

Preliminary Work on Dam Moving Rapidly

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With 497 project workers on the payroll, rapid progress is being made on preliminary work for the huge \$28,209,000 Detroit dam on the North Santiam river by Consolidated Builders, Inc., contractors.

A network of roads, some constructed out of sheer rock, on the south side of the river, are completed and work is soon to begin on a huge rock crushing plant that will process the diorite rock procured from a rock quarry only a short distance away.

Keyways—into which the dam structure will be "keyed" into rock are excavated on both the north and south locations of the dam.

Will Add Many Men
When actual pouring of cement begins—estimated to start next spring—the number of project workers will be increased materially with the number reaching between 1500 and 2000 men. Work applications from far more than this number are already being filed according to Jack Murray, personnel director for the contractors.

Murray said that the company has a fine crew working with virtually no absenteeism. "The men are interested in the work," he said. "They are doing a swell job."

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Rapid Progress at Detroit Dam—Left: North abutment of Detroit dam where excavations for the key way are being cut through resistant diorite rock. Access roads to facilitate construction now line the face of this cliff overlooking the North Santiam on the Marion county side. Top, right: Cofferdam designed to control flood waters of the North Santiam when flow exceeds capacity of the diversion tunnel. Lower, right: Old, rock ribbed bed of the diverted river where exploratory soundings are now being made for dam footings.

two-way radio set-up, with which contact can be maintained constantly between the engineer's office, now located near the dam site and the field men in cars.

The contractors are now occupying a commodious building on the north side of the river, having moved its entire engineering office force from temporary quarters in Mill City.

Construction of a motor repair shop and warehouse at the permanent housing site for army engineer personnel is well under way. This work, to cost \$138,734, is being carried on by Minnis & Shilling, Eugene contractors, and is to be completed by February 20, 1950.

Fifteen family dwellings with two and three room bedrooms will be erected although a contract has not been let. These homes will be utilized by the army staff that will be assigned to the dam during construction, and also after the dam has been completed.

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Third of Tax Roll Collected

When the discount giving deadline for property taxes was reached as the office of the tax collector closed Tuesday evening about a third of the roll had been collected or \$1,579,119 out of the total roll of \$4,656,272, reported Harold Domogalla, chief of the tax collection department.

There is still considerable mail to be checked out as any letters received bearing tax checks and postmarked before midnight Tuesday night will be considered eligible for the discount.

Included in the mail Tuesday was a check for \$20,182 from the Portland Gas & Coke company. In the eight counties in which the company operates taxes of \$543,450 are being paid this year or \$31,009 more than last year.

Pacific Sailors Talking Strike

San Francisco, Nov. 16 (AP)—Members of the AFL Sailors' Union of the Pacific held stop-work meetings in west coast ports today to discuss negotiations for a new contract with maritime employers.

There is talk of a walkout—but the decision will not be known until Monday when strike ballots are returnable.

Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins said he has not been informed that any strike date has been set.

Hoskins yesterday arranged for a joint session with representatives of the SUP and the Pacific Maritime association at 2 p.m. (PST) today.

The AFL sailors are seeking a pension and welfare plan; wage increases from \$10 to \$25 a month, and retention of SUP jurisdiction on coastwise vessels.

Stanley Party Given
Butteville—Mrs. Glen L. Yergen and Mrs. Ed Shannon were hostesses at a Stanley party at the Butteville Congregational church. Mrs. Phil Hathaway was

Shorter Name Sought For Extension Unit

Liberty—The Extension unit will meet Thursday at the Salem Heights Community hall on Liberty Road at 1:30 o'clock.

The club members are asked to think of a new name for the unit as the present one is too long. All aprons that have been completed for the Azalea House apron sale to be held in December should be turned in. Club members are asked to remember to bring their favorite recipe. The project will be "Window Treatment," and will be presented by the home demonstration agent at large.

the demonstrator. Part of the sale proceeds went for church benefit. Prizes went to Mrs. Rebecca Thamer, Mrs. Ed Shannon, Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. Ervin Miller, Mrs. Harry Schultz and Mrs. John Rasmussen. Sixteen ladies attended the affair.

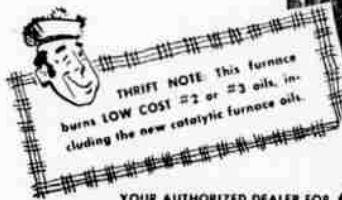
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Salem Firm Low on Fence-Building Job

Portland, Nov. 16 (AP)—Neuman company, Salem, submitted the low bid for building 520 rods of fence along the north boundary of government tract A-10 in the Lookout Point reservoir area on the middle fork of the Willamette river.

The Neuman bid, low of three submitted, was \$2386. The government estimate was \$2184.

Coal-Burners Will Resume Operations

Washington, Nov. 16 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today authorized coal-burning railroads to resume normal passenger service on Sunday. The order followed the end of the coal strike.

Beginning Oct. 25, coal-burning railroads had to cut passenger traffic 25 per cent when their coal stock piles dwindled to 25 days supply or less.

Jet Record Set

London, Nov. 16 (AP)—Britain's jet airliner, The Comet, has set a new speed record by flying 590 miles in exactly one hour during its longest test flight over the British Isles, it was disclosed today.

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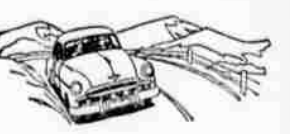
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