

THE DAM CHRONICLE

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OUR PROGRAM

1. Incorporate the town.
2. Create a water district.
3. Create a fire district.
4. Re-organize a chamber of commerce.
5. Install street lights.
6. Lay down side walks.

DIRTY WORK

By publicity announcing that it had dismissed Miss Averill Stewart and Principal Frank Autrieth from the Cascade Locks public schools the county school board has made it difficult for these two splendid teachers to obtain other positions.

By giving Superintendent Henderson a contract for another year with what the public will believe was a gentleman's agreement not to teach, the county school board has made it easy for him to obtain another position.

People as a whole believe in justice and fair play. They believe in the exercise of common decency in human relations. Neither Miss Stewart nor Mr. Autrieth has been treated with either courtesy or justice. And irrespective of denials which may be forthcoming, the people of Cascade Locks will place the responsibility for the board's action on County Superintendent Gibson—Godfather of Vernon G. Henderson.

If, in their anger, the people of Cascade Locks do the sane and sensible thing and appeal to the state board of education at Salem for relief from an intolerable condition the county school board can blame only themselves for permitting Superintendent Gibson to dictate their action.

It is unthinkable that the state superintendent's office will tolerate the type of injustice practiced on Miss Stewart and Mr. Autrieth. The state legislature loaded Hood River county down with the county unit system, and should protect the schools of the county against the autocratic rule of one individual. The county unit system has been on trial in the county. The people of the state are observing its operation. From reports which will go out must be drawn conclusions relative to its practicability. Cascade Locks can bear witness that the system has not worked—is not working to the satisfaction of parents. If the state superintendent's office and friends of the county unit system desire to extend the system they must step in and put a foot down on the activities of a county superintendent, who is allowed by law to ride rough shod over the wishes and the will of the residents of a community.

The Chronicle refuses to believe that friends of Miss Stewart and Mr. Autrieth will rest until they see justice done. It believes they will appeal to the state superintendent's office, to the state board of education, to the governor's office, to the daily newspapers of Portland.

WELL, SHE'S OUT

The Chronicle's illustrated edition on Bonneville dam goes out to subscribers this week. It has required weeks of hard work, but we believe the effort has been worth while for the time will come when the construction of the project will be only a memory.

If you like the edition, kindly tell the neighbors. And if you don't like it go jump in a rain barrel. But, as Andy Gump would say, it has all been in good natured fun. It is over with and The Chronicle office has returned to normalcy.

Six thousand copies were printed. The surplus over the requirements for subscribers is being placed on sale on newsstands throughout the state. Orders for large quantities were placed in advance. These orders are being filled. Anyone wishing additional copies should order immediately, as the supply may not last a great while.

Photographs of some people have inadvertently been left out. We regret this. And our greatest regret is over failure to include the photograph of H. M. Rigler, engineer in charge on the power house and locks. The photograph was lost and was not missed until the page was on the press. We take this mean of making a public apology, for he rightly belongs in the group, if for no other reason than that he is doing a great job—and doing it well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cascade Locks, Oregon, June 1. (To the Editor)—If you will allow, I wish to ask, will you please print in The Bonneville Dam Chronicle: Why has the county school board dismissed Miss Averill Stewart?

On my visits to Miss Stewart's class room, I found her to be most capable and efficient. She had more patience with 26 pupils in her class room, than the majority of parents have in their home with two or three children.

I have a niece, Beverly Berdina Beaton. Beverly attended the Cascade Locks school while living with me. She attended for a period of nearly six months. Then Beverly left Cascade Locks, went to Los Angeles, Calif., and entered a school there. She was so far advanced of the pupils in her class there; school to Beverly was just play. When she first started to school everything was difficult for her. Beverly would remain after school hours. Miss Stewart would help and explain her school work to her.

I am sure that every pupil in Miss Stewart's class room could advance the same as Beverly, under Miss Stewart's system of teaching and instruction. Of course, pupils have to apply themselves in the class room. Every parent in Cascade Locks with children attending school should be most grateful in having Miss Averill Stewart as a teacher in the Cascade Locks school.

Mrs. Hazel Webber.

(Editor of The Chronicle): We are now facing the problem of incorporating the town. Are we going to let two people, or the people as a whole, run the town?

It is for you, the people, to come out and vote Tuesday, June 11. Incorporating the town has a few disadvantages but more advantages, so come out and vote to incorporate.

Captain Nelson.

EAGLE CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Anderson left Sunday for a new position at Toll Gate, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ranke spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Ranke's parents in Pasco, Wash.

HIGHWAY GRADE GIVES BUSINESS MEN HEADACHE

Cascade Locks business men on the north side of the main street woke up one morning last week to find trucks dumping dirt in their front yards for the new highway through town.

And some of those business men are this week wondering what's to become of their buildings with the new highway grade as much as four feet above their front door sills. Rumor is that suit may be started to force payment to have the buildings elevated.

Jack Elmer's Variety and Electric shop Friday was raised four feet on jacks to a new foundation to a level with the projected sidewalk. Next door, S. O. Clodfelter's stage depot and Fred Anderson's Dew Drop inn remained below grade. Clodfelter, owner of the building, is unable to decide whether to meet the new grade.

Heavy bulkhead of railroad ties has been placed in front of Don Francis' second hand shop and Thad Glazier's garage to keep the dirt from pouring in. Glazier, owner of the building, does not intend to raise the structure, but says he'll put a ramp down into the garage from the new grade, four feet above.

Attorney G. A. Cobb says he'll raise his office if necessary when the highway is completed, but the building will not have to be raised more than a few inches if at all.

Buildings on the north side of the road are not affected by the grade, since they are either on higher ground or were built on high foundations in anticipation of the new highway.

Dirt was dumped this week by Contractor Frank Kernan's trucks to complete most of the fill from the toll bridge through the business district.

LEGION CHANGES MEETING

Bonneville Post, American Legion, will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 instead of Wednesday evening, in the civic auditorium's west lounge, to hear the Multnomah county hospital visitation committee of the Legion explain its work. Members are urged by Dave Marvin, commander to be present promptly so they may attend the free music recital in the main auditorium set for later the same night.

FORMS STRIPPED FROM TANNER CREEK VIADUCT

Last of concrete for Tanner creek railroad bridge was poured last week into the spandrels on the west end. This week the contractor, Birkemier and Saremali, up the job.

A pipe handrail for walks across the bridge will be installed within a week or two to finish the work. Time on the contract is up July 5, with the government expected to accept the job around that date.

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Orino, Bell and Malcom, tractors for the railroad, are preparing to dump ballast as soon as it is completed. This will make use of the new entrance under the first span on the end of the viaduct, opposite Roosevelt inn. Gravel for the road has been spread and concrete curbs installed.

The road to Watum lake open to traffic as far as the cabin, District Ranger Roy Weeman announced this week.

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