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The people are uniting. All thinking citizens will work to the best of their ability to fulfill this great community need. This is a call for service, in order that when the decision on whether or not your children should build their future homes in this Canyon—the answer will not be: "Sorry, we have no future here for your talents!" Be a good samaritan to your neighbor, to your own family, and perhaps, some day, to yourself.

Our fellow citizens—busy men—will work in an unselfish manner in the campaign to make possible the success of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce. It should not be necessary for these men to "sell" you on the need of a canyon-wide chamber of commerce. It should not be a question of how little, but how much you can do in the way of supporting the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce.

The true parent places human values above property values. He or she is intelligent and humane. He or she does not use false alibis for failure to do his or her duty by his or her family and community.

There is nothing more important than protecting the future of those who live in this part of the North Santiam valley and canyon area. This section is growing and expanding industrially, agriculturally and commercially—bringing an increased demand for a canyon-wide chamber of commerce for those who are employed on our farms, in our industries and in business.

The newly formed North Santiam Chamber of Commerce's future rests upon the shoulders of all good citizens. This is your Chamber of Commerce, planned to serve the following areas: Idanha, Detroit, Gates, Mill City, Lyons, Mehama, Elkhorn, Sublimity and Stayton.

There can be no such thing as city boundaries. The question is: "Will we accept the opportunity that is now offered—to make this a wonderful place in which to live?" We must accept it now or waste a timely and golden opportunity.



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BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

Widow Curses Legacy Ending Faith Built During a Lifetime

By BILLY ROSE

Whenever an out-of-towner says, "What have you got in New York that we haven't got in Punxsutawney," I throw a copy of the Manhattan Classified Phone Directory at him. On page 1067, listed under "Missing Heirs," is a man named Theodore W. Roth whose business it is to find money.

I first heard of this gent on a radio program and this morning, in a mood to muse and meander, I stopped in to see him at his office on West 42nd Street.

"Glad to see you," said Mr. Roth. "You don't happen to be related to a Sam Bramson of Paterson, do you?"

"Not that I know of," I said. "Too bad," said Mr. Roth. "Bramson left a hundred thousand dollars and I'm trying to find a relative I can give it to."

"Is there much unclaimed money lying around?"

"About eight billion dollars," said Mr. Roth, "mostly in forgotten bank accounts, stock held in escrow, uncollected insurance policies and inheritances nobody has claimed."



Billy Rose

"WHAT'S THE biggest case you ever worked on?" I asked.

"The Garrett case in Philadelphia," said Mr. Roth. "Back in 1930 a lady named Henrietta Edwina Garrett died and left property worth forty million dollars. So far over six thousand people have claimed it, six of them have been thrown into jail, a couple have committed suicide, and several lawyers have been disbarred for phoneying up evidence. One of the applicants was Adolph Hitler who argued that the next of kin was a German citizen and that the money should be sent to the Fatherland. I'm happy to report he didn't get a dime."

"You must meet a lot of screwballs in your profession," I said.

Mr. Roth dug into his desk and brought out a letter. It was from a woman in Massachusetts who claimed that one of her ancestors had deced a cranberry bog to an Indian squaw, but that the deed was faulty and she wanted

the property back. The bog, she explained, is now known as Manhattan Island.

"Last year," Mr. Roth went on, "I got one that was even wackier. A girl in Texas wrote in to say that only a second cousin stood between her and a chunk of oil land worth a million dollars. She was planning a murder her kinsman, but before going to all that trouble she wanted me to check and make sure her claim to the estate would be clear and undisputed. I, of course, turned the letter over to the police."

DO YOU HAVE any trouble collecting your fees?" I asked.

"As a rule," said the climber of family trees, "the heirs I turn up are pretty grateful. There have been cases, of course, where the only thanks I got was a dirty look."

"As for instance?"

"Well," said Mr. Roth, "there was the time a widow refused to believe me when I told her I had located a twelve-thousand-dollar bank account left by her husband. I finally convinced her to sign the necessary papers, but when I handed her the twelve thousand, she said, 'I curse the day I ever met you and I curse this money too.'"

"It turned out she had always loved her husband and was devoted to his memory, despite the fact that their life together had been a hard one. He had always pleaded poverty when she needed a dress or a new pair of stockings, and she had believed him. Now that she saw him for what he was, she was understandably bitter."

"Sure, twelve thousand dollars was a lot of money, but it had destroyed the faith of a lifetime."

Wild-Life Increase Pesters Citizens

By JEAN ROBERTS

Wild life of several species is increasing to the point of becoming a problem complain many persons in the Elkhorn area.

Three coyotes have been trapped recently by the government trapper, Vic Howard, near the Ed Taylor home. Bill Bickett, Elkhorn farmer, reports getting two shots at another coyote that was disturbing his livestock.

The coyote, a cowardly animal who usually preys at night, can cause considerable damage to chickens, ducks and young lambs.

Another animal, the raccoon, is a scourge to chicken raisers in rural areas. One was shot out of a tree last week, by Jimmy Phillips. They have become so numerous of late years that families in wooded areas do not attempt to raise poultry.

The present set-up of the fur market is blamed for the increased number of these predatory animals. Since long-haired fur is not in demand, trappers, other than government men, are turning their attention to more valuable pelts.

Several years ago the trapping of coyotes, which were then abundant, was a well paid profession. Trapping was done during the winter months when the pelt was most valuable, a trapper oftentimes "ran" a trap-line covering many miles.

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Editor, Mill City Enterprise, Dear Sir:

We thoroughly enjoyed the amateur show which the Lion's Club put on recently. It really was a splendid show one which must continue to be an annual affair.

One discordant note. I have to live with myself, so here goes.

There were many children in attendance. When we use a derogatory word such as "coon", referring to a Negro; when we impersonate the Negro people as being shiftless, stupid happy-go-lucky people, we are inculcating in our children false ideas about a large minority in our country who have contributed tremendously to our American culture and life.

It wasn't necessary to attack a race of people to make the show better. It stood on its own merits.

Sincerely, RUTH STOVALL

a set and a scent used in attracting the shrewd animal.

Raccoons were also trapped by local trappers. Coon pelt was then considered a fur that was always saleable.

The civet cat, a fur bearer which has been on the trappers "unfair" list for many years is one of the most numerous pests in this area. Small and unafraid of humans he will readily move into anyone's house that has any opening, to seek warmth and shelter. Feared by many because of his offensive odor he uses it only for protection, as for instance when pursued by a dog or startled by a human.

Strongest objection to this small fur bearer is his fondness for poultry. An entire flock can be wiped out in a single night by his activity. Poultry killed by this intruder are wounded in the neck. The flesh is seldom touched.

Almost identical in behavior is the mink. Although trapped extensively for years, he too, can find time to raid a hen house.

Foxes, notorious chicken thieves, are also on the increase. Many persons report seeing them at night.

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