



SHERIFF ED ELDER, center, was presented a gift gun this week by the Lane County Sheriff's Reserves. Capt. William J. McCleod, left, and Lt. Dave Hefner made the presentation at the River Road Civic Club. Earlier this year the sheriff was given an engraved gold badge by the Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

'Partnership' Policy Brings Plan for Rocky Reach Dam

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WASHINGTON—The first fairly detailed blueprint for the Pacific Northwest to follow in pushing forward the development of the water resources of the Columbia River under Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay's "partnership" idea has now been put forward in official circles here—the plan for Rocky Reach dam.

Rocky Reach, until a few weeks ago, was still an unknown site on the Columbia 10 miles above Wenatchee and 122 miles below Grand Coulee. It was listed by the Corps of Engineers as a prospective project in the revised 308 review report. The Army plan called for a run-of-river dam generating about a half million kilowatts and equipped with locks that would provide slack-water navigation as far inland as the Okanogan Valley. But it was not scheduled for construction for many years.

Within the space of a month, however, Rocky Reach has jumped high up on the list of possible projects to break through the "no new starts" barrier which has been in effect since 1951 and threatens the region with a

severe, prolonged energy shortage in the early 1960s.

LOCAL SUPPORT

This dam has been put forward by a local public power group that took seriously the new power policy of the Eisenhower administration which calls upon local utilities to take the initiative in providing their power needs. Chelan County, Wash., PUD No. 1 let it be known to McKay through its congressman, Rep. Walt Horan (R-Wash.), that it wanted a crack at working out a "partnership" arrangement with the government for building that project. McKay gave the go ahead, and Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver went to work on a plan.

The plan, as Raver explained it to this reporter, shortly before resigning to take charge of Seattle City Light, was designed specifically for the Rocky Reach project which the PUD wants to build, but if it works in that case it may well become a model for other projects.

The plan calls for private financing of the bulk of the project's cost—whatever amount is allocated to power. The government, as in all projects, would pick up the tab for non-reimbursable costs, such as navigation locks. The Federal Power Commission would have to issue a license to the utility to build the dam, and the Army might be employed to supervise construction if the local utility so wished. The Army would also do all the preliminary planning, but the cost would be repaid by the utility.

OPTION ON POWER

The heart of the plan, how-

ever, is that Bonneville Administration would take power from the dam's generators just as though it were any other federal project and integrate the generation and distribution to obtain maximum benefits from the project. The local utility, of course, would have an option on all the power its own system required. The power would be expected to cost less from that particular project, because it would be sold at the Bonneville rate, which is derived by merging the lower-cost energy from Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams with the higher cost dams now abuilding.

Raver considers this feature the heart of the new plan because it would tie together all future projects, whether built by private companies or public power groups under this scheme—rather than allow piecemeal development of a dam here, another dam there by different and sometimes competing utilities which would have no common ground on which to integrate the power output of their generators.

SAFE INVESTMENT

By giving the utilities firm assurance that BPA would take all the power they can generate from their new projects above their own requirements, Raver said he is confident bankers will consider the investment safe enough to ease the problem of private financing of the dams.

The first reaction to the scheme may come next month when Congressman Horan returns to Washington, D.C., with a bill which Congress will need to enact to implement this partnership idea for Rocky Reach. If he can obtain a hearing, the Pacific Northwest may know within a few months how much faith it can place in this new plan to avoid the annual uncertainties of whether or not Congress will appropriate funds for its needed river basin projects.

In U.S. cities 60 to 80 per cent of traffic fatalities are pedestrians.

Chamber Hears Jim Whipple

OAKLAND—About 40 members attended the dinner and meeting of Oakland Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

Principal speaker was Jim Whipple, Drain lumberman, who spoke on "Encouragement in Future Business."

Umpqua Home Extension Unit met Tuesday at Calapooia club house with 11 members present. Mrs. Blake Baird and Mrs. Bobbie Hughes led the project on "Block Printing." Potluck lunch was served by Mrs. Jesse Lee and Mrs. Glen Woods.

The community Christmas tree has been put up at the intersection of Locust and Second Streets. Decorations have been strung on wires across the streets and business houses are being decorated for the holidays.



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Crowd Hears Panel

CRESWELL—A large crowd attended the Parent-Teachers Assn. meeting at the high school building Monday evening and heard the panel discussion on "What the Community Expects of its High School." Considerable discussion was held on the possibility of combining the grade school district 40 and the high school district 12.

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