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BRISBANE THIS WEEK

Explaining to Canada
Mr. Morgenthau's Work
A West Point for Crime
Alfred du Pont

Canada, hearing of a proposed United States "camouflaged military airplane base near her border," asks for information. The State department will gladly supply it.

Arthur Brisbane

No military forts separate the two countries, no battleships on the big lakes. Inhabitants on both sides, being civilized, have no idea of attacking each other; neither craves what the other owns.

Some day, let us hope, the two countries will be one, by mutual agreement, or Canada might annex the United States in a friendly way, if that were more acceptable, a majority of voters ruling.

The North American continent, from the Mexican border to the North pole, should be one nation, or if Mexico and others would come in, all the way down to the Panama canal, so much the better.

There will be no war between this country and any part of the British empire. Common sense forbids it. Any air base of ours would probably be as useful to Canada as to ourselves, and we should be delighted to see Canada establish a string of air bases to the north of us, especially along her Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

Secretary Morgenthau, never in business as a banker, interested, personally, in farming more than in money, has shown the outside world, to its surprise, that he can make the American dollar keep its place in the procession, regardless of many billions of bond issues, no gold basis, and other novelties.

Gamblers that ordinarily enjoy speculation in "exchange" are afraid of the American dollar. And curiously, while some Americans are sending money to other countries, to make it "safe," foreigners, and especially Britishers, are investing more and more heavily in the United States.

Washington discusses a "West Point for war on crime," a semi-military school under the attorney general to train fighters to meet the national crime army, that collects almost as much money as the national government itself takes in.

The war would be simple if government would treat crime as it would an outbreak of yellow fever, or Asiatic cholera, taking it really seriously.

Habitual criminals are known, men of ten or fifteen convictions, racketeers, gunmen. Make it clear that once locked up they would never get out as long as they lived and you would see the crime fade away.

Very bad news for the country, in which efficiency and energy counts as public asset number one, is the sudden death of Alfred du Pont, stricken with heart disease in his residence near Jacksonville, Fla. At seventy years of age, Mr. du Pont was planning, as he should be, all sorts of new enterprises that would have been interesting to him. He needed no more money, wanted to be useful.

GROUP CHARGES MISINFORMATION IN SCHOOL ROW

Charges that an unnamed person supplied The Hood River News with grave misinformation about the county school board's meeting May 6 to hear protests against further employment of Principal Vernon G. Henderson of Cascade Locks high school in an attempt to confuse the issue were aired this week in a signed statement released by Cascade Locks parent-teachers' committee.

The statement, signed by Thomas C. Harrison, Ada A. Hoff, C. L. Rankin, Vera A. Sprague, D. W. Chamberlin, Inga S. Reuterskiold, says in part:

"Many glaring falsehoods were contained in the statement handed to The Hood River News and printed under the heading, "Factional Fight in Cascade Locks School, etc." We are, of course, directing no criticism to The News, but we are impeaching the veracity of the man giving such a statement. The Hood River county unit board received our large delegation courteously and promised to make a full and thorough investigation. The chairman further stated that—a decision would be rendered at some later board meeting."

Charges against Mr. Henderson were the following, and none other, the statement said:

1. "Cascade Locks high school is in a deplorable condition.
2. Inability to discipline or control the high school students.
3. "Open smoking, daily, on the school grounds by high school students.
4. "An unwholesome attitude among high school students.
5. "A social disease in the high school improperly and carelessly handled by Mr. Henderson.
6. "Inability to teach mathematics.
7. "Neglected duty.
8. "That a number of parents will no longer send their children to school to Mr. Henderson. (Our high school has a rough enrollment of 35 pupils. The parents of 12 have stated that their children will not attend school next year at Cascade Locks if Mr. Henderson is returned."

ABANDONMENT REQUESTED

Abandonment of that portion of Second street, Cascade Locks, which lies between lots nine and 10, Hyde addition, is requested in a petition filed with the Hood River county court by W. C. Anderson of the Central Lumber company.

Objections to the vacation of the area, on which no buildings are located, will be heard at Hood River June 5. Anderson is owner of the abutting property, the petition states.

POSTPONE AID MEET

Cascade Locks Ladies Aid this week cancelled its regular May meeting since it falls on Memorial day. Next gathering will be June 27. Meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of every month.

MAIN DAM CEMENT BIDS CALLED; HOPE TO BEGIN POURING BY AUGUST 15

Bids for 665,000 barrels of cement for the Bonneville main spillway dam will be opened by U. S. engineers May 31 in Portland.

Columbia Construction Co., main dam contractors, hope to begin pouring the cement about August 15, when the river is expected to be low enough to enable the company to pump out the main cofferdam after its all-summer soaking.

California, Oregon and Washington mills are reported preparing bids on the contract. Delivery, stipulated at 45 days after signing, will begin about August 1. The locks and powerhouse used approximately 300,000 barrels of cement, bringing the total amount to almost one million barrels.

430 REGISTER TO BALLOT ON INCORPORATION

With 237 new voters registered up to the close of the books Saturday evening, the battle on the question of incorprating Cascade Locks entered its second phase this week.

The 193 names already listed on the books brings a total of 430 voters who will decide June 11 whether Cascade Locks will remain an unorganized community or become an incorporated city.

Attorney G. A. Cobb, in wnose office the ballot is scheduled to be taken, registered 137. Max Millsap of Cascade Drug company, appointed additional registrar last week by the county court to expedite the rush, registered exactly 100.

A pitched battle on the incorporation question is forseen by leaders of both sides. First phase was to get a many eligibles to register as possible. Second will be to convince those registered to cast their ballots the "right" way.

Large property owners fear incorporation on grounds of increased taxation. They fear the acquisition of bonded debt for improvements, believe that industries expected to locate in the area when Bonneville dam is completed, will not pick sites in an incorporated Cascade Locks.

Locks business men and resident in favor of making the community into a city stress the need of a unified town to get industries to locate in the Locks, to obtain adequate fire protection and improvements, to have local self government instead of being regulated from Hood River, the county seat, 20 miles away.

Mr. Millsap's Cascade Drug company is now settled in its new quarters, the 26-foot soda fountain being completed last week. Zelda Hess presides over the fountain.

CULVERTS LAID FOR NEW ROAD THROUGH LOCKS

Working at top speed, workers under Contractor Frank Kernan this week finished laying culverts and culvert extensions in preparation for the new highway through Cascade Locks.

A snorting power shovel began tearing at the bank just east of the high school to carve out the new highway's right-of-way. Rumbling dump trucks deposited the dirt in a fill across from the school. Filling in in front of the Cascade Lumber company will begin in about two weeks.

Moving of power wires and poles off the new right-of-way was expected to have begun this week by West Coast Power company. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company crews have spent several weeks moving their poles back. Several houses have been moved from the line of the highway to new foundations.

Traffic will move over the straightened highway through the Locks by July 31, completion date stipulated in the contract, but Contractor Kernan hopes to have it finished before then. Working force this week is between 15 and 20, with 35 to 40 expected to be employed within a week or two.

The work, begun last week under supervision of Frank Walters, resident state engineer, includes reconstruction of .91 mile of the Columbia river highway from the toll bridge to just east of the state highway maintenance sheds. Money is supplied 100 per cent by the federal government as a federal municipal aid project under last year's appropriation, according to Engineer Walters.

Additional to the 40-foot blacktop highway will be a 12-foot sidewalk through the business district, a six-foot walk continuing on to the high school, with double seven-inch concrete curbs paralleling the road. Right-of-way is 80 feet wide, generally following the line of the old highway, with the fill in front of Cascade Lumber company approximately five feet higher.

10 SCHOOLS SING FRIDAY AT HOOD RIVER FESTIVAL

Pupils of 10 Hood River county schools will gather Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Hood River high school auditorium for the annual county music festival under chairmanship of Mrs. Lois Campbell.

Program includes an orchestra from Dee, harmonica band from Parrett, songs by the entire assemblage. Other schools participating are: Cascade Locks, Central Vale, Frankton, Mount Hood, Oak Grove, Odell, Parkdale, Pine Grove.

LOCKS HAS STREETS SCRAPED BY COUNTY

Cascade Locks' unpaved streets were transformed last week when a motor road scraper from Hood River tore 'em up and smoothed 'em down.

ENGINEERS PLAN HOUSE WARMING FOR AUDITORIUM

The Bonneville reservation auditorium, completely furnished and decorated, will be officially opened to the public May 24 with as big a house-warming party as has ever been seen in the district, dam officials announced this week.

Not only dam employees and residents of the Bonneville area, but the whole country is invited to attend the brick and terra-cotta building's coming-out party.

There won't be any laying of cornerstones or lengthy speeches by silk-hatted dignitaries. Instead, dancers will sway to the strains of Jack Gigray's exclusive Portland Heights club orchestra on the polished auditorium floor, while bridge fans will play cards in the two comfortable lounges.

The dedicatory dance is but the first of a series of entertainments planned for the new building by the Bonneville Dam Recreation association, now in process of organization to promote all recreational activities of dam employees. Next scheduled on May 28 to 29 is the minstrel show of 25, directed and produced by Lieut. William Paulson, which will make its first public appearance Friday night at Stevenson, Wash.

Because the federal government may not purchase pianos, radios and other similar recreational equipment for the auditorium, small admission fees will be charged. The fund will be used first to buy a piano, later for other equipment.

The building, constructed by government engineers, includes a modern stage and auditorium, seating approximately 300. Floor is hardwood, 40 by 60 feet, removal of the chairs turning it into a large ballroom. Overstuffed davenports and chairs furnish the large lounges, one in either wing. The basement has space for handball courts, pistol range and modern gymnasium.

Several organizations are already making use of the nearly completed building for meetings, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Boy Scouts. Women's gymnasium classes will meet thrice weekly under Mrs. Stanley Levach's direction. Church services will be held each Sunday in the auditorium.

LETTER BROKER PLANS SUIT AGAINST COUNTY

Damages of $50,000 will be asked of Hood River county by G. A. Cobb, Cascade Locks attorney, who with Gene Bell, was arrested Wednesday noon, charged with operating a lottery, after their opening the previous evening as the Locks' first chain letter brokers.

Arrest was made in a surprise raid by Hood River county's prosecuting attorney, John Baker, County Sheriff William Edick, Deputy Sheriff Clarence Brown. Taken to Hood River, the pair were released by Justice Stranahan on $250 bail, awaiting the possible return of a grand jury indictment. The grand jury will meet in July to hear the charges.

Cobb plans suit against the county charging false arrest, damage to reputaiotn. Regardless of Sheriff Edick's frowns, he says his chain letter office will remain open.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Tomkins drove through Cascade Locks Wednesday. Mr. Tomkins was former resident state engineer here.