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## STEPS TAKEN TO ORGANIZE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Deputies from the state fire marshal's office at Salem, speaking last Wednesday night at a mass meeting in Merrill's pavilion, declared it was only a question of time until Cascade Locks, Bonny and other communities on the highway would be swept away by fire.

The fire marshal's office has been studying conditions in this territory, it developed, and after January 1 will send an inspector into the district to compel people to rules and regulations which are designed to prevent fires.

Out of Wednesday night's meeting came a movement to create a rural fire protection district in Cascade Locks. W. J. Carlson presided at the meeting. He appointed "Jim" Merrill, John Wirrick and Capt. Charles Nelson members of a preliminary organization committee. This committee was asked to call on all property owners between the toll bridge and Herman creek and invite them to sign a petition addressed to the county engineer, requesting a map of boundary and the names of property owners. There is no cost for this service.

George M. Knox, county assessor, was down from Hood River. Addressing the meeting, he said the district paid \$25,000 in taxes; that \$11,000 of this sum was paid by five or six corporations or individuals; that the bulk of the taxes come from the Union Pacific railroad.

The state law governing the creation of rural fire districts limits taxes to two mills on the dollar, or 1¢ for each \$1,000 valuation. Under the law it would be possible to raise only \$600 a year in the district for fire protection purposes, it was pointed out by speakers.

Deputy fire marshals urged the creation of the rural fire protection district. They declared any protection could heat none, explained that the cost was low, said something must be done at once if Cascade Locks is to avoid a fire which will wipe out the town.

The state law permits a rural fire district to vote and sell bonds, up to the sum of \$10,000. Cascade Locks cannot sell bonds because nobody will buy them, it was pointed out at the meeting. This would make it necessary for the laws to depend upon \$600 a year raised in taxes.

Deputy fire marshal recommended that the district be created at once, that no equipment be purchased until the organization gains financial strength; that steps be taken immediately to obtain permission to use water from the government's 10-inch main; that the fire protection fund obtained from taxation be fattened by contributions, benefit plays and dances.

## HOME TALENT PLAY IS WELL PRESENTED

Patrons of public school activities were treated to one of the best home talent plays ever staged in Cascade Locks Friday when the play "Prince of Liars," sponsored by the seniors, was put on before two audiences. In the afternoon a matinee was given for the grade children, and the regular performance was given in the evening.

## District To Observe Christmas With Two Community Programs

Santa Claus is coming to the Bonneville Dam area in a big way this season. Children from Dodson to Wyeth are going to have an opportunity to see and speak to the jolly old fellow repeatedly before the week is done, for he is visiting both ends of the district.

Thursday night the American Legion proposes to be host to the children of the district at a community Christmas tree, and Friday night the Eagles and Parent-Teachers association will put on a community Christmas tree. Santa Claus will be present on both occasions, and since the children throughout the territory are invited to enjoy the programs and carry away candy, nuts and oranges, everyone, including the parents, should enjoy the festive season.

The Legion program starts at 7:30 o'clock. The tree is being set up in the Community Center house, on the reservation in Bonneville. Dave Marvin, commander of the Bonneville post, will preside. On the program is Mickey and Minnie Mouse, a clever magician, recitations by boys and girls, some splendid musical numbers and some dance numbers.

The program and tree being presented by the Eagles and Parent-Teachers will be at the Cascade Locks high school auditorium. L. M. French, proprietor of French's Coffee shop and recreation center, Bonneville, has donated 100 pounds of candy. In addition to the candy there will be nuts and oranges for all children.

Earlier in the day the schools at Cascade Locks and Bonneville will put on programs, but they will not conflict with the Friday evening program.

Ten Parent-Teacher association is gathering the names of children throughout the district whom Santa Claus may miss because of economic conditions and Christmas eve the Eagles will deliver toys and perhaps some clothing to homes where help is needed.

Anyone desiring to help make Christmas a happy occasion for children who may be overlooked, or knowing a family where toys are needed may call the Chronicle and the information will be passed on to the Eagles.

The legion's program for Thursday night follows:

1. "Jes' Before Christmas," recitation by Roy Lusch, Jr.
  2. Violin solo, Christmas Carol, by Marjorie Stevens.
  3. Santa Claus Dance, by Miss Guyla Galasheff.
  4. "Night Before Christmas," recitation, by Donald Avery and Clark Slatery.
  5. "Silent Night, Holy Night," Song by 7th and 8th grade girls. Directed by Mrs. Peggy O'Keefe.
  6. Magician, Prof. Roy Barnes.
  7. Mickey and Minnie Mouse Dance, by Miss Guyla Galasheff and Marjorie Stevens.
- Piano Accompanist, Hal Babbitt. Mickey and Minnie Mouse will also assist Santa Claus.

## POSTOFFICE EXPANDS TO RETAIN LOCATION

Postmaster Henry Edlund gained additional room for his growing business when the Piggy Wiggly store permitted him to take over space which has been used for the compounding of prescriptions. Another window has been added to take care of applications for money orders, and there is space in which to stack packages. The office is cancelling more than 1,000 letters a day and writing \$15.00 a week in money orders.

### OPENS FUEL OFFICE

Alyce Harvey has been threatening for weeks to open a fuel office in the business district in Cascade Locks. Sunday she made good her threat. And she didn't stop with an office, but has put in a fuel yard as well. She has gone modern by installing a phone, and hereafter will sit in the office and take fuel orders. Wood has been trucked to the yard and customers are now pick it up in small quantities, if desired.

### IMPORTANT

If you have not yet placed your order for extra copies of the Chronicle's New Year's edition we suggest that you telephone or drop in at once and let us know the number of extra copies you will wish to mail. The edition will carry

The Parkdale and Mt. Hood schools were closed last week by prevalence of several cases of scarlet fever. The situation is reported now to be getting better, but the schools will likely stay closed until after the new year.

## VETERANS TO DANCE

Veterans of Foreign Wars are preparing to put on another of their dances at the Bridge of the Gods Hotel tonight. It has been some time since they entertained, but they are preparing to do things up in fine style. Rolph Enquist and Hal Babbitt of the Bonny Villa Tavern have donated a keg of Silver Springs beer, which will be served free to guests.

## Community Center At Dam Develops Into An Important Business, Recreational District

With a theatre, grocery store, clothing store, gift shop, shoe repair shop, postoffice, restaurant, bar, billiard parlor, drug store and barber shop all under one roof, the community center on the reservation in Bonneville has reached that point in its development where it resembles the principle business block of a modern and progressive town.

All of the store rooms are occupied and the different firms are becoming established. The block, directly across the street from the General-Shea camp, is brightly lighted at night; there is ample parking space; and the road into the district from the highway is being steadily improved.

Your Community Center is under the local direction of Russ Lawson. He is assisted by Marvin Lambert and "Hy" Frager, the chef.

Next door, in the Bonneville Men's shop, is "Norm" Norman, the manager; Chet Lagerson, head

## BOY SCOUTS PREPARE TO ORGANIZE TROOPS

Steps preliminary to the organization of a Boy Scout troop in Bonneville were taken Friday night at a meeting held in the Community Center House on the reservation. The meeting was called by the Rev. S. D. Trefren, pastor of the community church.

It was addressed by William Johnson, field executive in the Portland office who said the organization contemplated organizing scout troops in Bonneville, Cascade Locks and North Bonneville.

A large delegation from Gresham drove up for the meeting. In the delegation were a number of business and professional men, who are interested in the scout movement, and 30 Boy Scouts. They brought music with them and entertained with several numbers.

## CHAMBER MEETING IS CALLED FOR THURSDAY

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for Thursday noon at the Rapids club. The 50-cent lunch has been abandoned and everyone can order to suit their taste and their purse. The meeting will be devoted largely to a discussion of fire protection, and particularly to means of obtaining permission from the war department to use the government's 10-inch water main.

## EAGLES MEET AT FRENCH'S

Eagles of the Cascade Locks-Bonneville aerle will hold their regular Thursday night meeting in French's recreational center, Bonneville. L. M. French, the proprietor, has provided them with a meeting place and they will probably continue to hold their weekly meetings there hereafter. The aerle is closing its charter Thursday night. It is putting on a special program of entertainment for the occasion.

### OPENS WAREHOUSE

The Lester Auto Freight has opened a warehouse and office in Clark's cold storage plant in Cascade Locks and hereafter will pick up and deliver freight free of charge in Portland and the Bonneville Dam area.

## ODD FELLOWS TO GIVE CONTRACT TO M. E. OAKES

M. E. Oakes, Portland, has been awarded the contract for the building which the Odd Fellows will erect on their lot in Cascade Locks. The building will replace the one destroyed by fire last July.

Work on the building will be started this week. Work of cleaning away the debris on the property is under way and everything is being put in readiness for the laying of the foundation.

The original plans for a 2-story frame building, with stores below and a lodge room above will be followed. The contract does not call for a basement. The building will have a hipped roof. The stairs are being built on the outside.

Changes over the original plans for the interior are being discussed. If these plans are adopted there will be no partitions, except for the postoffice, and the business houses would divide the floor space among themselves. This would give the effect of a public market or department store. The postoffice may be moved to the rear end of the building, where it could be surrounded by merchandise. In the effect this would cause the patrons to pass through the stores and step up trade.

R. E. Andrews & company and the Cascade Locks Drug company will occupy practically all of the floor space in the building, except for that utilized for the postoffice. The West Coast Power company has asked for office space in the building, and provisions probably will be made to accommodate it. Oakes owns the lots immediately in the rear of the Odd Fellows lot and he is preparing to erect a warehouse for the power company.

## INSPECTOR AT DAM DIES OF PNEUMONIA

First death among engineers employed on the dam occurred last Thursday when William Gregor, in charge of the crews which are digging test holes on Graddford island, died at his home, 5604 Southeast Flavel street, Portland, of pneumonia.

Presence of gas in the home, coupled with the fact that Mrs. Gregor was unconscious on the floor, caused county officials to conduct an investigation. They expressed confidence that Gregor died a natural death.

Gregor's death was reported to police by Mrs. Nattie Flavel, a neighbor, who called at the Gregor home after she became worried because there were no signs of life around the home.

Gregor came to Bonneville in October, 1933, and was among the first engineers to be given a position on the project. He had been ill with a cold and was forced to leave his work and go home in an effort to regain his health.

**NOTICE TO ALL NEWS CORRESPONDENTS**—The Chronicle plans to go to press Monday night next week so that the staff may have Christmas off. Therefore, please get as much news as possible in by Saturday night, and the balance first thing Monday morning.

All advertising copy must be in Saturday night in order to insure publication.

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