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CONTRACTORS BEGIN WORK ON RAILROAD CAMP

**Orino, Bell & Malcolm Now
Employing Men to Begin
Work on Relaying
Rail Track.**

Orino, Bell & Malcolm, contractors on removal of the Union Pacific railroad tracks, have been hiring men all week preparatory to starting work in earnest on the new grade between Bonny Villa and Eagle creek.

The contractors put a crew to work Tuesday clearing ground for the new camp at the bend in the highway, just above the new Bonneville school.

The contract for building the Tanner creek viaduct, south of the Columbia Construction company's new camp, has been sub-let to Berkmeier & Saremal, Portland contractors, who had a contract from the government last summer blasting rock from the river channel at Cascade Locks.

A second contract for hauling rock from the huge dump pile at the reservation to the Ruckel slide district, where it will be used for riprapping the mountain side, has been sub-let to Kern & Kibbe of Portland.

Berkmeier & Saremal are preparing to get busy on the viaduct and the government is already sinking holes to get a solid base of rock for the piers.

Orino, Bell & Malcolm expect to employ about 200 men, while all three contracts will provide employment for more than 300 men. The contractors have taken possession of their new office on the reservation. N. F. Eatlund is in charge of the new quarters.

BONNEVILLE LIBRARY IN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Bonneville branch library in the Community Center is being kept open Friday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock, and on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6 to 9. The library, a branch of the Portland public library, was located in the old one-room school building all summer.

Miss Gula Galasheff, one of the teachers in the public school, is in charge on Fridays, while R. M. Squire, information clerk at the administration office on the reservation, is in charge on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Merrill Making Progress.

"Jim" Merrill is making excellent progress on the roof which he is building over his dance pavilion. Work of cutting the hundreds of pieces which go into the truss rafters has been finished and the carpenters are now piecing them together.

The hip-roof will rise more than 30 feet in the air and provide excellent acoustics. The style of roof being used will do away with the necessity for supports, thus leaving the floor clear for dancing.

MARVIN MADE HEAD OF LEGION POST AT DAM

David Marvin was chosen commander and Richard Nence as adjutant of Bonneville Post No. 88, American Legion, at a meeting held Wednesday night. Both officials are members of the U. S. engineers' organization.

Other officers elected were: Charles Bellart, senior vice commander; Chester Ross, junior vice commander; Stanley Wertz, finance officer; Marion Kelley, sergeant-at-arms; John Wineland, chaplain; Austin Scriber, historian.

New members of the executive committee: Fred Abbott, James Faubion, Tom Waring, Charles Shinn, Fred Wilson and John Walter.

The post will hold its first dancing party of the season at the Craigmont hotel tonight. The dance is informal and is open to the public.

BONNEVILLE TO MAKE ADDITION TO NEW SCHOOL

**Taxpayers Vote \$2700.00 in
Warrants to Complete
Playshed and School
Auditorium.**

Meeting Monday night at the Community House, a handful of parents and property owners in the Bonneville district voted five to one to issue warrants in the sum of \$2700 for the purpose of building a combination auditorium and gymnasium in the rear of the new \$15,000 school building which the federal government is erecting on the Hill property.

County Superintendent Roy E. Cannon presided at the meeting. He urged the expenditure of the money and told those in attendance that experience in other schools proved the necessity of a building where the children could be protected from winter weather while at play during school hours.

The government has agreed to use SERA funds in building a playshed. The district will make the other additions, and the building, 36x60, will give the district a new community center where amateur plays may be held, and also provide an excellent gymnasium for the children.

Erick Enquist and others raised the point that the issuance of warrants would increase taxes. Mr. Cannon replied that the school board's budget had been fixed at about \$7000 and said a 10 or 11 mill tax would raise the money needed for the building, explaining that the bulk of the taxes would be paid by the Union Pacific railroad.

The motion to vote the warrants was offered by Mrs. T. L. Jones of Bonny Villa. Two or three minutes elapsed before a second to the motion was obtained.

Nicholas LaCurse, assistant keeper of the airway field at North Dalles, visited his friend, Noble Hyde, here Wednesday.

HIGHWAY WORK TO BE DELAYED UNTIL SPRING

**Commission Expects to Open
Bids in December and
Start Grading Early
in March.**

Bids for rebuilding the Columbia River highway through Cascade Locks will not be opened until December, State Highway Engineer Balcock said yesterday.

The state highway commission now has 80 small projects claiming attention. The filling and paving of Main street in Cascade Locks is among them. Because of the demands being made on the highway department's time, the state cannot handle all of the projects as rapidly as it would desire, Balcock explained.

No attempt will be made to grade the street until late in February or March, and the laying of paving will not be undertaken until June. Weather conditions in the Mid-Columbia district is blamed for the delay that will ensue after the contract for the work has been awarded by the highway commission.

The state expects to use black top, similar to the present paving, when the new paving is laid but might consider concrete. It has the necessary funds with which to carry on the work here, but the department is not through running surveys and cannot get the job ready for bids immediately, and it takes the position that to grade the street this fall would make Main street a mudhole throughout the winter months.

Surveys are in charge of District Engineer Kirkwood of the Troutdale office. He has not finished his field work, or at least has not filed his report with the highway department.

CHAMBER WRESTLES GARBAGE DISPOSAL PLAN

Garbage disposal is fast becoming a major problem in Cascade Locks, and threatens to become even more serious with the return of warm weather next spring, it was agreed Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

In the absence of a public garbage dump the householders of the town are dumping garbage everywhere, except on their own property, William Keeler told the chamber. President A. W. Meyer appointed Keeler chairman of a committee to seek a location for a dump.

Hereafter the chamber will hold its luncheons on the second Monday of each month.

New Plumbing Shop.

George C. Spickerman, plumber for years at The Dalles and in Portland, is building on the lot just east of The Dalles Freight Line warehouse on Main street and will open a shop about Oct. 1. He has been doing considerable plumbing around town and finds his business growing to a point where he can afford to spend all of his time in Cascade Locks.

FOLSOM SUCCEEDS DR. BERGER IN C. C. OFFICE

Dr. E. M. Berger, who is closing his office in Cascade Locks, tendered his resignation as vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce at the weekly luncheon Wednesday. The vacancy was filled by the election of Dr. Fred Folsom.

The chamber gave Dr. Berger a vote of thanks and expressed regret over his action in closing his office. A heavy demand on his time in Portland was the reason given by Dr. Berger for the action.

Departure of Dr. Berger, who has been spending three days a week in Cascade Locks, leaves only Dr. Stanley E. Wells, Government physician at the dam, who heretofore has not been permitted to carry on a general practice.

Dr. Berger said that undoubtedly some young physician who is seeking a field in which to develop a practice would settle in the district.

SUPER HIGHWAY PIGEON HOLED BY COMMISSION

**Scott Says State Will Not
Build New Road Until
Government Dredges
River Channel.**

Construction of the \$10,000,000 super-highway which will parallel the Columbia river from Troutdale to The Dalles will not be started until the war department dredges a new channel from Vancouver to Bonneville, Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the state highway commission, told The Chronicle Thursday.

"We would be booby to pump sand in from the river to make the fills for the highway when we can obtain the material for a roadbed from the United States army engineers," he said.

It has been repeatedly reported that the state highway commission proposed to start work on the first unit of the super-highway next spring.

"We are not going to start work in 1935," said the chairman of the commission, "and we will not start the next year, either, unless the war department begins dredging a channel in the river sooner than we anticipate."

First unit of the super-highway stretches from Troutdale to the toll bridge at Cascade Locks; second unit stretches from Cascade Locks to The Dalles. Mileage of the two units are about the same, and each unit will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000.

The highway department has a crew of men running surveys and is preparing plans necessary to the calling for bids. These surveys cover the stretch of road between Warrendale and the toll bridge. The highway commission is chiefly concerned over this particular section at the present time for the reason that it is seeking to strike up a deal with the Union Pacific railroad which will permit the highway to parallel the railroad through Ruckel slide on a water grade. No agreement has been reached yet.

ALMACK GIVEN BUS CONTRACT AT BONNEVILLE

**School District Will Com-
mence Hauling Pupils to
and From School
Next Monday.**

Wallace Almack, owner of the bus which runs between Cascade Locks and the dam, has been awarded the contract for transporting the children in the Bonneville district to and from school.

The award was made Monday night after the school board had considered three bids which were submitted. Almack secured the contract on a low bid of \$144 a month. Erick Enquist, owner of Enquist's addition to Bonneville, was second low on a bid of \$150 a month. William Arrington, who has been employed in the forestry service, bid \$160 a month.

Bus service will be started Monday morning. The bus will run from Eagle creek to Multnomah Falls. It is anticipated that there will be from 80 to 100 children to haul to school.

Almack told the school board that he proposes to use the commercial bus to haul the children. He will put on a second car between Cascade Locks and the dam to take care of passengers who will want service when the regular bus is out picking up school children.

When the school board advertised for bids, it specified that the contract should run for three years, but on recommendation of County Superintendent Cannon the board entered into an agreement with Almack for only one year.

Superintendent Cannon told the board that he thought the school district should own and operate its own school bus, but the members did not enthuse over the prospect of spending the money necessary for the equipment.

VETERANS TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF DAM

Damsite Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will observe the first anniversary of the building of the Bonneville dam with a dance at the Bridge of the Gods hotel. The dance, so far as can be learned, will be the only outward observance of the date which promises to become history with the passing years.

Work on the dam was commenced October 4, 1933. The anniversary date falls on Wednesday. In observing it next week the veterans are inviting people in the district on both sides of the river to join in making the event something of an occasion.

Old time music is being provided for the dance and Hal Babbitt and Rolph Enquist, of the Bonny Villa Tavern, are donating a keg of Hop Gold, with the request that everyone turn out and have a good time.

George Gudhart's party at the Eagle Creek Lodge is off, at least temporarily, due to inability of the house to obtain a dancing permit from Multnomah county sheriff.