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'BIG SIX' PUSHES WORK ON NEW CAMP AT DAM

Bunkhouses at Mouth Tanner Creek to Provide Accommodations for About 250 Men.

The first group of four bunkhouses which the George H. Buckles company of Portland is building for the Columbia Construction company are well under way and will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

The bunkhouses are going up on the ground which the government filled in a few weeks ago at the mouth of Tanner creek, just west of the railroad station in Bonneville. This camp will eventually contain sufficient quarters for 700 or 800 men, but the first units will accommodate only about 250 men.

Designed by Portland architects and constructed of the best quality materials, the four bunkhouses, like others which are to follow, will be heated from a central heating plant and contain shower baths.

A central dining hall and kitchens are being built midway between the bunkhouses. It is roomy, light and airy.

In announcing their plans to build, executives of the Columbia Construction company declared they wanted to make their men so comfortable that they would be content to remain on the job at the spillway dam, and so they are not sparing any expenses on the living quarters. The bunkhouses, it is said, will probably be the finest ever built for use of construction crews in the Pacific northwest.

STEVENSON THEATRE SEEKS OREGON TRADE

The Beacon theater in Stevenson has adopted a policy of cutting the price of all adult tickets five cents on presentation of a toll bridge receipt. It is doing this in an effort to make it possible for people on the Oregon side of the river to go to a show any night in the week without being forced to run down to Portland or up to Hood River. By making up a party of friends, residents of the Bonneville Dam area will be able to see the pictures at a cost no greater than they would pay to visit a theater in Cascade Locks.

Most pictures in small towns of Oregon and Washington charge a 35-cent admission. The Stevenson house charges only 30 cents, and by absorbing the bridge tolls on a group of tickets, is able to bring the price down until the total cost falls where the price is within reach of the public.

The Beacon operates every night and Sunday afternoon. It is showing only first run pictures. Hereafter the weekly programs will appear in The Chronicle.

At Hood River the boys want to transform a former bank building into a court house. Now, if they will unearth some cash in the former bank building all will be well.

WELL BEING SUNK BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The government is sinking a well on the reservation in an effort to develop a sufficient supply of water to provide a domestic supply for the 20 new homes under course of construction. Engineers anticipate that the well, who is sinking a 6-inch diameter, will be forced to go down 200 feet, or more, before he will give a satisfactory flow of water, and they will not be surprised if he is compelled to go 200 feet.

A tower is being built just south of the district where the houses are located. It will rise 20 feet in the air and furnish pressure enough to give the reservation ample fire protection.

The engineers investigated several sources of possible water supply and abandoned them all in favor of a deep well because of the cost of piping water from a distance of a mile or two.

Work of laying water mains is progressing rapidly and the system will be ready for use by the time the well is finished and the tower is completed.

BONNEVILLE TO COUNT NOSES IN SCHOOL CENSUS

Mrs. George Linton, clerk of the board in the Bonneville school district, is taking a census of pupils in the territory this week for the purpose of determining how many children will attend the new school, which is now being built on the Hill property by the federal government.

Influx of people, who have built homes over a wide stretch of territory, will make it necessary for the district to operate a bus this year. It has not been learned by the school board whether the bus will be purchased by the government, or must be paid for by the district.

A date for the opening of the school has not been fixed, and cannot be determined until the approximate date of completion of the building is set. The army engineers are rushing work on the building and hope to have it finished by mid-September.

Miss Eliza Stevens, who has taught the Bonneville school for several years, will be at the head of the school again this year. She will be assisted by Miss Guila Galashaft, of Warrendale, who has taught in the school in the past. A third teacher will be employed if conditions warrant. Whether the additional teacher is needed will be determined after the school census is completed.

Ralph Mattley, manager of the Rapid barber shop, has had considerable difficulty in getting a shoe shining chair established in his place of business. It appears to be much like getting a new chair established in a modern day college, but he tells us he finally has the problem whipped, and insists that shoes will be shined, day or night, if he and Dave Dinsmore have to handle the job. After several false starts he has found a steady, reliable young fellow and the chair is being kept reasonably busy.

DEEP SEA LOCKS TO BE BUILT AT BONNEVILLE DAM

War Department Instructs Engineers to Alter Plans to Accommodate Ocean Going Vessels.

Formal approval of deep sea locks at Bonneville dam, with a total depth of 27 feet over the sills at ordinary low water, was announced Tuesday by the war department at Washington.

In changing plans to accommodate seagoing vessels, the engineers will increase length of the locks from the original 300 feet to 300 feet, but do not propose to increase the width of the locks beyond 76 feet.

Approval of the deep sea locks does not carry with it provisions for dredging a 30-foot channel from Vancouver to Bonneville. The engineers insist that there is no occasion to dredge the channel at this time, but say that the work can be done when conditions warrant.

The cost of increasing the size of the locks has been estimated at \$1,200,000, but no estimate of the cost of dredging the channel has been determined, and cannot be determined until the engineers have completed their survey of the project. Estimates of this cost range from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000.

The enlarged locks will give the district east of Bonneville a 30-foot channel to The Dalles and make it possible for a majority of the freighters which call at Portland to travel upstream 200 miles from the sea.

At Bonneville additional excavation work must be done to allow for the change in plans. The excavation work had practically been completed and the contractors were preparing to pour cement.

Considerable building is getting under way down the highway west of Bonneville. Down by Forty-Mile Post, J. R. Kibler is putting up four new cottages, and at Warrendale, D. B. Lively, owner of the fox farm, is steadily adding to his holdings by erecting living quarters for men employed on the dam.

Chronicle To Install News Boxes Throughout Bonneville Dam Area

The Chronicle is placing boxes in numerous locations up and down the highway, from Dowson to Wyeth, for the convenience of readers who may want to contribute news items and leave want ads.

These boxes will be located as follows:

Lamb's Inn, the Warrendale store, the Bonny Villa Tavern, Sherman's restaurant, the commissary at the Atkinson camp, the Eagle's Nest, Moran's Tavern, Carlson's Red & White store, Penn's Tavern and the store at Wyeth.

We want to cover the news of the Bonneville Dam area in detail and to that end invite every reader to feel free to drop news

SALEM TEACHER IS CHOSEN PRINCIPAL OF LOCKS SCHOOL

The Hood River county school board, at the invitation of the local committee, selected two more teachers for the Cascade Locks schools at its meeting this week.

Miss Katherine Walker, of Portland, was selected to take over the post in the high school vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Mona Burt Harrison. Besides her class work, Miss Walker will handle music and girls' athletics.

For grade school principal the board has chosen T. B. Autrieth, of Salem. Mr. Autrieth has had several years' successful teaching experience, and is a family man with one child. He will take over the position formerly held by W. A. Nassbahn, and will assist in the coaching of boys' athletics. Mr. Autrieth is hopeful that enough boys interested in football will be in school this year, that a first class eleven can be developed.

NEW RAIL CAMP TO BE LOCATED EAST BONNEVILLE

Army engineers are laying out a tract of land on the highway just east of Bonneville, for the new camp which will house workmen employed in relocating the Union Pacific railroad tracks.

The camp will stand on property owned by the forestry service. It is located just above the bend in the highway where the road turns off to View Point, and is on the opposite side of the highway from the site of the Bonneville grade school.

Specifications under which bids for the relocation work is being advertised provide that the successful bidder will build the camp. It will accommodate 300 men.

August Peterson is building a story and a half cottage on his property up the hill and across the street from his home. It will contain four rooms and modern plumbing. Ralph Anderson and Cornelius Richert have the contract on the house.

GOVERNMENT TO START WORK ON NEW RAIL LINE

Bids on Relocating the Union Pacific West of Bonneville to Be Opened This Month.

A call for bids for relocating the Union Pacific tracks in the district between Warrendale and Bonneville was issued Tuesday by the United States engineers. The bids will be opened about September 1 and work on the project will be started early next month.

Plans for relocation of the tracks between Bonneville and Cascade Locks have been approved in Washington, D. C., but work on that work will not start until after all detailed new construction are worked out by the engineers.

The task of relocating the tracks at the lower end of the project involves no particularly heavy construction, with the exception of a viaduct across the mouth of Tanner creek and through the fish hatchery, and a 600-foot tunnel under Tooth rock.

Government engineers estimate that the first section will require an expenditure of \$1,000,000, or about one-third of the total of \$3,000,000 which the government is prepared to spend in giving the Union Pacific a new right-of-way around Bonneville dam.

Relocation of the tracks between Warrendale and Bonneville is expected to provide labor for 300 workmen over a period of eight or nine months. The work on the upper end will require much more time, due to the nature of the construction, and will cost more money.

NATIONAL FOREST NEWS

An illustrated talk was given Thursday night of last week for residents of Bonneville by Forest Ranger Albert Wiesendanger. The program was held at the Community Center and more than 125 people attended.

Eagle Creek trail, leading from the picnic grounds to the picnic bowl a distance of two and one-half miles, is being improved. All brush is being cut back, proper drainage put in and several rustic benches will be built. This trail is one of the most scenic trails on the Mount Hood National Forest and has 12 waterfalls within the distance of two and a half miles.

Robert Fechner, director of emergency conservation work of Washington, D. C., inspected the two CCC camps in Columbia Gorge Sunday. He was accompanied by Regional Forester C. J. Buck, Regional Engineer James Frankland and members of the state and national park service.

A philosopher tells us that people who know nothing are happiest. This will explain the tales exploited by your favorite radio station.