

Belgian Congo Life Proves More Interesting Than Dam

If the life of a geologist is a dull and eventless one, then Claire Holdridge, of the engineers department, has yet to experience it. In the past nine years he has traveled on three different continents, over 14 countries and almost every state in the union.

Two of the eight Holdridge spent in Belgian Congo, as a diamond mine engineer. Two others were with a hydro-electric development in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Born and raised in the Willamette valley, a graduate of the University of Oregon, Holdridge is at home at Bonneville, where "the geological environment is more complex than on the scene of any dam ever built." In other words, he's always busy, and always with something new.

Perhaps the most interesting part of this project to Holdridge is the famous Ruckel Creek slides. To list his explanations of the slides would be impossible, but is enough to say that he finds them to be comparatively recent. By that he means anywhere from one to two thousand years ago. Main cause is from the body of water impounded and gravel formations on which they founded.

From the hundreds of test pits and drill holes which the government men have driven in connection with the dam, Holdridge finds the majority of the formation to be what is known as the "Eagle Creek formation."

This material is apparently volcanic ash and material, thrown as separate pieces, not in molten form. It has evidently come so quickly and in such great amounts that petrified trees are found in their natural shape, showing there was no chance for decay.

Africa, however, has the more romantic flavor, and the endless number of stories the tanned expert geologist can tell proved much more interesting than the history of the Columbia gorge.

In the two years Holdridge spent in Belgian Congo (it required three months to reach the mines), he gained a wealth of information. Stories of natives not knowing how to use a shovel or a wheelbarrow, of working without modern equipment, of humorous incidents.

Perhaps the best of these is his tale of walking down Fifth avenue, New York, upon the evening of his return to the United States, and trying to discover what made the cars stop at each intersection when there were no police. It took him ten blocks, he said, to find that stop lights had been brought into use since his departure.

To him, radios and balloon tires were practically unknown, for he had only seen them in the newspaper advertisements. His mail arrived at three week intervals. Among it was always three copies of the Sunday Oregonian, which he perused page by page.

Dams are interesting, he admits, but for him foreign travel is the only thing, and we quite agree.

Hy Frager's Savory Dishes Dam Feature

To those who have often felt that the life of a head chef in a restaurant was dull and eventless, listen to the statement of Hy Frager, who at 27 serves an average of 1000 meals a day in the Community Center Cafe.

"It's the most interesting profession in the world, every day something new to contend with or new ways of pleasing discovered. I actually live and breathe in my work, I'm at it night and day."

Let it be known here that Hy, despite the fact that head chefs are supposed to be at least 45 or 50 before they are competent, knows what he is talking about. It was this dark young fellow, who was slated to become one of the Portland's greatest prep football players before his mother decided she didn't want him to play, who "made" the Town Tavern, one of Portland's most exclusive dining rooms.

When Hy returned from a trip around the world and a long stay in California with new ideas for prepared dishes, the northwest welcomed him with open arms. His sizzling steaks, salad bowl, spicy pies and abalone steaks were unexpectedly well received. And it is only fair to mention that it is through Hy's fine reputation that the Town Tavern is now operating, for his food will never be forgotten.

And how do workmen on the dam, in the roughest of construction camps, receive all these fancy prepared menus? To Hy that's simple, he follows the old saying, the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. The continual gain in business at the Community Center is proof of the impression he leaves.

His hobbies? None to speak of, except continual reading, especially of New York papers. Oddities? Plenty, he smokes two packages of cigarettes a day and drinks from 25 to 30 cups of black coffee. But he can cook, make no mistake about that!

JAMES RUSSELL ARRESTED

Fate does funny things. Last week, after months of trying, James E. Russell, of Warrendale, finally got a job, with Orino, Bell and Malcolm in the railroad tunnel work. Monday afternoon he was arrested by State Police Officer Cliff Boss and taken to the Hood River county jail, where he faces charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. Russell, it seems, has been passing bad checks in the district.

CHURCH SERVICES

Community M. E. Church
Cascade Locks
Rev. Lewis F. Smith, Pastor.
Sunday School10 a. m.
Public Worship11 a. m.
Evening Service7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday evening.
Community Center - Chapel
Bonneville.
Rev. S. D. Trefren, Pastor.
Sunday School10 a. m.
Preaching11 a. m.
Entertainment.....3 p. m.

The Virgil Garners made a flying trip recently to Idaho to visit relatives.

CHINESE PHONE BOOK REQUIRES MUCH PATIENCE

Much patience and a good education are needed to find the telephone number of a Chinese subscriber in the Shanghai telephone directory.

The Shanghai directory contains 585 pages, and subscribers' numbers are located by means of a cross-index which refers the caller from one page to another. A telephone subscriber's given name is never printed in the directory, for fear of kidnappers.

This complicates matters somewhat, since in the Shanghai book there are, for example, no less than 50 listings for "Chen Kung Kwan." "Chen" is as common a name there as "Smith" in this country, and "Kung Kwan" is not a name but a noun meaning "residence."

The Chinese telephone directory does not list subscribers in an alphabetical order because there is fundamentally nothing like an alphabet in the Chinese language. Written characters are ideographs, or conventionalized pictures.

To look for a number in a Chinese telephone directory calls for the following procedure: The number of strokes of the first character must be counted. When that is done, check the list of characters grouped according to their numbers of strokes, and find the particular character the telephone user wants. Follow the dotted lines under the character and note the page number printed below.

Turn to the marked page of the directory. Look for the telephones registered under that first character—listed in order of the number of strokes of the second character—until the desired number is found.

Eagles' Activities

Oregon, with 711, gained third place in national ranking for most number of candidates signed in the month of February. Considering the size and population this is considered a fine showing by Eagles.

Cascade Locks-Bonneville aerle ranked sixth among the 30 Oregon lodges in the same race, with 40 new members. Marshfield was the leader.

More than 60 members and candidates attended the big Eagles rally, held Thursday night in French's Entertainment, both local and Portland, was provided, and a light lunch served. Perry Kitzmiller arranged the program.

Carl Nordilly, of the United States Engineers, became the 167th member of the local Eagles lodge, when he was formally initiated last week.

The local lodge plans to enter at least two bunion artists in the feature event of the annual state convention, the marathon from Portland to Grants Pass, a distance of 268 miles. The convention is to be held in the latter city July 4, 5 and 6.

NEW PHONE BOOKS OUT

Much wonderment was expressed by dam district residents Friday when they received cards from the Bonneville railroad depot notifying that packages were being held there. But the excitement died out when the bulky looking parcels were unwrapped and found to be only the April 1935 Portland and vicinity telephone directory.

August Petersen, well known Locks resident, is able to be out and around again after a short stay in bed recuperating from a bad cold.

VETERANS HAVE LAND IN DISTRICT FOR SALE

With approximately 500 properties listed in Multnomah county, the World War Veterans Aid commission is preparing to put the holdings back on the tax rolls.

The commission has in the neighborhood of 1500 properties, both homes and acreage, in 36 counties, valued at approximately \$3,800,000. The real estate has been placed in the hands of the commission either through foreclosure or outright deeds.

There are reported to be some choice locations in the eastern section of Multnomah county and Hood River county. While it primarily will be the purpose of the commission to sell the properties, arrangements can be made for reasonable rentals and leases.

The ground floor location at 515 Southwest Oak street, where detailed information can be obtained between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

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