the Marion county cancer drive got under way for a 30-day run through the month of April, according to Mark Hatfield, in his second year as county drive chairman.

The county central committee met recently and set \$8,000 as this year's goal. Funds from the drive are used in research directed as stopping one of the nation's worst killers.

According to the chairman, the "neighborhood plan" involves the use of large circulating envelopes to be used in each block of residential areas. The envelopes, containing small individual envelopes and literature for each contributor, are started by drive workers and passed from house to house in each block. The plan has worked successfully in other areas and permits more thorough coverage, according to Hatfield.

Members of the central committee beside Hatfield include John Joehnk, treasurer of the American Cancer in Marion county; Mrs. James Turnbull, education director; Mrs. Alice Fisher, secretary; Bernard Morris, publicity director; and Mrs. Winnie Pettyjohn, county commander.

Conducting the drive in this area are Mrs. W. M. Allen and Mrs. D. B. Mrs. William Allen and Mrs. D. B. Hill.

Car Accident Near Detroit Kills One

A falling rock was responsible for an accident on the north Santiam highway near Detroit Friday afternoon that resulted in the death of one woman and injuries to three other occupants of the car.

Driver of the car was Deputy Sheriff Earl Cummins of Grant county. Other occupants included Mrs. Orpha Clement, 35; her brother, Oscar Holland, and Mrs. Patricia Elliott, Grant county matron.

Holland and Mrs. Clement were en route to the state penitentiary to serve terms in connection with a Grant county slaying. Mrs. Clement, killed in the accident, was under one year sentence for manslaughter. Holland is under life sentence.

Cummins said he averted his car to avoid hitting a falling rock with the result that he lost control of the vehicle which plunged down a 200-foot embankment.

Masons To Make Trip To Prineville Saturday

At the regular meeting of Masonic lodge Monday evening officers and members forming the third degree team perfected their work in anticipation of going to Prineville Saturday, April 17, where they will exemplify the degree work for that lodge. This is an annual trip and returns the courtesy the Prineville Masons extended the local lodge some time ago. About 20 men are planning to make the trip.

After the regular work of the lodge an hour of entertainment and fellowship was enjoyed. During that hour, motion pictures on the development of the "copter" plane was enjoyed.

On the agenda for local lodgemen are trips to Dallas lodge, where a special meeting will be held, and to other lodges in the area, during this and the coming month.

Plan to Organize Cemetery District

MEHAMA—Plans are underway to organize a rural cemetery district to provide North Santiam communities with a caretaker to care for the cemeteries.

Petitions will soon be circulated to appeal to the county court to allot some of the tax funds, collected for this purpose, to the Fox Valley cemetery near Lyons and the Fairview cemetery between Mill City and Gates.

These cemeteries have long depended upon individuals for donations or work for upkeep. At times it has been left to individuals to choose lots resulting in haphazard arrangements.

If a district is organized it will embrace the Mehama, Lyons, Mill City, Detroit and Idanha communities. A full time caretaker, it is estimated can keep the two existing cemeteries in good condition.

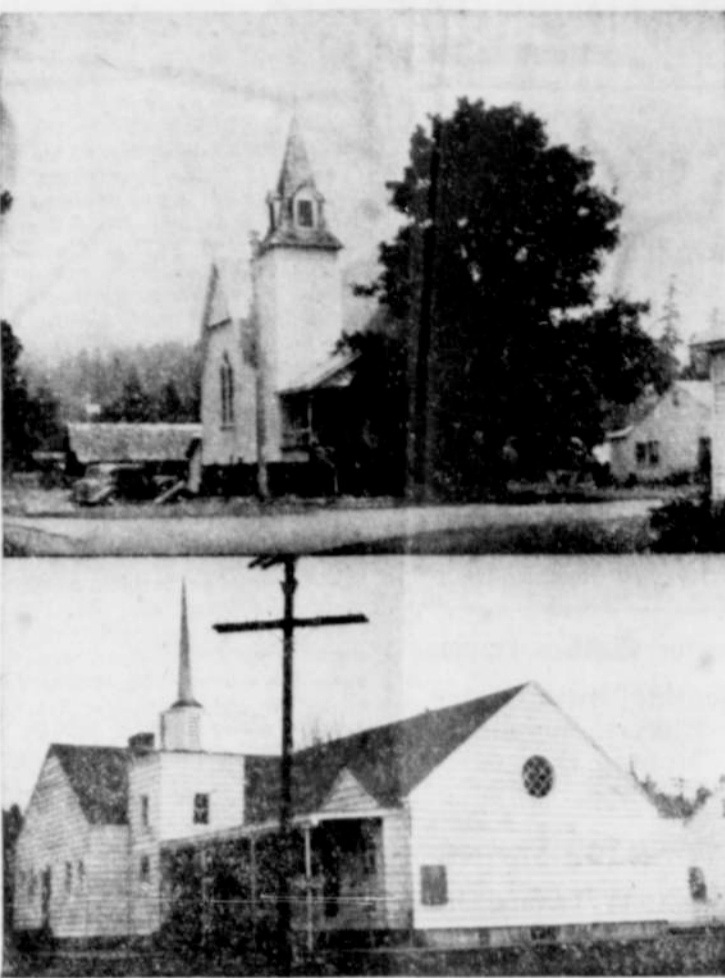
Future planning foresees wells dug at the two places to provide water for care of shrubs, flowers and lawn.

Round Table Scout Meet To Be Held At Lyons

There will be a round table meeting Tuesday, April 13, at 8:00 p. m. at the Mari-Linn school at Lyons, according to Ken Jury, district scout executive.

All units of the Lyons district are urged to attend.

New Church To Be Dedicated Sunday



In the top photo is pictured the Presbyterian church at Mehama, which was torn down to make way for the new church, shown in the lower photo, which will be dedicated with special services Sunday.

Mehama Presbyterian Church To Be Dedicated by Special Sunday Service

A new church is about to be dedicated in Mehama. During the past year the people of the community have worked to fulfill their dream now realized.

An earlier organization had a familiar dream which was also fulfilled by dedicated effort. The Presbyterian Church of Mehama was originally organized on November 19, 1890.

Then on October 17, 1894, a meeting was held to consider the building of a church. Minutes of that meeting include this resolution: "It was . . . moved and seconded that we build a church, and after discussing and duly considering the matter, it was decided to build. The chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to solicit funds and material for the erection of a suitable house of worship. C. A. Mulkey, Mrs. McCullough, Miss Ella L. Welch, R. A. Pratt, Mrs. D. A. Johnson, and G. P. Terrel were appointed such committee." Another note sums up the work of the following months: During these months from November 9, 1894, to February 18, 1895, the members of the church with the building committee worked tirelessly on the building. Mr. James X. Smith and his wife Mehama Smith gave the lot on which to build. Much of the material and work was donated."

The building served well through the years. Then in November, 1952, there began to be discussion regarding the building improvements. In January of 1953 the decision was made to build a new church. Through the succeeding weeks the plans were rapidly materialized. On Easter Sunday the last services were held in the old building, with a capacity crowd in attendance. The following Tuesday and Wednesday the building was stripped of furnishings, window casings, etc. On Friday of that week the building was torn down and burned. On Saturday excavation was begun for the new building.

The new building is a T-shaped construction. The sanctuary joins onto a fellowship hall across the back, where there are a stage, kitchen, cloak room, toilets, and fireplace. Underneath there is a full basement. The over-all dimensions of the building are 52 by 68 feet.

In October the church was one of the winners in a state-wide Church Improvement contest for all churches.

The Dedication Day has been set for Palm Sunday, April 11, 1954. The program for the day will be as follows:

9:45 A. M. Special Palm Sunday service.
10:45 A. M. Sunday school.
12:30 P. M. Potluck Fellowship Dinner.
2:00 P. M. Dedication Service.

Special music will be furnished by the Wilbey Vesper Band of Salem, the Men's Quartet of the Salem Presbyterian church, the Mill City Presbyterian church choir, and members of the Mehama church. Among the special guests of the day will be Dr. G. Henry Green, Synod Executive for the state of Oregon, Rev. Harvey Schmidt, Moderator of the Synod of Oregon and pastor of the Lebanon Presbyterian church, and Dr. Robert D. Bulkeley, Moderator of the Presbytery of Willamette and pastor of the Federated church of Corvallis.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Gates and Mill City Boys Take Part in Training Exercise on Iwo Jima

Two local boys were among those to take part in "Operation Flag Hoist," an amphibious training exercise on the island of Iwo Jima.

Vernon G. Christensen, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christensen of Mill City was on the heavy cruiser USS Rochester and Robert L. Lee, seaman, USN, son of James A. Lee, Gates, was on the U.S.S. Mount McKinley.

The operation which involved thousands of Navy and Marine Corps personnel, was designed to promote the combat efficiency of all participating units. It afforded training in the planning and execution of an amphibious landing under realistic combat conditions.

The training exercise took place nine years after the capture of the small Pacific island. Japanese resistance ended March 16, 1945.

Mill City Senior Class to Present Annual Class Play

The Mill City high school senior class will present, "The Inner Villy," a comedy by Bettye Knapp, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5 in the high school auditorium.

The cast will include: Richard Anderson as Willoughby; Donna Bengston, as the Inner Villy; Frances Johnson as Aunt Hester; Dorothy Steinfeld as Aunt Louise; Sharon Gallagher as Aunt Olga; Richard Verbeck as Stanley; Dale Anderson as Mike; Regine Brewer as Mabelle; Gerry Hamblin as Trudy Marshall; Frances Brunner as Janet Marshall, and Carol Jane Blazek as Cecily Martin.

Elton Gregory and Jim Guthbert will be stage managers.

MC Teachers Accept Jobs

Instructors in the Mill City high and grade schools, who have accepted teaching contracts for the 1954-55 school year, include the following: High school: Howard Means, principal; Edith Mason, library, home economics and English; Burton Boroughs, commercial subjects, and athletic coach; Arthur A. LeCours, science and art; and Delos Hoeye, industrial arts and mathematics.

Grade school: Vernon S. Todd, superintendent of schools, and grade school principal; Alice M. Smith, physical education, music and library; Fern E. Sletto, Marion F. Pesheck, Betty V. Baldwin, Zeta A. Prichard, Letha Bentley, Sigrun Grimstead, Mary A. Loucks, Helen Kliever, Letha L. Thomas, Daron M. Dierks, Dora B. Rogers, Earl W. Loucks, James R. Hale, Robert Thorpe, and Doris M. Sheytle.

Meander Inn and Mill City Tavern in Shuffleboard Tie

In a well played game Friday night Meander Inn defeated Byrons Mill City Tavern on their own board by 30 points, throwing the league into another tie. Meander Inn carried the lead all the way, Byrons cutting it to a nine-point lead at one time.

Les's had a toughy with Cedars, being 17 points behind in the 3rd round. They picked up 21 points to win by four points. Spillway defeated Jerry's by 25 points and the Lake had no game.

This week ends league play, unless there are ties to play off. Jerry's play their last game at The Lake, Meander goes to the Cedars, and Spillway come to Byrons. Les's rave all their games played.

League Standings		
	Won	Lost
Mill City Tavern	9	2
Meander Inn	9	2
The Lake	7	4
Cedars Tavern	5	6
Spillway Tavern	4	7
Les's Tavern	3	9
Jerry's Tavern	2	9

Mehama Girl To Take Trip to U. N. Headquarters

Janet Bellin, Mehama, and former correspondent to The Mill City Enterprise will be one of Oregon's 13 high school students making a trip in July to United Nations headquarters in New York.

Janet, who is 16, and a student at Stayton high school, was winner of the final contest Monday night at Odd Fellows hall.

Miss Bellin won on an essay written on the subject, "What the United Nation Means to Me."

Benton Lincoln Co-op To Open Bids Sat.

MEHAMA—At a meeting of the Mehama-Elkhorn board of directors of the Benton-Lincoln Co-op, it was decided to call for bids on clearing the right-of-way for the long anticipated electric line up the Little North Fork to Elkhorn.

Bids for clearing will be accepted at a public meeting at the Mehama club house Saturday, April 10 at 2 p.m. About 2 1/2 miles of right-of-way is to be cleared, approximating about 200 acres of ground in all. Any obstacle over 15 feet in height must be slashed and burned.

This advertisement of bids culminates almost two years of activity by the board of directors. Easements through private property were obtained. A right-of-way through O&C timber lands was granted. Timber on the right-of-way purchased by the directors for the Co-op and sold to logging operators.

Many subscribers on the proposed line have already cleared right-of-way on their own property. Board of directors, handling the bids are: Steve Dark, Ray Sischo, Jake Myers, Melvin Peck and Giles Wagner.

2nd Shift Goes To Work Mon. At M&M Plant

The M & M Plywood plant at Lyons has begun the production of plywood in the new plant, with the second shift going to work Monday night.

At the present time about 109 men are employed, with more being employed each day. When the plant reaches capacity, it is said that 275 to 300 men will be employed.

The Lyons set-up is one of the most modern on the west coast.

Seniors of Mill City Invited To Visit Colleges During Senior Campus Preview

Seniors of Mill City high school have been invited to join graduating students throughout the state as honor guests of the state system of higher education during Senior Campus Preview, April 23 and 24. Seniors are invited to visit the campus of their choice in order to become acquainted with the state school they plan to attend.

The annual weekend event will be observed simultaneously at the University of Oregon, Eugene; Oregon State College, Corvallis; Oregon College of Education, Monmouth; Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland; and Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls.

Pre-college orientation of campus facilities has been arranged and all visiting students will have the opportunity of discussing educational plans with faculty advisers. Programs of entertainment have been scheduled, including sports events, mixer dances and firesides. Supervised housing will be arranged in authorized campus facilities.

Registration will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, at each campus. Seniors may obtain further information from Principal Howard Means.

Senior Campus Preview is an inter-campus program coordinated by the high school college relations committee of general extension division for the state system.

Colored Movie Shown at Lions Meet

The regular covered dish dinner of the Mill City Lions club in the Fellowship Hall Monday evening was attended by over fifty members, wives and children. Committee serving the dinner was made up of Mrs. Homer Thacker, Mrs. Howard Means, Mrs. Frank Hunter and Mrs. Lee Bassett.

Immediately following the dinner, three contestants tried out for places in the coming amateur show which is scheduled for April 29. During the business meeting announcement was made that the next Auxiliary meeting would be held at the Bank Cafe on April 28, at which time an important discussion will be held concerning the Auxiliary's coming charter night.

Mrs. Means announced that the local Girl Scouts will hold a Court of Award on Thursday, April 15, at 7:30 p. m., in the high school recreation room. Following the meeting refreshments will be served by the girls. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Vernon Todd made it known that the polio vaccine which is scheduled to be given to the second-graders throughout Marion county, upon consent of the parents, may be made available to those second-graders in Mill City who reside in Marion county, there only being ten of them.

The evening's program was in charge of Robert Thorpe, who showed a colored moving picture, put out by the Oregon State Highway commission, showing parks, fishing streams and many other recreational facilities in the state of Oregon.

Termite Lumber Co. Resumes Operations

IDANHA—The Termite Lumber Co., in Idanha, resumed operations March 30, after being closed for the winter months. Logs are being received from the Morgan and Young Logging Co., above Marion Forks.

Tony Menden and Bob Stuckard, of Sublimity, are owners of the company, having purchased the interests of the other two owners.

Glen Shelton Buys Real Estate Business Here

A deal was completed Saturday whereby Glen Shelton, purchased the C. E. Coville Real Estate business in Mill City. Mr. Shelton has worked for the firm for the past two and a half years. Mr. Coville has had the office here for about eight years.

Mr. Shelton will also handle insurance.