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## Looking Up and Down the Canyon

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The discourse today, scholars, citizens and co-sufferers in the current cold wave, is houses, and how not to build 'em.

I have learned a great deal about the construction of homes the past few days. You might say, from the bottom up. For when you're crawling among the cobwebs underneath an old Canyon home, you have a chance, while you hold a blowtorch on frozen pipes and drains, to learn the secrets of construction.

Some folks might object to the way our house is built. But I'm sure you could lay their criticism to their natural dislike for fresh air. Personally I like fresh air. It brings blooms to the cheeks of the young, invigorates the appetites of all and is highly recommended by physicians as a cure for nasal disorders, the heaves and perhaps mange.

Our house is designed especially to bring you all the salubrious benefits of the out of doors. Fresh air pours through the walls in the many places where paper felt doesn't cover the shiplap interior, it descends from the attic, it seeps through numerous cracks around the windows and doors and oozes up through the floor. I would venture, without fear of contradiction—as politicians say in describing their voters as the best people in the world—that our home is the most perfectly ventilated one in the town, if not the Canyon.

Now, if you, too, would like to enjoy the good health and vigor which brings to you blooming cheeks and vigorous appetites, I shall impart to you the details of how to build a fresh-air home.

First of all, you select a site where there is plenty of moisture in the ground, for the admixture of the cool dampness of the earth with the air below the floor is good for the rheumatism.

In order to make sure that plenty of wind blows in from below, a cement foundation is to be avoided, as is a basement, or a two-layer floor. In order to insure six-way ventilation—from the floor, ceiling and four walls—double construction or insulation is to be shunned as a scourge.

You finish off the house with felt paper, wall paper, and perhaps a coat of paint. Anything more than that keeps out the air.

If you are hardy, a wood stove will suffice. Mainly, because for true physical well-being, it is not good to have the front and back sides of you warm at the same time. How, I ask, can you maintain a well-ventilated home if you're going to succumb to the vitiating but comfortable temperature of 72 degrees, evenly distributed throughout your residence.

After you have built your house so—letting time and weather complete the job by adding a few cracks for additional ventilation, you have a property which you need not be ashamed of asking at least \$5000 for.

There is one necessary precaution in the Wolverton Home Building Plan—you should use rubber hose for plumbing, for rubber will expand as the water freezes, and you will not be bothered with leaks.

Now that the Wolverton Dream house is completed, its walls now and sweating as the No. 4 lumber gives off sap and water, and the air inside is fresh with mountain breezes, you are ready to move in. But don't. Buy yourself a tent, at least for the winter.

That Fern Ridge man, again! He's got a new fruit angle—hen fruit!

There's a rumor around that Mill City High School has a good basketball team this year, but they're keeping the story secret. We hope to have a report eventually.

**LODGES TO INSTALL**  
The Santiam Rebekah Lodge and the Odd Fellows will hold joint installation ceremonies Saturday night in IOOF Hall. A pot luck dinner will be served.

## New School Turned Over To Detroit

About 220 Detroit and Idanha pupils began school after the holidays in a brand new building, a \$203,000 structure just completed by the Army Engineers and turned over to the district Jan. 3.

The new building, located on the site of old Camp No. 17, will take care of pupils from the first to eighth grades. It was built to take care of the additional pupils to be brought in by construction of the Detroit hydroelectric dam.

Still to be completed at the new school are a cafeteria and auditorium.

The building was built in part from materials salvaged at closed army camps in the Northwest. It will take care of much more than the present pupil load.

The area near the school will be the site upon which Detroit will relocate, because that town is in the reservoir area of the dam.

On Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. the Parent-Teacher Assn will hold open house at the new school. The public is invited.

High school classes will continue in the old building at Detroit.

**DETROIT or wann?**  
Jerry Noble and his friend, John Thompson, of Salem, spent the holidays at the home of Jerry's mother, Mrs. Nolan Rasnick. While here they enjoyed skiing at Hoodoo Bowl.

## Jobless Total Up; Hiring Urged

Unemployment rose sharply during December in the Salem district of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

"A general shutdown in logging and lumbering, heavier than usual lay-offs in retail and wholesale trade together with the normal slackening of activities at this season caused the estimated number of unemployed to rise to 1000 as the year ended," the Salem office reported.

Construction in the area remained at a relatively high level during December, although employment dropped from the summer high. Weather and material shortages accounted for part of the layoffs.

W. H. Baillie, Salem district manager of the bureau, advised employers to use a maximum of labor at this time. He said:

"Many families, who in the past have been able to lay aside sufficient funds to carry them through their usual slack season, were unable to find steady or regular work last summer. These people went into the winter months short of funds and without the usual full larder. It has been hard on them.

"Wide-awake farmers, householders and regular employers of labor are aware that this supply of available, well qualified workers and are beginning to employ them on extra jobs that have been held up for lack of suitable workmen. Skilled craftsmen, husky laborers and conscientious workers of all types are still available, however, and the fact should be recognized by all who have work to be done. We will need these people during the spring and summer - they will not be available for odd jobs then."

## Selas Roda Dies

Funeral services were held Monday in the Weddie funeral parlors for Selas Roda, 72, farmer, of Stayton, who died unexpectedly at his home Jan. 6.

A. F. Roda, a brother, of Mill City survives him. He also leaves his widow, a daughter, another brother and two sisters.

## DETROIT MAN INJURED

J. Fisher, who was injured when a ladder broke New Year's evening, is confined at the Salem Memorial Hospital for possibly two months, with a fractured vertebrae. The Detroit camp operator may have to be in a cast for six months.

## BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noel and infant son who left here by motor three weeks ago to spend the holidays with relatives in the warmer climes of Florida and Texas returned Friday. They report that while in Florida they experienced the coldest weather recorded there in the last 22 years. On the return trip they were caught in the blizzard as they drove through Wyoming and delayed there until the roads could be cleared. They state that after experiencing the extreme cold in other states and seeing the snow drift so high that the windows of the stalled trains were obscured, that Oregon looked mighty good to them.

## Forest Camps To Levy Fees

T. C. Moore, forest ranger of Detroit, has been informed that fees will be charged campers on certain camps under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service.

Mr. Moore did not know which camps, if any, would go on a fee basis in the Canyon. Rates will be 50 cents per car party of not more than six persons a day, or \$3 a week; picnicking will be 25 cents per car.

Forest camps in the Canyon region include Humburg Creek camp, Breitenbush Forest camp, and forest camps at Big Springs, White Water and Marion Forks.

The plan to charge for use of the areas came as a result of suggestions of Congress that some revenue could be derived from them.

## Grange Names Committees

Standing committees were appointed Friday night by the Santiam Grange for the new year.

They are:  
Agriculture, Frank Basl, Lloyd Sletto and Olin Spiva; building, Mr. Sletto, Elmer Taylor, Johnnie Lambrecht, Tony Moravec, Frank Whit, George Berry and Wilson Stevens; legislative, Albert Julian, Elmer Taylor and Wilson Stevens; reception, Caspar Gerath, Ed Taylor and Geo. Berry; business agent, Ed Taylor; fire insurance, Albert Julian; musician, Leora Stevens and Frances Moravec.

Home economics president is Mrs. Melvina Franklin; vice president, Elizabeth Taylor; and secretary-treasurer, Frances Moravec.

Tony Moravec, master, and Olin Spiva, overseer, presided over the meeting, which made plans to attend Pomona Grange in Scio Monday.



## OLD TIME TALE

In his calked boots Joe Carmody was hardly five inches over five feet. Certainly he would not tip the beam of the hay scales to more than 130 pounds.

The tote teamster, on the other hand, was built like one of his own draft horses. He was new to the Lake Huron side of the Michigan woods. Moreover, he had taken three deep morning's swigs from a gallon jug of Thunder Bay City's most potent redevye. He was in a humor to bully somebody, especially a runt of a river boss like this Carmody.

"Understand, or don't you," he growled, scowling down at the Little Red. "Know what it means, this warnin' from Rafter Mullane? When he sends word he's goin' to mop up all the sawdust in River Street with your mackinaw, and while you are still in said garment, when you get down with the Ryder drive, that means for you to steer clear of Thunder Bay City! Yessir! Well, I'm a Ryder man!" The teamster winked over Carmody's head at the silent crowd of rivermen. "So I'm warnin' you, Mullane's the worst bully on seven rivers."

## Pint of Dynamite

The tote teamster strutted and he grinned with a self-satisfied air. He felt that he had well earned the gal-

## Canyon Feels Record Cold Of -2 Degrees

Brrrrrr!  
The North Santiam Canyon shivered through a week of the coldest days on record and ice formed on the river for the first time in many years. But somewhat warmer temperatures had come by mid-week.

In Detroit, the official weather reporter, Mrs. Earl Parker, recorded a low of 2 below Sunday morning. It was the coldest for all time in that upper Canyon community—at least by official record.

In Mill City, unofficial lows were about 2 above zero. Local hardware merchants reported a rush on plumbing supplies, and Bill Dotson, local pipe fitter, worked overtime for several days. Mountain States Power Co. employees were kept busy turning off water for residences whose pipes had frozen and, in some cases, impromptu fountains burst forth on outside hydrants.

Lyons, a little lower in altitude, got by with a mere 6 above, the lowest reading since January in 1943, when the mercury dropped to about that reading, residents there remembering a record 6 below zero in 1930.

A survey of the snow in the Marion Forks area, and elsewhere in the Cascades brought worry to the federal flood experts. In the upper Canyon settlement, there was 30 inches of water to 100 inches of snow; or a good deal more than the known record of 18 inches to the 100.

What worries the experts is that the spring thaw going to let loose a tremendous volume of water.

Gates and Elkhorn also reported low temperatures.

Freezing weather virtually shut down mill operations in the Canyon this week.

Millponds were, in most cases, a solid mass of ice, and it was too hard to break logs loose.

Logging operations had to halt, in the few camps still running.  
The Kuehner Construction Co., Santiam highway contractors, cut operations to necessary maintenance, as did the H. O. Montag Co., subcontractors. The Port Construction Co., which is building a bridge across the Breitenbush River, likewise shut down.

Work on Mill City's settling tank and water system by contractors for Mountain States Power Co. did not resume.

The charter was draped in remembrance of the late Chester Kubin.

At the lecturer's hour a program led by Alta Bodeker and Garnette Bassett was presented.

## \$11,300,000 Sought For Dam in 1949-'50

### Kliwer Again Elected Mayor

Mayor Harold Kliwer was re-elected unanimously for another term at city council meeting Wednesday night.

Carl Kelly, newly elected councilman, was elected as street commissioner, filling the post vacated by Councilman Lee Ross who resigned because he had moved to a home outside the city limits.

Mr. Kliwer's nomination was made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Albert To-man, and unanimously passed by the council.

Continued work was done in preparing the city charter for submission to the state legislature in its current session. A special meeting will be held Feb. 2 to speed up the work.

Mr. Ross reported that the streets may be in a deplorable condition after the thaw. He recommended constant grading when they can be worked.

The council also approved the vacation of an alley between the Presbyterian Church and the manse. The manse will be moved nearer to the church and the corner property offered for sale as a business site.

Arey Podrabsky was chosen sanitation commissioner and Albert To-man retained his post as police commissioner.

### Extension Class In History Offered

University extension classes have been offered to Mill City and Gates by the state, H. R. Bayless, principal of the high school, announced this week.

The history of the Pacific Northwest will be taught as an introductory class, with other subjects forthcoming providing sufficient local interest can be aroused. The credits can be applied to college work if desired, although students need not meet college entry requirements.

T. R. Burton, Gates principal, also is interested in the class project, to be under the supervision of the state board of higher education. Applicants may leave their names either with Mr. Bayless or Mr. Burton.

### Child Falls From Auto

Gus Kirsch, Stayton, escaped serious injury but the vehicle he was driving was badly damaged in Lyons Saturday when he swerved off the highway to avoid hitting a dog.

Mr. Kirsch is an executive in the new Feres and Frank Lumber Co. mill in Lyons and was driving a company truck.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chance of Gates was seriously injured Tuesday when he fell out of the family car en route from Salem. He was in the back seat and fell out a door which had somehow come open.

Mrs. Charles Sullivan returned on Monday from Memorial Hospital in Salem where she had been for two weeks.

### Granite Deposit Located

An Albany businessman has located a mass of granite in the North Santiam Canyon, within easy approach from the new highway, which geologists said was of high commercial quality.

He is F. K. Bickford, who is engaged in the roofing business in Albany, and formerly was in business in California.

Mr. Bickford said he prospected for granite about two miles above Niagara on the Marion County side

### Truman Budget Also Calls for New Power Lines

A request for \$11,300,000 was made by President Truman for Detroit dam construction in 1949-50 in his budget message this week.

The sum is about \$2 million less than the request of the Army engineers, but more than three times any previous allotment for the big power dam on the North Santiam River.

Congressional delegations of the Northwest are pledged to seek a bigger appropriation, and the final figure appropriated by Congress may be above the President's recommendation.

The \$11.3 million sought in the budget is \$300,000 above that sought for Meridian dam, the other big unit of the Willamette Project. This is the first time the Detroit dam has taken precedence.

Aside from McNary dam, which is a two-state project, Detroit dam comes in for the biggest budget request of any federal undertaking in Oregon.

### Bonneville Projects Supported

For the first time in many years, a disposition has been shown to give the Bonneville Administration a break. The President's budget recommended \$33 million for construction, operations and maintenance, and \$18 million for contract authorizations.

Transmission extensions approved include a 230 kilovolt line from Midway to Goldendale, Wash., thence to Maupin, Ore., and across the Cascades to the Detroit dam. A line now is under construction from the dam-site to Lebanon, via Lyons. This line would connect up a power grid to strengthen voltage in western and southern Oregon.

The Marion County Court Tuesday granted the plea of a Bonneville Administration representative and gave an easement across land east of Niagara for right-of way for the power line now being built to the dam.

The county quit claimed its interest, if any, for the ownership of the strip is in doubt.

The BA representative explained that this line will eventually serve a dual purpose: it will provide current for constructing the dam and later will be used to carry power from the dam's generators.

Under the deal with the county, Bonneville gives a nominal fee for a 150 foot strip about one-fourth mile long in a heavily timbered area.

The easement provides, however, that if the land is in fact owned by the county BA will pay the prevailing rate for easement in this area. Gravel and Rock sought.

This week in the Canyon army engineers were searching for gravel and rock in many places here. No decision has been made, it was reported. The engineers must locate rock and gravel of a type suitable for the concrete part of the dam.

### BABY BORN TO COUPLE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson Jr. of Astoria are the parents of a daughter born early New Year's day at St. Mary's Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson and Mrs. Mattie Murdock, of Mill City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rugh were callers at the Wolvertons Sunday.