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## Looking Up and Down the Canyon

By CHARLES WOLVERTON

I've knocked off a year or so from my earlier guess that Consolidated Builders, Inc. would be here ten years from now working on the Detroit Dam after I saw a smaller operation of theirs in the park.

Last week Joe McNealy hadn't even received the plans for plat. But by Monday, this week, the forms for the foundation were already up on one home and the excavation completed on three or four others.

The homes will have large living rooms—not "loving" rooms as it came out of this infernal lintype machine last week.

Former Governor Sprague spanked The Enterprise recently for suggesting that Highway Engineer Baldock had stalled upon the urgent job of doing something about the highway between Salem and Mill City—that route with curves so sharp that they must have been a hazard for a century. The blame, if any, according to Mr. Sprague, was wrongly attached to the highway engineer, when it was really the concern of the highway commission.

However, in actual experience, Mr. Baldock really initiates most of the highway programs, and the commission usually ratifies them. Mr. Baldock chooses not to initiate anything up this way. Instead, he's concentrating on ramming down an unwilling Salem the so-called Baldock Plan—which upsets almost everything that city's long range planning commission has worked out at great effort and for which \$100,000 was contributed.

Mr. Baldock says, in effect, "Take my plan or you don't get the Independence Bridge."

The low state of Oregon's roads, as compared with other states, is a good illustration of Baldockism, a kind of highway planning that makes "good-enough" the standard.

North Carolina emerged as the leading state in the South because its late governor, O. Max Gardner, risked a heavy state debt to set up one of the finest road systems in the nation.

Oregon prides itself in having a splendid array of scenic attractions—yet it leads visitors to them on narrow gauge roads planned by narrow gauge engineers.

The best Baldock Plan for Oregon would be a highway department minus Baldock.

A subscriber told me the other day: "Keep on hollering. A squeaky wheel is the first to get the grease."

A bachelor is a man who wouldn't take yes for an answer.

Remember the days when a child asked for a penny? Now his requests start at a quarter and you try to hold him down to a dime. The only thing you use pennies for nowadays is to get your change from a two-bit article that now costs 98 cents.

## Logger Reports He Was Robbed

Russ Stafford, Gates logger, reported to county authorities last week that he was the victim of a holdup while driving on the highway above Gates.

Stafford reported he noticed a car following him and when a siren was blown several times he drew over to the roadside, believing it was the state police.

One of the men, Stafford said, got out of the heather car and ordered him out of his, at the same time demanding \$5. Stafford said to him:

"I don't know very much, but I know you are not a state cop." Then he said he felt something poking him in the back.

"My hide isn't very thick and I don't want it full of holes," so he handed over not \$5 but \$10 for good measure.

Taking the money, the man joined his companions in the car and drove off before Stafford could get the license number, he said.

## Petitions Call For Liquor, Beer Halt

Two petitions, one asking the City Council to ban the establishment of any business selling alcoholic beverages, and the other calling for an ordinance prohibiting the sale of beer on Sunday, were submitted to the council Wednesday night.

The first one bore the signatures of 93 residents; the latter one had 96.

The petitions were submitted to the city council by the Rev. Donald Hinkle, pastor of the Free Methodist Church, and the Rev. W. W. Watkins, pastor of the Community Church.

The petitioners explained that the purpose of the petition to prohibit the establishment of taverns did not refer to existing ones, but was intended to show the council the sentiment against further ones.

As a result of the petition, the council tabled indefinitely applications of Tony Ziebert and George Ditter for a beer license, and a renewed application of Frank Blazek for one.

Mayor Harold Kiewer said he did not know whether the petitioners on the Sunday prohibition proposal are planning to seek a city election on the plan.

Most of the signers' names were on both petitions.

## Mrs. Ross Heads Women's Club

Mrs. Lee Ross was elected president of the Mill City Women's club Tuesday night at their regular meeting in the recreation room of the high school. Other officers are Mrs. R. L. Faust, 1st vice-president; Miss Daisy Hendricson, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Charles Kelly, secretary; and Mrs. C. E. Mason, treasurer. OINN Miss Viola Hansen, Linn County demonstration agent, spoke to the group on arrangement of living-room furniture emphasizing groupings, center of interest, pictures, rugs, etc.

## NO JAIL FOR DETROIT

Detroit won't get a jail, after all. A ruling of Deputy District Attorney Sam B. Harbison in Salem last week ruled out the possibility of a county jail anywhere except in the county seat. The request came by petition from 40 residents of the upper canyon community.

Judge Grant Murphy of the County court remarked that the decision made the Breitenbush justice court of doubtful value, inasmuch as all minor offenders would have to be taken to the Salem jail.

Sheriff Denver Young's request for more deputies in the area—there is one now—was postponed by the court until the beginning of the fiscal year July 1.

## Gravel Truck Taken in Jaunt

It's not often that a gravel truck, loaded at that, figures in the stolen car news, but last week out of Gates such a story developed.

On the face of it the news was so outlandish that even the man whose truck was stolen didn't believe it.

William Dorsey Harden, 24, of Independence, who had been visiting relatives in Gates, was arrested at the Dallas-Independence junction at about 3:30 in the morning driving a stolen dump truck. Harden wanted to get to his home and, having no conveyance at hand, decided the dump truck would do as well as any. The truck was still loaded.

When Gordon Weathers, Gates, the owner of the truck, was notified by state police that his truck was gone—it was about 6:30 in the morning—he wouldn't believe it because he had not missed it.

Harden was lodged in the Polk County jail in Dallas. He is a relative of the Harden who created so much excitement in Gates when he held the whole town at bay with a rifle with which he had shot a cousin. State police finally apprehended him.

## FREE AIR TRIP

Spectators next Sunday, and at times thereafter at the Davis Airport will be given a chance to draw a lucky number for a free airplane ride, Byron Davis, owner, announced.

Mr. Davis said Ted Galbraith, flying instructor, has consented to take the lucky ticket holder a 15 minute trip.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has placed the local field in its master plan for improvement as a Class I airport, it was announced in Washington this week. The program included 149 Oregon cities and proposes an improvement program of \$17,143,000 construction fund for them.

## MILL CITY GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

The hot lunch program in the Mill City grade school closed Friday.

Twenty-three new students have enrolled in the Mill City schools in the last three weeks according to an announcement by Vernon Todd, superintendent of schools. The influx is due to thence families for the dam.

Achievement tests were given to the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The 4th grade will have theirs this week.

Mill City grade school lost its league game to Stayton this week by a score of 10 to 7.

The 8th grade is starting rehearsal for its play 'Feet First' soon. The male cast has not been chosen yet. Try-outs are still being held.

## IDANHA BUILDING LEASED

The Idanha Theater, owned by Edison Vickers, has been leased to Van Soner, of Silverton, for a dry goods general notions and shoe store. The building will be closed for 30 days for alterations.

## Zoning Plan Sketched by Commission

The Mill City Planning Commission Tuesday night worked out in broad outline a zoning layout for the town, tentatively designating business, industrial and residential areas.

J. C. Kimmel, president of the commission, headed the meeting, which was attended by Roy Beebe, Frank Rada, Arlo Tuers, Lee Ross, Neil Marttala and Charles Wolverson, members.

Earl Ragsdale, city recorder, attended.

In broad outline, the proposed zoning mapped out the following plan:

All First Street (Hilltop road), the route of the highway, both east and west of the crossing, and the present downtown area was planned as commercial.

In addition Broadway (the Linn County route of Highway 222, also was designated as commercial.

Suggested as an industrial area is roughly that bounded by the main line of the Southern Pacific on the north, the city limits on the east, crossing the river to the Mill road; thence west along the spur of the mill to a point where the river is closest; thence across the river to include the Mountain States Power Co. site and the Mill City Planing and Processing Co.

All other areas would be zoned as residential, according to the proposal. Homes may be built in areas designated as commercial or industrial but would lose certain protection offered by zoning in specifically residential areas.

Further study will be made by the commission. Then a completed proposal will be made.

The city council then will call a public meeting, where objections may be offered. After the meeting the next step is to submit the plan to vote of the people.

Some misunderstanding has been evident about zoning. Only by the widest discussion and general consent can zoning be undertaken.

## PTA PLANS DETROIT MINSTREL

A minstrel show and a one act play will be presented April 28 and 29 at the old grade school building by the Parent-Teacher Assn. There will be no admission, but a free will offering will be taken.

An Idanha cast will enact the play. It includes James Gordon, Betty Pittam, Rilla Schaffer, Reba Snyder, Warren Stahl, Mary Gulliford, Frank New and Rosella Vickers.

The Detroit group will include 25 performers with a variety program. Mill City Lodge No. 180, AF&AM—Special communication Monday, April 25, 8 p.m. E. A. Degrees. Visitors welcome.—Charles Secy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Stiffler and family spent Easter in Salem at the new home of his younger brother.

## CBI Takes \$145,000 In Housing Permit

### Fire Sweeps

### Idanha Forest

A brush fire blazed through about 15 acres east of Idanha Friday, fanned by a high wind.

The fire spread east from the home of Henry Hisebert, blistering the paint on his house and coming dangerously close to several cottages belonging to Merle Seitzinger.

The blaze was brought under control that evening by hard work of the forest service, the Fire Patrol and townsmen. A careful watch was kept through the night.

The Fire Patrol laid six lines of hose from the river and mill pond. Detroit High School furnished many volunteer workers.

## Student Body Nominates

The election of student body president of Mill City High School will be between Lawrence Poole and Ernest Pordabsky. They were nominated last Friday.

Other nominations: For vice president—Jack Stewart, Ernest Pordabsky and Leo Poole; treasurer—Ronald Ragsdale; secretary—Marlene Verbeck, Wanda Vandermeer and Phyllis Timm; advertising manager—Joey Roy, Beverly Timm, Marlene Verbeck, Alona Daly and Lawrence Thornley.

Elections will be held about a month before the end of school. Nominations for athletic manager will be held next year for the benefit of incoming freshmen.

The honor roll for the period included the following, by classes:

Seniors: Marian King, David Karr, Eugene Thornley, John Straight and Virginia Jackson.

Juniors: Dolores Brewer, Phyllis Timm, Ethel Skillings and Ronald Ragsdale.

Sophomores: Wanda Vandermeer, and Marlene Verbeck.

Freshmen: Arlene Kuelman, Alona Daly, Dolores Poole, Lela Kelly, Bob Shelton and Daryl Farnen.

The senior class of Mill City High school will present 'Have A Heart', a farce in three acts, Friday evening, April 29 in the high school auditorium.

The cast includes Louis Verbeck as Ted Watson, Virginia Jackson as Peggy Watson, Marian King as Louise Mansfield, Kirk Wirick as Bo Larson, LaCretta Thomas as Fritz Vining, and David Karr as Mark Andrews. The play is under the direction of Miss Hope Baney.

The story tells of the trials and tribulations of Ted Watson as he tries to find a girl to pose as his wife in order to obtain a position that he wants badly. His real wife has left him because of a misunderstanding and when she returns home the difficulties that Ted encounters go to make an evening of good entertainment.

Tickets for the performance will be on sale next week by the members of the senior class. They will be sold at the door also. A matinee performance will be given on Wednesday afternoon for the benefit of the students of the high school and grade school.

Tuesday afternoon the girls played off their volley-ball tie. The sophomores won first place with the seniors taking second.

Inter-mural football the juniors are ahead. There are two more games to be played before football is over. Then mixed softball will be played.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hill of Fayette, Arkansas are now residing in Mill City. Mr. Hill is employed by H. O. Montag Co. The Hills have two sons here, Bob and Rex.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Meeks are the parents of a girl born April 17th in the Lebanon hospital. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Meeks.

The pace of building, as indicated by permits issued in City Hall this week, took a big jump forward, with almost \$150,000 in construction authorized.

Biggest single permit was granted to Consolidated Builders, for \$145,000 for their big real estate development to house key personnel of the Detroit Dam. Foundations were being poured for the homes this week.

A \$2000 permit to Carl Shields for a dwelling was issued; Paul Wargnier, garage, \$300; Jack Carey, \$200, addition to home; C. E. Coville, \$100, real estate office; Pennick and Pennick, \$250, real estate office; and A. V. Herron, \$500, addition to home.

The Army Engineers will open bids June 15 on two 70,000 horsepower hydraulic turbines and governing installations for Detroit Dam's powerhouse.

Estimated cost of the turbines is \$1,500,000.

## PTA Re-Elects Mrs. Veness

Mrs. Robert Veness was re-elected president of the Mill City Parent-Teacher Association Thursday evening in the high school auditorium. Also re-elected were Mrs. Eugene Gregory, secretary, and Mrs. Irene Podrabsky, first vice-president. New officers are Mrs. Ed Goshie, second vice-president, and Mrs. Carl Jones, treasurer.

An attentive and appreciative audience heard Chief Parole Officer Stewart Clark of the Woodburn Boys' School speak on the subject of developmental factors in the making of the adolescent personality.

Colorful entertainment was provided by costumed folk dancers who performed American, Mexican, Scotch, and Lithuanian dances on the stage.

Mr. and Mrs. Arley Podrabsky, Mr. and Mrs. George Veteto, Mrs. Robert Veness, and Bert Allen were the dancers.

Sandwiches and coffee were served by Mrs. Wilbur Meinert, Mrs. Louis Verbeck, Mrs. Frank Merrill, and Mrs. Claud Miller.

## Kin to Attend GP's Funeral

Mrs. Rosa Roten and her daughter, Mrs. Louisa Romey, have received word of the arrival of the body of their son and brother, S. Sgt. Tiny Hugh Roten, who was killed in action overseas and will be buried Sunday with military honors at San Bruno, Calif. Mrs. Roten and Mrs. Romey will leave Friday to attend the services. They will be joined by Mrs. June Roten and daughter from Tooele, Utah, the widow.

S. Sgt. Roten, 29, was killed in action at Beaufort, Luxembourg, Dec. 16, 1944, while serving with the 60th Armored Infantry. His body was returned on the U. S. Transport Barney Kirschbaum.

Sgt. Roten was born June 15, 1915 at Klondyke, Ariz. He, with his parents came to Gates a number of years ago. He enlisted in the Army April 16, 1942 at Portland. He was reported missing in January, 1944, and definite word of his death was not received until June.

He married Miss June Bevan of Tooele, Utah, in 1944. A daughter, Tina June, whom he did not live to see, was born to their union.

Other survivors are his mother, Mrs. Rosa Roten, a sister, Mrs. Louisa Romey, and a brother, Amos R. Roten of Havelock, N. C.

Burial will take place in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Sunday, April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Horner recently visited the W. L. Barnes of Turner, formerly residents of Mill City.

Mr. and Mrs. Newsome and daughters Betty and Patsy of Jordan are new residents of Mill City, having rented the Nash property.

Mrs. Gene Armstrong was called to the middle west because of the serious illness of her uncle who reared her.

## City Folks Make Good in Country

By JEAN ROBERTS

On the bank of the scenic Little North Fork, flanked by the towering Evans Mountain, stands the Elkhorn Guest Ranch, one of this region's most arresting attractions and a vacation spot for city folks.

Owned and operated by two genial people, Kenneth and Frances Randall, this lodge is proof of the fact that city people can come to the country and make good.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall had lived in Salem for 40 years prior to moving to Elkhorn. Mr. Randall had spent the last seven and one-half years there in the employ of Marion County as chief deputy sheriff. He is a graduate of the law school of Willamette University where, as an ambitious young man with three children to support, he attended night school, driving a truck for the paper company by day.

Five years ago the Randalls moved to Elkhorn, and virtually unaided erected the modern lodge they now have. The logs used in this modern structure were previously the framework of the old Elkhorn postoffice.

While Mrs. Randall cemented the logs, using a pancake turner, Mr.

Randall shifted furniture from corner to corner and continued building. A good deal of the lumber was hand-planed as it was impossible to get what was needed in wartime.

The Randalls also raise beef stock, continuously maintaining a herd of 25 to 30 white face steers, to furnish choice steaks for the table.

The lodge is now undergoing re-

modeling. A new dining room, to seat 20, is being added; but the new has been installed for cooking, refrigeration and heating.

The Guest Ranch, still a new undertaking, boast of guests from 14 states. They expect in the future to have saddle horses and a pack train for vacationists who enjoy this sort of sport.

