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CONTRACTORS ON POWERHOUSE ARE LOSING NO TIME

General and Shea Start Work on Job Without Awaiting Formal Confirmation of Their Bid.

The General Construction company and the J. F. Shea company, contractors on the navigation locks and the powerhouse substructure at the Bonneville dam, are not waiting to obtain formal approval of their contract but are plunging into the task of getting their job under way with a view to completing it as early as possible.

Two steam shovels were put to work this week excavating dirt and rock from the powerhouse site, and a crew of men is busily engaged in putting up an office building on the reservation. The office building is one story in height and of frame construction. It stands just north of the railroad tracks on the road leading across Bradford slough.

E. A. Webster, general manager, and P. C. Nicholson, general superintendent, are in charge of the work at the dam. Both have been with the General Construction company for several years.

The contractors are closing their temporary office on the hill overlooking Eagle creek, and are preparing to abandon the former camp to the federal government for use in housing workers who will be employed on the removal of the Union Pacific tracks when that job gets under way.

Workers employed by the contractors are being quartered at the Guy F. Atkinson camp, near the railroad station, but seven or eight new bunkhouses will be built immediately to accommodate them. The contractors expect to increase the number of employes almost daily, but do not propose to have a full force until the Atkinson company has finished its contract. When the Atkinson company withdraws upon completion of its contract, the General and Shea people will take over the entire camp. It was originally planned that the General and the Shea people would use 400 or 500 men, but these plans may be upset if weather conditions are favorable for the contractors to make all possible progress and they may be using 700 or 800 men by early autumn.

Sunday Dinner Dances.

Mrs. E. Finlay, manager of the Craigmont hotel, will hereafter hold dinner dances every Sunday afternoon and evening. The dances are designed to provide entertainment for that portion of the public which enjoys music and dancing in pleasant surroundings, and is particularly intended to attract visitors who stream into Bonneville every Sunday in an effort to see the dam. Mrs. Finlay proposes to continue her free dancing on Saturday nights. She has engaged a Hood River orchestra to furnish music for the initial dinner dance Sunday. The dancing will start at 4 p. m. and close at 10 p. m.

E. A. White and E. E. White of Portland, who have sub-contracts from the General Construction company and the J. F. Shea company for removal of dirt and rock at the powerhouse site, are now making their homes in Cascade Locks. They have taken over the Ash home.

Scouts Now in Camp.

Seventeen Boy Scouts whose parents could not afford to send them to the main Boy Scout camp on the ocean arrived at Eagle Creek Forest camp from Oregon City with their scout leader, Carl Moline, who was formerly employed at a forest service patrolman on the Columbia River highway. During their 10-days stay at Eagle creek a model camp was made and each day the entire troop donated two hours of their time doing a good turn for the forest service. Trails were cleaned out and camp grounds cleaned.

Mrs. Fred Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sundry, left Friday for Victoria, B. C. to join her husband.

OUR NEW LOCATION

The Chronicle, like other business houses in the Bonneville Dam area, has had difficulty in finding a permanent home where it could hang out the latch string to the public, but it hopes that it is finally settled in a district where callers will not encounter more than ordinary trouble in finding the publishers.

The new office is directly up the hill from the Lakeside Market and across the street from R. E. Andrews & Company. The home we have selected will serve until a new building is completed on the property. If you can't read and are reluctant to injure, just set a juicy huckleberry pie on the sidewalk and that will bring the editors out of their den. We suggest this latter method, for it is sure fire.

BONNEVILLE DAM GIVEN \$11,000,000 BY ICKES

Fear that work on the \$31,000,000 Bonneville dam project might be delayed through failure of the federal government to make money available for the work has been dispelled by action of Public Works Administrator Ickes in allotting \$11,000,000 to the project.

A fund of \$20,000,000 had previously been set aside for the dam, and the necessary funds for completion of the job had been earmarked but there was some uncertainty as to whether the money would be forthcoming when needed. The allotment insures continuation of contracts and removes all fears of some other state getting funds which had been promised to Oregon.

Whether the \$31,000,000 is going to be enough appears problematical in view of the extra costs which have arisen as the result of higher prices than were anticipated being asked for land adjacent to the dam.

The working model of the dam alone is reported to have cost \$90,000. Then there are other unexpected expenses which keep arising from time to time. However, practically all of the contracts let to date have been lower than estimated by the army engineers, and this is giving the government some extra funds.

Catholic Church to Rebuild.

The Catholic church, which was destroyed in the fire of July 2, is to be rebuilt in the very near future on the property just south of Clark's cold storage plant. Father Kelly of Portland, who was stationed in Cascade Locks for years and built up the church, has interested himself in getting the new church under way. He was in Cascade Locks some days ago looking over the situation. The property carried \$1000 insurance.

Wilkes Makes Progress.

Irvin Wilkes, who has taken a 5-year lease on the Glover building, is making rapid progress in his work of remodeling it. He proposes to open a restaurant on the ground floor and may put a pool hall in the basement. The second floor probably will be made into a rooming house. The building will be ready for occupancy the later part of the month and the restaurant will be open for business by August 1.

Card of Thanks.

We give our heartfelt thanks to our friends and fellow workers for their sympathy and kindly help received during our recent bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hurlburt and Family.

The sheriff's office is endeavoring to trail down a gang believed to be responsible for a robbery at the Craigmont hotel last week. The public room, which sets some distance from the hotel property, was entered with a pass key. Several gallons of beer, five cartons of cigarettes and \$5 in cash were taken.

GROUND IN RESERVATION BEING RAISED TO GRADE

The task of lifting old Dame Nature's face at Bonneville and ironing out wrinkles caused by the action of the elements through the countless centuries is progressing rapidly under the direction of army engineers.

Dirt and rock taken from the navigation canal and the powerhouse site are being dumped in the depression or draw below the highway and south of the railroad tracks. In time the reservation will become level as a checker-board. Enough material has been dumped to provide a roadbed for an excellent highway that will lead from the present entrance to that section of the reservation where the 20 new residences are going up.

When work is further under way and the proper time arrives, the bluff between the highway and the railroad tracks opposite the powerhouse will be leveled. The dirt will be used to bring the entire reservation up to grade and the rock will be employed in facing the side of Ruckle slide.

Trees in the reservation are being carefully preserved in keeping with a well designed landscaping plan. And no doubt other trees will be planted after the contractors have finished their jobs. Thus, the entire reservation in its completed state will take on the appearance of a beautiful park which will, in course of time, be thrown open to the enjoyment of the public.

Lots All Occupied.

All of the 36 lots recently surveyed between Eagle creek and Ruckle creek have been leased from the forest service by bona fide workers on the Bonneville dam. Their permit cannot be extended beyond the period of the construction of the dam, and the dwellings and all other improvements are to be removed at the termination of the permit. This area is then to be added to the Eagle creek forest camp. A petition was circulated last week to extend this privilege over a period of years so that those desiring could use their cabins for summer homes.

It is estimated that 2000 visitors used the picnic grounds at Eagle creek on the Fourth of July. The Bonneville dam and celebration at Cascade Locks were responsible for such a large attendance.

Now It's Dugout Bar.

Lively interest was manifested the early part of the week in the selection of a name for the new public room recently opened by Mrs. May Silva, manager of the Bridge of the Gods hotel. After considerable study on the part of a committee it was agreed to call the place "The Dugout Bar." High honors—a case of beer—went to Mrs. Walter Lane, C. A. Abrahamson and William Keeler. An unusually large number of names were submitted.

"May I see the captain?" inquired a lady passenger. "He's forward, miss," replied the first mate. "Oh, I'm not afraid," said the lady. "I've been out with him."

CONSTRUCTION WORK STARTED ON GIANT DAM

Columbia Construction Company Opens Office on Bradford Island. Two Dredges To Start Work.

With preliminary work largely disposed of the Columbia Construction company, contractors on the \$10,000,000 spillway dam at Bonneville is moving swiftly to get the job well under way while weather conditions are favorable.

Plans and specifications are out and bids have been called for construction of bunkhouses at the mouth of Tanner creek and a crew of workmen are building an office and homes on Bradford island.

The company opened an office in a temporary building on the island Thursday and is now actually on the ground. It is working a crew of 50 men temporarily on the Washington side of the river. These men are being boarded in hotels and restaurants.

As the work gets under way in earnest the number of men employed will be increased. The workmen on the Washington shore are engaged in excavation work which is being carried on preparatory to building of the cofferdams. Excavations of a similar character will be carried forward on Bradford island.

The company is bringing in two dredges, one of which will be put to work on either side of the river. As the water continues to fall the work of preparing the way for construction of the cofferdams will be pushed forward. There seems no likelihood that work of pouring cement can be started for months. While no official statement of plans has been forthcoming, it does not now appear probable that pouring will start before late winter or early spring.

Due to an automobile accident, Rev. L. F. Smith, newly appointed pastor of the Methodist Community church, was unable to reach Cascade Locks in time to fill the pulpit last Sunday as expected. Quite a crowd of people turned out for the morning service to welcome him to Cascade Locks. It is anticipated, however, that he will be able to hold services next Sunday, but there has been no official announcement to that end.

CHAMBER TO SPONSOR DANCES AT CRAIGMONT AND JIM MERRILL'S

The dance at the Craigmont hotel Saturday night will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, which is endeavoring to raise funds for the purpose of paying off all of the obligations incurred during the Fourth of July celebration.

"Jim" Merrill will not attempt to hold a dance this Saturday night, and next week the chamber will dance at Merrill's pavilion, and there will be no Saturday night dance at the Craigmont. In this manner it is believed that enough funds can be obtained from the two dances to practically wipe out all indebtedness.

The dance at the Craigmont this week and the dance at Merrill's pavilion a week from Saturday are to bear the usual charge of 50 cents for men—ladies free.

"Jim" Merrill is employing one of the best orchestras obtainable for the dance at his place and the indications are that it will include seven pieces.

Plans for the dances were discussed Wednesday at the chamber meeting at the Craigmont. President A. W. Meyer, who has presided at every meeting since the organization was founded, called Vice President Berger to the chair and found a place near the foot of the table. His excuse: He was entitled to a rest every now and then.

New Traffic Count.

Every third car seen on the highway these days bears an out-of-state license, it was revealed last Friday when the state highway department made a check at the east end of town.

The count: Oregon cars, 1169; out-of-state cars, 558; trucks, 203; busses, 22. Total, 1952.

The count, made under direction of "Doc" Carns, was unusually heavy in view of the fact that the gasoline famine threatened.

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Erickson are home from St. Helens, where they spent a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Conger spent the weekend in Hood River visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Evans and son, Mrs. S. R. Evans and Mrs. Chenoweth, all of Hood River, were guests at the S. E. Woodward home Sunday.

NATIONAL FOREST NEWS

Change in Name.

The Mount Hood national forest has announced a change in name of the headquarters of the Columbia district of this forest. The station so long known as Herman ranger station has been changed to the Columbia Gorge ranger station. District Ranger A. I. Wang will continue in charge of the district.

Campfire Permits Required.

Campfire permits are no required for all fires being built on the Mt. Hood national forest. As the forest service has the responsibility of protecting the forest from fires, these permits are required so that a check may be kept on all fires built within the national forests. The permits are issued free of charge and may be obtained from the Columbia Gorge ranger station and the Eagle creek ranger station.

Patrolmen on Duty.

All lookout sand patrolmen are now stationed and on duty in the Columbia district of the Mt. Hood national forest as follows: Ray Wilson, Mt. Defiance; Harold Gustafson, Green Point; Elmer Mohr, Chindere Mt. and Wahtum lake; John Bruckart, Indian Mt.; Ross Bowles, Tanner Butte; Wilbur Harrison, Larch Mt.; Robert Ellis, Larch Mt. patrol; Ray Lasley, Pepper Mt.; Wm. Soderstrom, Trout creek patrol; Arthur Grimm, Post Canyon patrol; Nick Anderson, fire truck driver; Chas. Sigl, Columbia River highway patrol and C. T. Brown, protective patrol. These men are all responsible to A. I. Wang, district ranger at the Columbia Gorge station.

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No Smoking While Traveling.

Due to the extreme danger of fires starting from smokers, the forest service has asked that all fishermen, hikers, and campers refrain from smoking while traveling along trails, roads and through the forest. When such persons desire to smoke they should stop at a safe place, smoke, put out their pipe or cigarette and then proceed on their way. The blow-down area on Larch Mt. is closed to all smokers between the spring and the summit. Hikers and others using the Multnomah Trail are asked to smoke only when at the spring and the summit where adequate provisions are made for building small fires also.

Fire Prevention Equipment.

To better enable the many users of the national forests to extinguish their campfires the forest service has required that all parties going into the national forests with automobiles and other vehicles, or pack horses, with the intention of camping equip themselves with the following fire-fighting tools:

One axe, not less than 26 inches long, over all. One shovel, not less than 36 inches long over all, and blade 8 inches wide. One water container, capacity one gallon.

The above rules do not apply to forest camp grounds where no campfire permits are required, such as Eagle creek forest camp.

PRESIDENT WILL VISIT DAM SITE ON AUGUST THIRD

Latest Change in Plans Puts Roosevelt in Bonneville for Brief Talk and Tour of Inspection.

Plans for President Roosevelt's visit to Bonneville dam have been changed repeatedly and may undergo more changes before he actually puts in his appearance, but the latest word on the subject indicates that he will visit the project on Friday afternoon, August 3.

The president has cancelled set talks or addresses scheduled for Bonneville and Coulee dam and will not speak at length in the Pacific Northwest.

He and his party will go immediately to a special train upon arrival of the navy ship Houston in Portland. From Portland he will come up to Bonneville for a tour of inspection. Present plans call for a 30-minute stay at the dam. During the stop at the dam he is expected to find time to speak briefly to the huge throng, which it is anticipated will come him.

The problem of parking cars and handling the crowds is keeping secret service men, army engineers and the United States guards at Bonneville awake at night. They expect to find means of meeting the problem. Several sites have been proposed for the proper spot from which the president might speak, but nothing definite on the localities has been as yet announced.

Largest area of forest camp ground is found in the Mt. Hood national forest.

The forest service is now in the process of collecting data on the forest service which is essential to the roadways.

General public might be shut out of the reservation on the occasion of the president's visit, due to limited space available.

The date that the president will drive to Bonneville is still uncertain, although this is expected to be a special train with a stop in Portland over the U. S. Pacific. Following the tour of inspection, he will board the train and depart for Spokane, unless General Charles F. Martin and his staff are able to influence him to make a short stop in Cascade Locks.

More than 200 veterans of foreign wars gathered Sunday noon at Eagle creek for a picnic luncheon.

Hays, of Portland, No. 30, will locate made an agreement Veterans and the from Wood, Hood nomah trail. The day's republican candidate to tive in congress, and Bryon department commander of Oregon F. W., addressed the gathering.

Veterans Enjoy Picnic.

The Lakeside hotel and the Lakeside market have been busy for several days filling in the street and bringing it up to grade. The work completes a much needed improvement and brings the entire district up to the grade established by the state highway department. Before the dirt was dumped in it was necessary for customers entering the market to climb steps.

L. L. Mohr, fire chief, Dalles, spent Sunday Mother, Mrs. Jessie recently opened a dr Cascade Locks. He v