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CASCADE LOCKS

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## THREE RESCUED FROM DROWNING AT BONNEVILLE

Reacherous currents of the Columbia river nearly claimed the lives of three persons late Tuesday afternoon at the mouth of McCloud creek, two miles below Bonneville, and made heroes of the people.

When an unidentified boy about 12 years old was seized by the current while swimming after a rubber ball, Frank Milne, doorkeeper at the Music Box theatre in Portland, swam to his rescue. He brought the child back to shore, delivered him safely to Mrs. Sidney Phillips who had come out to meet them. The current carried Milne back into the river. Mrs. Phillips swam out to him with her husband, manager of the Roosevelt theatre at Bonneville, close behind.

Phillips grabbed the struggling boy as he was about to sink. His wife to shore. But the strong current was too strong. Phillips' 60-year-old father, Arthur, operator at the Playhouse theatre, Portland, seeing that his son was losing ground, tore off his clothing, reaching the pair as Milne had sunk. He dove in, pulled him to the top of the hair, found his son nearly unconscious from his struggles.

The elderly man battled the current for nearly half an hour to bring the two to shore. Artificial respiration brought Milne back to consciousness. Sid Phillips recovered after a rest. An unidentified couple standing on the river bank watched the incident. When it was over, a man came over to the younger Phillips, known as a good swimmer, told him that "people who swim should stay out of the water." Phillips was too weak to say. The couple had disappeared the time he had recovered.

## ANCIENT TIRE FINALLY GIVES UP ITS GHOST

Warrendale residents and passers-by have laughed for seven years at a floppy, dog-eared tire on William Steiner's aged "T" truck.

But to the Steiners, that tire is almost a family heirloom. It is old when they bought the truck early in 1929. It has long been chewed down to the metal by rubbing against the chassis under a heavy load and by the truck's rambles under guidance of Clifford Steiner among stumps and rocks to haul in loads of rock and wood. But still the tire, like father's bedroom slippers on a hardwood floor, keeps flopping along, waving its tattered fabric and rubber in the breeze.

Sunday's hot weather was a little too much for its petrified owner. "Bang!" it went, when the truck was standing still. Now the Steiners have retired it, are making of putting it on display at their Warrendale store as a monument to faithfulness.

## WATER SYSTEMS AT LOCKS CLEANED OUT; PURE TEST EXPECTED

Sources of water owned by the government, the school and by individuals at Cascade Locks have been cleaned out this week on orders from the state health department following tests which showed it dangerous for drinking.

Contamination is believed removed. Samples were taken this week from all the systems to be tested in the state laboratory in Portland. The health department expects that the water will test "A" from now on as it has done in the past before the last few weeks. Results will be known the first of the week.

## BOARD CALLS POSTOFFICE EXAMINATION

An examination for a new postmaster in Cascade Locks has been called for August 17 by the federal civil service commission. The announcement that the examination was to be held was transmitted to The Chronicle by Postmaster Frank Hall Tuesday.

Place of holding the examination has not been published, but in all probability it will be held in Hood River.

Calling an early examination is generally taken to mean that the postmaster-general will not name an acting postmaster to succeed Postmaster Hall, although it does not preclude an appointment.

The postmastership under the new third class rating given the Cascade Locks office July 1 pays \$1400 to \$1800 a year and carries with it the appointment of a clerk at a salary of nearly \$500 a year.

Candidates wishing to try for the position may obtain the necessary blanks at the postoffice and must have their applications in the hands of the civil service commission not later than August 2.

Any person over 21 years of age may try for the job, irrespective of politics, but the position is one that is filled by the president, which is another way of saying that a democrat will be chosen. The president is required to appoint the postmaster from among the three candidates making the highest grades. In other words, the president may, if he desires, name the democrat who is third highest in the examination. This is an old Spanish custom that has been followed for a long time.

## ENROTH SPOILS RECORD

Victor Enroth, powder monkey on Orino, Birkmeyer & Saremal's railroad relocation job, broke a record this week. He went inside the city limits of Portland for the first time in seven years, although he's lived within a 40-mile radius of it all that time. Reason: family reunion. Reason for not going before: Says he hadn't lost anything there.

## HEAT WAVE MAY DELAY PUMPING OUT COFFERDAM

Hot weather in British Columbia has sent a considerable volume of water down the Columbia Construction company's cofferdam for a week.

A corner of the cribs has been peeping out of the water. Hope had been expressed that the flood was about over and everyone was cheerful about returning to work. Then the temperature commenced to climb.

Highest temperature recorded by the government thermometer in Cascade Locks was 103 1-2 Saturday. Sunday the temperature struggled up to 102 1-2. So the heat wave failed to break the high record of 107, registered in July, 1927.

At Bonneville the temperature was reported at 106 on Bradford Island. At Wyeth a temperature of 107 was reported and at Columbia Gorge ranger station the mercury hit 108 both Saturday and Sunday.

Pranks played by Ol' ol caught the public unprepared and so it sent hundreds scurrying to the cool waters of the Columbia. Bathing in the river became exceedingly popular over the weekend.

Considerable snow remains in the Rocky mountains in Canada. Government observers had anticipated that it would come down slowly over a period of weeks. When the wind shifted to the east and the sun began to get in some good hits the river started to level off after having fallen rapidly day after day.

## BAKER TAKES WELLS' JOB AS DAM DOCTOR

Dr. Russell L. Baker, formerly of Portland, is the new occupant of the desk at the Bonneville dam first aid station.

He is replacing temporarily Dr. Stanley E. Wells, who has gone to Portland to do research work at the request of the United States public health service. He will be gone from one to two months before returning to the dam.

Dr. Baker is a graduate of the University of Oregon medical school. He recently finished his internship at the Multnomah county hospital. He is making his home in a USED dormitory.

## D. C. HENNY, ENGINEER AT BONNEVILLE DIES

Funeral services for David Christian Henny, 74, Bonneville dam consulting engineer and nationally known for his work in hydraulics were held Wednesday in Portland.

Mr. Henny died Sunday at his home in Portland after a short illness. He is survived by his children: Mrs. Frances B. Haworth of Portland, Arnold L. Henny of Bonneville, and Dr. George C. Henny of Temple university, Philadelphia.

## Taxpayers League Fills Laber Ticket Vacancies

At a meeting held two weeks ago in Odd Fellows hall the J. B. Laber organization joined the Civic club in nominating a ticket for the municipal election. Both groups had fought incorporation. A community of interests had brought them together in a common cause. Soon their ticket became known as the pro-Laber ticket. The appellation did not please either group.

## EXAM SET FOR POSTMASTER AT BONNEVILLE

A year ago an examination was called for a postmaster at Bonneville. Following the examination Henry Edlund was appointed acting postmaster. This week the federal civil service commission called for another examination. The call was issued after the commission had ruled that any person residing in Hood River county was eligible to take the examination and fill the position.

Few people were aware of the examination last summer and not much interest was taken in it at the time, but after the postoffice was removed from the railroad station to a new building, next door to the theatre, the public awakened to the realization that the job might be a juicy plum.

Date of the examination has not been announced from Washington, but no doubt it will be held in Hood River on August 17 on the date selected for the examination to be held for selection of a postmaster in Cascade Locks.

Edlund expects to take the examination. How many others will take it is not known, although several have announced their intention of trying for the position. Anyone may seek the position, although it is 100 to 1 that a democrat will be selected as the appointment rests with President Roosevelt.

Applicants may procure examination blanks from Acting Postmaster Edlund in Bonneville, or from Postmaster Frank Hall, in Cascade Locks. All applications must be in the hands of the civil service commission not later than August 2.

## EAGLES SET DANCE AT LOCKS FOR AUGUST 27

Eagles of the Cascade Locks-Bonneville aerie will dance in Odd Fellows hall the evening of August 27. The dance, confined to Eagles and their ladies, will be held in the place of the regular lodge session.

The aerie is now meeting every Thursday in the hall. At last week's meeting it was decided to organize a ladies' auxiliary. A membership of 25 is required before a charter can be obtained.

Officers of the aerie report that the aerie is growing steadily despite the fact that a large number of men are still temporarily out of work, due to high water at the dam.

Monday night the two groups held another meeting. They came together for purpose of filling vacancies on their ticket which had bobbed up when Fred Anderson, of Dew Drop Inn, and C. E. (Doc) Carns, of the state highway department, declined to run for the council. The meeting was held under auspices of the "Taxpayers League."

Names of the officers of the "Taxpayers League" were not made public. Neither was it explained when the "league" was founded—nor where. Like Topsy, it has just grown. Jack Elmer presided and Bill was floor leader.

Early in the session Elmer asked whether the crowd wanted the press to remain. By the press he meant The Chronicle. There was some confusion in voting. Bill Keeler straightened that out and the crowd determined that it didn't want The Chronicle in the house. So the press departed. Elmer and Keeler smiled happily and in time introduced the Radliffs—husband and wife—owners of the Skamania County Pioneer, Stevenson, who had been invited to establish a pro-Laber weekly.

Filling of the vacancies on the ticket moved swiftly under Elmer's direction. G. E. Miller and Carl Reuterskiold were selected. Miller did not want to accept the nomination, but Ira Owen, manager of Laber's lumber yard, insisted that he serve.

Miss Ellen Sundstin was nominated for city treasurer, a position which had been overlooked on the first ticket.

Mrs. Radliff spoke earnestly of her desire to give the community the type of a newspaper which she said she was certain it desired. And that brought up the question of a name for the publication. That is always a hard problem at the best, but finally it was agreed to call it the "Mid-Columbian."

District Ranger Roy L. Weeman, Ranger Albert Wiesendanger and Deputy State Fire Marshal Taylor told the meeting what could be done to protect Locks property from fire, talked of such things as pipeline, valves and water pressures.

## TWO CCC BOYS STOP CIGARET-CAUSED FIRE

Sylvester Garrison and Kevin Horine, of Benson CCC camp, Sunday afternoon discovered and immediately quenched a small grass fire beside the Columbia river highway.

The fire was undoubtedly caused by a carelessly-thrown cigarette, according to Ranger Albert Wiesendanger of Eagle creek station, summoned to the scene by the boys.