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100 BUNKHOUSES TO BE ERECTED AT BONNEVILLE

Provisions Being Made to Care for 1500 Men Who Will Draw Jobs on \$6,000,000 Spillway.

Work of filling and leveling the ground on a 10-acre tract preparatory to the building of another 100 bunkhouses for the accommodation of men employed on construction work of the huge spillway at the Bonneville dam has been started by the war department.

Bids for construction of the spillway will be opened May 25. That means the new bunkhouses must be built at once in order to have them in readiness for the additional 1500 men who will be given employment.

The war department's action in making a camp ready at Bonneville is accepted as proof that the workers will be housed on the Oregon side of the river, and not on the Washington side as the public has been led to believe. There are now 1300 men engaged in building the dam. This payroll will be doubled as work on the spillway gets into full swing.

The spillway will link Bradford island with the Washington shore of the river. It is expected to cost between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000 and probably will be from two to three years in building.

Ground to be occupied by the new bunkhouses at the dam site lays on both sides of the railroad tracks and west of the Atkinson bunkhouses. By dumping dirt being taken from excavations at the approach to the proposed locks the ground will be brought up to a level with the balance of the camp.

According to present plans, half of the bunkhouses will be put up on the south side of the railroad tracks and half on the north side, next to the river.

Employees at Dam Want Magazines

Workmen living in the bunkhouses at Bonneville dam are short on reading material. The shortage arises from the fact that there are more than 500 men living in the camps and there are never enough magazines to go around. The Chronicle would like to help overcome the shortage, so if you have magazines you have finished reading bring them to our office, opposite the meat market, and we will undertake to see that they reach the men. Fiction magazines are the most popular, particularly those with plenty of action stories.

Cascade Drug company is now selling fishing licenses for the state. The river continues to rise. It has halted blasting.

HIGH SCHOOL TO HOLD GRADUATING EXERCISES

Class of Four to Receive Diplomas Thursday Night. Baccalaureate Sermon Next Sunday.

The high school annual baccalaureate services for the graduating class will be held in the Methodist church Sunday, April 29, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Richards of Hood River will be in charge.

Commencement exercises for the Class of '34 will be held in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, May 3, at 8 o'clock. Teunis J. Wyers of Hood River will deliver the principal address, although each senior has a special topic. Inez Perras, valedictorian, has selected a short address entitled, "I Am a Part of All I Have Met." Viola Brink, salutatorian, will speak on "An Unending Quest." Everill Broliar has selected "My Classmates," and Jessie Nasshahn has chosen "Our Activities." Music will be furnished by the girls' chorus and Miss Wilma Eddy will favor with a solo.

The four students who will graduate are: Everill Broliar, Inez Perras, Viola Brink, Jessie Nasshahn. The eight pupils to be graduated from the grade school are: Henry Brink, Lawrence Brink, Jack Buce, Jr., Rosemary Todd, Virginia Tessier, LaVerne Jenkins, Norva Jenkins and Marguerite MacKinnon.

Veterans Invited To Join Legion

Bonneville Post No. 88, American Legion, organized two weeks ago, has invited veterans of Cascade Locks and other communities in the district adjacent to the dam on the Oregon side of the river to become members. Ex-servicemen of Cascade Locks talked of founding their own post, but sentiment appears to have undergone a change and the majority seem to feel that they prefer to belong at Bonneville.

The Bonneville post meets once a month. The next meeting will be held May 9. It is hoped at that time to draw a large delegation from Cascade Locks.

Veterans at the camp and in Cascade Locks take the view that one of the strongest posts in the state can be built up in this district if all join a single post instead of attempting to build up rival posts.

The Bonneville post meets in the community house at the camp on the second Wednesday of each month. It has not been determined whether the meetings will be held oftener than that, although the executive committee has had the subject under consideration. The post started out with a membership of 30. Its officers anticipate that 200 or more veterans at Bonneville alone will enroll. By drawing the veterans from other communities they believe the membership can be run up to 300 men.

BONNEVILLE TO BUILD ANOTHER ROOM ON SCHOOL

District Will Provide Materials and Government the Labor For Larger Quarters For Pupils.

Property owners and parents of independent school district No. 46 at Bonneville voted a tax of \$1200 Monday night for the purpose of purchasing material with which to build another room onto the school building. The meeting, held in the community hall on the government reservation, was not largely attended.

Labor on the school building will be furnished by the federal government. Workmen will be paid out of CWA, but the materials must be provided by the school district.

Construction work will not begin until in the summer, due to the fact that some of the people of the district want to build a new and modern building on property to be deeded to the school by the federal government. However, inability of the war department to determine just what land can be made available for school purposes is delaying action and may continue to delay action until late in the summer, or even into the autumn.

The Bonneville school had a total enrollment of six pupils at the beginning of the term. Influx of families after work on the dam started caused the enrollment to jump to 24 pupils, and is forcing the district to use the community hall for a school room. Miss Eliza Stevens, who has taught the school for the past several years, is handling four grades. The other four grades are being handled by Miss Guila Galasheff, who used to teach the school at Warrendale.

Government to Build Recreation Center

The federal government proposes to build the much talked of recreational center on the reservation at the Bonneville dam and rent out the concessions. This was announced Thursday by the United States engineers' office, and sets at rest reports that the government had abandoned the original plans.

Efforts were made two weeks ago by the war department to find an individual who would spend \$25,000 on a building. Only four proposals were received. All were turned down.

Under the new setup the government will put up a building and let out the concessions. However, the indications are that the recreational center will not be so large as first planned.

A. L. Stewart and Erick Erickson drove to Seattle Wednesday on business. They expect to be home before the end of the week.

CASCADE LOCKS TO PLAY FIRST BALL GAME SUNDAY

Club Has Abundance Material But Needs More Pitchers and a Fast Third Baseman.

Vernon G. Henderson, manager of the Cascade Locks baseball team, has more talent at his command than he realized, it developed Sunday when the players turned out for their first practice game. He found that he had enough men to build a first and a second string. By using all of his material he could play a game on the home grounds every week, providing sufficient funds are obtainable for additional uniforms.

An order has been placed for 15 uniforms. They will be gray with black Sox and caps and carry a monogram "CL" across the shirts.

Additional pitchers and a third baseman are needed. To date Tom Stubblefield must be depended upon to do all of the heavy hurling, although Bud Woodward is expected to develop into a good pitcher as the season advances. The first game is scheduled for Sunday, when the Mosier club will be here for the afternoon. Other games are being arranged. Efforts are being made to get dates with some of the stronger Portland teams.

Members of the club have been busy putting the field in shape. Another week or two may be expected to pass before the bleachers will be ready. Business men have been liberal in their donations to the club's fund and enough money has been obtained to provide all immediate and necessary expenses. Funds with which to defray cost of building the bleachers will be procured from the dances.

Bonneville Residents Want Recreational Directors

Bonneville residents determined at a meeting Monday night to ask the federal government for two recreational directors, to be paid out of SERA funds. In addition to a man recreational director and a woman director, the Bonneville people want a full time librarian. Mrs. George Atkinson, Samuel Lancaster and Dr. Wells were appointed members of a committee to take the matter up with the government.

Enquist is Given Clearing Contract

Erick Enquist of Springdale has been awarded a contract by the war department for clearing 16 acres of land at the Bonneville dam. The contract was taken by Erick Enquist & Co. A crew of 10 men are employed on the project, which must be finished within 60 days. The property being cleared lies adjacent to the land on which the government is building 20 permanent residences at a cost of \$150,000.

BIDS ARE OPENED FOR BUILDING OF NEW RESIDENCES

Jobs to Be Created for Another 100 to 200 Workmen at Dam Some Time Next Month.

Ground is being cleared preparatory to the building of from eight to 16 additional bunkhouses on the reservation at Bonneville dam in which to house employes of the contractor who will put up the 20 permanent houses near the administration office.

The George H. Waale company of Portland was found to be low bidder when proposals for building the 20 homes were opened Wednesday at Portland. The bid was \$161,688. Bids were submitted by seven other contractors.

It is reported that the government may start work on another unit of permanent houses, to be occupied by the employes after the dam is completed.

The new bunkhouses in which the contractors' workmen will live are located just east of the Atkinson camp. Under arrangements which have been entered into the Atkinson company will be given a contract to feed the carpenters and other artisans.

Exact number of new bunkhouses has not been determined for the reason that it is not definitely known just how many workmen will be brought to Bonneville by the contractor. The company may use 100 men or it may use 200.

The 20 houses will be of English type, two stories in height with basement. Each will have three or four bedrooms and garage. Foundations for the buildings are finished and all is in readiness for the superstructures.

Business Men To Form Club

A movement to launch a commercial club or chamber of commerce was started Tuesday when 20 business men gathered around a luncheon board at the Bridge of the Gods. After a very excellent meal they listened to a number of speakers discuss the subject.

Principal discussion centered about disposition of the present Civic club, of which Postmaster Frank Hall is president and W. J. Carlson, of the Red & White store, is secretary. Dr. Fred Folsom, the dentist, presided.

Several speakers expressed the opinion that a commercial organization composed of business men should meet weekly at noonday luncheons for the purpose of acting on problems as they arose. The meeting next week will be held Wednesday at the Craigmont hotel at the noon hour. An invitation is extended to all persons interested in organizing a commercial club to be present. A 35-cent lunch will be served.

Back water from the huge Bonneville dam will form the largest log pond in the world. The Cascade mountains on the Washington side of the river contains millions and millions of feet of merchantable timber. Cheap power from the Bonneville dam and water transportation promises to make Cascade Locks an ideal location for pulp and paper mills and for a sawmill.

Already industrialists are studying the territory adjacent to the Bonneville dam with a view to determining the feasibility of the area for manufacturing purposes.

Cascade Locks has an abundance of level lands fronting the river. It is served by water, rail and highway. The rolling hills

offer ideal sites for homes.

Every visitor to the Bonneville dam should spend some time in Cascade Locks. The town is only a short 10 minutes from the dam site. There are now 2500 people on the Oregon side of the river, within 10 miles of the dam.

Cascade Locks is the nearest town, and the only town within miles of the dam on the Oregon side of the river. Completion of the dam should mean the beginning of a new industrial era.

Cascade Locks has been a splendid town in the past, should be an important business center on the river and highway in the future. It is not a boom town.