

Every house in Cascade Locks is occupied and new cottages are being gobbled up before they are finished. The reason for this is obvious. Cascade Locks is only a short 10 minutes from the Bonneville dam by automobile. Government employes can live here and run to and fro to their jobs a less time than the average man working in the city requires to get to his job.

There are now 1300 men engaged in building the Bonneville dam and on government contracts which have been let in connection with clearing the river channel, running surveys, sinking test holes. This number will be doubled as the work progresses.

Cascade Locks will be a permanent town when the great

dam is completed. It was an important point on the fur trade routes a century ago; it became an important river town with the coming of the steamboat; it has every opportunity to become a popular summer resort after the government employes are gone.

There are now more than 1000 people in Cascade Locks and new families are arriving daily. New business houses are being opened. Men with capital are studying its advantages in relation to cheap power and deep water to the sea.

Cascade Locks is an old established community. Its people are law abiding, friendly, energetic. It has splendid schools, an abundance of pure mountain water, excellent transportation facilities.

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## MOVE IS STARTED TO INCORPORATE CASCADE LOCKS

**Business Men Call Meeting for Tuesday Night to Which Public is Invited.**

A move to incorporate Cascade Locks was started early in the week by W. H. Clark, the fuel dealer, when he called a group of business men together at Odd Fellows hall Tuesday night.

Tennis J. Wyers, Hood River attorney, was present at the meeting and explained the legal procedure which would be necessary for the town to follow in order to establish itself as a municipality.

After informally discussing the subject for an hour the business men in attendance at the meeting voted to call a mass meeting for 8 o'clock Tuesday night, April 24, for the purpose of giving everybody an opportunity to express their opinion on the desirability of forming an incorporation. The meeting will be held in the Odd Fellows hall and anyone who has anything to say on the matter, one way or the other, will be encouraged to speak.

No attempt was made at the meeting Tuesday night to obtain an expression of sentiment. In addressing the meeting Mr. Clark explained that he had acted in calling a group of business men together for the reason that quite a number of people were anxious to see the town organized into a municipality.

The discussion that followed boiled itself down to this:

1. The cost of maintaining a municipal government.
2. The effect on taxes.
3. Control of beer licenses.
4. Whether it would not be better to go ahead and incorporate while Cascade Locks is still a small community and the conservative element can obtain control, before a new element comes in and seizes control through weight of numbers. It was generally agreed that there was danger of bond issues being forced over on property owners if action was delayed until the town continues to grow as it is now growing.

Attorney Wyers told the business men:

1. That the town has a sufficient population to form a municipal government.
2. That the first step is the circulation of a petition, addressed to the county court.
3. That the county court must call a special election when a petition, signed by 40 voters, is presented to it.
4. That the election could be held 40 to 60 days after the petition is presented.
5. That the people would be per-

## BALL CLUB TO OPERATE LARGE DANCE PAVILLION

**Receipts From Floor Will Be Used to Finance Team and July 4 Celebration.**

Steppers of the light fantastic will be able to shake their wicked feet on the smooth floor of an open-air dance pavillion in Cascade Locks within another week or ten days.

The pavillion is being built primarily for the baseball club by William Keeler, residential agent for J. B. Laber, and his baseball finance committee, but after it has raised sufficient funds to build a fence and bleachers at the ball park the revenues will be diverted to the Fourth of July committee's fund. Sponsors of the pavillion believe the dances can be made to serve a double purpose.

1. Provide wholesome amusement for the town and for employes at the dam.

2. Permit the public at large to help raise money for the ball club and the celebration.

Lumber for the pavillion will be purchased from the Cascade Locks Lumber company. When the pavillion is abandoned after Art Kolstad and "Jim" Merrill get their amusement center under way the lumber in the platform will be sold for salvage.

Date of the first dance has not yet been fixed, but probably will be advertised for next week if the weather continues pleasant and warm.

mitted to determine at the election whether they desired to incorporate.

6. In event the vote to incorporate carried, the court would call a second special election at which the people would choose a mayor, six aldermen, a treasurer and a clerk.

7. That the officers chosen at the special election would serve until the regular election in December of this year.

8. That the officers chosen at the December election would serve for two years.

9. That any person who is a registered voter and has resided in Cascade Locks three months is eligible to vote.

10. That a person does not have to be a property owner to vote in either of the elections.

Details of the tax situation, as it would be affected by creation of a municipal government, were not threshed out, nor were the costs of maintaining the municipality. These questions will be brought up at the mass meeting Tuesday night.

Belief was expressed that the hall will be filled to capacity for the meeting. It was announced that Attorney Wyers would be present to answer questions.

Famous last words: "Let's have another little drink, baby, before your husband gets home."

## ART KOLSTAD TO ERECT BUILDING FOR HIS THEATER

**Picture Show Owner and Jim Merrill Plan to Build Recreation Center in Locks.**

Art Kolstad, Hood River theater man and owner of the Cascadian in Cascade Locks, announced this week that he proposes to start work on a new building in which to house his picture show here.

J. A. Merrill, owner of Merrill's Barbeque, will join Kolstad in putting up a building. It will be built next door to the restaurant and will include provisions for a dance hall, a pool hall, card room and a barber shop and baths.

Plans provide for a building of rustic design, of L shape and of sufficient size to bring the entire amusement center under one roof. The theater will have a seating capacity of 250 people, and will contain a stage and be equipped for sound.

Interest in the development of the amusement center became active early the early part of the week, after it was learned that four bids submitted to the war department for construction and operation on the government reservation at the Bonneville dam had been rejected. All of the bids were unsatisfactory.

Kolstad started the Cascadian theater after dam workers began flocking into Cascade Locks. It is housed in the Odd Fellows building. At present shows are being presented every Sunday, but with the completion of the amusement center pictures would be shown three or four times a week and the shows increased as conditions warranted.

## BONNEVILLE VETERANS ORGANIZE LEGION POST

Ex-service men employed at Bonneville dam have organized an American Legion post of 30 members. Mayor Joe Carson of Portland and state officers of the American Legion were present Wednesday night at the formal installation of the post's officers.

Veterans residing in Cascade Locks have talked of organizing a post, but may refrain and instead enroll in the new post at Bonneville.

The Bonneville post elected S. M. (Larry) Doyle commander. He is a former state commander of Montana and has served as national commander for the 40-8. Other officers are:

Fred Abbot, first vice commander; John Kelsey, second vice commander; Morris Becock, adjutant; Dr. Floyd Dodds, finance officer; John S. Wineland, chaplain; Frank Caroon, sergeant-at-arms; executive committee: Stanley Wentz, Fred G. Wieden, Charles Bellarts and Eed Walworth.

## BALL TEAM FINDS FIELD TO KEEP OUT OF LEAGUE

**First Practice Game Scheduled Sunday Week With Mosier on Home Grounds.**

Cascade Locks does not propose to place a baseball team in the Mid-Columbia league, but will play independent baseball on a field on the Conlin ranch just east of Herman creek.

Determination to keep out of the league and away from the diamond on the government locks reservation was agreed upon unanimously by the players and fans. Here is why:

The league does not look hot on paper and everybody at the meeting thought the team should play as often as possible at home.

The proposed diamond on the reservation is too small.

A finance committee working among the business men has raised more than \$75 and expects to raise double that sum before the end of the week. There is enough money in sight to equip the players with uniforms and to purchase gloves, bats and balls.

Trial practice has started and will be kept up daily. Superintendent V. G. Henderson, manager of the team and secretary of the club, has arranged for a game with a Mosier team a week from Sunday. The meet will be largely in the form of a practice game for the purpose of observing what kind of material he has at hand. Players are enthusiastic and new faces are showing up right along and new talent is expected to appear as the season progresses.

The field on the Conlin ranch is level and does not require much labor to put it in shape. A fence will be built around it and bleachers erected by the time the first scheduled game is played.

## HOTEL GROUNDS BEING BEAUTIFIED BY OWNER

Mrs. E. Finlay, proprietor of the Craigmont hotel, has had a number of men busy working on the lawn and clearing up the property, and she proposes to do considerable more work on the grounds with the expectation of developing an attractive garden.

The hotel is not so well known as some others on the Columbia River highway but promises to attract tourists and visitors, who will come to Cascade Locks to view the work at Bonneville dam.

A high class hotel is a decided asset to a town and hundreds of western towns have gone to great lengths to obtain hotels which are not superior to the Craigmont. It should become the center of a community life in Cascade Locks.

A political platform is just like the one on the back of a street car—not meant to stand on, just to get in on.

## NEW BUILDINGS BEING PLANNED ON MAIN STREET

**Growing Demands for Business Houses and Cottages May Keep Carpenters Busy.**

With new business houses and cottages being snapped up as rapidly as they are built, property owners are becoming more and more active in their efforts to meet the demands which are being made on Cascade Locks by the building of Bonneville dam.

Work is being started daily on new cottages in different parts of town, and several new buildings are being planned for Main street.

W. H. Clark is busily engaged in putting up a cold storage plant on property which he purchased two or more weeks ago. The building, 24 by 40 and two stories in height, will stand on ground just in the rear of his home, near the Catholic church. The second floor will be given over to apartments.

Contractors are being asked every day to figure on new buildings which different people want to erect. Indications are that a number of these buildings will be started within a short time.

Investors, observing the trend of dam employes to make Cascade Locks their homes and noting the opportunity of the town as a summer resort and industrial center, are beginning to investigate conditions. These inquiries are encouraging Cascade Locks people to improve their properties for rental purposes.

J. B. Laber rented all of the space in his new building before it was half completed, and is now talking of putting up a second building.

## GOVERNMENT REOPENS CCC CAMP AT WYETH

**First Contingent Now Engaged in Setting Up Quarters for Company of 200 Men.**

Work of setting up permanent quarters for the new CCC camp at Wyeth, seven miles east of Cascade Locks, was started Monday by a detail of 25 men under command of Capt. K. J. Boender, U. S. A., and Lieut. G. B. Ribble of the medical corps, United States navy.

The camp will occupy the same ground that was used last year by the boys who were stationed at Wyeth. The 200 youths in the camp will be employed in clearing up the grounds in the Viento state park, up the highway between Wyeth and Hood River.

Captain Boender and Lieutenant Ribble brought their detail to the Columbia river district from Camp Cape Sebastian, No. 1652, in southern Oregon.

**Plan Now To Celebrate The Fourth of July in Cascade Locks This Year**