

Grand Coulee "Turns on Juice" Following Impressive, Brief Ceremonies; 10,000 Present

Man's Greatest Structure Goes to Work for Benefit of National Industry, Northwest Homes and Farmlands

GRAND COULEE, Wash., March 22.—(P)—Deep in the heart of the Grand Coulee dam Saturday a man twisted a little silver dial; two others adjusted some gauges; still a fourth turned a little switch.

Grand Coulee was alive; the first of the power for which seven years of effort and nearly a billion and a half dollars have been spent was being poured into the Bonneville-Grand Coulee power grid; another unit was added to the northwest power network which will help America keep its pledge to become an arsenal for the world's democracies.

An Indian princess, the governor of the state and a message of praise from the president of the United States had part in the half hour ceremony which preceded the final three-minute operation of "turning on the juice."

The scene was down in the west power house, which clings like a "bump on a log" to the face of the three-quarter-of-a-mile long dam. Long as two city blocks and high as a 24 story building, the power house—"heart of the dam,"—is dwarfed by the huge main structure into which 11,750,000 cubic yards of concrete have been poured.

High on the hillside overlooking the dam itself, more than 5000 persons listened to the ceremony which was broadcast locally and over a national NBC radio and toward the thousands on the hill and still other thousands which had poured into the dam area too late to get a place in the vista house, trooped down through the power house, around the control room, through one of the inspection tunnels in the dam and back out again, marking the first inspection of the dam.

A bureau of reclamation official estimated nearly 10,000 made the trip, while a state patrolman on traffic duty said the crowd was the largest he had seen in the area.

Frank A. Banks, supervising engineer of the bureau of reclamation, who has had direct charge of Grand Coulee's building, was the first of the dignitaries on the program called to the microphone to read the letter from President Roosevelt.

After congratulating Banks on being able to put Grand Coulee into production two years ahead of schedule, the president said:

"It is thrilling to contemplate the prospects that this dam opens. A tremendous stream of water will flow continuously from the dam to turn factory wheels, to make the lives of men more fruitful. It will light homes and stores in towns and cities; it will ease the drudgery around the farmhouses and farmyards of the Pacific northwest. In short, it will bring to millions the many benefits of plentiful, low-cost, public power."

Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington followed the reading of the president's message with congratulations to Banks and the comment that "for more than 30 years we have been dreaming of the day when the Columbia river would be harnessed."

William E. Warne, director of information for the interior department, read a message from Secretary Ickes and D. L. Marshall of the Bonneville and Grand Coulee power administration assured his work with the administration would be a work for which Grand Coulee would build, "so that every citizen may share in the benefits of this magnificent enterprise."

Engineer Banks was called back to the microphone to explain how the power would be turned on and took the opportunity to read a message of praise from Reclamation Bureau Commissioner John C. Page pointing out that in its 23 years of operation the Grand Coulee was the largest of all projects attempted by the bureau.

Then Princess Anne George of the Nez Perce Indian tribe and Chief Jim James, descendants of the original band of the Nez Perce warriors under famed Chief Joseph who were confined to the Colville reservation after the Indian wars of the 1880's, were called to the microphone.

The princess recalled an Indian tale that a wise pre-historic coyote dug Grand Coulee to let the water from the river flow on the arid lands to the south and that now the engineers were doing what the wise coyote had wanted done centuries ago.

Never Again Stilled
The Bonneville dispatcher called that the line was ready. The dials were turned, the switch was thrown and Grand Coulee dam went to work with a hum that never again is destined to be stilled.

The generator turned at the ceremony Saturday night, only a fraction of the enormous

quantities of power which the dam will eventually produce.

Of 10,000 kilowatt capacity, the generator turned on at the ceremony, and another one like it which was put into use after the crowds cleared out, will eventually be used only for station service—that is power around the dam.

When completed, the two Grand Coulee power houses will have four of the station service units and 18 huge 108,000 kilowatt main generators capable of total production of 2,475,000 horsepower, enough electricity to light the entire city of New York and still have enough left over for Chicago.

Power Saturday was sent directly onto the Bonneville-Grand Coulee transmission line. Later this spring, when lines are finished, the Nespelem Valley Rural Electric cooperative will become Grand Coulee's first direct customer to be followed by the city of Grand Coulee itself—a town that was built to build a dam.

The reclamation project in connection with the dam will ultimately bring water and agricultural production to 1,200,000 acres of semi-arid lands.

GRAND COULEE, March 22.—(P)—America, Governor Arthur B. Langlie said Saturday, is building a new frontier in the wastelands of the Columbia river's "big bend."

"We in the state of Washington have an especial and deep-seated interest in this mighty Grand Coulee dam, in its great power house and in the irrigation project connected with it," he said during the ceremony inaugurating power service from the dam.

"The day will surely come in a few years now when the gray-green of the sagebrush landscape will give way first to the rich brown of plowed and watered earth, and then to the bright green of growing things."

Field Artillery Recruits Slate Camp Review

FORT LEWIS, March 22.—(P)—More than a thousand recruits of the 3rd division field artillery marched in review Saturday morning the first time before their commanding general, Brig. Gen. Horace H. Fuller.

The review, held on the Fort Lewis parade grounds, included the five field artillery battalions of the division which are now at full war time strength. The recruits marched in the ranks along with the veterans, also for the first time.

Besides the 9th, 10th, 39th and 41st battalions, which are the regular 3rd division artillery units, the 98th (mule pack howitzer) battalion, joined in the review as attached troops.

Observing the show was Col. J. R. Davis, fourth army chief of artillery from San Francisco, who was one time executive officer of the 10th field battalion in 1928 when it was the sole organization at the post.

Col. Davis remarked the army post had changed so much since he lived there he was able to recognize only two buildings. The post had 1,500 men at that time, he said. A recent population check of Fort Lewis showed about 35,000 men and officers.

Pope Will Hold Quiet Easter

VATICAN CITY, March 22.—(P)—The Pope is expected to substitute a quiet Easter mass in his private chapel for the usual elaborate ceremony in St. Peter's.

Although His Holiness' definite plans have not been announced, usually reliable sources said that because of war conditions he had cancelled the usual mass and the blessing of the throngs from the balcony.

It was the first time in nine years that the Easter ceremonies have been cancelled. And the second time that the present war has curtailed a major church festival. Last Christmas eve, the mass was shifted to daylight hours because of the blackout.

The Pope had been expected to deliver an Easter homily on war and peace, as he did a year ago, but prelates indicated this, too, would be omitted.

Fiesta Dates Set

LEBANON, March 22.—(P)—Lebanon strawberry festival officials announced Saturday that the annual fiesta would be held June 6 and 7.

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ANDREW A. LEE

Church Member 52 Years

One of those who sat Thursday night with 50-year members of the First Methodist church was Andrew A. Lee, for 30 years a trustee of the church, though now retired from that position.

Lee became a member in 1889. In 1893 he married, and Mrs. Lee joined at that time. Their home is at 1515 State street.

From 1890 to 1924 Lee was connected with the Salem Abstract company. At present he is secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan association.

Non-Collision Mishaps Gain

A chain of non-collision automobile accidents has taken nine lives in Oregon so far this month, this toll being 56 percent of the traffic deaths reported during the first 18 days of March, Earl Snell, secretary of state, announced Saturday in urging motorists to exercise more care on curves and when passing on roads bordered with gravel shoulders.

Three of these nine non-collision accidents occurred when cars went out of control on curves, apparently due to excessive speed. Three others involved cars which skidded in loose gravel bordering the road surface while in one the driver went to sleep while driving, in another a truck's brakes failed to hold as it nosed down a bank and the other accident occurred when the car apparently broke a wheel and overturned.

While there were nine non-collision fatal accidents reported in the state during the early period in March, there were only two fatal accidents involving the collision of two or more cars, the remainder of the fatalities involving motor vehicle-pedestrian accidents.

"Many people fail to realize the preponderance of non-collision accidents in our fatality toll each year," Snell declared. "In 1940, for example, pedestrian accidents led the list with 133 fatalities while non-collision accidents were second with 94 fatalities. Collisions between two or more cars took 88 lives, indicating the greater proportion of fatalities caused by these non-collision accidents."

"Speed too great for conditions and inattention are the principal causative factors in this type of accident. It is important to remember to reduce speed before entering a curve and to keep alert to road conditions at all times. When cars get into loose gravel, a sudden turn of the wheel may cause a skid and throw the car into a roll. When caught in gravel, it is advisable to hold the car steady till speed is reduced naturally without application of the brakes, then turn back to the road surface gradually, thus avoiding a sharp swerve."

No-Static Radio To Be Provided For Airways

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(P)—Plans for providing the nation's 35,000 miles of airways with static-free radio are reported by the civil aeronautics administration. Colonel Donald H. Connolly, administrator, said the New York-Chicago airway would be the first equipped with ultra-high frequency radio.

The appropriation asked today would be to equip the following routes: San Diego-Los Angeles-San Francisco-Seattle-Vancouver; Salt Lake City-Portland-Spokane. "Utilization of ultra-high frequency radio waves not only eliminates interruptions due to static interference inherent in the low frequencies but assures uniformity of signal strength in the pilots' headphones," Connolly said.

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Soviet Hints Turkish Aid

Civil War Is Feared in Yugoslavia as Pressure Exerted

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If Yugoslavia decided to resist German demands and Greece and Britain helped her. Belgrade sources heard from Turkey that Soviet Russia had given the Turks a free hand to aid Yugoslavia.

Germany, meanwhile, waged her sea warfare more fiercely, and reported that a German battleship squadron in the North Atlantic had sunk 28 British ships totaling 118,000 tons, while submarines sank 77,000 and the air force another 31,000.

In Washington Summer Wells, acting secretary of state, announced that all arrangements had been made for two vessels to carry flour to unoccupied France. The British government had agreed to permit two French ships to pass the blockade, Wells said. The German air force would send a six-hour attack on Plymouth early today (Sunday) after dumping tons of high explosives and incendiaries, but throughout the day Britain was fairly quiet.

British fliers reported from Cairo that they had attacked the Addis Ababa-Jibuti railroad between Addis Ababa and Dire-dawa, machine gunning three trains and bombing the Dire-dawa station, while other planes dove-bombed and machine-gunned Harar towards which their ground forces are moving from Jijiga. Others attacked Gondar, Ethiopia, and also attacked two trains in the station at Urso.

Axis sources claimed two air blows against the British and the Greeks—one a raid on the Greek supply base of Preveza, the other a bomb hit on a British destroyer near Malta.

For the third successive day, a Greek government spokesman said, an Italian tank attack on the central Albanian front was thrown back.

Union Offers Strike Parley

PORTLAND, March 22.—(P)—An offer to negotiate a three-month strike against Montgomery Ward & Company was made Saturday by Jack Schlaht, officer of the AFL teamsters' union.

He said the union was willing to negotiate on behalf of the strikers "along points as outlined in (Ward's) advertisement of policy," and asked Mayor Earl Riley to name a committee.

Teamsters working for transfer companies have been instructed to deliver merchandise from local railroad yards to all firms except Ward's, Schlaht added.

Picketing of freight warehouses and team tracks Friday threatened for a time to disrupt railroad shipments to Portland. Phil Brady and Jack Estabrook, union officials, present the union's arguments in the strike to Governor Sprague Friday. He indicated at Salem that he would not interfere in the matter.

Gas Mask Instead Of Catcher Mask Worn by Players

CAMP MURRAY, March 22.—(P)—How to play volleyball and baseball while wearing gas masks is one of the feats you pick up in the army.

Several times in the past few weeks the headquarters company and headquarters staff of the 41st Division have been ordered to don gas masks before playing rousing games in order that the men might become accustomed to the loss of efficiency and the inconvenience of the masks.

The men report they are more tired after a period with the masks than without and say they find it more difficult to get sufficient air when exercising.

Blind School Head Gets Appointment

PORTLAND, March 22.—(P)—Appointment of Kenneth G. Martin, Portland, as new superintendent of the Oregon Blind Trades school in Portland, succeeding Linden McCullough, who resigned, was announced Saturday.

The appointment was made by the commission for the blind and prevention of blindness, effective April 1.



Ex-King Carol

Former King Carol of Rumania is pictured in this radiophoto for the first time since he took up refuge in Lisbon, Portugal, after he fled from Spain with his friend, Magda Lupescu.

Burke Boomed For US Job

Marion County Sheriff Has Endorsement of County Committee

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ing Summerville's successor: He has the endorsement of his county democratic central committee chairman, J. F. Ulrich.

"I'll back Mr. Burke, surety," Ulrich said in confirmation of this report. "Several of the other committee members have also expressed themselves as willing to recommend him."

One Marion county democratic precinct committeewoman interested in Burke's advancement to the federal post recently wrote to Summerville inquiring if he would be a candidate for reappointment. Receiving an affirmative reply Friday, she immediately advised the present marshal that she believed he had been on the federal payroll long enough, noting that he will have collected \$46,400 in salary by next March 8, when his second term expires, and advised him that she would urge the Marion county sheriff's appointment.

Friends of Burke say they have information indicating that party routine will be followed by Washington in making 1942 patronage appointments and that they are progressing toward additional necessary endorsements.

Burke's chances for the marshalship probably are heightened by the fact that he was the democratic standard-bearer in the first congressional district contest against Republican Rep. James W. Mott in 1938, by his active participation in party affairs and his leading position in peace officers' organizations. At present he is president of the Oregon Sheriffs' association and vice-president for Oregon of the National Sheriffs' association.

The job of US marshal, which is to the United States district court, seated in Portland, what a sheriff is to a state circuit court, pays \$5800 a year in this state. The marshal, who serves civil processes and enforces federal law, has an office in the US courthouse, Portland, and a staff of eight deputies, one of them stationed at Medford, where southern Oregon sessions of the district court are conducted.

It's a year and a long road to the next appointment of a US marshal for Oregon, but, should Burke win the position, selection of a successor as sheriff here would be up to the county court, now entirely republican in personnel.

Principal Gets His Job Back

BROWNSVILLE, March 22.—(P)—Principal E. S. Stutz was assured of his position Friday and striking high school students went happily back to classes.

At an open meeting, called Thursday night after students struck in protest against the school board's action in refusing Stultz a new contract, district voters overrode the decision 105 to 46.

The election was irregular and not binding, but board members indicated that they would abide by the decision of the majority and retain Stultz.

Appropriation Given Okeh

Senate Committee in Less Than Hour Approves Measure

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committee had argued that the "ceiling" was \$8,300,000,000. Senate committee members declared, however, that Mr. Roosevelt would use \$1,300,000,000 of the \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to replace equipment transferred under his existing authority.

Several senators who voted against the original aid-to-Britain bill said they would support the \$7,000,000,000 appropriation, and it generally was conceded that the money bill would be passed without change.

Under the measure, expenditures would be divided into eight categories, but the president could transfer up to 20 per cent of one allocation to another provided no item was increased by more than 30 per cent. The allotments follow:

Ordnance, \$1,343,000,000; aircraft, \$2,054,000,000; tanks and other vehicles, \$362,000,000; ships, \$629,000,000; miscellaneous equipment and supplies, \$260,000,000; facilities for building defense equipment, \$752,000,000; farm, industrial and other commodities, \$1,350,000,000; repairing ships and other defense articles, \$200,000,000.

A total of \$40,000,000 would be provided for unspecified purposes and \$10,000,000 would be allocated for administrative expenses.

Hydra-Matic Drive Gives New Thrills

Oldsmobile's Hydra-Matic drive, the revolutionary feature which eliminates the clutch pedal and all gear-shifting is today, as it was when first announced, the most genuinely accepted automotive development introduced in many years, according to D. E. Ralston, Oldsmobile's general sales manager.

"Public and press alike, in ever increasing numbers, continue to praise its many exclusive advantages," Ralston said.

A typical example of the reaction from a trial ride in an Oldsmobile with Hydra-Matic drive is well demonstrated in a story printed recently in one of the leading newspapers in New York City. Excerpts from the published article follow:

"It was just a year ago that this observer went out on a limb 'way out, too'—and shouted hosannas about the greatest thing in automotive history since the introduction of the self-starter and four-wheel hydraulic brakes—Oldsmobile's Hydra-Matic drive and automatic transmission to eliminate manual operation of a clutch."

"And now, with pardonable pride, we take a bow for being a prophet. More than that, we'll venture out to the very end of the limb at this stage of the show, to predict that within the next decade every American made car will have some type of liquid coupling and automatic transmission."

Valet Testifies In African Post Murder Trial

NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, March 22.—(P)—A native valet of the Earl of Erroll told a colonial court Friday that Lady Broughton, whose husband is charged with the earl's murder, spent several nights alone with Erroll at the latter's house.

The valet, One Waweru, testified at the preliminary hearing of Major Sir Henry John Delves Broughton, 57-year-old baronet who the crown charges shot Erroll to death in a jealous rage following a dinner part the night of January 23.

Waweru, describing a meeting of Lord Erroll and Major Broughton at the former's home on January 18, the earl drove Broughton away and later returned to the house where he, Lady Broughton and Lady Carberry talked and laughed loudly.

The valet's testimony followed that of Lieut. Commander John Soames, lifelong friend of Major Broughton, who said the baronet once told him that he realized he had married a woman much younger than himself.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

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versity of Oregon athletes who have fallen into the evil ways of sports writing, Mr. Ron Gemmell and Mr. Wally Johannsen of Astoria. Mr. Gemmell and Mr. Johannsen have been exchanging a few penfuls of the stuff that is mightier than the sword at long range and we propose that they close up the range.

What we propose, friends, is that L'Affaire Quelle be settled in the old order by trial of strength fashion. Man to man, we mean, with Brother Gemmell pitted in the ring with Brother Johannsen, Marquis of Queensbury rules and may the best man win.

We have not put this up to either Mr. Gemmell or Mr. Johannsen as yet, but we are sure both are in the pink of condition. From what we see in the sport pages they have both been keeping training, punching the light and heavy typewriter daily. They both have a nice backspace and are demons on the shift key.

Mr. Gemmell, if our latest copy of The Ring serves us correctly, has a weight and height advantage over Mr. Johannsen, but Mr. Johannsen has about ten years on Gemmell. Mr. Johannsen also has the advantage of a fish diet and sea air, while Gemmell trains exclusively on malted milks and coffee.

We propose, if we can promote this match, to engage some disinterested person such as Wally Palmberg or Harold Hauk as referee. Judges would be members of the Oregon State High School Activities board, but the decision would be subject to reconsideration on a two-thirds vote. We would permit the proprietor of the Quelle restaurant to sell standing room only tickets.

To insure fairness to Salem's champion we would insist on having Arthur Perry of the Medford Mail-Tribune as timekeeper.

The Salem police force would be spectators, a capacity in which Johannsen charges they have shown themselves adept, and the Astoria basketball team could have the place of honor at their right.

There is only one drawback in our plan. We are certain it will be opposed by the state editorial association, because if the great affair were settled all the editorial writers would have to go back to writing about little things like that unpleasantness in Europe instead of the moral disintegration of the city of Salem.

We aren't mentioning any names in order not to tip off any of the town's criminal population, but a certain policeman is temporarily disabled. He ventured to repair the family vacuum cleaner the other day and stuck his trigger finger in the fan while it was going.

Realty Exams Prove Tough

Twenty per cent of the persons who recently took examinations for real estate brokers' licenses failed to make a passing grade, Claude H. Murphy, state real estate commissioner, reported Friday. Eighteen per cent of those seeking salesmen's licenses failed.

Successful applicants included: Salesmen—Charles Faust, Edna Eaton, Ruth E. Kellogg, Jim E. Hackett, Ben Reimann and L. W. Svarverud, all of Salem, and C. W. Brokens, Canby. Brokers—Joe DeWitt and C. R. Morrow, both of Salem.

Seniors Win 1941 Glee

Victory Achieved at Fourth Try; Fresh Must Swim Stream

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blue and white crepe paper formed the false ceiling. The senior class formation was a W in a circle. The centennial class of 1942 formed a "100" and the initial letters of Alma Mater. The sophomores made a '43 on a flag and the freshmen formed a mortar board.

Dr. James T. Matthews, in his usual manner, announced the winners and losers with Frances and Florence Lilburn presenting the banner to the winning class.

Judges for the glee were Hugh Morrow, Dr. Egbert S. Oliver, Professor Murco Ringnald, words; Professor T. S. Roberts, Robert Walsh and Mrs. Mabel Powers, music; William L. Phillips, Dr. Frank M. Erickson and I. H. Van Winkle, presentation.

Robert Root, glee manager, introduced Librarian Robinson Spencer, to whom the glee was dedicated. Wade Bettis, freshman class president, gave the address of welcome. The Willamette capella choir, under the direction of Dean Melvin Geist, sang between the class presentations.

The annual class parodies will be given during the Willamette chapel hour on Monday with the freshmen taking their ducking in the mill stream after the program.

Fascist Press Raps at US

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four months of resistance "pure glory."

Thousands of Australian troops were said to have captured the town, with its dusty palm trees, two blockhouses and meteorological station amid high, shifting sand dunes about 150 miles back on the burning desert from the Mediterranean coast.

In the final fighting, the daily war bulletin said, Colonel Castagna, commander of the garrison was slightly wounded.

Two air blows by axis planes were credited to German and Italian fliers—one a destructive raid on the Greek supply base of Preveza, the other a bomb hit on a British destroyer off the Mediterranean island base of Malta.

Fluid Drive Is Popular

Dodge division of Chrysler Corporation announced Saturday that 118,268 Dodge Fluid drive passenger cars have been manufactured to date.

Corporation officials declared that popular demand has necessitated the increasing of Fluid drive production every month since announcement of 1941 models. Manufacturing figures for Fluid drive were up to March 14, and do not include production of any models without Fluid drive.

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