



Fiction Map Facilitates Writing—Ethan Grant, Salem short story writer, designed this fiction map showing towns, mountains and rivers named after Salem persons to provide locale for his fiction writing. He is shown pointing to Hicor dam in the Wassamaw valley.

PICK YOUR OWN LANDMARK

Ever Hear of Wassamaw Valley? Names There Familiar to Salem

By CHRIS KOWITZ

Many rivers, mountains and cities throughout the United States may carry names of presidents and generals, but in the Wassamaw valley they're named for residents of Salem, Oregon. You've never heard of Wassamaw valley? Then you haven't read stories by Ethan Grant in magazines such as Argosy, Adventure and Detective Story.

Wassamaw valley is the locale of nearly all of Grant's fiction yarns. Grant, who writes from his office at 370 1/2 State street in Salem, created the imaginary valley to serve as a guide to his fiction writing.

A map of Wassamaw valley hangs on a wall in Grant's office.

The idea to draw such a map came to Grant years ago, while he was writing a series of power-line stories. Technicalities in geographical layouts of power sub-stations were causing Grant to get his wires crossed. To simplify matters, he decided to employ a map, and thus Wassamaw valley was created.

At first, Grant used a sketchy outline of his imaginary valley, with a few towns dotted hither and yon. It was from his original map that Grant began writing his baseball stories of the Wassamaw valley league.

In 1938, Grant started penning a long list of stories for detective magazines, and found it necessary to enlarge his map into a more detailed layout of mountains, rivers, cities, etc. Then arose the problem of naming those points on his map.

Instead of drilling his imagination for fictitious names, Grant decided to name his landmarks after his Salem friends.

When one of Grant's friends would drop into his office for a chat, Grant would explain the map, and ask "What would you like to be?"

Then Grant's guest would choose between a river, mountain, peak, junction, stream, cave or city, etc., and Grant would name a spot of that nature after the person.

Some of the results are Stone mountain (Stephen A. Stone); Compton creek (Henry Compton); Pekar mountain (Millard Pekar); Corcoran caves (Fred Corcoran); Hawver Junction (Cy Hawver); Kirk mountain (Walter Kirk); Forsyth fjord (Ed Forsyth); McSherry bend (Irl McSherry); Loucks mountain (Al Loucks); the town of Homer (Homer Smith); Morrow mountain (Hugh Morrow).

Boardman mountain (Robert Boardman); Pilcher Peak (Ira Pilcher); Mt. Carson (Senator Allan Carson); Acton Carson river; the town of Acton (Paul Acton); the small village of Grimm (Frank Grimm); DeWitt Mountain (O. K. DeWitt).

Among smaller mountains in the valley are Clark mountain (Percy Clark); Felton mountain (Judge Joe Felton); Gahlsdorf mountain (Fred Gahlsdorf); Scott mountain (William A. Scott); Bacon mountain (I. N. "Ike" Bacon); Lightner mountain (Al Lightner); Paulus mountain (Fred Paulus).

Don Upjohn, Capital Journal "Sips for Supper" columnist, is honored by two points on Grant's map. One of them is Mt. Upjohn. The other is a river named for an unprintable peculiarity of Upjohn's anatomy.

Isabel Childs Rosebraugh, when asked what she would prefer to have carry her name replied: "Just make me a little one-horse town out in the middle of nowhere."

Grant obliged. Wassamaw's loneliest hamlet is named Isabel. Grant finds the map invaluable to his fiction writing. He rates it far superior to a genuine map for the purpose. If a story he is writing calls for a spring, waterfall, gully or hill in a certain location, he merely takes down the map, inks in the thing he desires, hangs the map back on the wall, and moves on with his story.

"You can't do that with a real map," reminds Grant.

Grant is very familiar with Wassamaw valley. He can immediately point out any point on the map mentioned to him, and has memorized distances between towns.

Grant vividly recalls the visit of one chap to his office.

While seated in a chair beside Grant's desk, some 12 feet from the map, the visitor studied the map for a moment, then remarked, "Beautiful country up there."

Grant, without cracking a smile, asked, "Oh, have you been there?"

"Sure," the visitor replied in all seriousness. "Been all over that territory. No place like it. Going back some time."



Revivalist—Thirty-year-old Billy Graham (above), has started what churchmen say is the greatest religious revival in the history of Southern California. He is pictured as he spoke to a crowd of 10,000 in Los Angeles. (AP Wirephoto.)

Grains Retreat At Trade's End

Chicago, Nov. 3 (AP)—Grains retreated after knocking out some new 1949 highs on the board of trade today. Profit-taking forced the retreat. Many contracts fell below the previous close.

Wheat lagged most of the session here, although all deliveries at Kansas City and Minneapolis scored seasonal peaks.

Wheat closed 1/4-3/4 lower, December \$2.11 1/2-\$2.12, corn was 3/4-1/2 higher, December \$1.19 1/2-1/4, oats were 1/4-3/4 lower, December 73 1/2, rye was 1 1/2-1 1/4 lower, December \$1.42, soybeans were 3/4-1 1/4 lower, November \$2.25 1/2-1/4, and lard was 20 cents lower to 10 cents a hundred pounds higher, November \$9.52-\$9.50.

Cafe Burglars Get 4 Years in Prison

Dallas, Ore., Nov. 3—Four years in the state penitentiary were given Lucius Charles Fenton and Eldon M. Farrins when they appeared in circuit court before Judge Arlie G. Walker Wednesday afternoon. They had previously pleaded guilty to burglary of the "Y" cafe on the Salem-Dallas highway the night of October 16.

Lillian Ruth Fenton, wife of Lucius Fenton, also entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to three years but placed on probation. She will also be returned to her former home in Bakersfield, Calif., where the trio had lived.

In roasting a duck remember not to pack in the stuffing too full—leave room for the dressing to expand. Use a slow oven for the roasting and pour off the fat at the end of the roasting time.

STOCKS

(By the Associated Press)

American Can	98
Am. Pow. & Lt.	13
Am. Tel. & Tel.	145
Anacosta	15
Bendix Aviation	25 1/2
Beth Steel	39 1/2
Boeing Airplane	22
Calif. Packing	35
Canadian Pacific	14 1/4
Case J. C.	41
Caterpillar	48 1/2
Chrysler	58 1/2
Com. & S. O.	10 1/2
Cons. Vultee	25 1/2
Continental Can	25 1/2
Gen. Electric	27 1/2
Dupont de Nem.	7 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	47
Eastman	29 1/2
General Motors	47 1/2
General Food	48 1/2
General Motors	48 1/2
Goodyear Tire	28 1/2
Int. Paper	61 1/2
Kennecott	61 1/2
Libby Mc N. L.	24
Long Bell "A"	24
Montgomery Ward	14 1/2
Nash Kelvinstor	14 1/2
Nat. Dairy	30 1/2
N.Y. Central	30 1/2
Northern Pacific	17 1/2
Per. Am. Fish	12 1/2
Pa. Gas & Elec.	20 1/2
Pa. Tel. & Tel.	101 1/2
Pendergast C.	22 1/2
Radio Corp.	10 1/2
Rayonier Pfd	24 1/2
Reynolds Metal	39 1/2
Richfield	39 1/2
Stewart Stores	28 1/2
Sears Roebuck	43 1/2
Southern Pacific	45 1/2
Standard Oil Co.	68 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	24 1/2
Sunshine Mining	10 1/2
Transamerica	15
Union Carb.	35 1/2
Union Pacific	43
United Airlines	13 1/2
U. S. Steel	24 1/2
Warner Bros. Pfd	13 1/2
Woolworth	46 1/2

Profit taking after a long rise was rated a factor in the market's setback.

Among the losers were Douglas Aircraft (off more than 3 at one time), U. S. Steel, Republic Steel, General Motors, Chrysler U. S. Rubber, Standard Oil (N. J.), Homestake Mining, Westinghouse Electric, and Union Pacific.

Also tending higher were Southern Pacific, American Airlines, United Aircraft, Consolidated Edison and Kennecott Copper.

Dallas Church Host District Mennonites

Dallas—Some 500 delegates and guests are expected in Dallas from November 12 to 16 for the Pacific district conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches, according to Rev. G. H. Jantzen, pastor of the host church. The district includes the states of California, Oregon and Washington.

A preparatory business session will be Saturday, November 12, at 2:30 p.m. Three inspirational services will be on Sunday, November 13, and others will follow Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Sessions will be held in the high school auditorium and the EMB church.

Business meetings will be twice daily, Monday through Wednesday. Dr. Walter L. Penner of Bakersfield, Calif., will be moderator of the conference and inspirational speakers will include Dr. P. R. Lange and Rev. A. E. Janzen, chairman and executive secretary, respectively, of the board of foreign missions. Both are of Hillsboro, Kansas.

Stocks Decline Fractionally

New York, Nov. 3 (AP)—The stock market slowly but steadily declined today.

Losses were mostly fractional, a few running to a point or more. Several railway and airline issues, among others, showed independent stability.

Business was brisk although below yesterday's 1,570,000 shares. Turnover hit a rate of around 1,300,000 shares for the full session.



Falls City

A number of members of the Falls City high school band participated with the Salem high school band in the program for teachers' institute. Members of the band who played with the Salem band are: Darlene Lehnert, Patty Ames, Jerry Bauman, Joyce Murphy and Clara Warner.

Irvin Wall of the high school faculty is director.

Geo. Loftus is home from the St. Vincent hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Henthorn have left for their annual trip to South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rich have returned home from their trip to Yakima, Wash.

Longshoremen Lose Battle—Harry Bridges (center) and two officials of the west coast longshoremen's union leave the CIO convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Bridges unsuccessfully led a fight to block a constitutional amendment banning communists and fascists from the CIO executive board. (Left to right) are Bill Lawrence, Southern California regional director; Bridges, and J. R. Robertson, union vice president. (AP Wirephoto)

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Bible Team Member Speaks at Woodburn

Woodburn—Ed H. Duerksen, a student at Multnomah School of the Bible, and one of the team "The King's Ambassadors," which spent the summer in Germany in Christian work, will speak at the Woodburn Presbyterian church Sunday morning, Nov. 6 at 11 o'clock and also at the 10 o'clock service at the Bethel Presbyterian church. He will give first hand information on the work done by the team in Germany where they worked with a German pastor at Hamburg in evangelistic work and classes among the German youth. Duerksen, with two others of the team, spoke at the Woodburn church before leaving for Germany last spring.

Women Offer Program

Hopewell—World community service with a program to be given by local women will be observed at the Hopewell United Brethren church beginning at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night.



All Musicians—Musician Meredith Wilson imitates a figure playing the piccolo, one of 400 miniatures of musicians he assembled at his Beverly Hills home.

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