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## History of City of Detroit Told by Boots Champion

**By Boots Champion**

DETROIT—The following is an article loaned to this reporter, with notes taken from the original copy, telling about how Detroit received its name, and some interesting history of the old town of Detroit.

The article appeared in the Capitol Journal March 4, 1963 according to the date on the clipping.

Thought it would of interest to our many readers.

According to the writer, historians report indicated that a man from Michigan opened a house of entertainment here and named the place Detroit. Construction crews for the Oregon Pacific Railroad were in the locality in 1889. The writer goes on to say, their presence may have accounted for the house of entertainment. Others say the first name for the community was Coe and Cove in Eastern Oregon confused postal authorities. So when the Post Office was established in October 16, 1891, Detroit got its name official.

The article goes on to say, settlers in the Willamette Valley 121 years ago were aware that French Canadian trappers, including Joseph Gervais, used an old trail up the North Santiam canyon and over the Cascades to reach the upper Deschutes and John Day Rivers.

Stephen Meek, who attempted to lead a party of immigrants into the Willamette over an easy route, also knew about this trail. But he couldn't find it, according to the writer. As a consequence, the suffering of his misguided party was severe.

The article goes on to say, in the middle 1870's John Minto was appointed by the Marion County Court to explore the upper Santiam canyon and try to discover a usable route over the Cascades into Central Oregon.

Oregon-Pacific Railroad, proposed route from Yaquina Bay, over the Cascades to form a junction with a transcontinental line in the

vicinity of Boise, generally followed the route indicated by John Minto, the article states Edward Culp, Southern Pacific representative, found a photograph showing Detroit and its railroad as they appeared before 1900. The picture accompanying the article shows the railroads old turn table in the foreground, and in the background an assortment of buildings that was old Detroit more than 64 years ago. That same turntable site was used by Southern Pacific years later, and the last trip was made by a logging train August 1949 during the construction of Detroit Dam.

When the water in the reservoir is down, the old town site is hardly recognizable due to the tremendous amount of silt covering the area.

In 1903 Detroit had a population of 100. Even then the area was well known as a paradise for the hunter and fisherman. Detroit today has a population of approximately 300.

In those days, 64 years ago, the writer says, there were four saw mills at Detroit and a company was considering construction of a flume that would float lumber to Salem. There are no saw mills in Detroit today. There was a General Store owned and operated by E. S. Hansen in those early days. In 1907 a heavy charge of dynamite was placed beneath a rented saloon at Detroit operated by a John Daly.

When the charge was detonated the saloon became atomized and the explosion was heard five miles away. No one bothered to report the fate of John Daly. Pending construction of the Detroit dam resulted in a cease building order for old Detroit in 1949.

A little later bids were invited by the Corps of Engineers for sale and removal of some 65 buildings located on the site for Detroit Dam Reservoir.

With the forming of Detroit Dam the majority of the old Detroit residents moved to the present town-site in the Spring of 1952, and elected to incorporate as a city in September of that same year.

## DETROIT IDANHA

**By Boots Champion**

Ron Wilkerson, Detroit Elementary principal, will participate in an Elementary principal's meeting at La-Grande October 9 and 10.

A washing machine fire at the Wash & Dry caused a bit of excitement Sunday morning. The machine shorted out and burned some of the wiring.

Visiting Wednesday and Thursday of last week at the Harold Champion home was Mrs. Champion's sister, Mrs. Lilly Gilmer of Salem.

Marine Lance Cpl. Neal Mason, who is home on a 20-day leave visited friends here for a few days before flying to San Francisco for a visit there with friends. He just returned from Vietnam, where he served at Chu-Lai and DaNang. Following his leave he will report to Camp Pendleton for active duty there.

A football game, Detroit Junior Hi vs. Stayton will be played here October 5 at 3 p. m. On Oct. 12 Detroit Junior High will play St. Mary's of Stayton there at 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tower, Idanha, accompanied by their daughter, Eileen, drove to Portland Saturday where she enrolled in business college. Miss Tower graduated with the class of 1965 and attended Mt. Angel last year. She is majoring in executive secretarial study.

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## LYONS

**By Eva Bressler**

A 6:30 pot luck supper will precede the regular meeting of Santiam Valley grange to be held Friday night Oct. 6. Guest speaker will be Cornelius Bateson, State Senator for Marion County. Agriculture will be his topic. He is a member of the McCleary grange. Election of officers will also be held. Mr. and Mrs. Therman Smith will be the hosts for this meeting.

Miss Joyce Scott, Miss Kathy Landwing and Miss Sue Hunter of Salem were Wednesday evening dinner guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Scott. The occasion honored the birthday anniversary of Joyce Scott. She and Miss Hunter are attending Beauty college and Miss Landwing is a graduate of the same school.

Mrs. Ethel Thayer underwent eye surgery for removal of a cataract at a Salem hospital Wednesday.

The first fall meeting of the Lyons Extension unit will be held at the Lyons Methodist church Thursday, October 12 at 10 a. m. Subject of the day will be "Weight Watch" with Mrs. Donald Huber and Mrs. John Kokstis as project leaders.

Jim Olmstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olmstead is confined to Santiam Memorial hospital this week due to injuries received while playing football with the Stayton High school team at Madras Saturday, September 23.

Mrs. Calvin Trahan underwent major surgery at the Santiam Memorial hospital on Wednesday morning.

Lt. and Mrs. Michael Cruson from Ft. Lewis, Wn., spent last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cruson. He left September 25 for Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Keintz from Eden, S. D., who were recent visitors at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Jungwirth and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fink, have returned from visiting relatives in California and will spend several days here again before returning home. Mrs. Keintz is a niece of Mrs. Jungwirth and Mr. Fink.

Friends in Lyons have received word from the Ramie Martells at Oceanlake that a fire last Sunday destroyed one unit of their motel and damaged three others.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones from Los Angeles spent a week with relatives here. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pietrok and Mr. and Mrs. William Grant. Mrs. Jones is a cousin of Mrs. Pietrok and Mrs. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Roten were Thursday evening guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shepherd at Mill City. They were among guests helping the Shepherds celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary.

A report from the Lyons Rural Fire district from January 1 to October 1 reports 23 fires. Eight structural fires with an estimated loss of \$18,225. Fifteen grass fires with no loss. Man hours 24. There were false alarms and 10 of the grass fires were in September.

E. L. Roy returned home Friday from Kingman, Ariz., with a truck load of new donkeys which he will train for his donkey basketball business. He was accompanied on the trip by Roy Brown Sr.

Sam Wizer, master of Santiam Valley grange is confined to Salem General hospital where he will undergo surgery.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roye were Mr. and Mrs. Arch Eberhardt of Silverton.

Mrs. Milton Roten is now employed at People's Telephone plant.

Mrs. E. L. Roye spent several days last week in Salem at the home of their daughter Mrs. Laddie Pesek and family.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Prichard were Mr. and Mrs. Hy Smith from Scappoose. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith and son from Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Smith and daughter from Sublimity, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Prichard from Lyons and Mrs. Kathryn Winters of Long Beach, Calif.

Miss Theresa Pietrok of Portland spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pietrok and Louise.

Mrs. Hannah Robinson has received word that her grandson, Dale Cook, who was serving with the Marines in Vietnam has been seriously injured. He has head and

chest wounds. He had been in Vietnam four months. He is also a nephew of Mrs. Wayne Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Scott were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Weaver and family at Estacada.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Miley have received word that their son, Robert, who is attending a technical school in California has been promoted to Airman second class.

Jim Tollen, 7th grade instructor at Mari-Linn spent eight weeks this summer in South Dakota where he attended the University of South Dakota under a National Science Foundation grant.

## Work Smarter . . Not Harder

**By Bernice Strawn  
Extension Home Management  
Specialist Oregon State**

**BETTER CHECK THE GLIDES** on the bottoms of chair legs to prevent dents on the resilient floors advise Mrs. Dorothy Brown, OSU Extension home furnishings.

Most types of floor coverings will show indentations if glides are rounded instead of flat. The larger the flat surface, the better.

Take a look around the variety of floor covering stores. You will find a wide selection of protectors to help keep your floors in good shape.

## GUARD AGAINST MILDEW.

This unpleasant summer problem is caused by a microscopic mold.

These molds are always in the air and will grow in places which are damp, warm, dark or poorly ventilated. So avoid these conditions, and you will have no mildew problems.

Dampness can be removed from closets by use of a chemical sold in cloth bags which may be hung in the area. A small light bulb placed near the floor of the closet helps prevent mildew in clothing.

Musty odors are a sign of mildew. These usually disappear if the area is well ventilated and dried. If necessary, use a diluted solution of chlorine bleach (one-half to one cup in a gallon of water) to remove musty odor from bathroom floors and tiled walls.

Aerosol sprays are available that help remove musty odors and also contain chemicals which discourage mildew growth. Be sure to follow directions on the label. Chemicals which prevent mold growth are also available in crystal and powder form.

## DO NEW REFRIGERATORS cost more to operate?

If you are replacing a 15-year-old, nine-cubic foot, manual frost model with a 14-cubic foot refrigerator-freezer, it will double your operating

cost. This is reasonable, because you have much more space and more electricity is needed to maintain the below-zero temperature in the freezer.

There is only a small difference in operating cost between the completely frostless models and the type with automatic defrost in the refrigerator section only.

## School Leaders Named at Detroit

DETROIT—The following students have been selected to office at Detroit High school recently:

Student Council: president, Dennis Tower; vice president, Jim Hiebert; secretary-treasurer, Dorsey Smith; business managers, Laura Storey and Linda Roth.

J. V. Cheerleaders: Karen Peterson, Diana Williamson and Carol Thomason.

Senior Class Officers: president, Ken Tower; vice president, Laura Storey; secretary-treasurer, Chris Rogers; student council representative Alfred Clark.

Junior class: president, Jeff Drago; vice president, Jim Hiebert; secretary-treasurer, Terresa Tompkins, student council representative, Linda Roth.

Sophomores: president, Lyle Rogers; vice president, Dorsey Smith; secretary-treasurer, Barbara Stephen; student council representative, Jim Morgan.

Freshmen: president, Earl Diment; vice president, Vickie Bozman; secretary-treasurer, Diana Williamson; student council representative, Mike Williamson.

## Kayle Zimmerman On Aircraft Carrier

Yeoman Kayle L. Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith L. Zimmerman of Rt. 1, Lyons, and the husband of the former Miss Beverly O. Edwards of Cottonwood, Ariz., has returned to Newport, R. I. after a four-month deployment to Northern Europe and the Mediterranean aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Essex.

During the deployment the Essex participated in NATO operations with Norwegian, Danish and Dutch navies. The operation consisted of detecting, localizing, tracking and simulated kills of enemy submarines.

The Essex was also on a good will mission and hosted more than 35,000 visitors from Hamburg, Germany.

Employers - the message of National Employ the Handicapped Week this week is hire the handicapped. If not an employer, you can still help. Many handicapped people looking for jobs need training and experience first. They can get this training and experience from non-profit Goodwill Industries. Those whose disabilities are so severe they cannot compete for normal jobs can work in Goodwill's sheltered work shop. Help given to Goodwill gives employment to the

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