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CASCADE LOCKS IS IN HOLIDAY SPIRITS FOR CELEBRATION

Full Program Promises Entertainment or Visitors During Four Days and Nights.

With the opening of the 4-day Bonneville dam celebration Saturday night, Main street in Cascade Locks will become a midway and the town will take on a holiday atmosphere.

Weather permitting, the four days should be among the liveliest in the history of the Mid-Columbia district, because there is every indication that the public is interested in the celebration and desirous of seeing the dam in its early stages of construction.

The dam will be open to visitors Sunday and again on the Fourth. Monday and Tuesday the visitors will be able to see the work from View Point, up by Samuel C. Lancaster's cabin, at the top of the bluff. Advertising literature, calling attention to the celebration has been widely distributed, and North Bonneville has done an equally good job of inviting the world to participate in the four days of fun.

North Bonneville is putting on a rodeo. The town will have a number of entertainment features which are entirely different from those in Cascade Locks, and it is presumed that the visitors will flock back and forth across the bridge, that they will drive up one side of the river and down the other.

The celebration will formally open in Cascade Locks with the selection of the queen at the Queen's Ball in "Jim" Merrill's new dance hall Saturday night. The queen, to be determined after the votes are counted, will be crowned by W. J. Carlson, secretary of the Civic club.

A baseball game and a sacred concert in the park are scheduled for Sunday afternoon. The sacred concert will begin at 5 o'clock, following the ball game.

The program is full for the full four days and there should not be a dull moment. Picnic dinners may be held in the park, and provisions have been made to accommodate campers.

There will be horseshoe pitching contests Monday and Tuesday; log rolling in the canal Tuesday and Wednesday; old time events, including the greased pig, Wednesday afternoon; wrestling matches and boxing bouts Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; fire works every night; dancing day and night; baseball games every day.

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock Hon. Joseph E. Dunne, republican candidate for governor, will speak in the park. The Hood River band is providing music each day of the celebration. It will play during the 60-minute patriotic program in the park; there will be community singing; and Dr. E. H. Berger will read the Declaration of Independence.

Capt. Charles Nelson expects to run a steamboat between Cascade Locks and North Bonneville, which will carry visitors the full round trip for 25 cents, but the strike in Portland may prevent him from obtaining the boat. This feature of the program promises to be one of the most popular on the program, as the steamer will carry the passengers down to the dam site.

An airplane is being procured to

FIVE CANDIDATES FOR QUEEN IN HARD FIGHT AS RACE NEARS CLOSE

The race for queen of the dam celebration to be held here the first four days in July has been growing quite warm and exciting during the closing days of the contest.

Since the first of the week, when Eva May Bates walked away with first honors, the race has been tightening. In the second week Helyn Merrill took the lead from Mrs. Bates, and in the third week Miss Merrill in turn gave way to Jane Geitner. Now, at the start of the final week, Helyn Merrill again has fought her way to the top, with Mrs. Bates crowding so close that only a few votes separate them. And with the report that some candidates are holding back a few votes, even an apparent sure lead may dwindle at any time.

The vote on Monday night stood:

Helyn Merrill	22,400
Eva May Bates	21,400
Jane Geitner	20,200
Myrtle Daniels	17,400
Silvia Spicer	13,000
Ruth Sinrud	10,500
Faye Douville	11,100
Clara Nix	10,100

The program for the coronation exercises to be held in the new Merrill pavilion are being kept back as a surprise. All candidates are to be at

the pavilion Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, and each hour thereafter a committee will gather the votes and make a count to determine the vote standing. At 10 o'clock Al Meyer, Mark Shields and V. G. Henderson and the queen committee will make a final canvass of the votes. With this determined, the coronation program will be started and no one, except the girls, will know who the winner will be until the prime minister places the crown and the purple robes on the winner.

Decorations for the gorgeous spectacle are being planned by Henry Nelson and his picked committee. The procession and music will be arranged by V. G. Henderson. Will J. Carlson, corresponding secretary of the Civic club and one well versed in the usual procedure of such programs, has been selected by the general committee to act as prime minister.

From all indications the dance will be attended by huge crowds from Hood River, The Dalles and Wasco upriver, and Gresham, Portland, Oregon City and Vancouver downriver. An excellent orchestra has been arranged for by Jim Merrill, manager, and ample parking space will be provided for all autos.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET TWICE MONTHLY IN ODD FELLOWS HALL

The American Legion post at Bonneville has rented the Odd Fellows hall in Cascade Locks and will hereafter meet every other Wednesday. The post, the only one in the Bonneville dam area, will enroll members throughout the district from Herman creek to Dodson.

The lodge hall has ample facilities for the preparation and serving of meals. Across the street from the hall is Merrill's new dance hall where the veterans propose to hold dances, and just to the east is the new arena where he post will promote wrestling bouts and fight cards.

It is anticipated that under the new arrangement the membership of the post will be increased quite rapidly, as it has been quite difficult for the veterans to get satisfactory nights for their meetings on the reservation at the dam site.

Next week The Chronicle hopes to be able to announce early construction of a large group of cottages in Cascade Locks for accommodation of families of men employed on Bonneville dam.

Two different groups have been in Cascade Locks the past few days. One has in mind the construction of 50 cottages, the other, 200 cottages.

Formal announcement of definite plans has not come from either group, but may before the first of the week.

carry passengers over the dam site. It will leave from the landing field at the Airport, below Herman creek.

Business houses are decorating, and a contract has been entered into for the decorating of the streets with bunting and flags.

The streets will be lighted with long strings of lights, through courtesy of the West Coast Power company, which is not only furnishing the current free of cost, but is putting up the lights.

WORK IS STARTED ON FIGHT ARENA TO BE USED DURING FOURTH

Construction work has been started on an arena which will accommodate the wrestling matches and the fights to be held in Cascade Locks during the 4-day celebration. After the celebration the arena will be made available to the American Legion for its weekly smokers.

Originally planned to stand on ground owned by W. H. Clark, near the Odd Fellows hall, details were changed early in the week and a new location had to be obtained.

Funds with which to build have been pledged by business men, who procured lumber through cooperation of I. Owen, manager of the Cascade Lumber company.

Some excellent cards are promised for the four days of the celebration by cAe Barker, widely known Portland promoter, and Max Livingston of Cascade Locks, for whom the arena is being built. "Bulldog" Jackson, Robin Reed and other popular Pacific coast wrestlers will be on the cards.

The wrestling bouts will be held Monday and Tuesdays afternoons from 2 to 4:30 o'clock, and on Wednesday night from 8 to 10 o'clock. The boxing bouts will be held the afternoon of the Fourth from 2 to 4:30 o'clock.

All seats will be within 30 feet of the ring, as they are being built in tiers up to a height of 12 feet. Popular prices will prevail, running from 50 cents for the run of the house to 75 cents for ringside seats.

The Brandes Creamery, which has built up quite a milk trade in the Bonneville dam area, is now giving its drivers one day off each week. That explains why Roy Skinner, who drives the route, is sometimes missing from the truck. The creamery operates under NRA and employs only union drivers.

INTEREST IN PLYMOUTH GROWING WARM AS HOUR OF DRAWING APPROACHES

Interest in the new Plymouth car, to be awarded on the night of the Fourth in Cascade Locks, is increasing as the hour of the drawing approaches and the girls selling tickets to the Queen's Ball are finding a lively demand for the pasteboards.

Sale of tickets will be continued after Saturday night, but the new tickets will admit to the ball games during the 4-day celebration.

Garrabrant Brothers, of Hood River, Plymouth dealers in this territory, have given the committee splendid cooperation in handling of the car, and it is to be hoped that they do a handsome business after the drawing is over.

Week ago the Garrabrant Brothers turned the car over to the committee, and they have been advertising the drawing through the Hood River paper.

PROGRAM

SATURDAY
8 p. m.—Queen's Ball.
10 p. m.—Crowning of Queen.

SUNDAY
8 a. m. to 12 noon—Hiking.
1 p. m. to 4 p. m.—Baseball.
5 p. m. to 7 p. m.—Sacred Concert.
8 p. m.—Dancing.
Midway open all day and in evening.

MONDAY
6 a. m. to 8 a. m.—Hiking.
8 a. m. to 10 a. m.—Preliminaries in Horse Shoe Pitching Contest.
10 a. m. to 12 noon—Baseball.
Midway open all day and in evening.
2 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.—Wrestling Matches in Arena.
5 p. m. to 7 p. m.—Band Concert.
7 p. m.—Dancing.
10:30 p. m.—Fireworks.

TUESDAY
6 a. m. to 8 a. m.—Hiking.
8 a. m. to 10 a. m.—Finals in Horse Shoe Pitching Contest.
10 a. m. to 12 noon—Baseball.
12:30 p. m. to 2 p. m.—Preliminaries in Log Rolling Contest.
2 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.—Wrestling.
5 p. m. to 7 p. m.—Band Concert.
7 p. m.—Dancing.
Midway open all day and in evening.
10:30 p. m.—Fireworks.

WEDNESDAY
6 a. m. to 8 a. m.—Hiking.
Midway open all day and in evening.
10 a. m.—Community Singing.
Speaking, Hon. Joseph E. Dunne. A. W. Meyer, chairman of day.
Special Music—
This feature of the program will be held in park, down by navigation locks.

11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.—Baseball.
12:30 p. m. to 2 p. m.—Finals in Log Rolling Contest.
2:00 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.—Boxing Bouts.
4:30 p. m. to 6 p. m.—Old Time Events.
6 p. m. to 7 p. m.—Band Concert.
7 p. m.—Dancing.
8 p. m. to 10 p. m.—Wrestling Matches in Arena.
10 p. m.—Drawing for New 4-Door Plymouth Car.
10:30 p. m.—Fireworks.

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WAR DEPARTMENT PUTS ITS O. K. ON CONTRACT FOR DAM

Construction Company to Begin Work on \$10,000,000 Job Rapidly as Get in Equipment.

Awarding of the \$10,000,000 contract on the spillway dam at Bonneville to the Columbia Construction company of Reno, Nevada, by United States army engineers was affirmed by the war department Monday.

Confirmation of the contract will let the contractors go forward immediately with construction work. The company has started moving its equipment into the federal reservation at Bonneville and early in July it will begin work on the new bunkhouses, which will stand on the banks of Tanner creek, just west of the railroad station.

The company expects to start work on its coffer dam from the Oregon shore. Work will begin in the middle of the river. Less than 200 men will be employed in the beginning, but the payroll will be increased as time advances. Eventually several hundred men will be employed on the job.

Headquarters for the work, according to present plans, will be established near the camp, west of the administration building at the reservation.

When the job gets into full swing the contractors will be employing 1,000 men. This will necessitate the construction of additional bunkhouses, unless a majority of the men choose to live outside of the camp.

July 6 the army engineers will award the contract for the foundation of the power house, which will be 550 feet long, 300 feet wide, and set in Bradford slough, between the Oregon mainland and Bradford island. The 500 men to be employed on this job will be compelled to live in tents until the Guy F. Atkinson company completes its contract in October and surrenders the 38 bunkhouses that stand near the railroad station.

Under a new policy adopted by the federal government, the common labor employed on the dam contracts will be paid 50 cents an hour and permitted to work 40 hours a week. This will have the result of giving the lowest paid labor \$20 a week, and will bring the average weekly wages for the dam contracts up to \$30 a week, or better.

Army engineers asked the government to increase the number of permissible working hours for common labor in an effort to lift the standard of living among families which are dependent upon the dam for a livelihood. It should have the result of enabling workers to find houses and live outside of camp. Contractors and engineers at least believe it will have this result, and so they are not building as many bunkhouses as originally planned.

Silver E. Ferras not only enjoyed a nice run of business last Saturday when Mrs. Ferras joined him in throwing their new meat market open to the public, but he really enjoyed passing out the lemonade to the crowd that flocked into the store to wish him success. He and Mrs. Ferras made up a 10-gallon jar and it was all gone before the evening was over.

FOUR DAYS AND NIGHTS OF FUN AT CASCADE LOCKS, JULY 1—2—3—4, 1934