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## Looking Up and Down the Canyon

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The little trout who lived in the North Santiam, where his pappy, his grandpappy, his great and many times great grandpappies had swum to play with. It was a bright, sunny day, and he'd gone from Mehama to Idanha and found not a soul to frolic with.

The little rainbow trout's name was Reginald. The name reflected his aristocratic background, for his ancestors belonged to the highest society of piscatorial circles. And the North Santiam was their manor and their estate.

Reginald began to wonder where all his kinfolk and breed had gone to. Thereupon he was struck with a great resolution. With a mighty leap—in the same instant snagging a fly—he shouted:

"I shall investigate the situation!"  
When a fish, and especially a trout, decides to investigate something, he usually does better than a Congressional committee. With him, it's not just a fishing expedition. He abhors that phrase, for reasons you way well understand.

"I shall learn," said Reginald, "why there is such a dearth of my species in what has always been our native habitat."

So he went down below Mehama to the fish hatchery there.

"I am investigating," he said solemnly to one of the thousands of salmon departing, well-fed, from their home to make their way in the world, "how come I see no trout among you. I have the greatest respect for salmon—in fact, your eggs are a favorite delicacy of mine—but it still would be nice to know some of my own kinfolk who undoubtedly have grown up with you at your fine hatchery."

"Brother," said the salmon, "you've come to the wrong place."

"I fail to understand," said Reginald in his cultivated, if slightly supercilious manner.

"Friend, there's never been a trout here my lifetime."

"But this stream, the Santiam, is for us."

"Might of used to be," replied the salmon, with crude eloquence, if not with grammatical precision, "but it ain't no more. Try Marion Forks. A new hatchery's going up there."

"Thank you," answered Reginald gravely, "I will."

So before long he had made his way to that site of a new hatchery, and he inquired thereabout of any news on the future of rainbow trout in the projected new quarters. A grumpy frog told him a trout didn't have a chance up there. A sign said, "We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone," and the frog said: "That means trout."

Reginald was dismayed. He had heard of a great lake to be formed by a dam, and trout like lakes almost as much as the North Santiam.

Then Reginald made a great decision. "I will go to see the game commission!"

Now that was a very bold thing for a fish to do. It wouldn't be so bad for a salmon. Salmon have plenty of pull with that body. But for a trout!

So Reginald headed for the Willamette. He asked a catfish:

"Where will I find a member of the game commission?"

"Just go up and down the bank," was the reply, "until you see a pole with a worm on each end."

So he did. Somewhere between Salem and Portland he saw a worm on the hook end, that not even a sucker would have nibbled at. But he struck. He had a hard time staying on the hook, but he made it. Out of the water, he greeted the angler:

"Mr. Commissioner, I presume?"

The commissioner was somewhat astonished to be so addressed by a fish, "You're the first fish I ever caught who talked up to me."

"Perhaps it's because we don't speak the same language," Reginald remarked. That comment didn't quite sink in, for awhile. Reginald went on:

"Mr. Commissioner, I feel like the last of the Mohicans. I am a member of a vanishing race. Do you suppose we could hatch up a plan for a hat-

## Delinquency Charge Holds Mehama Man

R. L. Guillian, 64, Mehama, was released in \$1000 bail set by Justice of the Peace Harlow Weinrick in Albany on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Guillian was arrested by Chief of Police J. T. King and held in jail here briefly before being taken to Albany for preliminary hearing.

The arrest followed signing of a complaint by parents of a nine-year-old girl that Guillian had tried to molest her.

Following his arrest, Chief King said that several other cases of alleged offenses involving minor girls were reported to him, although no additional formal complaints were made.

Guillian was alleged to have tried to lure the girl with offer of a hand tooled bracelet. Several of the bangles were in his possession when he was searched.

Guillian worked in the Canyon as a flagman for a road construction company.

## Elkhorn Road Job Planned for Fall

The Marion County Court put the Gates-Elkhorn road improvement on the program for September, it was announced this week in Salem.

Commissioner Roy Rice said that work cannot begin before the current oiling projects are finished, but that the road across the ridge to the Little North Fork community is on the schedule immediately thereafter.

The road is two miles up and two miles down. It has been impassable during the winter months, and can not be driven over by most vehicles.

The road, when completed, will provide access into the North Santiam Canyon (the road into Mehama is frequently blocked during the winter) and shortens the distance by ten miles or more for the Elkhorn people to reach a trading area.

## Club Owner Jailed On Gaming Count

H. C. (Tex) Keller was arrested here on a charge of possession of gambling equipment following a raid Tuesday afternoon on a club he operates about a half mile east of Mill City on the county road.

The arrest was made by Chief of Police J. T. King Wednesday and was held in jail here until Linn County officers placed him in the county jail in Albany.

The raid Tuesday was made by Sheriff Mike Southard. He reported finding slot machines, cards and poker tables.

Keller took over a large home several weeks ago and began selling memberships in the Santiam Recreation Club, Inc. for \$10 apiece. He was designated as president, and Jack Rainwater, former welterweight boxer, of Salem, was listed as manager.

Bail was set here at \$250, but the amount of bond now that he is in Albany may be changed.

Keller is a Texan, about 45, and has been in Oregon for the past four years.

## FOURTH PLANS CANCELED

Plans for a Fourth of July picnic here at the park have been canceled by the Lions Club.

chery on the North Santiam?"

"Got a hatchery there?"

"Sure, but the last trout hatched there came, like Jonah, as an undigested egg in a salmon's gullet, a pure accident."

"I'll put the matter on the agenda," said the commissioner.

"What's an agenda?"

"Don't know for sure. Ask the highway department. It has something to do with matters that are filed and forgotten."

The commissioner mechanically began to remove Reginald from the hook and opened his basket.

"You can't do that to me," said Reginald, "I'm only 5 1/2 inches long."

## An Industry Dies: An Obituary

With a casual stroke of a pen the present owners of the Mill City Manufacturing Co struck off in a moment this week what had taken years of labor and sacrifice to build.

The words the pen wrote were: Junk it!

The men who deal in junk are here. They're figuring on the machinery—that used to be the sinews of a fine local industry and the tools of livelihood for 150 families—at so much per pound. Here, and there a machine will go to another mill—to produce lumber and payrolls for others. But unquestionably the industry itself is all being junked.

The mill was built by the donated labor of many men here—left stranded by the junking of another enterprise, the Hammond mill here. Most of the workers who gave their labor to that effort are either too old to start out again, or too disillusioned to try—remembering how connivers grabbed, then tossed aside, their own mill.

Obituaries are written for human beings. Perhaps one ought to be penned for wrecked mills, ruined land or mismanaged endeavors they live by.

"Mill City M., born in travail, lived in prosperity, enriching its owner, died through neglect; survived by well-rewarded ingrates, plus a host of honest workmen, cast off as casually as the corpse was interred."

## Water System To Be Rebuilt

WATER . . . . .

An extensive rebuilding of water mains throughout Mill City is progressing rapidly, Mountain States Power Co. officials said this week.

An eight inch main from the new settling basin is being installed. It will be placed all the way to the Hilltop area. There it will be divided into two six inch mains going east and west. A large main has been laid to the CBI addition, serving a large new residential area of 50 or more homes there. Next on the list for the Linn county side is a six inch main down Broadway.

The entire Marion County portion will be served with larger mains when the project is completed, and a new tank will be installed, according to R. L. Stewart, Stayton, district manager.

R. B. McClain of Newport, Wash., has been added to the local staff of the company.

Mr. Stewart explained a recent power break of three hours in the early morning as the result of construction work in connection with the new Bonneville line. The shutdown was scheduled for an hour, but construction difficulties prolonged it.

## Queen Dethroned At Bean Festival

Down in Stayton they figure either that the queen crop for the year is sorta dowdy or that time has come to give the honors off their Bean Festival to the male population. Anyway, the focus of attention to celebrate the bean harvest will be a boy, between six and eight, who'll bear the title of Jack of the eBanstock.

Any boy of that age may be entered, according to Gene Malecki, manager of the Festival. Voting for Jack will be by stubs from tickets purchased.

Jack will visit other towns prior to the festival July 26-30, dressed with a green hood cap, with red feather, green tights, long pointed green shoes and green cape.

The winner will be crowned July 26. Tickets are on sale at the Stayton variety store.

## WOMEN PLAN BALL TEAM

A women's softball team was being organized this week by Mrs. Missan Weston. They met Thursday on the school diamond.

## BOY SCOUTS NET \$100

The local boy scout troop which had a concession at the Santiam Riders rodeo cleared about \$100. The Cubs netted about \$15 selling popcorn.

# Pick Dam Townsite

## Young Recorder Subs as Judge

Mill City's youthful city recorder became judge for a night last Friday and meted out a stiff sentence to a culprit charge with drunken driving.

City Judge Don Sheythe was out of town because of illness of Mrs. Sheythe.

Appearing before the pinching magistrate was Henry Schick, construction worker. He pleaded guilty and Judge Ragsdale, with the aplomb of an experienced jurist, said:

"\$254.50. Drivers license suspended."

## More Store Frontage to Be Erected

Building operations here took another spurt this week with the announcement of an additional 75 feet of new frontage ready for construction.

The new buildings include a self-service laundry, which will be built on First St. by John L. Anderson, who till recently operated a similar business in Portland, and an automotive body shop, which will start construction after the Fourth. The latter business is that of L. A. Knolls of Lebanon.

Mr. Davidson said he is building a structure 24 by 52 feet of pumice block. It will house extensive equipment, including washing machines, tumble dryers, an extractor and several mangles. Service will include wet wash, rough dry for bundles.

Work is scheduled to start July 5 on a body and fender shop to be built by L. A. Knolls, Lebanon. Dimensions are 40 by 50 feet.

Elsewhere, in the building picture, the Red and White store, being built by Yoder and Martin, Corvallis contracting firm, for Faust & Ross, is showing rapid progress. Roofing is finished, the outside walls ready for stuccoing, and considerable work has been done on the interior.

The new building will give Faust & Ross considerably more floor space than they have had in their present quarters.

The Carl Construction Co., Salem, completed most of the form work for the vault of the new Mill City State Bank quarters on the corner of First and Front Sts. The building, a landmark in Mill City for over 30 years, will undergo complete modernization inside and out.

The big building being constructed for a preview dance July 9, Albert for the Hilltop Store will be ready Toman, proprietor, announced Tuesday. The public is invited. The Volunteer Firemen will give a show at 8:30 and dance music will be provided by Arey Podrabsky's orchestra. Date of the grand opening will be set later.

Vern Kruse of North Bend, Ore., is building an eight-unit, ultra modern auto court one and one-half miles east of Lyons on Highway 222, and a trailer court will be laid out in connection. Completion of the trailer court is scheduled in a week, and the first four units of the auto court in three weeks. Mrs. Betty R. Kruse will have charge of the court.

The manse of the Presbyterian Church is being moved, preparatory to the construction of a business block on the site.

## SCHOOL TRACT COMPLETED BY SHELTON PURCHASE

The property of Glen Shelton was prechosed this week by School District 129 J, and the purchase gives the school a complete and unbroken tract from the park to the east end of the athletic field.

Mr. Shelton will build a home on a four-acre parcel on the river road.

## AIR SHOW TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the air show Sunday, July 17, went on sale this week at the Mill City Tavern.

## Dam to Set Firm, Opines Tunnel Man

The engineers really picked a good spot for the Detroit Dam.

That is the opinion of G. J. Shea, of the Shea Co., Alhambra, Calif., which has the subcontract for digging a 25 foot diversion tunnel 1500 feet long.

"It's tough drilling, but it's very substantial rock," he remarked, after returning to the Mill City office of Consolidated Builders, Inc., main contractors on the 450 foot hydroelectric dam on the North Santiam River between Mill City and Detroit.

First blast for the tunnel, which will divert the river around the damsite, was set off Tuesday. Another was exploded Wednesday. A crew of about 100 will be employed on the subcontract when work gets fully under way soon.

(Russell Hoffman, general manager of CBI, said this week that about 350 are directly employed by his company. In addition, more than 100 are working at the clearing subcontract for the R. W. Byers Construction Co.

The initial work on the diversion tunnel is being done at the upper river portal. Mr. Shea said that drills of six feet or more are made for each blast.

Burning of brush and debris progressed rapidly over the week end because weather conditions were favorable. Despite the high humidity, lines of hose were strung above the burning area, with a 24 hour-a-day watch kept. Byron Bates, local warden, was on hand to protect non-federally owned forest.

## 150 Planes Due for Hop

Over 150 planes will swarm over Mill City and land at Davis airport July 17, response to invitations sent out indicate, Byron Davis, owner of the field, said today.

The Sunday morning breakfast hop is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce here, and leads off a big Mill City Aviation Day, climaxed by an air show in the afternoon.

The Sportsmen's Pilots Assn. has informed Mr. Davis and Ted Galbraith, manager of the airport, that they can expect 150 or more planes that day.

Wayne Lyons flew his own plane to the Davis airport here from Bakersfield, Calif., to visit friends and relatives in Mill City.

Another plane piloted by Mrs. Wright of Redding, Calif., with a passenger, R. W. Byers, contractor, landed at the airport Wednesday. Mr. Byers was flown here, on business. He has the subcontract for clearing at the damsite. The plane was a 145-Cessna.

The Mill City Chamber of Commerce will discuss plans for the hop, which it is sponsoring, at next Thursday's meeting. A committee met today with its chairman, Lowell Stiffner to work out details.

## BODY FOUND IN LAKE

A search of 29 days for the body of Joe Harris, Stayton, ended at Suttle Lake Saturday. His body was located and taken to Stayton for burial. Funeral services were held Sunday. He was a brother of Milo Harris of Idanha.

Mr. Harris was born in Sublimity June 21, 1906. He was married about 29 years ago to Miss Carol Payne and five children were born to their union.

Mrs. George Barney, Idanha, is a sister, and Albert Harris, also Idanha, is another brother.

Mr. Harris operated a machine shop and garage in Stayton.

Lloyd Wood of Bend is spending several week here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood.

## Breitenbush Location Is Chosen

The permanent townsite for personnel on the Detroit Dam has been chosen, and bids have been invited for laying out a townsite, it was announced Thursday by Col. Jack Miles, resident army engineer.

The site of the 48 home townsite will be on the new route of Highway 222 about a mile west of Breitenbush bridge, on the shoreline of the lake to be formed by the Detroit dam. Fifteen homes are to be built in the fiscal year beginning July 1. Initial bids, called this week, are for the preparation of the townsite.

New call for bids was issued by the Portland office of the Army Engineers this week for grading, embankment construction and drainage for streets, parking areas and building sites, and surfacing of streets and parking areas.

Second phase is for the construction of water supply and sewer systems.

Third phase is for construction of a motor repair shop and warehouse.

Fourth phase is an aerial electrical distribution systems and a substation.

Work will be awarded either separately or as a whole to one bidder, Col. O. E. Walsh, district engineer, said.

In Mill City, the CBI addition was getting ready for its first residents in about three weeks.

The new town, which will be planned and landscaped, will be set in one of the most beautiful spots in the Canyon. At that point the lake will have a gradual sloping shore. The townsite will be about four miles from the dam.

Col. Miles said that it had been decided to speed up the pace of clearing operations in the reservoir. At present about 500 acres (there are more than 4000 in all) have been let under contract.

The last two portions were contracted to the Thompson-Hendrierson Co. of Tillamook and to George Shroyer of Philomath.

Col. Miles also announced that an important meeting on land and property acquisition will be held next week in Detroit with citizens there. He said the land acquisition program also will be speeded up.

Last week the Corps of Engineers reported that the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, was the apparent low bidder on two 70,000 hp. hydraulic turbines for the Detroit Dam.

Col. Walsh said the locomotive company bid \$1,312,465, but that the Woodward Governor Co. of Rockford, Ill., was low on the governing equipment with an offer of \$61,107.

Contract specifications call for delivery of the turbines May 15, 1952 and May 1, 1953.

Bids were to be opened Thursday, this week by Bonneville Power Administration for clearing right of way on the Mt. Hood forest section of the Maupin-Detroit 230 kv. line.

The section to be cleared is about 5 1/2 miles from the damsite to the Warm Springs reservation boundary and the right-of-way will be 175 ft. wide. Work is to be completed in 150 days.

Announcement of the bids was made by W. E. Trammershansen, of Eugene, district manager of BPA.

## CONVENTION HERE JULY 10

A Sunday school convention for the district will be held at the Mill City Church of Christ July 10.

Local people invited to attend the Salem Hospital drive dinner July 7 include Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ross, Mr. and Mrs. George Laird and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolverton.

Guests at a birthday dinner for Clayton Baltimore at his home Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duffy, Mrs. Louis Slaton, Miss Nancy Johnson and John Sugrue.