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## BOARD LOWEST, WAGES HIGHEST AT BONNEVILLE

Employers on the Bonneville are drawing larger wages and paying less board than on any of the other four large federal projects which are being carried on in western states.

In Bonneville the men working on the several contracts now in progress are paying a dollar a week for board and bed in the bunkhouse, while at the Boulder dam men are paying \$1.50 a day.

A satisfactory explanation of the difference in wages and the price of board has not been forthcoming. The camps in Bonneville are well, and in some instances better than those at the other projects.

Monday the three large contractors posted notice of a \$6 a week minimum for board and room. The contractors are charging 10 cents a night for beds and 90 cents a day for meals, with the privilege of cooking out one day a week. Posting of this notice brought up the subject of wages and the cost of living. It is costing the U. S. engineers \$1.20 a day to feed their men. However, they charge \$10 a month for rent in the bunkhouses.

There are the average monthly wages paid on the five western dams:

Boulder dam	80 cents
Bonneville dam	75 cents
Cascade Locks dam	77 cents
Warrendale dam	82 cents
Bonneville dam	94 cents

Prices for board to be charged by the contractors is set by army engineers. In Bonneville the clause governing the board was written by Capt. J. B. Shook, resident engineer.

There is the cost of board and food per day on the five western dams:

Boulder dam	\$1.50
Bonneville dam	\$1.40
Cascade Locks dam	\$1.45
Warrendale dam	\$1.50
Bonneville dam	\$1.00

## SCHOOL TO PRESENT PLAY

The first local talent play of the year will be given in the high school auditorium Friday night, December 14. The play is a student production, and the money derived from its production will be used to meet the needs, equally divided between dramatic needs and school.

The play, titled "Prince of Persia," is a laugh from start to finish, and is guaranteed to make the audience feel humorous. The action centers around one Arthur Hamilton (Howard Harrison), who becomes involved in an affair with his impressionable nature, and is trying to extricate himself from one lie up on another until the entire household is involved. Another-in-law (Pays Douxille), his brother-in-law (Dave Johnson), keep Arthur in continual hot water, while the arrival of a niece (Gaiter), and the wives of a Persia girl (Jo Gagge) do help matters a great deal. An old friend (Al Jenkins) shows up in Cascade and in finding her in the wife (Lois Merrill) turns out to be a member of the family of in-laws. Hamilton has made themselves a part of the Hamilton establishment. However adds salve to the suffering by Hummingtop, Barbara (Norva Jenkins) be- duplicated.

## EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS PERRAS HOME

Fire originating from a defective flue destroyed the Silver E. Perras home in Cascade Locks early Tuesday morning. The flames spread so rapidly that the family was unable to save more than a few pieces of furniture. The loss was only partially covered by insurance.

The flames were discovered between the ceiling over the kitchen and the roof a few minutes after Mr. Perras had started a fire in the stove. The family was just arising and none were fully clothed.

With the pumper at the Herman creek ranger station up at Zig Zag and in the absence of a fire department in Cascade Locks it was impossible for either the family or neighbors to summon help and the small quantity of water available through a garden hose made no impression against the flames and the entire dwelling was burning before the alarm became general. Neighbors gathered and formed a bucket brigade and brought in additional small hoses, but were compelled to devote their attention to nearby buildings.

Only the fact that there was no wind kept the fire from sweeping over the entire west end of town. The Clark cold storage stood in the path of the fire, but was prevented from burning, as was the warehouse of the Dallas Truck Line, across the street.

The Perras home stood in the path of the fire which took out a portion of the business district in July. Silver Perras lost his meat market in that fire and was only able to save his house after a hard battle. He is rebuilding the market.

Friends and neighbors of the Perras family anxious to restore their sympathy and do something tangible to help overcome the double loss from fire, are putting on a Silver Perras singing dance at Merrill's pavilion Saturday. A share of the receipts from the sale of tickets will be used in helping to replace furniture lost in the flames Tuesday morning.

The party is in the nature of a surprise, for they did not consult the family, but the Chronicle has been asked to call public attention to the organized movement on the part of people of the district to create a fund with which to help some in offsetting the double loss. A more popular man than Silver Perras has probably never lived in Cascade Locks. He is liked by everyone and has always been among the first to help a neighbor.

## EAGLE CREEK BRIDGE PIER IS COMPLETED

Forms have been stripped from the concrete poured two weeks ago for the center pier of the Eagle creek bridge and Kuckenber-Witman company, contractors on the job, are well down toward Eagle creek formation with the excavation for the pier of the east abutment. The contractors have practically finished excavating for the west abutment, but encountered much difficulty with mud and water before they finished the hole.

The middle span stands out in the creek, where it catches the eye of a person driving past on the highway. It has a total height of more than 60 feet from the foundation.

## MASS MEETING

A meeting will be held at Merrill's pavilion tonight (Wednesday) for the purpose of discussing means of providing Cascade Locks with adequate fire protection.

Everybody interested in protecting their homes and places of business from fire are urged to attend. The state fire marshal, the district attorney, the county assessor and a fire insurance underwriter have been invited to be present at the meeting to advise with the people of the community and to answer questions.

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| Capt. Charles Nelson | S. O. Clodfelter |
| R. E. Andrews        | Fred Anderson    |
| J. A. Merrill        | Dr. Fred Folsom  |
| "Dick" Morris        | Mark Shields     |
| William Keeler       | Shirley Moore    |
| August Peterson      | G. N. Hestgard   |
| Don Francis          | Melvin Andrews   |
| Joe Hurt             | Jack Elmer       |
| Ralph Nelson         | Erick Erickson   |
| W. J. Carlson        |                  |

## LEGION TREE TO BE A COMMUNITY AFFAIR

Plans for the Children's Christmas Party to be staged by Bonneville Post No. 88, American Legion at the Bonneville Community Chapel Thursday, December 20, are going forward in great shape with the interest manifested by the Legion committee in charge and with the wonderful assistance being given them by some of the local merchants and the contractors on the dam project.

A program which will last only about one hour and a half is being arranged especially for the children and Santa Claus has promised to have plenty of candy, nuts and oranges for every boy and girl.

While this is a party for the children it is anticipated there will be lots of mothers and fathers here with the youngsters.

We call the attention of all the boys and girls to the Legion's invitation to attend their party, which appears in this issue of the Chronicle.

## EAGLES PLAN TREE; FUND FROM DANCE

Eagles and the Parent-Teacher associations plan Christmas trees in Cascade Locks for the entire Bonneville Dam district. They may join forces and have only one tree, or each may have its own tree.

A benefit dance will be held at Merrill's pavilion week from Saturday night by the Eagles for the purpose of raising funds. The Parent-Teachers have planned on putting out boxes and endeavoring to raise funds.

"Jim" Merrill has offered the use of his pavilion for a community tree on Christmas eve, but the Parent-Teachers want to put on a tree Friday night, following the Legion tree on Thursday night.

Proceeds from the Eagles dance will be used to buy presents for children throughout the district will be provided for in this manner.

Anyone knowing a family which Santa Claus may miss is invited to turn in the name to the Chronicle. The name will be turned over to the Legion, the Eagles and Parent-Teachers, and care taken to see that there is no duplication.

Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their meeting hereafter at French's Coffee Shop and Recreational Center on the highway in Bonneville. Dance next Wednesday at Bridge of Gods hotel.

## PAYROLLS NOW \$75,000 A WEEK AT BONNEVILLE

Payrolls of Oregon and Washington will be swelled by approximately \$13,000,000 as the result of the \$32,450,000 Bonneville power and irrigation project on the Columbia river, according to figures compiled by Major H. A. Skerry, executive officer for the United States engineers in the Bonneville dam section office.

This is the sum estimated for the three-year construction period, now one-third gone. To date the federal government and contractors working on the project have paid out \$5,068,000 for labor.

The average monthly payroll for the Bonneville project is \$362,000, although this may increase or decrease 20 per cent from month to month. Of this monthly payroll \$35,000 goes to government employees in Portland and \$76,000 to government workers at Bonneville. Contractors on the job add another \$250,000 to make up the total average.

During the three-year construction period which will end with the completion of the dam, scheduled for December 31, 1937, the government expects to pour out \$2,500,000 for payrolls. This leaves around \$10,500,000 for the contractors payrolls.

Indirect payroll benefits also will result from the estimated \$5,000,000 which the government will spend for Pacific northwest supplies and materials. About \$1,000,000 has been so expended, leaving \$4,000,000 to go into these trade channels.

The average number of employees engaged on the Bonneville project will be 2500. At present the average hovers between 2500 and 3000. Although engineers on the project estimate that there is the employment peak indications point to an average of 3000 during the fall working season next year.

## WEATHER SPEEDS UP TANNER CREEK PIERS

After experiencing more than their share of difficulty in excavating for the piers on the Tanner creek viaduct, Berkmeier & Sarnel are now building forms for the concrete in the superstructure.

Numerous delays have been encountered for two reasons:

1. Seepage water has flowed into the holes faster than the contractors could take it out.
  2. The Union Pacific railroad has insisted on repeated changes in plans, and the changes have prevented the U. S. engineers from turning over the necessary plans.
- The contractors have built 12 piers and completed the forms for two arches. The weather of the past week has enabled them to whip the water problem and they are making progress now in getting the concrete for the other piers into the forms.

## COOK TO BUILD GARAGE

Archie Cook, proprietor of Tyrrell's tavern, has purchased the lot on which his gasoline pumps stand and proposes to build a garage, 40 x 40 feet, and install a grease rack.

The lot formerly belonged to the state, but was sold a month ago to S. E. Henderson. It adjoins the Cook property and runs back up the side hill. Cook expects to excavate a sufficient depth into the hill to make way for the garage building.