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NEW BUILDING AT DAM WILL HOUSE STORES

National Commissary Leases Meyer Tract and Will Establish Business Center.

The National Commissary company started a steam shovel to moving dirt on the Elmer Meyer property, opposite the reservation gate at the dam, preparatory to erecting a large L-shaped building which will house a business and recreational center.

The building will set on the south side of the highway, between Tyrell's Tavern and the Larry Sherman garage. It is to be one-story in height and will contain sufficient space to provide quarters for a drug store, a market, grocery, restaurant and clothing store.

Larry Sherman gave up his building a week ago, but has obtained a 4-year lease on it and will reopen his garage the first of the month. The new owners are causing the building to be turned halfway around and moved up the highway several feet, to the little creek which trickles across the ground.

One end of the new building will front the highway, next to Tyrell's Tavern. The other wing will be set back deep in the hillside. The open ground in front will be reserved for parking space.

Vice President F. J. MacDonald and Secretary-Treasurer G. O. Wallace, of the National Commissary company, signed a 4-year lease Friday with Elmer Meyer, who is a son of A. W. Meyer. The lease gives the lessors a frontage of 1800 feet on the highway and possession of all the 40 acres of ground owned at the dam by the Meyer family.

The National Commissary company has the contract for feeding and sleeping the workmen employed on the dam contract by the Columbia Construction company. However, the Columbia Construction company is not interested in the business and recreational center.

It has been reported the building being erected on the Meyer property was to be of sufficient size to accommodate a hotel, but Mr. Wallace said that the company did not plan to enter the hotel business, or least not at the present time. Cabins are to be built on the rear of the property and a modern coffee shop is being installed in the building. These conveniences are expected to provide all necessary accommodations for tourists and visitors who stop at the dam.

The recreational center being developed by the commissary company is separate and distinct from the recreational center which is to be built down by the railroad station on the reservation by the Bonneville Community Center, Inc., an organization founded and directed by a group of Portland men.

PARENT TEACHERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

Mrs. McDonald was elected secretary and Mrs. Erwin Broliar was chosen treasurer of the Cascade Locks Parent-Teacher association Wednesday. The meeting, the first held by the association since the schools opened, was well attended.

Mrs. Inga Reuterskoild remains as president of the association, but Mrs. Mona Burt Harrison, who was secretary last year, married in the spring and gave up her position as a teacher in the schools and Miss Wilma Eddy, one of the teachers, resigned her position as treasurer.

Hereafter the association will hold its business meetings the last Friday in each month, and its social meetings at night. Plans for the social meetings were discussed at Wednesday's meeting.

Next Friday evening the association will hold a reception for the teachers at the high school auditorium. The reception is open to the public and all parents in the district are invited to attend and get acquainted with the teachers and with each other.

NEW PARK ON HIGHWAY NAMED FOR SHERIDAN

A crew of the boys from the Triple "C" camp at Wyeth are engaged in cleaning up the underbrush and making a park on the highway, about a mile west of the toll bridge. The park is to be named in honor of General Philip H. Sheridan, the famous cavalry leader, who, while a lieutenant in the regular army, led a company of soldiers across the river at point in pursuit of hostile Indians.

The park will embrace an area of three or four acres, will be of easy access to motorists, commands a splendid view of the river and should become extremely popular with travelers. It is well wooded and the ground is quite level.

Recreational Questionnaires.

In an effort to provide a wide range of amusement for men employed in building the dam, the government has taken the lead in attempting to find out what forms of entertainment are most popular.

Tennis, horse shoes and bridge are being played, and ping pong is coming into its own, but now that the rainy season is approaching and outdoor recreations will be drowned out for three or four months, efforts are being made to broaden the interests of the men and promote amusements which will appeal to the greatest number of people.

Steps have been taken to organize a band and an orchestra and hope is expressed that the musicians of the different camps will come together and get acquainted with one another.

Eagle President to Speak.

D. D. Hale, state president of the Eagles, will address the Eagles of the Bonneville Dam area at a meeting the night of September 27 at the Bridge of the Gods hotel. The Eagles are becoming active again and expect to install a lodge in the district at an early date.

ATKINSON WILL WIND UP JOB AT DAM NEXT WEEK

Completion of Contract Within Time Limit Marks End of Preliminary Work.

The Guy F. Atkinson company is winding up its \$1,173,390 contract at the dam and on schedule will close down within the next 10 days. In closing down it will throw 500 men out of employment. However, a majority of the men are hopeful that they will find employment with other contractors, who will begin building up their payrolls.

After finishing its contract at the dam here, the company will move its equipment to the Coulee dam, where it has a huge contract. Upon completing the job at Bonneville the company will assemble all of its equipment and get it in first class condition for the next big job. The work of conditioning the equipment will keep a crew of men employed for six weeks.

Bunkhouses occupied by employees of the Atkinson company are being turned over to the General Construction company and the J. F. Shea company. They contain sufficient room to take care of 500 men.

The Atkinson company had the contract for building the cofferdams in Bradford slough and for excavating foundations for the powerhouse foundation and the navigation locks. The work it has done has all been preliminary to the construction of the dam proper. It has employed hundreds of men without a fatality, and without seriously injuring a workman.

The building it erected on the reservation and has occupied as an office is to be razed, probably about November 1 and the lumber removed. Other temporary buildings will be razed, too, just as quickly as the company can finish its use of them after winding up the contract.

Buys New Delivery Truck.

Joseph A. Bucher, the jovial proprietor of the Hollywood dairy, purchased a new delivery truck Saturday and Sunday morning started it out on the route. He now has two trucks and is keeping both of them busy. However, he is beginning to get caught up on some much needed sleep. Beginning the first of the month, the dairy will make only one delivery a day instead of two, as at present. Business at the dairy has grown steadily in recent months. This has made it necessary for Joe to keep buying additional cows. He is now milking 60 and expects to add more within the next few weeks.

Moran to Handle Schlitz.

Frank Moran has obtained the exclusive franchise for Schlitz beer in his tavern at the top of the Eagle creek hill. Hereafter the famous Milwaukee brew will be found in the Bonneville Dam area only at his hospitable thirst parlor.

COLUMBIA'S KEY MEN MOVE INTO NEW HOMES

Of the 14 new homes recently completed by the Columbia Construction company on Bradford island, 12 are now occupied by families of men holding key positions with the organization which is building the \$10,000,000 spillway dam.

Those who were fortunate enough to draw homes in the colony are:

A. T. Woehner, warehouseman; A. R. Olds, purchasing agent; D. C. Peacock, field material man; R. H. Blower, cost engineer; George Havas, chief engineer; H. P. Davis, marine superintendent; William Fudge, assistant superintendent on the Oregon side; S. S. Inch, employment manager; Walter Kanzler, chief electrician; Stanley Kimball, designer; R. O. Wall, office manager; and M. M. Spencer, paymaster.

The Columbia homes are modern, of attractive appearance and well built. They stand at the east end of the island, near the group of houses built by the Guy F. Atkinson company.

AMERICAN LEGION NOMINATES OFFICERS

Nominations for officers for Bonneville Post No. 88, American Legion, have been announced as follows:

Commander—Fred Abbot and Dave Marvin.

Sr. Vice Commander—Chas. Bellarts, Tom Jones and J. S. Demoy.

Jr. Vice Commander—Fred Davis.

Adjutant—Richard Nance.

Finance—Reed Walworth.

Sergeant at Arms—Harry Atkinson, Frank Caroon and M. S. Kelley.

Chaplain—Chas. Shinn and Ed Wolff.

Historian—Standley Wentz and Conrade Schrieber.

Nominations for executive committee will be held immediately preceding election at the next meeting September 26. Any other belated nominations will also be in order and it is hoped that members who were unable to be present at the last meeting will take an active part at the coming election.

Trestle Across Slough.

The General Construction company and the J. F. Shea company, contractors on the powerhouse foundation and the navigation locks, have completed the trestle which carries the new railroad siding across Bradford slough to Bradford island. Workmen are putting down the last of the ties and steel and the tracks will be ready for use within a few days.

Materials to be used in mixing concrete for the foundation will be hauled across the slough by the Union Pacific and unloaded at the gantry mixer.

Steel work for the aerial tram which will carry the buckets of concrete over the dump is being erected and the contractors expect to begin pouring within another two weeks if all goes well.

A number of friends and neighbors of Mrs. Carl Rosenbachs surprised her last Thursday afternoon with a party on her birthday.

PUBLIC SCHOOL AT BONNEVILLE HAS 84 PUPILS

Hope Is Expressed That New Building, Including Addition, Will Be Ready by October 15.

Despite limited quarters, the public school in the Bonneville district opened Monday with an enrollment of 84 pupils. The majority of the children are housed temporarily in the Community Center building, but there are 30 in the old school, just west of the Atkinson camp.

Lieut. G. S. Gorlinski has expressed the hope that the new school building will be ready for occupancy October 15. However, the date is not definite and it may be November 1 before the pupils can be transferred out of the present quarters.

Work has already been started on an addition to the new building. It will be ready for use by the time the main structure is turned over to the school district.

The federal government, working through SERA, will erect a second building in the rear of the school for use as a gymnasium and auditorium.

Last year when the Bonneville school opened there were only six pupils, and the enrollment did not increase until after Christmas. A recent census has uncovered 102 children of school age, and indications are that the enrollment will continue to mount throughout the fall and winter.

Principal C. A. Robertson is teaching the fifth, seventh and eighth grades in the old school building. Miss Stevens has third, fourth and sixth grades, and Miss Guyla Galasheff has the first and second grades.

A Band at the Dam.

Nothing gives more pleasure to the people of a community than a good band. Among the 2,000, or more men employed on the dam are a number who have had professional or amateur experience with musical organizations. Among these men can be found the talent necessary to the development of a really splendid band.

Efforts have been made to bring the musicians together. The movement has not made a great deal of headway, due to the fact that everybody enjoys being outdoors during the pleasant weather, but with the return of the rainy season it should be possible to get enough material together for a band and an orchestra, as well.

The Chronicle believes sufficient support will be forthcoming to furnish instruments and uniforms for the members of a band and will be happy to assist with the publicity needed to get an organization under way.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Snyder, who have been living at Warrendale, are now occupying the house just east of the Jones home in the Hyde park district. Mr. Snyder is working for the General Construction company.