

Cowlitz Dams Plans Pushed

Tacoma Prepares To Start Project

TACOMA — (AP) — Construction of Tacoma's two hydroelectric dams on the Cowlitz River will begin soon, city Light Superintendent J. Frank Ward said here Thursday.

"They will save the city an estimated \$50,000,000," he said.

Speaking before a panel of Pacific Northwest power officials, Ward outlined the city's completed plans for the construction of the \$146,000,000 project.

He said the dams will be producing power by the end of 1953, and will be completed by the end of 1954 with units, of which there will be eight, going into production as they are completed.

Ward said all eight units, when completed, will have cost \$146,000,000.

"The Federal Power Commission estimated the net benefit of the dam, even deducting the hypothetical loss of all the fish, would be \$1,100,000 a year," Ward said. Tacoma has a license to operate the two hydroelectric dams for the next 50 years.

"This gain was compared with the estimated benefit of the entire fish production from that area, an estimated \$600,000. However, the official said, it wasn't even being considered that a majority of the fish would be lost.

He said all litigations will be completed in about eight months and that he has been promised there will be no dilatory tactics employed by representatives of the fish industries.

White Joins Negro Chapter

SEATTLE — (AP) — Russell M. Pratt, 27-year-old white University of Washington sociology student has pledged Kappa Alpha Psi, a national fraternity which had only Negroes among its active local members.

Pratt, a World War II veteran, was secretary of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People in his home town of Yakima.

He said he joined Kappa Alpha Psi because he felt he "could make every contribution to the organization" and because he felt it would "be of great value" to him.

He lives at a campus residence hall.

Lee Roy (Cap) Woods

Lee Roy (Cap) Woods, 87, of 2829 Madison St., died at his home Thursday, Dec. 20, 1951. He was born Dec. 14, 1864, at Cumberland, Ohio. He was married to Katy Bower in Kansas. They came to Oregon many years ago where they lived first in Portland, then Cottage Grove.

He was a World War I veteran, the commanding officer of the 6th Company, Oregon Coast Artillery of the National Guard, at Cottage Grove.

Woods was an elder in the First Christian Church and a member of the Eugene Gleemen, the Ottongerian Quartet, McKenzie River Masonic Lodge No. 193, A.F. & A.M., Spencer Butte I.O.O.F., Sons of Union Veterans, and American Legion Post No. 3.

Survivors include four children: Col. Lee R. Woods, Jr., retired, and Miss Carolyn Woods, both of Eugene, Dr. Daniel L. Woods, San Marino, Calif., and Donald M. Woods, San Jose, Calif.; a brother, Lutellus L. Woods, Eugene; a sister, Dr. Elizabeth L. Woods, San Marino, Calif.; three grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 1951, in the Veatch Hollingsworth England Funeral Home, Dr. Carroll C. Roberts will officiate, with McKenzie River Lodge No. 195 in charge of Masonic rites. Interment will be in Cottage Grove Cemetery at about 3:30 p.m. Those wishing may donate to the Children's Hospital School in lieu of flowers.

Good Excuse

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — (AP) — Fined \$50 in the district court for drunken driving, Armand Laquette, 35, explained:

"The girls at the Christmas party all kissed me. Their perfume was very high powered."

Yoncalla Voters to Decide Bond Issue Of \$80,000 to Finance New School

Voters of Douglas County School District 32 at Yoncalla will go to the polls Jan. 7, 1952, to vote on an \$80,000 bond issue, according to school board officials.

If sanctioned by the people, this sum will build the first unit of a 16 classroom grade school near the present school.

The first unit would contain four classrooms, rest rooms, janitor's room, and boiler house, as well as a covered play area which would double as a bus loading porch. The boiler house would be built large enough to accommodate a second boiler when the ultimate 16 rooms have been built.

Special Meeting
A special meeting of voters of the district will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 1952, at the Yoncalla Grade School, to discuss the building program.

Estimated cost of the first unit is \$70,000, plus another \$10,000 for equipping the rooms, roadway and site improvement, expenditures on the present school, and architect's fees.

At present the district is receiving \$23,000 a year from the state, approximately \$80 per census child, and will continue to do so as long as state school standards are met.

But, on Dec. 5, the schools were declared to be "conditionally standard" by the state superintendent, and ordered to meet requirement for full standardization in order to receive state funds.

The state order listed 25 items which need to be charged before full standardization is accomplished, board officials said. The state superintendent ordered that a plan of improvement be submitted before March 15, 1952.

Pleasant Valley School

Part of the district 32 board's plan is to abandon the Pleasant Valley School because of inadequate lighting, heating and play facilities, outside toilets, no hot lunches, and because children must leave home an hour earlier and arrive home an hour later than those attending Yoncalla School. They meet at Yoncalla and are transported by bus to Pleasant Valley at a cost of \$75 a month. The cost of bringing the school up to state standards would be prohibitive, board members said.

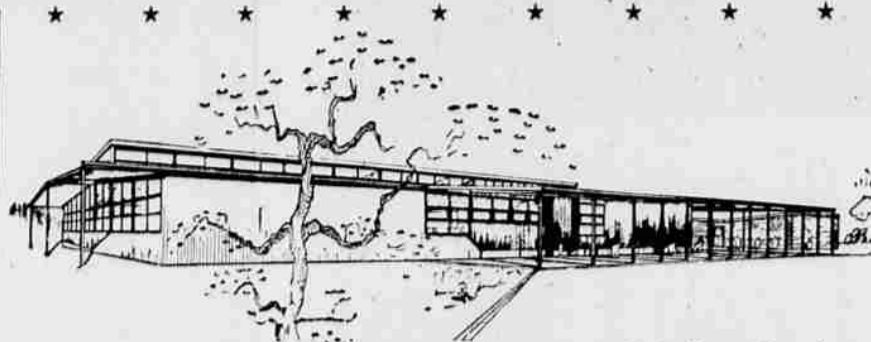
Grade school enrollment in the district has jumped from 80 students in 1940-41 to 253 in 1951-52. This upward trend will continue, board officials declared.

Retirement Plant

The program also calls for eventual abandonment of the present Yoncalla School, because it is "outdated, obsolete, expensive to maintain, noisy, a fire hazard, insufficiently lighted, and too small," the board's report said.

The board's proposal is that the bond issue be retired at \$5000 a year for 16 years, with the first payment of about \$7200, including interest, about Mar. 1, 1953. About one-eighth of this would be paid by presently enrolled tuition pupils from District 79, Pleasant Valley, which is outside District 32.

The board estimates the cost to school taxpayers would be about seven mills the first year, decreasing yearly with the interest.



FIRST UNIT of a proposed 16-classroom grade school at Yoncalla is shown above in an architect's drawing. This unit will be constructed if Yoncalla voters approve an \$80,000 bond issue at an election Jan. 7.

Follow-the-Leader Routine

Tortoise Clan Snobbish

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON — (UP) — Motorists in a slow-moving line of traffic—like we have these wintery days in Washington—are copying the waddling tortoise in the old game of follow the leader.

At least, so it would seem after a look at the tortoise record.

The National Geographic Society came out with a little dispatch alleging that the tortoise, or land turtles, is a snob, and furthermore, a cad. I checked with my friend, Dr. William M. Mann, at the zoo here and he said the N.G.S. had its facts straight.

The main thesis, or reasoning, of the tortoise experts is that most reptiles travel in cliques. "Doc" Mann will go along with that. He pointed out that in the Bronx Zoo in New York a giant herd of Galapagos tortoises sleep, eat, and travel around in what amounts to a caste system.

This particular brand of turtles is almost extinct, but like as not they are following a pattern set by their ancestors. Scientists at the New York Zoological Park say that for centuries tortoises followed a "one-way" traffic deal on their rocky home islands in the Pacific, 800 miles west of Ecuador.

The turtles migrated with the seasons and once dug deep trails between highlands and the seashore in the Galapagos. The trail was only wide enough for one tortoise at a time. The turtles forced the shell-backs to

mosey along single file—all on the speed of the leader. Just like the lunthead who holds up a line of automobile traffic.

It seems that there are a lot of ways aggressiveness is displayed by the armored crawlers. One pair, possibly named Jones, will snap at the Smith couple next door.

Sometimes the Smiths and Joneses among the turtle family will sign a truce and gang up on the Murphys across the gulch.

Doc Mann, who has observed

animal life for many years, would have you know that that goes right down the line in a continuing battle of the survival of the fittest.

"Take a flock of chickens," he said. "You get a sick one in the flock and unless you get him out of harm's way in a hustle he won't live long. Chickens—most birds, in fact, are cannibals. They will peck a weakling into an early grave."

Most animals, Mann claims, are bullies. The big pick on the little.

Bridge Blasted By Egyptians

Troops Skirmish With Extremists

CAIRO, Egypt — (AP) — The Egyptian underground claimed to have blown up a vital bridge linking the British Suez garrison with its fresh water supply Friday as the Egyptian government confirmed that a bridge had been blasted in the area.

An interior ministry communiqué said that one span of a bridge over the Sweetwater Canal, five miles east of Suez, was blown up early Thursday by "unknown persons" who touched off a mine under the bridge.

British military authorities said they had no knowledge of any bridge being blown up in the Suez Canal Zone.

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British authorities, meanwhile, confirmed that Egyptian extremists blasted a British supply train near Suez and engaged in a minor skirmish with British troops in the canal zone town of Ismailia.

No casualties were reported.

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