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## Looking Up and Down the Canyon

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Affairs of some importance have occupied this column for the past few weeks, and no doubt it's been dull reading. So it's time to get to more interesting, and still just as important, topics of the day.

I went over to the beauty parlor last week and made an appointment. What for? What do you think? For a permanent, of course.

Those of you who have seen the editor without his hat on might have noted that in the past there was a somewhat sparse growth. Some evil minded detractors have been so rude as to suggest I was bald. They'll have to eat those words, come a few months, after my permanent has been welded to the place where today a luxurious growth is being cultivated.

It all happened because there was a bottle around the house. (Not the kind of bottle you might have had in mind.) It was a new concoction, containing one of the magic new drugs. No one was using it. There is a fair abundance of hair upon the pates of the whole editorial tribe. It's a characteristic they get from me—as you will see in the months ahead.

So just for the heck of it, I tried the fluid. A growth of stubble began to appear in a few days.

It was no freak growth like that which resulted from the stuff used in the recent movie, "Her Husbands Affairs," in which a little too much and at a little too fast a rate was the result.

I'm keeping the name of the stuff secret. I'm going to find out the formula as soon as I can, and start a hair farm.

The town was treated to a wiener roast last week by the Enterprise. Probably you didn't know your paper had been the donor of good things, so we'll be frank about it. (No puns please.)

There was a difference of 10 cents in the price of the wieners and the way it came out in the paper. The advertiser sold 120 pounds, all he had. We're out 12 bucks. Next time we put on a free wiener feast we'll furnish mustard.

## Bevier Boy Drowns

Dennis Bevier, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bevier, was drowned in a mill pond here Thursday afternoon after he apparently fell from a log into the water.

Dennis was playing with his brother and cousin when the accident occurred. The boys ran for help, but the boy was not recovered from the water until about half an hour later.

Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday.

The boy was born in Mill City on Oct. 15, 1939. He was in the third grade. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Gary and Jimmie, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bevier, Lyons, and Mrs. Anna Stodola of Mill City.

## Killed in Mishap

A 14-year-old Lebanon youth died last Thursday of a gunshot wound after he had playfully held a pistol he thought was unloaded to his head and pulled the trigger.

He was J. Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ford, former residents of Mill City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Samuels, who reside at the former Keisler place east of Gates on the Linn side are the parents of a daughter, born March 10, at Mill City Hospital. The mother was en route to Salem but got only as far as Mill City where the baby was born. The mother and baby, Judy Ann, weight seven pounds and 12 ounces, were taken to their home. This is their second child.

## Kimmel Heads New Planning Commission

J. C. Kimmel was elected president of the Mill City Planning Commission at its first meeting Wednesday night at the City Hall.

Frank Rada was elected vice president, and Earl Ragsdale, city recorder, was named secretary-treasurer.

Members of the commission include Roy Beebe, Neal Marttala, Arlo Tuers, Lee Ross and Charles Wolverton.

Mr. Rada, Mr. Beebe and Mr. Marttala were appointed by Mr. Kimmel to get data for a building code, first project of the commission. As soon as a satisfactory code can be written it will be submitted to the city council.

Problems of zoning and special assessment financing of a paving program were discussed, but members felt that a building code was the most urgent matter to prevent the creation of low-standard dwelling and business buildings during the Detroit Dam building period.

Mayor Harold Kiewer and Councilmen Robert Veness and Arey Podrabsky represented the city council at the meeting.

C. A. McClure, engineer of the Salem Planning Commission, spoke at the meeting, and advised no delay in establishing safeguards against undesirable additions to the town. He agreed that a building code was a prime necessity at this time.

Mr. Kimmel said the zoning problem would require lengthy study.

The Planning Commission will get maps drawn of the town and surrounding area, at least six miles east and west, and shorter distances to the north and south.

The building code, as proposed, likely will contain a building permit system.

## Garden Club Plans Second Meeting

A nominating committee was appointed at an organization meeting for a Garden Club for Mill City at the high school last Friday.

Final arrangements for a permanent club will be made this Friday evening at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Albert Toman.

On the nominating committee are Mrs. Art Kerr, Mrs. Curtis Cline and Mrs. Lester Mason.

Members of the Stayton Garden Club gave a highly illuminating account of their club and the benefits derived from it. They sponsor a petunia contest to encourage people to plant flowers. Their work received statewide publicity.

The Stayton group said that they have a project for keeping fresh flowers at the bank there and that a great deal of research is done in raising flowers.

Trips are taken by the members to see other garden projects, and the Staytonites are prominent exhibitors at the fairs.

"A consciousness of all citizens to beautify a city is a result of the efforts of a garden club largely," said Mrs. Inglis, who has charge of the flower show at the Oregon State Fair.

Stayton guests included Mrs. McDonnell, president, Miss Edna Fery, Mrs. Raleigh Harold, secretary Mrs. Katy Fery, Mrs. Louis Feres, program chairman, Mrs. Jack Staerner, petunia contest chairman, Mrs. Mary Welter, Mrs. J. W. Peabody, Mrs. Fred Berger and Mrs. Inglis.

Attending from Mill City were Mrs. Lowell Cree, Mrs. James Swan, Mrs. John Swan, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Ida Swift, Mrs. Ed Stone, Mrs. Lester Mason, Mrs. Frank Blazek, Mrs. Charles Wolverton, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. ElmerShaw and Robert Veness, who organized the meeting.

The Mill City group was asked to give some thought to the selection of a city flower.

Those from here remarked that evident beauty of Stayton showed the handiwork of an active garden club.

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## You Can't Keep a Good Man Down

It's pretty hard to stop Ed Vickers and Frank Wilson, upper Canyon businessmen, once they get started.

Even all the hard luck two men could have, about, hasn't fazed them. Several years ago work was begun on a theater in Detroit. It burned down before it could be finished. This winter, with the heaviest snow ever recorded, played havoc with the building they had erected in its place. The roof was completely crushed by the weight of snow.

But this week there was the building standing again, plenty strong this time. It won't be many weeks before it will be finished.

## Juvenile Offender Escapes Second Time in Two Weeks

Harold Morris, 16, youthful offender, made his second escape in two weeks Sunday, this time from the State Industrial School in Woodburn.

The week before the former Mill City High School youth had, with an accomplice, pried open the bars of the county jail in Salem and had escaped. He was picked up by officers not long afterwards.

In the Salem escape young Morris dismantled a jail bed and used the rods for a crowbar. A pile of magazines was used for footing.

County officers asked the juvenile court to release the boy from its custody, after the Salem escape, so he could be sent to prison. The court refused.

## Board Trims School Plans

The problems of building a grade school, the lowest bid for which was \$199,000, with the \$153,000 available, were related Tuesday evening at the Woman's Club by Donald Sheythe, building committee chairman of the school board.

"Work has been started on the new grade school building and the 'eat' has scopped the foundation and a leveling is in process," he said.

"Due to the fact that the lowest bid was approximately \$200,000 which is almost \$45,000 more than the school board has, the district itself is building the school. The start was slowed down because union and nonunion men were hired, but now the school is being built entirely by nonunion men because we can get it done cheaper.

In order to cut costs, many economies have been made, changing the original plan, he said.

The Mill City Pharmacy will be closed Friday because of a death in the Kimmel family.

## CBI Maps Dam Plans

### Montag Low Bidder On Bonneville Line

The Montag Construction Co. was low bidder on the construction of a 230 kv power line between Lyons and the Detroit dam, it was learned here this week.

The Montag firm has been working in the Canyon as a subcontractor on the North Santiam Highway.

The bid was reported at about \$800,000.

The Montag firm has been working on concrete bridges and viaducts on the highway for the past two years, as subcontractors for the Kuckenber Construction Co.

Tower fixtures have been spotted along the route of the line, for which right of way is being cleared, at several places.

The line, scheduled for completion in August, will carry 115 kv to the damsite for use in construction of the dam and will be converted into a 230 kv line when the dam is completed.

Another line will be built by the Bonneville system northeast across the Cascades, to Goldendale, Wash.

## Union High Meeting Set For Sunday

A public hearing on the question of uniting Mill City, Gates, Elkhorn, Fox Valley and Taylor school districts in a union high school will be held at Gates high school at 8 p.m. next Thursday.

Invitation for the meeting came from the Gates board.

Members of the Gates board met with the Mill City board, Superintendent Vernon Todd and high school Principal Henry Bayless Sunday to look over the facilities.

The unionization has been under discussion for many years, and became an important issue last year when a timber transaction took away much of the assessed valuation of both Mill City and Gates districts.

At present Elkhorn, a small community on the Little North Fork, has one student in the Gates school.

Fox Valley students have been attending Mill City high school.

## Dancehall Planned

Cecil Haun and Al Haun have been circulating a petition for a permit to erect and operate a dance hall in Gates. The building which will be located on the Cecil Haun property west of Gates will have a floor space of 50 by 100 feet. Gates has no building in which dances could be held since the IOOF hall burned several years ago.

## Housing Plan Due, Kaiser Says

Key personnel of Consolidated Builders, Inc., were laying out plans and making technical studies this week for the construction of the Detroit Dam.

Robert Veness, a member of the Lions Club which owns the Mill City site considered by CBI, talked briefly with Mr. Hoffman about it this week, but no final plans were reached.

Thursday Mr. Veness talked with Edgar Kaiser, of CBI, here and was told the company would make a final decision on the selection of a housing site, perhaps Friday.

No definite plans have yet developed on the contemplated housing project of 25 homes. Still under consideration were a site in Mill City, one in Gates, and, reportedly, one in Stayton.

Russell Hoffman, general superintendent of the \$28,000,000 first contract, was at the damsite several days this week, mapping plans for roads and big equipment installations and Vince Palmer, engineer, had almost completed specifications for the clearing part of the job.

The CBI, to which the Henry Kaiser interests are allied, is studying plans for transporting the million or more yards of rock and gravel that goes into the 429 foot dam structure. They were considering a construction road from the vicinity of Gates up the Linn County side to the damsite. Also under consideration was an aggregate in the Camiey Creek area above the damsite.

Other engineers here were Scotty Wright, and Jack Lacey. Joseph McNeely, housing engineer was here today, and Eldon Lents, office manager, was expected to locate here permanently Friday.

Mr. Kaiser, Mr. Hoffman and others surveyed the damsite further on Thursday.

## Three Injured In Car Upset

Three persons were seriously injured Friday night when the automobile in which they were riding struck a broken spot in the pavement and crashed into a tree.

They are Harold Pugh, Bend, formerly of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. John Young, both of Detroit. The injured were taken to Mill City Hospital by the Idanha ambulance.

Pugh received cuts, bruises and a possible leg fracture, Young suffered a broken nose and several facial cuts; and Mrs. Young received a cut from her forehead to the top of her head. Sunday she was taken to Bend when a pain in her chest developed.

Pugh said the car struck a hole in the pavement left by the recent freeze, causing the auto to go out of control, plunge into a snowbank and then cross the road and crash into a tree. The car was demolished. Deputy Sheriff Larry Wright made a report of the accident.

GATES FIRE DISTRICT OK'D  
Marion County court has set April 11 as date for hearing on the establishment of a rural fire protection district.

## NOTICE

All Civic organizations are cordially invited to attend a joint meeting to be held in the Mill City Theater.

Sunday  
March 20, 2 pm  
Purpose: to plan for purchase of respirator

## Young Doe Is Darling of Detroit Area



DETROIT, March 8—Pictured above is the darling of Detroit, pet deer Mary Ann, who comes to the door of John Arthur's cafe occasionally when hungry (as above). From the inside looking out is shown the deer politely accepting a piece of bread from Arthur and posing for her photograph by Lawrence Wright, a Marion county deputy sheriff stationed in the Detroit area.

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