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## New Catholic High School Is Assured

A total of \$424,000 in pledges by area Catholics for the erection of a central Catholic high school at Stayton for the Santiam region was reached Friday as the campaign for funds went into its final stages, according to A. J. Frank, finance committee chairman. Named Regis High school, the new facility is slated to begin in September, 1963 as a diocesan high school open to children from the parishes sponsoring the project.

St. Catherine's parish in Mill City is cooperating in the project and men of the church have been contacting parishioners during the past 10 days for assistance in reaching the campaign goal. The initial goal of \$350,000 for the administrative and instructional units was reached on June 13th and sent the drive well into its second phase seeking completion of the athletic facilities and entire plant at an estimated cost of \$550,000.

General canvas of the parishes sponsoring the project was scheduled for wind-up at a final dinner meeting and report of contributions held at St. Boniface Rectory for all campaign workers on June 19. Plans for conclusion of the campaign and remaining contacts are to be outlined at that time. Individuals desirous of assisting the formation of the regional school may contact A. J. Frank, Robert Ditter, Father Gearin, or Regis High school, Box 687, Stayton.

Five-year pledges given in the first part of the campaign have enabled a revision of the original building schedule with the hope of providing a completed gymnasium by September, 1963. Previously, a drive for erection of the gym was scheduled for 1966 when the first class of a full four-year program will graduate.

## City to Pave 1800 Feet; Petition Tabled at Meeting

The regular meeting of the city council was held at the city hall June 13 with the police report for the month showing 1890 miles driven by the police car using 143 gallons of gas. One arrest was made and \$39.50 collected in fines.

In view of the recently passed ordinance requiring that old dangerous buildings be removed or repaired, action was started to get the matter taken care of.

C. E. Mason, street commissioner, reported that 1800 feet of paving would be done this summer.

A petition with about 200 names of city residents requesting that C. H. Meader, recently discharged as police chief, be re-hired was presented but no action was taken and the petition tabled.

## Plambeck and Carlson Reach Germany Safely

Word was received by relatives that John Plambeck and Lee Carlson landed safely in Hamburg, Germany, the early part of the week, even though they were five hours behind schedule. When one and a half hours out from New York, it was found necessary to dump the fuel and return for a three-hour repair job on the landing gear. However, a safe and uneventful trip over the Atlantic followed.

Carlson was to leave Hamburg shortly for Copenhagen, Denmark, and then on to his home-town in Sweden. Plambeck has two sisters and many other relatives in Germany, this being his first trip back since coming to Mill City in 1923. One sister owns a large resort-type home on the beach at the Baltic Sea where he will spend some time. A son, Sgt. Otto Plambeck, stationed in Paris, France, also planned to take his family to spend their vacation in Germany for a family reunion.

## Walter Thomas Hurt In Freak Accident

Walter Thomas of Gates was injured Monday evening in an unusual accident while driving home from work.

A logging truck owned by P & E Logging company was passing him on a sharp curve just west of Frank's Mill on the old highway when the pin came out of the stake on the trailer; the entire load falling off hitting the pickup Thomas was driving.

He suffered a brain concussion and cuts and bruises. He was taken by ambulance to Santiam Memorial hospital where he is said to be getting along satisfactorily.

## Lions and Wives Have Steak Fry

The Mill City Lions club members and their wives enjoyed the first steak fry of the season at the city park Friday evening.

The occasion also honored Mr. and Mrs. Robert Veness, long-time members of the clubs, as they are leaving the city soon for their new home in Monterey, Calif.

Lee Bassett, Lions club president gave Veness a pen and pencil set on behalf of the club and Mrs. Charles Kelly, Lions Auxiliary member, presented Mrs. Veness with a crystal necklace.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Veness spoke briefly to those present stating how much they had enjoyed their membership in the clubs and inviting those who were in the area to visit them in their new location.

Lee Ross assumed the role of Chef for the steak fry, doing his usual excellent job.

There was a brief discussion of the 4th of July celebration and the Lion and Auxiliary participation. Both groups are planning on a float with a pancake breakfast to be served and the usual food concession booth in charge of the Auxiliary.

## Coming Events

Wednesday, June 20—Santiam Rebekah lodge at hall, 8 p. m. Santiam Chamber of Commerce dinner, Last Frontier, 6:30 p. m.

Jaycee meeting at hall, 8 p. m.

Thursday: Presbyterian Church Family night 6:30 at the city park. Pot luck supper.

Friday, June 22—IOOF lodge at hall, 8 p. m.

Sunday, June 24—Open house for Suzy Haynes at her home 1:30 p. m.

## Dedication of Substation Held Monday

A group of area businessmen and civic leaders traveled to Albany Monday to join other Linn County people at a dedication ceremony that formally placed in service the big power substation that Pacific Power & Light Company has constructed to serve its customers in the Willamette Valley area.

Accompanied by the local manager for PP&L, Robert Lee, they heard PP&L president Don R. McClung predict Willamette Valley agricultural development will begin to feel the impact of expansions from row crop and other food production increases in the next few years. He said thousands of Southern California food producers are heading northward because their croplands are being purchased for residential subdivisions. They will settle in Oregon in growing numbers, he added.

McClung reported the advancing technology in the forest products industries already has resulted in a revolution in the basic timber-based industry of the region. He noted that hardboard and particle board mills are operating on residue that formerly was burned as fuel. Plywood capacity in the valley area has more than doubled in the past five years, he added.

E. R. DeLucia, vice president and chief engineer for PP&L, described the complex network of transmission lines serving the valley sector, and the role of the power plants. "When you flip the switch at home you literally demand service at once from any one of these projects operated by Pacific Power, he said.

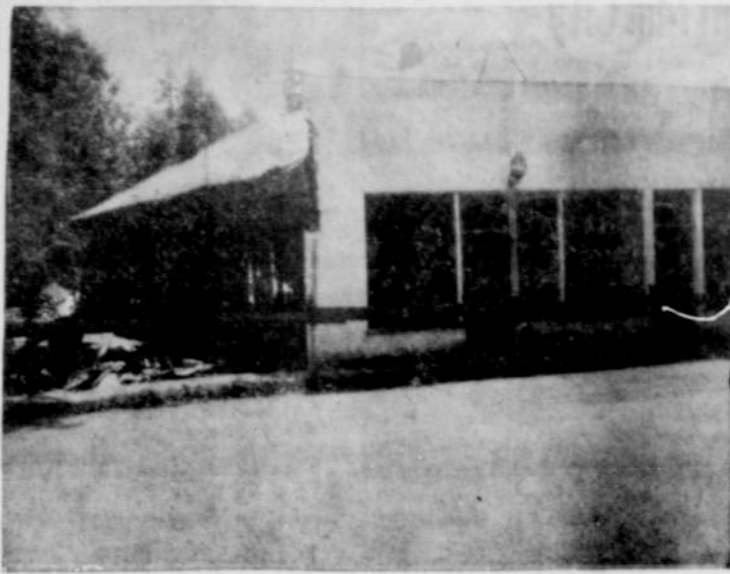
Thomas Keenan, Albany district manager, told the group "electricity is the only thing you buy that must be manufactured and delivered the instant it is ordered by the customer." Attending from Mill City was J. C. Kimmel, mayor.

## Marion County Stock Ass'n Has Picnic At Sletta Home

MEHAMA—The Marion County Livestock Association held their annual picnic at the Lloyd Sletta place Sunday. The Oregon Wool Growers were invited guests and over 125 registered, with many more being present.

Barbecued beef and lamb was served with the usual picnic fare. The spacious grounds easily accommodated the large group and the weather was ideal for the occasion.

## Building Being Razed



The old building above which was purchased this spring by the First Christian Church is being torn down. It had become so run down that it was not worth fixing up, and it is a fire hazard. Last occupants of the building were Muir's Bakery and Pittam's Insurance. In recent years it also housed the Nu-Method Cleaners when Mr. and Mrs. George Veteto had the establishment. At one time the west side of the building housed The Mill City Enterprise. There are several more old buildings in Mill City which should be torn down.—The Mill City Enterprise Photo.

## Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

I would like to have every citizen of Mill City make a visit at the park real soon. Part of the park looks fairly nice. The main reason for the visit would be for everyone to look at the rest rooms near the recreation center. These rest rooms were built several years ago at an expense to the Lions club of nearly \$1,000—plus a lot of man hours of donated labor. Since the time the scout cabin at the rec center was then called, and the rest rooms and kitchen were built in the park, some \$1,500 has been spent in maintenance. Now look at the rest rooms! They are worthless to the public. Some energetic persons have just about completely demolished the building. The toilets have been smashed with rocks. Entrance to the men's side of the building was gained by using a heavy bench as a battering ram. The door was splintered. Not satisfied with this damage the hoodlums then threw a rock through the side of the building near the door. Some of the metal corners holding the siding on the building have been torn off.

The Lions members feel they have done just about all they can to fix up a decent park for the people of the area. Now they have reached the end of their rope, both physical and financial. It would be a nice gesture of the city to put up a \$50 or \$100 reward which might lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this damage. It is time for everyone to take an interest in this park and see to it that these acts of vandalism cease. Soon there will be nothing left of the park, which, if taken care of properly could be a great asset to our town. Let's do something NOW about this situation. Somebody is to blame, let's find them and see that they receive what's coming to them.

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Main purpose besides the youth-adult relationship understanding was to serve as a service club for the area.

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However, the parade and coronation was carried out successfully with the few hitches ironed out the following year; and a small group of tired but happy teenagers felt that they had really accomplished something. They were also grateful to the business people and residents of the communities for their cooperation.

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### Weather, Detroit Dam

7 A. M. Daily Weather Reading and Lake Elevation

	Max.	Min.	Pcp.	Elev.
June 13	66	47	0.04	1561.94
June 14	61	46	0.03	1561.96
June 15	71	49	0.00	1561.92
June 16	75	50	0.00	1561.90
June 17	70	50	0.00	1562.01
June 18	71	49	0.00	1562.02
June 19	74	49	0.00	1562.07

## Heavy Berry Crop Being Harvested In Area Now

Warm weather finally arriving has brought the strawberry pickers to the field in full force. Local youngsters and adults report the picking to be exceptionally good and they are able to make good wages in the field. Amounts made seem to vary considerably depending upon the energy and age of the pickers but an average wage for the day is around \$6.00.

The field department at the Stayton Canning company said the crop this year was of exceptional quality and they were receiving between 25,000 and 30,000 crates a day.

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## Bid Let For Santiam Memorial Hospital Addition

Bids were let Monday at Stayton for the construction of the addition to Santiam Memorial hospital it was learned here. Successful bidder was Marion Construction Company of Salem. Their bid for the basic building was \$97,500.00 Top bid of the eight submitted to the building committee was \$110,957. All other bids were almost identical said J. C. Kimmel, chairman of the executive board.

The board made their decision upon the recommendation of the building committee.

The new addition will be a great asset to this area, and will give the necessary added room to handle the growth of the canyon communities which the hospital serves.

## July 4 Queen To Get Crown July Third

The Coronation of the Queen for the annual 4th of July celebration will be held at the Grade School gymnasium at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, July 3. The coronation ball will follow at the high school gym with Bob McCarril, well known disc jockey from Salem as master of ceremonies.

A meeting was held at the Jaycee hall Tuesday night, and the committee urges that anyone wishing to have a booth at the park that the fee will be a flat \$5. Any money they make can be kept for their organization. The fee should be deposited with Verne Shaw at the Chip Joint now.

The parade is scheduled to start at 11 a. m. with all entries to be at the Sportsman's Center west of town by not later than 10 a. m. Judging will be at 10:15 so that the parade may start on schedule.

The Lions club will have their annual breakfast at the city park with pancakes, eggs, bacon and plenty of coffee to be served from 6 a. m. to 11 a. m. The Lions Auxiliary will have their food concession in the park kitchen as in other years.

In the afternoon there will be horseshoe pitching, dunk tank, sponsored by the Jaycees, and other attractions.

A \$600 fire works display is scheduled for the evening of the 4th at Allen Field, sponsored by the Mill City Volunteer Firemen. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of the entertainment.

## Courtesy Toward Tourists Urged

Oregon's "welcome" program for tourists enroute to the World's Fair should extend to the way Oregonians treat out-of-state drivers.

The state's drivers were urged to be courteous and thoughtful of cars bearing out-of-state license plates now that the vacation season is in high gear.

Exercise of courtesy in driving will go a long way toward reducing summer traffic accidents.

Tourists will appreciate acts of courteous driving on the part of Oregon drivers, and by being courteous we can avoid having people refer to "those crazy Oregon drivers" after they return home.

If drivers practice courtesy, Hill said, it will help prevent an increase in the state's accident and death toll, even in the face of anticipated heavy traffic.

Last year, 49 of the 573 drivers involved in fatal crashes were out-of-state residents.

Elementary Board To Meet June 28

Because the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of School District 129J, Mill City, falls on July 4th, the meeting date has been changed to Thursday night, June 28 at 8:00 o'clock.

## Santiam High Board Buys Theatre Bldg.

At a regular Santiam High School Boarding meeting held June 14, the Board passed a motion in favor of accepting an offer from Robert Veness to purchase the Mill City Theatre with full equipment. A number of patrons have asked the Board to reconsider the Veness offer and to ask the patrons to transfer a sum of \$7,000 from the present high school building fund. Six thousand, five hundred dollars is the asking price for the theatre and an additional \$500 would be budgeted for immediate maintenance to have the building ready for school and community use.

The Santiam Union High School already has a building fund totaling \$40,000; by transferring \$7,000 from this fund, there would be no cost in local taxes.

The Board felt that the purchase of the Mill City Theatre would give the district a sizeable chunk of land adjacent to the present high school grounds and would be a major start in acquiring additional real estate that will be needed as our school population grows.

The Board wishes to point out that the purchase of the Mill City Theatre as an auditorium would only be a temporary measure, as eventually the community will probably want to expand present school facilities to include an auditorium with a minimum capacity of 600 seats.

In the meantime, the theatre building would be put into use for all elementary and high school functions. The theatre has excellent acoustics and will comfortably seat 400 persons. At the present time the district would realize some income from the use of the theatre by the United States Employment Office. Time and details of the election to transfer the \$7,000 will be announced shortly in this paper as soon as the election time is established.

## PP&L Reminds Irrigators About Caution With Pipe

Metal pipes will conduct electricity as readily as power lines, a Pacific Power & Light Company rural service specialist warns in the company's annual reminder that irrigators should exercise extreme caution when moving the long lengths of pipe during the irrigation season.

Lee Hansen, PP&L's rural service supervisor, warns that the practice of upending irrigation pipes to remove sand and silt can be extremely dangerous in the vicinity of power lines.

"All farmers and employees should make a mental note of the location of all power lines in the vicinity before moving any pipe or mobile sprinkler system equipment and should always be alert to avoid any contact with the electric lines," Hansen said.

## Valley Telephone Gets REA Loan

Lowell Brown of the Valley Telephone Company said Wednesday morning that they had just received word from the Rural Electrification Administration that a loan of \$696,000 had been approved.

This money will be used for purchasing new cable for use in Mill City to allow better service and for the complete rebuilding of the Detroit system.

## Jaycees To Sponsor Teenage Road-eo

The Mill City Jaycees are sponsoring their annual Teen-Age Road-eo Sunday, June 24 at the high school parking lot area starting at 1:00 p. m.

Participation of both boys and girls is urged in this event which recognizes good drivers.

## Boosting For Oregon



"A funny thing happened on the way to the office," is the lead for this unusual picture which will appear in a national advertisement for Portland General Electric company in the July issue of Fortune magazine and the July 28 issue of Business Week. It's one of many efforts made by PGE's area development department to induce people and industry to "come to Oregon where the market is growing and the living is fun."