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Looking Up and Down the Canyon

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The other day a CBI employee was giving his most serious attention to a glass of beer in a local tavern. He looked up to see the big boss of C.B.I., Russell Hoffman, purchasing a package of cigarets.

"Oh, Oh," he said to himself, "it won't do my job any good for the boss to see me in here." So he ducked.

A little while later the bartender brought him another beer.

"Who got me that one?" he asked, just about making up his mind to refuse it.

"It was the man who was just in here for a package of cigarets," the bartender replied.

It's carnival time again here, and the editor offers his usual advice:

Stay away from the little balls that roll, the arrows that twirl, the wheels that turn.

By all means, eschew the skillo, a device with a big arrow which whirls horizontally on the counter of a carny joint. This one is stronger than an onion. The man behind the arrow, with his knee, can stop the arrow on a hair. Sure, if you miss red, he'll obligingly make that space red for you. But, brother, it would take a sight draft on the U. S. mint to keep up the play till all the spaces are red, when he fairbanks you on every play.

Go on the rides, kiddies, and see the freaks, folks, but stay away from the pretty gadgets that whirl and roll and spin.

I oughtn't to have to write an editorial this week. The picture you see on this page is editorial enough, on a subject which might have been mentioned before in this column—the need for the state to do something about Highway 222 between Salem and Mill City.

A few weeks ago Mr. Baldock, engineer of the state highway commission, told reporters that the North Santiam route was "not on the agenda" for this year.

But it's on other folks' agendas. It's on the agenda of the truck driver, who might have been killed in the mishap of last Friday, the one you see pictured.

It's on the agenda of the federal government, which has spent almost \$5,000,000 on the rough an expensive part of the North Santiam Highway and expects the state to do its part in makin' a transcontinental link of it.

It's on the agenda of the cities of Stayton, Mehama, Lyons, Mill City, Detroit, Idanha, Sisters, Redmond and Bend.

It's on the agenda of Albert Bauer, general manager of Consolidated Builders, Inc., who made the subject of the winding, narrow and dangerous road between Mill City and Salem his chief topic in an address to the Salem Chamber of Commerce last week.

And it's going to be on the agenda of the state of Oregon now, or by 1950, when, if the present administration has not acted, one will be elected that will.

Nice going, Bonneville Administration. The Canyon, and particularly those here interested in aviation, are grateful for your prompt recognition of danger to airmen landing at Davis Field if the tall tower line had remained where it was routed.

We recognize that BPA had a hard decision to make. It had a construction deadline to meet. The decision to reroute the line keeps in operation a new but thriving industry here.

It's a pleasure to see the kind of workmanship that's already apparent in the early stages of construction of the Detroit Dam. Looking down from the new highway grade to the CBI's base of operations almost 500 feet below one sees an area of 10 or 15 acres, clean and smooth, with good roads winding from level to level—where only a few weeks ago there was nothing but a mass of brush and second growth fir.

Neat, aluminum roofed buildings gleam brightly. Trucks hot in use are lined up in straight rows. A general atmosphere of efficiency confronts one.

Lookit, Mr. Baldock

Photo Courtesy The Statesmen



It happened in Mill City Friday, Mr. Baldock, on Highway 222. 'Twas a bit too steep.

Two Win Scholarships as School Ends

Photos Courtesy Capital Journal



Marian King

Two Mill City High School seniors were so close in scholastic honors this year that the customary valedictorian award was withheld, and both were designated salutatorians. They are Marian King, who was given a scholarship to Oregon State College, and David Karr, who won a scholarship to the University of Oregon.

Mrs. King will study secretarial science at OSC. Young Karr will major in mathematics. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell King of Mill City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Karr of Lyons.

At the graduation exercises Thursday evening, Dr. Chester Hamblin, Salem minister, spoke on roads to happiness. The ceremony was held in the Mill City theater. Fourteen were graduated. They are:

Francis Clark, Warren Bennett, Al-



David Karr

bert Haas, Jerry Hunter, Virginia Jackson, David Karr, Gerald King, Marian King, Franklin McDowell, John Strait, LaCretta Thomas, Eugene Thornley, Louis Verbeck and Kirk Wirick.

A former Mill City student, James Cooke, attending Salem High School, was awarded a \$5000 navy scholarship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cooke of Mill City.

In a letter to Henry R. Bayless, high school principal, E. Dean Anderson, executive secretary of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, wrote in regard to young Karr:

"The Oregon State System of Higher Education is very happy to award a scholarship to one of your students. This award has been made by the high school relations committee on the basis of recommendations by the State Institutions of Higher Education. We offer our congratulations on the fine showing made by your scholarship winner."

Most of the high school faculty is attending summer school this year.

Riders Plan 2-Day Rodeo

A full-fledged, two day rodeo and horse show for June 18 and 19 has been decided upon by the Riders of the Santiam.

It will be a racing, rearing bucking affair, the membership decided at a meeting Tuesday night. Bert Karr is general chairman.

The rodeo will be held at the Lazy Maple ranch between Mill City and Lyons.

Delashment and Bernard of Sheridan have promised to furnish bucking horses and cattle. Several saddle clubs in the Willamette Valley are already lined up to participate in the show, with drills, games and stunts.

The local Boy Scout troop will assist, and will man several concessions. A carnival may be lined up.

In past years the saddle club has had crowds up to 1500.

Gravel Firm Stays

The Colgan Construction Co. will be continued and is now in operation. Ray Colgan, who started the firm several weeks ago, died unexpectedly last week. The company will be continued by Mrs. Colgan. A general manager has been hired.

STOVEPIPE CATCHES FIRE

The fire department was called to the Dewey Flatman home Tuesday noon when soot caught fire in a stove pipe. The ceiling was scorched.

Al Cherry, of Dallas, brother of Mrs. Mel Robinson, was visiting over Memorial week end.

STOP SIGNS INSTALLED

The State Highway Commission installed stop signs at street intersections to Highway 222 here last week. Strict regulation of stop regulations will be enforced, local Chief of Police J. T. King and state police said.

Stayton Man Lake Victim

Joseph Harris, Stayton, was believed drowned in Suttle Lake Thursday afternoon when the boat he and his wife were riding in was capsized by high waves.

Mrs. Harris, who wore a life jacket, was rescued late that evening. Although her husband also was wearing a life jacket, no trace of him on the surface of the water was seen.

Mrs. Harris was brought from the rough water by fishermen.

Volunteers and state police have dragged the lake without finding any trace of Mr. Harris. His coat was found on the shore.

Mr. Harris operated a machine shop in Stayton and was a brother of Albert Harris and Mrs. George Barney of Idanha.

Smith Finally Gets Chance To Race Horse - - 75 Miles



At long last, Paul Smith, 64, Mill City's iron man and marathon walker, will get a chance to pit his bunnions against a horse's hooves next month.

Smith's long standing challenge to race a horse over a long distance route has at last been accepted. He will stride over a 75 mile course on the Lebanon Meadows race track in mid-July—for 75 miles.

Last Fourth of July Smith walked from Albany to Mill City—40 miles—but had no one, horse or man, to compete with. He came out fifth in a short jaunt of about 35 miles out of Portland against men less than a third his age.

The race had been planned for last fall, but the Lebanon folks couldn't find a horse to run against Smith.

BPA Will Reroute Line Around Airport

Building Sets Fast Pace in Canyon Area

A roundup of building activity in the Canyon showed considerable progress the past few weeks.

George Manolis, Silverton, has begun the construction of a large drive-in restaurant between Mill City and Gates. Ground was being cleared for the structure this week.

Work of moving two tourist court buildings farther from the highway was completed. Mr. Manolis is a well known restaurateur, recently operating the coffee shop at the state capitol building.

Also in the Gates area, loads of lumber were being delivered to property recently bought by T. W. Lord of Salem from Jerry Lyons, and work on several tourist cabins is expected to start in the next few days.

Only some interior finishing remains to be done on the variety store being built by Norman Garrison in Gates. An attractive exterior, stuccoed, with a canopy built over the front of the structure, adds much to the appearance of Canyon business houses.

In Mill City the Land Construction Co. was making rapid progress on a large building which will house Albert Toman's Hilltop Store. Exterior brick work has been completed and work this week continued on the structural part of the roof. The new store will be about 100 by 80 feet.

C. L. Booth, Mehama contractor, soon will have completed a new on-story concrete brick structure which will house two businesses, on Broadway. Walls are complete, stuccoing finished, and the roof and floor were being installed this week. The building is being constructed for C. E. Mason and provides about 80 feet of business frontage.

Also in Mill City a large service station which will provide a local outlet for Richfield products is nearly ready. Next door east, on Santiam Blvd. is the new Freres Lumber Co. retail yard, a large and attractive building.

Work will start in a week or so on new quarters for the Mill City State Bank.

Yoiler and Martin, Corvallis contractors, completed pouring the footings on the new Faust & Ross store.

LOGGER INJURED

Tom Fryer was seriously injured last week when a limb fell on him while working for Mt Jefferson Logging Co. near Lyons. He was taken to Dr. R. P. Andersen of Stayton, and it was found he had a very badly bruised right leg and injuries to his right arm, but no broken bones. He will be unable to return to work for some time.

GRADUATED AT OSC

Clyde Marion Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rogers of Mill City, is among the graduating class of 1568 seniors and graduate students to receive degrees at the 80th annual commencement at Oregon State College, Corvallis on June 5 and 6. He will be granted a bachelor's degree in business and technology. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers plan to attend the exercises.

OPTOMETRIST TO LOCATE HERE

Dr. Mark Hammerickson, optometrist, will locate soon at Dave Epps furniture store. He has been in practice the past ten years and served in the U. S. army for three and one-half years as optometrist in army eye clinics where he gained extensive skill and experience in the field of optometry.

His general offices are at 313 W. 1st, Albany. Dr. Hammerickson will be in Mill City each Thursday from 1:00 to 6:00 P. M. and also 6:00 to 8:00 P. M. by appointment.

Low Poles To Be Set Temporarily

The Bonneville Power Administration this week recognized the complaint of the Davis airport here over the location of its transmission line and agreed to move it away from possible danger to planes.

The change in the route for the 230 kv. line to the Detroit Dam was confirmed officially Wednesday in a telegram from Sen. Wayne Morris to Robert Veness, secretary of the Mill City Chamber of Commerce.

Bryon Davis, owner of the field, and Ted Galbraith, its manager, also received word from the BPA.

The present plan will be to install a temporary line along the present route, with 40 foot wooden poles. At the same time, the tower line will be surveyed and built on a route considerably south of the present one.

The temporary line became necessary because BPA must deliver power to Consolidated Builders, Inc., at the damsite by mid-August.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Galbraith expressed their attitude to BPA and to its director Dr. Paul Raver, for the prompt and satisfactory settlement of the problem. Both plan to be absent now with the breakfast hop set for July 17 with a GI flying program; and continuation of the school which now numbers many students.

Schools Ask \$114,021

Total estimated expenditures of \$114,021.00 were contained in a proposed budget for school District 129J for next year. The figure was about \$10,000 above last year's.

The budget was prepared by the school board and the budget committee, Lee Ross and R. L. Faust. It will be submitted for official approval at a school meeting at the high school building June 20 at 8 p.m.

At the same meeting there will be elected a school director to fill the position now occupied by Ramon Roberts, whose term expires.

A big increase in pupils has been made, especially in the past few weeks with work starting on the Detroit Dam. A substantial increase in money from the basic school fund, because of more students, may help to boost anticipated receipts.

The proposed budget contains a \$10,000 outlay for the new school and \$3,500 for a new school site.

Dam Tunnel Job Will Start Soon

Start of work on the diversion tunnel for the Detroit Dam was scheduled for next week.

The work will be done under subcontract to the Shea Construction Co. Consolidated Builders, Inc., virtually completed excavation at the tunnel entrance this week.

It will be a 1400 foot tunnel, 25 feet in diameter, and will carry the Santiam River, from a coffer dam, directly through the mountain.

DRIVE TESTS IN IDANHA

A driver license examiner will be on duty in Idanha at the Idanha Theater between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the closing hour to assure completion of their examinations with a minimum delay.

FIRE PERMITS NEEDED

S. T. Moore, district ranger, has announced that burning permits will be required for outside fires.