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Looking Up and Down the Canyon

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Up to now, the towns which have repeatedly asked the State Highway Commission to put the Mill City-Salem portion of Highway 222 on its "agenda" have been told there was no money for the job.

But what about after the first of July?

Then the highway department (Baldock & Co.) will start collecting another penny a gallon on gasoline; an extra five bucks on license plates; and PUC and fines will provide a somewhat bigger take.

Revenues of the commission will rise from \$28 million annually to an estimated \$35 million.

Surely, all that extra cash won't be needed for the Baldock Plan.

We in the Canyon offer the state:

1. The only all-weather pass over the Cascades.

2. A modern highway for 100 miles from Mill City to Bend, thence connecting with the best routes to the Eastern states and to California.

3. An inexpensive job of road making, which with the expenditure of little over a million dollars would do the job that tens of millions, trying to patch up 99E.

Mr. Baldock and members of the commission, you're invited to attend the grand opening soon of the North Santiam Highway—if you can negotiate the stretch between Salem and Mill City without injury to life and limb—to see the possibilities. It's a chance to win fame as discoverers. John Minto won fame as the discoverer of the pass. Renown awaits you, gentlemen, if you discover the same one. From here it's easy. The main problem will be getting up from Salem.

I'm indebted to one of the C. B. I. boys for this apt commentary on certain local housing, for which rentals not far below an apartment on Fifth Avenue are being asked:

"Four rooms and path."

There's a man down in Mehama by the name of Philippi who's solved the problem of time. He wears one wrist watch with standard time, and on the other wrist wears one with daylight saving time.

If he's late for dinner he can say he lifted up the wrong arm.

Forrest Baker, the local jeweler, tells me that the Swiss produce 90 percent of all the watch movements. Other statistical sources tell us that the Swiss produce 10 per cent of the world's cheese. My watch is probably part of the latter production.

Oregon judges will soon be pronouncing sentences like this:

"You are hereby sentenced to life imprisonment or until somebody comes along with a hacksaw."

Whenever the Reds are about to slip into an obscurity usually reserved for Single Taxers, Technocrats and vegetarians, they can always count on some congressmen to put them back in the limelight.

Hats off to The Statesman for its editorial on that brilliant diplomat, Ralph Bunche, who refused a state department high post because a Negro in our national capital cannot live except as a half-citizen.

5 ELECTED IN FIRE DISTRICT

A special election was held in the high school building in Gates last Tuesday as directors in the newly-formed Gates Rural Fire Protection District.

They were: Glen Henness and Harold Heath, for Marion County; Hollis Turnidge and Oswald Hirte, for Linn County; and Elmer Klutke, director at large.

Next steps are setting up a district and organization of a volunteer fire department.

GATES CAFE LEASED, REOPENS
Gates Cafe, which has been closed for several months for redecoration, has been leased by Fred Butler, its owner, to George Hollingworth and Elias La Haie. Opening was held last Wednesday, with a large crowd attending.

Canyon Towns Plan Highway Opening Fete

The Canyon Commercial Club in Detroit and Idanha announced plans for a big celebration in the upper Canyon when the North Santiam highway is completed, sometime in early July.

Ed Vickers, president of the club, said a meeting was to be held this Thursday evening in Detroit to arrange for the affair.

The Mill City Chamber of Commerce, at the suggestion of Clay Cochrane, secretary of the Salem organization, has been working out details for a big barbecue at the west approach to the new highway, one of the most difficult feats of engineering ever undertaken in highway building history in the west.

James Cooke Will Talk at Capital

James Cooke, graduate of Salem high school's class of '49 and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cooke of Mill City, will be one of two major speakers at a Washington, D. C., conference of "boy governors" later this month.

Young Cooke, a former Mill City student, was Oregon "governor" for a week end this spring at the annual Youth and Government conference sponsored by the YMCA.

He has been public school correspondent for The Statesman the past year.

With 25 other boy governors of western states, Cooke will make a 25 day tour of southern and eastern states en route to the nation's capital.

GATES SCHOOLS HOLD GRADUATION EXERCISES
Combined commencement exercises for Gates grade and high schools were held last Wednesday in the auditorium there, with the Rev. Willard Buckner, Stayton, delivering the address.

Receiving high school diplomas were Norma Jean Devine, Edward Keith Oliver, Daniel Romey and Wiley Muise.

Grade school graduates were Donald Mates, Isabelle Blackburn, George Burton, Joan Ryan, Dolores Smith, Joe Ed Thomas, Betty Tucker and Dillard Weathers.

A program was presented, including: processional, Barbara Haun; invocation, Rev. Buckner; valedictory, Norma Devine; "Thanks," Isabelle Blackburn; accordion trio, Norma Devine, Lorena Devine and Wiley Muise; commencement address, Rev. Buckner; presentations, T. R. Burton and Elmer Stewart; class gift, Daniel Romey; benediction, Rev. Buckner; and recessional, Barbara Haun.

IDANHA LEGION, AUXILIARY INSTALL OFFICERS

Joint installation ceremonies for the Idanha American Legion and Auxiliary were held there June 4.

Robert Full, District 12 commander, was the installing officer assisted by the ritual team of the Roy Johnson post of Redmond. Mrs. Full, president of District 12 Auxiliary, installed the new officers of the unit.

Legion officers are: Commander, Quincy Smith; first vice commander, Holland Storey; second vice commander, Ben Barber; adjutant, John Weisgerber; finance officer, Chester Cole; chaplain, Chester Storey; historian, Edison Vickers; Sergeant at arms, Charles Whitaker.

Auxiliary officers are: President, Bernadine Stoll; first vice president, Burley Hansen; secretary, Elsie Girod; treasurer, Thelma Storey; Jean Cannon; second vice president, Jean Cannon; secretary, Elsie Girod; treasurer, Thelma Storey; chaplain, Ella Peeler; historian, Genevieve Bangs; and sergeant at arms, Roselle Vickers.

SCOUT PICNIC PLANNED

Cub Scout committeemen and den mothers met Monday night to plan a picnic in the park Thursday evening.

Cubmaster George Ditter appointed Aray Podrabsky, Harold Kliever, Al Haun to plan the picnic program. It will include knot tying, races, games presentation of advancement badges and a banner for the most parents present. The Cub Scouts will have a concession at the Santiam Riders rodeo June 18 and 19.

Now, with festivities being planned for both ends of the new road, a real celebration will be due for the Canyon.

Hill Lind, superintendent of the big construction job for the Kucken-berg Construction Co., said this week he believed the job would be complete, so far as its contract is concerned, by early July.

"It's been a tough one," he said. Mr. Vickers said he planned to interest eastern Oregon towns such as Bend and Redmond in joining in the celebration.

Notables from the state, the Army Engineers and from the Oregon delegation in Congress will be asked to participate in the opening of the new highway, which gives Oregon its finest route through the Cascades.

Plans and charts showing layouts and stastics on the Detroit Dam will be on display at the damsite when the caravan arrives visiting Willamette

Detroit Fights For Townsite

The town of Detroit, which will be about 50 feet under the surface of a lake five years hence, isn't just going to fold up and die. About 40 old residents and property owners indicated that this week when they petitioned the Army Engineers for a townsite above the waterline of the lake to be formed by the Detroit Dam.

The petition was started because of reports that the shoreline of the new lake would be restricted to recreation area. It was signed by residents, some of who have been in Detroit for 30 years, and others who have come here recently but have decided that the upper Canyon country would be a good place to settle permanently.

About two years ago a similar petition was started when the Forest Service acquired a site for a ranger station that the Detroiters had had in mind for a townsite.

The proposed townsite would be on a peninsula jutting out into the new lake, in the vicinity of the new school building.

Natives felt that it would not be right to "shove them aside to make a recreation area for city people."

Worker Injured

Jack Griffith, construction worker, was gravely injured Monday when a caterpillar tractor he was driving plunged over an embankment on the new highway grade above the Detroit damsite, crushing him in the cab.

The Kucken-berg Construction Co., by whom he was employed, reported he sustained a possible punctured lung and broken back. He is hospitalized in Salem.

Measles Ruins School Record

An attack of measles, two days before the expiration of the school term, ruined a five year perfect attendance record of a 11-year-old Elkhorn girl.

Jackie Bickett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bickett, was just short of completing the fifth grade at the one-room Elkhorn school last week without an absence or a tardy mark when measles caused her to lose the last two days. It was a tough break for the little girl who had spent her entire five years of school there, where heavy snow and frequent road wash-outs make her record all the more difficult to attain.

Her sister, Phyllis, age seven, is following in Jackie's footsteps. During her first two years at school she has never been absent or tardy.

When Jackie first started at Elkhorn there were only four pupils. Now there are 11, and more are expected next year. Jackie was awarded a bicycle last year as reward for her attendance record.

Bonneville Set To Build Line Over Cascades

All surveys are completed for the 66-mile Maupin-Detroit section of the Goldendale-Detroit 230,000 volt transmission line and bids for the initial right-of-way clearing contracts on sections in the Mt. Hood National Forest area are to be issued within the next 30 days, according to W. E. Trommershausen, Bonneville district manager.

"One of the key links in the 'backbone' transmission line carrying power from Grand Coulee dam to central and southwest Oregon, the Maupin-Detroit section is scheduled for energization in December, 1951," he said. He added that clearing would proceed soon and that the line would be built next summer.

Nearly all the right-of-way goes through feerally-owned and Indian lands. The Breitenbush area is about the roughest terrain. The forest service has opened bidding for contracts on logging prior to the clearing operation.

Negotiations for right-of-way are being held with the tribal council and individual land owners in the Warm Springs reservation.

Engineering for the line is 25 per cent complete, and materials for it, a tower line installation, are on order. Estimated expenditures for the 1950 fiscal year are \$1,644,000 cash and \$948,000 contract authorization on the Goldendale-Detroit line.

New School Ends First Lyons Term

First graduation exercises for the new Consolidated District 29 J were held at the Santiam Valley Grange Hall. The Rev. Willard Buckner was commencement speaker.

The program included presentation of the gavel by Ronald Lengacher, student body president, to his successor, Dean Mansveld; music by a girls chorus; musical selections by Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Wirth, Mrs. Lafky, Mrs. Wilson Stevens, Mrs. Brown Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Marvin Toland; and a boys chorus accompanied by Cecil Bassett.

The valedictory was delivered by Sally Studnick; Salutatorians were Shirley Johnston, Janet Huffman and Shirley Weidner.

Paul Johnston, chairman of the school board, presented diplomas to: Donna Bass, Margaret Hall, Janet Huffman, Ruby Naue, Shirley Johnston, JoAnne Kunkle, Sally Studnick, Shirley Weider, Lucille Williams, Veronica Quinter, Leonard Boatman, Richard Baltzer, Paul Duman, Harvey Grimes, Ronald Lengacher, William Morgan and Larry Nydegger.

Ronald Nydegger was awarded a certificate for perfect attendance, his fourth year.

Mrs. Bessie Allen Dies in Seattle

Funeral services were held last Thursday in Seattle for Mrs. Bessie Allen, 62, who died there May 26.

Mrs. Allen who was a resident of Mill City for 20 years had been seriously ill for two months.

Tom Allen, her husband, was superintendent of the Hammond Lumber Co. mill here, was owner of the light plant until it was sold to the Mountain States Power Co. They left here about five years ago.

Mrs. Allen was a member of the Mill City Women's Club, the Bridge Club, was past matron of Marilyn Chapter, OES.

Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Ralph.

MT. JEFF TRY FAILS

Four boys from the Salem vicinity failed to reach their goal, the top of Mt. Jefferson, last week. They got to the top of one of the smaller peaks and couldn't get across.

They stayed all night at Pamela Lake and crossed the Whit Water Glacier and climbed to a post on the north side. They said they would attempt it again this summer.

Fish Hatchery Bid Far Below Estimate

Respirator Pays Its First Dividend

The respirator Mill City folks bought a few months ago is paid for—in more ways than with cash.

Last winter a little boy drowned in a millpond here. The tragedy got people thinking: Maybe if we had a respirator we might prevent another such tragedy.

There wasn't a long time to wait till that idea was proven.

Tuesday morning James Wright, 23, of Idanha, stopped here for a wink of sleep after a long drive. He was so drowsy he forgot to turn off the engine. A deeper sleep than he had planned on slowly overcame him.

Before long he was unconscious—gas fumes seeped through, into the car.

The youth was discovered about 7 a.m. Chief J. T. King, who was called and told to bring the respirator, didn't know who phoned in the report.

When he reached the unconscious driver it looked like a pretty tough job, even for a respirator.

"It took more than five minutes even to see much signs of life," Mr. King related. "It was more than two hours before he was really conscious enough to know what happened to him."

Mr. King gave it as his opinion that young Wright would have been a "groner" had it not been for the respirator.

Mrs. Bruce Wright, of Idanha, his mother, came later in the morning for him.

PROTEST SAVES FARM OFFICE

Effective petitioning by the Linn County Grange has saved the office of the farm extension program in the county court house.

Outcome of the protest was announced at the Santiam Grange last Friday.

A circuit court was to have been set up in the farm office space and it was to have been vacated. Because of the action of the Grange the farm office will remain.

Also at the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Beaver and Herbert Hampton were obligated to the first and second degrees.

MRS. STELLA MALLOY DIES

Mrs. Stella Malloy, former resident of Mill City, died at her home in Portland Sunday.

Mrs. Malloy worked in the Hammond store, which was managed by her husband, George Malloy.

She is survived by her husband and a brother, Carl Rankin. Miss Daisy Hendricson of Mill City is a cousin.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Portland. Interment was in Lincoln Memorial Park there.

Millsap Retires After 50 Years

Al Millsap was winding up 50 years of barbering this week—24 of them in the Canyon—and he figures that's about long enough.

Folk's hair is going to keep on growing anyway, and he can't keep it all cut.

Verne Shaw, his assistant, will take over the shop which Mr. Millsap has run here for almost a quarter of a century.

Before coming to the Canyon, Mr. Millsap worked in San Francisco and Portland shops. Years ago he bought a place in Gates, which now has become the center of business and residential expansion in that community.

Al Millsap has maintained a wide scope of interests in his life here. He is an accomplished musician, a composer of many tunes, a violin maker, and lyric writer. His small farm in Gates reflected his wide knowledge of horticulture—fruits and berries being his specialty.

But It's Strictly Salmon, No Rainbow Trout

Game fishermen apparently lost out to commercial fishing interests in the new hatchery planned at Marion Forks. Bids were opened Tuesday with Gaasland Construction Co. of Bellingham, Wash., low bidder at \$310,622.

The new hatchery will be exclusively for propagating salmon.

Col. O. E. Walsh, Portland district engineer of the Corps of Engineers, said the government estimate was \$394,592.

Bids will be referred to Col. Theron Weaver, Pacific division engineer.

The hatchery is above the damsite instead of below, as usually is the case where dams are erected on salmon streams. Reason for location at Marion Forks, according to the engineers, is that suitable water for propagating fish can be found only in the Marion fork of the North Santiam and in Horn Creek, which joins the bigger stream there.

The Army Engineers plan to build the hatchery 17 miles southeast of Detroit and then turn it over to the state fish commission for operation.

The North Santiam, one of Oregon's best rainbow trout streams, has two salmon hatcheries—with this one—none for trout.

The hatchery plan, as explained by Arne J. Suomela, master fish warden for Oregon, calls for trapping salmon at Big Cliff dam, extracting the eggs from the salmon at that point; then, after "eyeing out," the eggs will be transported by truck 30 miles to the hatchery. The warmer waters of Horn Creek will be mingled with the Marion Creek stream to provide temperature control.

Both Detroit Dam and Big Cliff Dam will be too high for fish ladders.

It's Not Like Reno

Marion County has proven an unhappy hunting ground for a former dice dealer from Las Vegas and Reno who pleaded guilty and was fined \$150 for illegal sale of intoxicants at the Cascade Rooms in Detroit.

"Things like that just don't go in this county," said Judge Felton in district court in Salem Tuesday. He told Ted Irzyk, 30:

"If you want to stay in operation it better be legal."

Irzyk told the court he had been a craps dealer in the Golden Nugget, a big gambling establishment in Las Vegas and in other joints in Reno.

He also said he and a partner had purchased the Cascade Rooms, a small rooming house remodeled from a private dwelling, for \$17,500 and had spent \$4000 remodeling it. In two years the site will be under the reservoir of the Detroit Dam.

A Salem paper in error involved Cascade Rooms with another case involving incidents in a Detroit hotel.