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Looking Up and Down the Canyon

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Many of the great dams in the country have been built in areas far away from large centers of population. Ft. Peck Dam was out in the middle of a wasteland. So was Grand Coulee. Even Bonneville did not hold much of the population that built the great dam in the Columbia.

But there have been others which provided the basis for great recreation areas after they were built. At Boulder Dam a large city is maintained by extensive tourist trade. The Shasta Dam brought a stable prosperity and increased population to Redding, Calif. Even the smaller dams completed in the Willamette Valley Project are attracting thousands annually to the lakes formed by them.

Detroit Dam, and its reservoir are particularly favored in location. A million or more people live within 100 miles. A splendid highway leads to the site of an inland lake which will have a shoreline of 45 miles, an ideal spot for summer homes as well as a year-round retreat.

I'm not opposed to people making money—even the government. We'd all like to see the federal investment of what may be \$100,000,000 in this Canyon pay off to the profit of the people of the United States who are putting up the money for Detroit and Big Cliff Dams. Electric power produced at the dams will pay the cost, no doubt, in time. But in the meantime, a great resource would be neglected if that was the total product from the North Santiam to the government.

Little expense, if any, would have to be incurred to open the reservoir region for recreational purposes. In fact, Uncle Sam would be on the receiving end for a change — if this 45 miles of shoreline were opened on a lease basis for building summer homes, boat camps, fishing headquarters, lodges and hotels. In course of time the waters of the lake will wear beaches here and there — providing at least one spot, outside of Breitenbush, where folks can swim without freezing.

Now seems the time for the agencies concerned — the Forest Service, the State Park Bureau and the Army Engineers to get together on a recreation plan for the entire area. It will pay dividends to all concerned: in money to the Treasury; in giving to the Northwest a new and beautiful playground; and in providing an economic base for the people who have made their home in the Canyon for many years.

Such a recreation area should have a town to trade at. For years Detroit has been that, for permanent residents and vacationers in the upper Canyon. Why cannot the present Detroit be relocated, so that those who want to remain in business can do so? So that those who want to live there may have homesites on which to build?

There's another matter, which ought to be taken care of soon—the matter of providing for future game fish for the reservoir. At present the plans for the Marion Forks hatchery are hardly adequate for the cultivation of trout. The reservoir, in the opinion of sportsmen, would be perfect for game fish. Yet the stress in the hatchery plan is on salmon. The Northwest needs the Detroit Dam's kilowatts, but it also needs new fishing areas—and the reservoir is a natural.

It takes imagination to plan a program as successful and big as the breakfast hop and the air show to be put out to be.

And without subtracting one whit of credit from all who contributed to the success of our first Aviation Day, a lion's share of the plaudits should go to Byron Davis, of Davis Airport, whose work and faith in its success made it just that.

Nor should we forget Ted Galbraith, whose expert direction helped to make the program run smoothly; nor the local fliers, who handled a stream of 160 to 175 planes with efficiency and smoothness and who added to the Chamber of Commerce, for not so much to the afternoon show;

7 Detroiters Held After Gaming Raid

Seven Detroiters were arrested early Sunday morning in a surprise gambling raid led by Marion County Sheriff Deiver Young.

Eight deputies, the district attorney and two state policemen joined in the raid.

Fred Johnson, Detroit, and Carl Manasco, Idanha, were charged with operating gambling games and were released in \$250 bail.

Five alleged players paid \$100 bail. They are Joe Wright, Clifton Veal, Harry Rutherford, Arthur Edwards and William Manning, all of Detroit.

The raiders entered three establishments simultaneously.

Meanwhile, in Detroit, opinion was divided on the raids. Some residents were saying that the county had in the past neglected many needs in the community, particularly health conditions, while at the same time making a big thing of minor infractions of the law.

Others voiced opinions that the raid would be a warning to those who might come here to take advantage of boom conditions.

Recreation Officers Picked

The Detroit Dam Recreation Ass'n. approved by-laws and constitution and elected officers in a fast-moving meeting Monday night at the mess hall.

Norm Quall was elected president; Mrs. Lewis McDaniel, vice-president; and Ben Hellwig, secretary. Winning places on the board of directors were: Ray Overholzer, Mrs. Pat Crawford, Hubert Lisle, Mrs. William Vealey, Bill Smith, Harry Rutherford, and Kenny Moore of the Forest Service.

The officers are automatically members on the board of directors, making a board of ten with resident engineer, Lt. Colonel J. W. Miles an ex-officio member. The board of directors will manage all affairs of the Association. Term of office is six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Rus Smith represented Camp Mongold at the meeting held at the Gates schoolhouse on July 15 to draw plans for the participation of local groups in the North Santiam Highway dedication Aug. 14. A number of Mongold residents were appointed to serve on committees and met at the home of Guy Moore on Wednesday evening to be briefed on their duties.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Salomy Hinkle, former resident of Mill City, died in the Albany Hospital last week. She was buried in Belcrest Cemetery in Salem.

providing a real hospitality to the visiting armien.

Smith Heads for Race With Horse

Paul Smith is going to Lebanon this week end to try out on the Meadows racetrack where he will race a horse for 75 miles July 24.

Meanwhile, offers are coming in to Mill City's famous marathoner, has received an offer to help organize another Banyan Derby. He completed last year.

Smith says he'll beat the horse by three miles—if the nag can stand up for the distance.

4000 View Air Show

Upwards of 4000 people were at Davis Airport Sunday for Mill City's Aviation Day, and a successful air show and breakfast hop were presented.

Highlight of the day was a close call on the landing field in the morning when two planes hit the strip at about the same time from different directions.

George Gregg, Portland pilot, averted a tragedy by giving his engine the gun, taking off again and veering to the north to get out of the path of an onrushing Cessna. He fortunately whirled back to the south to miss a clump of trees. His act won top prize for the best airmanship of the breakfast hop.

About 150 or 160 planes landed on the field Sunday morning, and were given a breakfast by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Many stayed for the air show in the afternoon.

The air show began with a bang when eight P-51 fighters of the 123d Fighter Squadron, Oregon National Guard buzzed the field at a speed of over 400 miles an hour.

Ted Galbraith, manager of the local field, starred in several performances during the afternoon. Glen Robers, Wayne Kerr and Ken Chance showed up well in several stunts.

Byron Davis, owner of the field, extended his thanks to the many of the Chamber and individuals for their contributions toward the success of the day. He said he plans to make it an annual affair.

SPRINGS HOUSING PLANNED

Several new buildings soon will be under way at Breitenbush Springs, with Joe Leis, Detroit, as builder.

Mr. Leis was awarded contracts for a two-story building for V. A. Neugebauer of Portland; a one-story building, five rooms and bath for Bill Danner, Portland; and an addition to Father Neugebauer's residence. As soon as plans are approved by the Forest Service, Mr. Leis will start construction on a new chapel for Father Neugebauer. At present, in an open air chapel last Sunday, over 40 attended the services.

Mr. Leis is employing four carpenters and a stone mason.

The Chamber of Commerce is planning a large sign at each entrance to the city. The plan was discussed at Thursday's meeting.

Detroit Order OK'd

Siamese Twin Trout Caught

A small trout about seven inches in length was caught by J. Riddell of Portland in Marion Creek Sunday. It was known as a hetero siamese twin. The larger one was of normal size and the smaller one measured about three inches. The connection was through the side along the mid lateral line. Evidence showed that the smaller fish had been feeding for about five months anyway. The trout was of the rainbow species. Tom McKee of the Fish Commission said it was a rare specimen as nearly all deformed fish die before reaching that size.

New Clearing Bids Asked

Bonneville Power Administration is calling for bids for clearing the right-of-way for the Willamette Forest section of the Maupin-Detroit 230 kv transmission line. It was announced today by W. E. Tromershausen, manager of its Southwestern district.

A right-of-way 125 feet in width is to be cleared in the area between Breitenbush and the Detroit Dam site.

Already, logging and road operations are going on in advance of the construction of the line, which is to be part of the Goldendale-Detroit-Goshen 230 kv transmission line.

Buses to Be Added To Damsite

Hamman Stage Lines of Salem has announced it will begin an extended service to and from Salem to the Detroit Dam next Monday, to serve the day shift.

Workers may leave Salem early in the morning and return at the conclusion of the day shift at about 4:30. The bus headed for Salem will go through Mill City about 5.

Special commuting rates for the daily trip have been set up. The service is available to the general public.

The added schedule will be week days only.

SHOE SHOP TO OPEN

Keimitt (Dick) Morse, of Portland, will open a shoe repair shop on Broadway next week. He will be located in a remodeled building on the C. E. Coville property next to Stiffleer's radio shop. The shop will be called Dick's Shoe Shop.

DRIVER TESTS COMING

A driver's license examiner will be in Mill City at the Fire hall July 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the closing hour. It is also advisable to get a booklet on traffic laws to study for the examination.

MRS. CARTER BURIED HERE

Funeral services for Mrs. Ellen B. Carter, 77, who died at her home in Lebanon, were held in the Mill City Christian Church last Wednesday. Interment was in the Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. Carter was born in Michigan in 1872 and came to Oregon 47 years ago. She was a charter member of the Christian Church here.

Surviving are five daughters: Mrs. Fannie Brown, Moundsville, W. Va.; Mrs. Bessie Yeoman, Los Angeles; Mrs. Alma Plymale, Lebanon; Mrs. Rosa Kauffman, Portland; and Mrs. Evelyn Billings, Yamhill; one son, Edwin Carter, Sweet Home; and a brother, Arthur Baskin, Washington state.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET

Members of the Mill City Garden Club will meet Thursday evening, July 28, for their regular monthly session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shaw. The subject will be lawns.

U.S. Given Right to Take Over

The Marion County Court was served Wednesday with a copy of an order by the United States District Court giving immediate possession to the U. S. of Detroit and its environs.

The Corps of Army Engineers was expecting the order to be issued, following a hearing in Portland before Judge James Alger Fee of the U. S. District Court there July 12. The motion of the government to take possession was unopposed, except for minor stipulations made by Frazier Small, attorney.

But the problem of finding another townsite for the upper Canyon community, which lies in the reservoir area, is still unsolved, although Col. J. W. Miles, resident engineer at the dam, indicated there might be a solution.

Col. Miles said Tuesday that the site of old Camp 26, still the property of the Hammond Lumber Co. whose operations dominated the Canyon for 25 years, might be the site. The portion of the lumber company's property above the water line will be returned to it, and it would be up to the Hammond interests to make it available for another townsite.

North Santiam Highway to Open Aug. 14

The North Santiam Highway will be officially opened for traffic Aug. 14, connecting central Oregon with the Willamette Valley with a modern highway for the first time.

The opening date, it was learned, was based partly on the need for an earlier start on the Detroit Dam's north wall, now delayed by rail and road problems.

A \$195,000 surfacing contract has been awarded. This work is expected to start very soon.

Plans for choosing a queen to rule at the dedication ceremonies for the North Santiam Highway Aug. 14 at the site of the new Breitenbush bridge were completed Friday evening at Gates.

A delegation of 15 from Idanha, Mongold and Detroit met with the Gates members of the committee. Edison Vickers, Idanha, president of the Canyon Commercial Club of Detroit and Idanha, was chairman of the meeting.

It was decided that any girl in the area from Gates to Idanha from the ages of 14 to 17 inclusive is eligible. Judging of the contestants will take place at an amateur night at the Canyon Theater in Detroit Aug. 6, when talent will be drawn from the communities involved and judges will be from outside the area.

The Queen contestants for the dedication of the North Santiam Highway to be held August 14 are requested to meet at the Detroit High School on Monday evening, July 25 at 8 P. M.

Contestants will be judged for poise, personality and beauty. Four princesses also will be chosen to accompany the queen. On Aug. 12, a ball for the queen will be given in Detroit—place to be announced later.

Plans are to have cars coming from valley towns to be assembled into a caravan at Gates. This caravan will be led by the governor, Douglas McKay, according to Mr. Vickers. A sound truck will be used to point out various places of interest en route.

Mr. Vickers appointed Jerry Lyons of Gates to arrange for a float in the Stayton Bean Festival with appropriate banners and slogans to advertise the dedication. Mr. Parker, also of Gates, was designated to see about getting banners and signs.

The proposed site now has a new school building which the government built for the upper Canyon district.

At a recent Detroit hearing the problems of acquiring the land on which Detroit now stands were given a hearing, and the fall of 1951 was the tentative estimate of the time when its people would have to go.

Detroit just doesn't want to fold up and die.

That idea was forcefully expressed by citizens attending a public hearing in the town for the reservoir of the Detroit dam were aired. Government men confronted with questions from the townsfolk could give not assurance of another townsite, according to a transcript of the meeting.

Spot sought as a townsite for another Detroit is in the area of old Camp 26 of the Hammond Lumber Co.

Here are excerpts of the meeting:

Raymond Sophy (Detroit merchant): I would like to ask the proceeding necessary to have the government open up an area of land above the reservoir that could be acquired by the individual to build a new townsite.

O. L. Hoffman (chief of real estate division, Army Engineers): I am afraid we can't do that.

Mr. Sophy: Would it be possible to take National Forest land, say, knock off a portion along the main highway?

Mr. Hoffman: You will have to talk with the Forest Service regarding that.

Mr. Sophy: In the condemnation proceedings, could you condemn Forest Service lands for that purpose?

Mr. Hoffman: No, we couldn't, because their land already belongs to the United States. You might consult with the Forest Service. I believe one of their men is here tonight.

S. T. Moore (U. S. Forest Service): No, I don't believe that we could do that.

Mrs. Cal Schlador: As for the people who want to stay here in the canyon, is there no way that they can establish another village?

Mr. Hoffman: Unfortunately, the laws make no provision for that whatsoever. There used to be a Rural Resettlement Administration that would help people in this predicament, but I don't know whether it is still functioning. The Flood Control makes no provision for resettling people.

In the Tennessee Valley, many of the people were re-established after it was flooded.

Mr. Hoffman: That's right, it was the Rural Resettlement Administration that took care of them.

Mrs. Joseph Leis: I was going to ask if there is any possible site that the people could have. People don't want to leave here.

Mr. Hoffman: That's the way it is. Mrs. Leis: We don't want the government to take our home and exchange it for another piece of land. If we sell it, we'll buy another, but I would like to know where we can buy.

Mrs. Clester: I have had two letters from the Hammond Lumber Co. stating that they can't sell their land until the government releases it back to them.

Mr. Hoffman: If the Forest Service have decided to move elsewhere, we may be able to release it back to them.

MRS. JACKSON HEADS LODGE

Mrs. Dean Jackson was installed last week as noble grand of Santiam Rebekah Lodge. Other officers are:

Vice grand, Carmen Stafford; secretary, Bertha Baltimore; treasurer, Hazel Nelson. Appointive officers: Mabel Veteto, warden; Julia Bassett, conductor; Frances Merrill, chaplain; Ruby Brisbin, musician; Alura Chance, RSNB; Ida Fleetwood, LSNB; Blanche Syverson, RSVG; Laurel Brown, LSVG; Margaret Liberty, inside guardian; Alma Thomas, outside guardian; and Eva Duffy, flag bearer. District officers conducting installation were Ruby Brisbin, deputy marshal; Vera Hathaway, deputy warden; and deputy secretary-treasurer, Ida Fleetwood. The retiring noble grand, Wilma Stewart, presented gifts to her officers. Mrs. Maude McKittrick was reinstated into the lodge.



Joan's first demand of the captains is to reform the army's morals. They refuse, so she appeals directly to the men and convinces them that they are dedicated to a Holy cause. A few days later, she gives the order which sends the French Army into battle before Orleans.

in the play "Joan of Arc," starring Ingrid Bergman, coming to the Mill City Theater Tuesday and Wednesday.