

# Lewis River Power Projects Lure Motorloggers on One-Day Journey

Visitors Welcomed By PP&L at Merwin And New Yale Dams

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Yale and Merwin dams are only two of the points of interest on a leisurely one-day loop drive we took from Portland into some of the fastnesses of Clark and Cowlitz counties, on a motorlog for The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor association.

In the motor association's white Ford, we clocked 150 miles on the round trip, which took eight hours, counting stops to eat and to gawk.

From Portland to Vancouver across the Interstate bridge it was familiar territory on U. S. highway 99, which would have led the Ford directly to Woodland, junction for the road to Merwin dam. But in Vancouver for novelty we turned instead to the left onto state highway 1-T.

Approaching Ridgefield, 23 miles from Portland on the speedometer, we caught a fine prospect out across the flats toward the Columbia, paused at an intersection inside the city limits and swung easterly, to the right.

### Pacific Highway Crossed

This road intersected the main Pacific highway, U. S. 99, a little more than two miles later, and again it's possible to take it straight to Woodland. We were still unburied and adventurous, however, so we crossed the speedway and continued east two miles farther to Pioneer.

At that crossroads we joined

the old Pacific highway, which now seems narrow and winding in contrast to its replacement. Abandoned gas pumps and dance halls along the way attest the spotty traffic now that there's a straighter road. Woodland, home of showplace lilac gardens, is the junction for the PP&L dams and Yale, and we headed the white car east over state highway 1-S. It's easy going for 12 miles through alternating timber and farmland, with an occasional glimpse of the Lewis, its flow harnessed by the two power dams upstream, to Merwin dam and picnic grounds.

The picnic area attracts swarms of people all the summer long, and it's understandable after even a casual inspection of the facilities—tables and benches for groups large or small, free electric plates, hot and cold running water, shade trees, rest rooms, ball field, swimming, boating, even a sandbox for toddlers.

Best of all as far as the public is concerned, it's all free.

The day we were there, the most popular pastime seemed to be fishing for trout in Lake Merwin, off the top of the dam itself. Genial Dave Shore, superintendent of both Yale and Merwin projects, showed off the thrumming generators, with capacity to produce 100,000 kilowatts for the Northwest power pool, and the fish elevator which hoists salmon from the river into trucks to be hauled to hatcheries or dumped into the lake upstream.



Oregon State Motor association car paused beside powerhouse at Merwin dam, first Lewis river project, finished in 1931.

From Merwin we continued east along highway 1-S, which skirts along the hillside high above 12-mile-long Lake Merwin to Yale.

Beyond, the highway borders the reservoir behind Yale dam, nine miles long, and at the tube busy with fishermen. There were reports of a party of six landing 90 trout, all 10 to 14 inches long, within 15 minutes on opening day in the lake, one of the Northwest's newest.

### Route Retraced to Yale

Cougar is the last settlement. We went straight ahead a few miles more, past the Lewis river guard station; turned around and retraced the route back to Yale, where we turned off for a glance at mighty Yale dam, one of the world's highest earth-fill barriers. There are no facilities for recreation, but visitors are welcome to gaze in awe at the engineering feat and admire the view of Mt. St. Helens across the lake.

Turbines in the Yale powerhouse spin to generate 125,000 kilowatts, to make with Merwin a total of 225,000 kilowatts from the Lewis. It may be greater yet in future years, for PP&L has taken out preliminary permits to construct dams at Swift creek and Eagle cliff, both upstream from Yale.

There is a variety of possible return routes; we chose to pass through Amboy, Yacolt, Battle Ground, Brush Prairie and Orchard.



Motorlog route shunned arterial highways in favor of back roads.

## Potato Digging On at Boardman

BOARDMAN—The Miller Bros. Robert and Russell, have started the spud digging on their farms west of town, with a crew of many employees. Mr. L. V. Kummer, Gaston, Oregon is the potato inspector in charge.

Mrs. Leonard Bedord and sons and Mrs. Edgar Carrner and daughter, Hermiston returned home Monday evening after a week spent at Long Beach, Wash., vacationing.

Arthur Chaffee Jr., Lapine, Oregon spent a few days here last week cleaning around his house here in town. Mr. Chaffee says the place is for sale. This being the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Chaffee, is one of the older homes in Boardman.

Mrs. Claude Worden received word from her nephew A/3 Charles Rutherford is in the Air Force, and is stationed at Anchorage, Alaska. This also being the place where Eugene Risley moved. Mrs. Risley is a cousin.

Mrs. Earl Briggs and Mrs. Edd Kunze returned home from Portland Saturday after a few days spent in the city. Mrs. Kunze being at the home of her son Edd McClelen. Mrs. Algy Taylor accompanied the ladies to Portland, and remained longer.

A house guest at the Edd Kunze home is his sister, Mrs. Amelia Calvert, Kennewick, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wyss was called to McMinnville, Oregon last Thursday, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Wyss' brother Sig Wyss, on Friday. Mr. Wyss has been afflicted with a cancer and had been ill some months. Burial was in the cemetery at his home town, Sheridan. Besides his wife and children and Walter Wyss, Mr. Sig Wyss has six sisters and one brother in Switzerland.

Mr. Edd Gillespie who had been a houseguest at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr.

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## COUNTY CLERK'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, JANUARY 1, 1954 TO JULY 1, 1954

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	
Jan. 1 General Fund Warrants Outstanding	\$ 3,823.98
Total of 515 claims allowed by the County Court and warrants issued	46,056.42
Total Warrants paid by Treasurer	\$ 49,880.40
July 1 General Fund Warrants outstanding	6,012.46
GENERAL ROAD FUND ACCOUNT	
Jan. 1 General Road Fund Warrants Outstanding	\$ 7,361.74
Total of 399 claims allowed by the County Court and warrants issued	89,537.50

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General Road Fund Warrants paid by Treasurer	\$ 96,899.24
General Road Fund Warrants outstanding	80,574.95
July 1	16,324.29
COUNTY HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT	
Total of 3 claims allowed by the County Court and warrants issued	\$ 11,000.00
Total Warrants paid by Treasurer	11,000.00
COUNTY HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND ACCOUNT	
Total of 1 claim allowed by County Court and Warrant issued	\$ 7.50
Total Warrant paid by Treasurer	7.50
DOG FUND ACCOUNT	
Total of 2 claims allowed by County Court and Warrants issued	\$ 58.80
Total Warrants paid by Treasurer	58.80
RODENT FUND ACCOUNT	
Jan. 1 Warrants Outstanding	\$ 96.20
Total of 22 claims allowed by County Court and Warrants issued	2,205.80
Total Warrants paid by Treasurer	\$ 2,302.00
July 1 Total Rodent Fund Warrants outstanding	2,200.00
COYOTE BOUNTY FUND ACCOUNT	
Total of 26 claims allowed by County Court and Warrants issued	\$ 1,335.00
Total Warrants paid by Treasurer	1,335.00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MORROW COUNTY, OREGON, JULY 1, 1954

Less County Owned Properties	
ASSETS	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$324,845.59
United States Bonds	15,000.00
Taxes Receivable (Delinquent)	55,043.90
Taxes Receivable (Current)	70,497.31
	<u>\$465,386.80</u>
LIABILITIES	
Warrants Outstanding (General Fund)	\$ 6,012.46
Warrants Outstanding (General Road Fund)	16,324.29
Warrants Outstanding Rodent Fund)	102.00
Estimated Revenues (Taxes)	125,541.21
Current Surplus (including amounts due all funds including school districts)	317,406.84
	<u>\$465,386.80</u>
Outstanding Road Bonds	\$ 5,500.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Sadie Parrish, County Clerk

## TREASURER'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT JANUARY 1, 1954 TO JULY 1, 1954

In accordance with Section 88-331 O. C. L. A. I herewith submit this, my semi-annual report of receipts and disbursements from January 1, 1954 to June 30, 1954, both dates inclusive.

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1954	\$656,023.78
RECEIVED FROM:	
Taxes (Sheriff's Office)	\$204,523.11
Pistol Permits (Sheriff's Office)	18.50
Fees and Mileage (Sheriff's Office)	208.93
Temporary Auto Permits	233.00
Office Fees (Clerk's Office)	1,764.21
Dog Licenses (Clerk's Office)	251.00
Gilliam County Rural School Districts	
Taxes	6,295.46
Basic School Support for Non-High School Districts	326.26
Columbia Basin Electric and Umatilla Co-op. Sales and Rentals (Road Department)	2,529.75
Assessor's Collections	2,171.09
Miscellaneous fines and costs in Justice Courts	195.18
Weed Control Program	1,371.75
State Racing Funds for County Fairs	1,504.00
State Tax for County Fairs	2,273.08
Morrow Co. Health Dept., Immunization Fees	911.89
Reimbursements from Public Health Expenditures	135.75
Tax on Alcoholic Beverages (Secretary of State)	339.52
Amusement Device Tax (Secretary of State)	1,293.59
Motor License Fund (Secretary of State)	26.54
Bounty on Predatory Animals (Secretary of State)	19,969.30
Interest	271.00
Water Rental and Pumping (Hospital)	562.50
Miscellaneous Refunds	362.25
Miscellaneous Receipts	77.41
	278.21
Total Receipts	\$247,893.28
Total Receipts and Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1954	247,893.28
	<u>\$903,917.06</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS	
General County Fund Warrants Paid	\$ 43,878.11
General Road Fund Warrants Paid	80,605.09
State School Fund Orders Paid	1,054.88
County School Fund Warrants Paid	16,616.65
City Special Funds Distributed	25,548.85
School District Special Funds Distributed	337,475.85
School District Building Fund Warrants Paid	266.96
School District Bonds and Interest Paid	43,467.35
Hospital Construction Fund Warrants Paid	16.70
Hospital Maintenance Fund Warrants Paid	4,501.57
Fair Fund Warrants Paid	1,828.12
West Extension Irrigation Districts Warrants Paid	7,938.81
County Road Bonds Redeemed	2,500.00
County Road Bond Interest Paid	207.50
Rodent Control Warrants Paid	2,200.27
Coyote Bounty Fund Warrants Paid	1,335.13
Dog Fund Warrants Paid	58.80
Boardman Cemetery District Warrants Paid	1,413.50
Hepner Cemetery District Warrants Paid	5,459.23
Total Disbursements	\$579,071.47
BALANCE ON HAND, JUNE 30, 1954	\$579,071.47
	<u>\$324,845.59</u>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lucy E. Rodgers  
Morrow County Treasurer

## SHERIFF'S AND TAX COLLECTOR'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, January 1, 1954 TO JULY 1, 1954

In accordance with Section 88-301 O. C. L. A. I herewith submit this, my semi-annual report of receipts and disbursements for January 1, 1954 to June 30, 1954, both dates inclusive.

TAX COLLECTIONS	
RECEIPTS	
On hand and on Deposit Dec. 31, 1953	\$142,689.45
1952-54 Taxes	\$ 55,635.09
1952-53 Taxes	5,412.66
1951-52 Taxes	1,045.11
1950-51 Taxes	708.84
1949-50 Taxes	69.66
Total on Hand	\$ 62,871.36
DISBURSEMENTS	\$205,560.81
Turned over to County Treasurer	\$204,523.11
On Deposit in Bank	491.12
On Hand	205.00
Under-Collections	\$205,219.23
	341.58
	<u>\$205,560.81</u>
TEMPORARY AUTO PERMITS	
Received	Disbursed
\$223.00	\$223.00
\$208.93	
\$18.50	
CIVIL FEES AND MILEAGE	
	\$208.93
PISTOL PERMITS	
	\$18.50

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sylvia McDaniel

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