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CASCADE LOCKS

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COLUMBIA ABOUT READY TO DRAIN BIG COFFERDAM

With but three feet of water pouring over the upstream edge of the big crib cofferdam Columbia Construction company is making preparations to begin pumping it out so work can begin once again on the foundations for the main spillway dam.

When actual pumping can begin, no one can say. It all depends on Ol' Man River. Government engineers say from their studies of conditions in the upper basins of the Columbia, that the river will have dropped sufficiently for pumping to start the end of the coming week. The river must drop several feet below the top of the cribs before water can be sucked out of them.

In the meantime, Columbia is getting ready for the big job. A huge carpenter shed is being built near the Bradford Island end of the main channel highline. In it will be nailed together the immense forms into which concrete for the main spillway dam will be poured.

Stretching the highline cables across the 2025-foot span of the main channel from the tall tail tower at North Bonneville to the two traveling head towers on the island will be undertaken soon. The highline will take structural forms, materials and concrete out across the river to their places in the big dam.

General Shea started its pumps going in the powerhouse pool last Thursday evening. Ten feet of water were sucked out. The powerhouse basin will be cleaned out and finishing touches applied to the foundations.

MRS. HILL DEPARTS ON WORLD CRUISE

Swankiest, if not the newest, of Bonneville dam's quarters for government engineers is the former Hill mansion overlooking the reservation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGee moved into the downstairs section of the house this week. McGee is head of transportation for the dam. "Admiral" Fred Getty, skipper of the engineers' tug, Bonneville, is preparing to live in the upstairs.

The house and property which now form a large part of the dam reservation were condemned by the government. The owner, Mrs. Mona Bell Hill, refused to accept the government's valuation, took the case to court and got \$72,500. Friday she moved her belongings out of the mansion, departed for her Minnesota log cabin for a short stay before starting on a cruise around the world.

Although nearly 1,000 feet of curbing must be put down, the contractor on the highway is making good progress this week on the work and crews are now dumping gravel preparatory to putting on oil. The curbing is in for much of the distance through town.

LIGHTNING FLASHES IN DAM AREA, SHATTERS TREE ON RESERVATION

Lightning in Tuesday morning's roaring thunderstorm played about the Columbia gorge, streaked down out of the clouds to hit the tops of peaks on both sides of the river, accompanied by a drenching rain.

Only damage reported in the near vicinity of the dam was the striking of a tree within 500 feet of the former Hill mansion near the viewpoint overlooking the dam. Workers on the grounds in front of new auditorium saw it strike, called Ranger Albert Wiesendanger from Eagle Creek to investigate. The tree was cracked, pieces of its bark thrown for many feet, but no fire resulted.

Several fires from lightning were started towards Hood River, but were either quenched or put under control in a hurry. Forest rangers also found a number to the dam, but

Army Rejects Bids On R. Channel V

"Too high," said U. S. Army engineers Friday when they perused the deepening and widening of the Columbia river from Celilo to Umatilla, lowest bid being about 40 per cent over engineers' estimates.

Major C. F. Williams, engineer for the second Portland district, is studying bids this week with a view to readvertising the job, which would make Umatilla head of river navigation with a seven-foot channel, 150 feet wide.

Lowest bid was \$529,500 submitted by Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging company. The government has allotted \$400,000 for the work. Other bids were: Siema, Hemars company, St. Paul, Minn., \$556,840; F. J. Kernan and The Brookfield company, \$744,000; Malcom & Bell, \$878,030; Pacific Bridge company, \$943,000.

Opening the river has been advocated for years by river men, farmers and business men. In conjunction with Bonneville dam lake, it will permit easy movement of wheat downstream from eastern Oregon, Washington and from Idaho; upstream will go gasoline and general cargo.

TO DISCUSS CELEBRATION

Plans to celebrate completion of the new road through Cascade Locks are beginning to take definite form. A meeting has been called for Monday night, at which efforts will be made to bring all the business men of town together, irrespective of political opinions or previous condition of servitude, for the purpose of getting committees busy on different phases of the work that must be done.

Try a want ad in the Chronicle.

POWERHOUSE JOB TO BE PUT ASIDE UNTIL NOVEMBER

The contract for construction of the super-structure of the powerhouse in Bradford slough will be held up until November and awarded about the time the Columbia Construction company finishes its first pour for the base of the spillway dam.

Army engineers decided to delay the work until late autumn after it became obvious that additional quarters would be needed if the spillway job and the powerhouse job were to be carried on simultaneously.

While the water slowly falling, Columbia expects to start its pump work about the week in August, taking 2,000 men to the fact that the condition of the dam is almost two

COOK'S BULLDOG LOST AFTER DIVE AT DEER AND BECOMES LOST

"Sonny," Mr. and Mrs. Archy Cook's brindle bulldog, caused his masters plenty of worry the first of the week.

When the Cooks, who manage Tyrrell's tavern, Bonneville, were out for a drive Saturday evening, "Sonny" dived through their car window after a big doe standing in the middle of the highway near the 44 milepost between Eagle creek and Cascade Locks, disappeared up the mountainside after the deer. Mr. Cook spent all day Sunday searching the vicinity for signs of his pet, failed to find him. Several persons reported seeing the dog, couldn't catch him.

Ralph Buckley, who works at the tavern, on his return from vacation Monday went to the spot, searched a little, found the dog, returned him to his masters, safe and sound.

Hauser To Open Drug Store Road at Dam

M. Hauser, for many years manager of the Bonneville drug store at the Community center, is preparing to open his own drug store on the highway, opposite the entrance to the reservation. He has leased the space heretofore occupied by the newsstand and cigar counter in French's recreational center and hopes to have everything in shape to permit him to open for business by August 1.

A registered pharmacist and of pleasing personality, he built up a nice business for his employers at the recreational center before being transferred into Portland, where he has been employed for the past three months.

In his new location he will carry magazines, tobaccos, a long line of drugs and sundries and will have a prescription counter.

He said yesterday that he proposed to compound all prescriptions in the presence of the customer. This, he explained, is in keeping with his wish to avoid use of partitions or show cases in the new store.

Carpenters are now engaged in cutting a new entrance into the quarters which will be occupied by Hauser. This will admit customers directly into the store off the street. The remodeling and installation of fixtures will be finished by early next week. Stocks will be installed as rapidly as fixtures can be set up to take care of them.

During his residence in the district Hauser built up a wide acquaintance as well as a lively trade. Mrs. Hauser is going to assist him in the store.

Orino, Berkemier & Saremal are well below the level of the highway with their contract for the Eagle creek cut.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS NAME THEIR OFFICERS

Cascade Locks' first fire department was organized Friday night when business men and property owners met in Odd Fellows hall under Frank Hall, chairman, to take definite action to protect the town against fire.

Ralph Williams was named fire chief, M. L. Morgan, his assistant. Ed Trimble was elected president to preside over meetings, relieving the fire chief from parliamentary burdens.

Chief Williams divided the town into four sections, selected a lieutenant for each as follows: Joe Burt, toll bridge to Odd Fellows hall; Jim Merrill, Odd Fellows to Scott's service station; Ben Scott, Scott's to Dr. F. Folsom's office; Shirley Moore, from 'Doc' Folsom's to Carlson's Red & White store. Each district will run from the railroad property line south to the city limits.

Pending purchase of one by the department, a hand siren was loaned for two weeks by Ranger Albert Wiesendanger of Eagle creek station. It was installed Saturday morning in front of Assistant Chief Morgan's garage. Morgan built the stand, has volunteered free space in his garage for hose carts or any other equipment. The siren will give the fire signal, indicating which section the fire is in.

Twenty-eight of the 35 present volunteered their services as firemen. Chief Williams set last Sunday afternoon as date of the department's first training session. A campaign of inducing city residents to have a barrel and several buckets beside each home was inaugurated.

To devise means of raising money to purchase buckets, axes, a siren and other necessary equipment, a committee of Ed Trimble, chairman, Capt. Charles Nelson and Al Meyers were chosen. Frank Hall was elected chairman of the committee on constitution and by-laws, with A. W. Walte, Al Meyers, and Joe Burt, assistants.

Chief Valstort and Ed Steele of the noted Hood River volunteer fire department told the meeting of their organization and how to keep a volunteer department moving efficiently. District Ranger Roy L. Weeman and Ranger Wiesendanger assured the department of their cooperation in training, told of the need for sump holes to suck water. The sump holes, large pits, are being dug this week in the little streams back of the Odd Fellows hall and just east of Max Millsap's Cascade cub.

The Dalles Freight line volunteered the use of its trucks to transport men and supplies to fight fires, whenever needed. Al Meyers this week showed Chief Williams the location of hydrants on his fire line. Cards to be posted in business houses and other prominent places will be donated by The Chronicle.

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