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WATER PROJECT STRIKES SNAG IN LOCKS COUNCIL

"N the music went round and round!"

With these familiar strains floating through their chambers from a phonograph in the adjoining restaurant, the Cascade Locks city council went round and round themselves at Monday evening's meeting.

Possible delay of as much as 30 days in getting PWA money for proposed municipal water system was seen when Ordinance 13, establishing water rates, was effectively blocked from going into immediate effect by the withdrawal and refusal to vote of Councilman Seth O. Clodfelter and Julius Carlson.

Councilman Max Millsap urged passage of the ordinance under an emergency clause so the PWA could have the effective ordinance in its hands as part of the city's application for funds. The required three-quarter majority of the entire council, five votes, having failed, the ordinance does not become effective for 30 days although passed at Monday's session.

The ordinance provides a sliding scale of monthly rates for residences, stores, restaurants, etc., dependent on type and number of water outlets. Rules for water use and penalties for this disregard are provided.

Councilmen Max Millsap and Earl Epping engaged Mayor Chas. Nelson in a verbal battle over the suit of Major H. A. Skerry of the U. S. engineer corps to City Engineer Hurlburt in Hood River for insurance that the city's reservoir should not rob the government line of the locks of its water. Mayor Nelson issued a flat denial to alleged charges that he had given Major Skerry that impression when the officer called on him to discuss the water system last week.

Another word battle occurred when Bill Keeler rose from the audience to protest Mayor Nelson's building a road from his home to the highway between Alex Erickson's and the Cascade Inn on J. B. Laber property. Keeler declared he would fence off the lot. Captain Nelson said he'd tear the fence down, since the property had been used for a road for 40 years or more.

Contract for purchase of the small fire siren for \$125 was signed with a representative of the Howard-Cooper corporation on recommendation of the Locks volunteer fire department.

No action was taken on the letter from the PWA stating that the estimate on the cost of the proposed city hall was too low and should be re-estimated to make it more in accordance with prevailing prices.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE GROWS

Bonneville community church saw an attendance of 53 persons last Sunday, a continuation of the past few months' upward trend.

COUNCIL REPLIES TO UNION OBJECTIONS TO WATER WAGE SCALE

With the reading of a letter from the Central Labor council regarding the wage scale on the proposed Cascade Locks water system, the city council again wishes to make clear to all concerned that the wage scale to be used is identical with the one in effect on the dam.

The scale first given out was below the regular scale. Councilmen Epping and Millsap called it to the attention of city Engineer C. M. Hurlburt and asked that it be raised to union standards. This was done. When the men start to work they will receive wages acceptable to the unions.

JOPLIN & ELDON THROW STEEL IN HIGHWAY SPAN

First steel span of the new Eagle creek highway bridge stands ready for riveting today as Joplin & Eldon, steelwork contractors, are pushing ahead on the \$85,000 structure for completion April 1.

The bridge is of three-span, tied-truss construction, patterned after the MacLoughlin bridge near Oregon City. Length of two spans is 140 feet each, that of the middle span, 180 feet. Total length is 460 feet with a roadway width of 26 feet. The steel rests on concrete piers poured last year by Contractor Tom Lillibo of Reedsport.

The bridge is a link in the reconstruction of the Columbia river highway between Bonneville and Cascade Locks. The road will bore through Tooth rock in an 800-foot tunnel. It is understood that the tunnel drilling will begin this spring, as soon as the bridge is completed, so debris may be trucked across it for dumping.

Art Wall is superintendent of the construction crew of seven men. Fred Rawson, formerly of Cascade Locks, is resident state highway engineer supervising the work.

ROBERT ANDREWS, JR.

DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

Robert Andrews, Jr., five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Andrews of Cascade Locks, died early Wednesday morning of pneumonia in Doernbecher hospital, Portland, with his parents at his bedside.

Robert was taken ill several weeks ago. A blood transfusion, for which City Marshal Colin Merrill drove to Portland Tuesday, was made impossible because of his weak condition.

He is survived by his parents, a half brother and half sister, Pat and Damarus Ryan. Funeral arrangements are being made.

COLUMBIA PUTS MORE CRIBS IN WATER AT DAM

Work on the main spillway dam by Columbia Construction company went forward steadily this week without much excitement.

With ballast in cribs 22 and 36, the east and west shore units of what is to be the cofferdam blocking off the north half of the main channel, Columbia began construction of crib 23, to join No. 22 on the upstream side of the coffer. Crib 35 is being built up in the water. Placing of cribs is rendered difficult by swift currents in the pinched channel.

The Monaghan dragline waddled back to the cofferdam early this week to start tearing out dirt for the fishladders over the south end of the dam. Main concrete pouring was in the shore section of the south half of the spillway.

Columbia has started the mid-stream section of the north cofferdam by building huge timber bulkheads on the concrete between piers 9 and 10 inside the mid-stream cribs of the present coffer. This is in preparation for the changeover, when work will begin on the north half of the spillway.

Before the main channel is completely blocked, U. S. engineers plan to let the river run into Bradford slough, and through four of the six powerhouse units. Machinery is being installed in the other two units. They plan diversion of the current when flow reaches 200,000 cubic feet per second, usually attained about the third week of April.

Portland Council To Visit Locks

Mayor Joseph K. Carson and the Portland city council will lunch in Cascade Locks Friday noon at Merrill's as guests of the Locks city council, following their inspection of Bonneville dam.

The invitation, accepted Tuesday, was issued by the council at the request of Mrs. Juanita Lewallen, secretary of the Locks Democratic club.

Mayor Carson and prominent council members are expected to speak. Mayor Charles Nelson will welcome them to the city and tell them of its future on the shores of Bonneville lake.

FINE IS PENALTY FOR LICENSE FEE EVADERS

No collection agent is City Marshal Colin Merrill of Cascade Locks.

Beginning Saturday night, he says, he will start arresting all those delinquent in payment of license fees. Penalty is from \$5 to \$50 fine. Payment should be paid to Mrs. Vera Sprague, city treasurer.

Mrs. Carl Epping spent Thursday in Hood River.

PORTLANDER CYCLES 45 MILES TO EAGLE CREEK JUST TO VISIT

"I never knew there were so many hills on the Columbia river highway," was the main comment Ray Walkerling, 16-year-old Portlander, made after bicycling 45 long miles from his home to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hickok at Eagle creek Sunday.

Walkerling made the trip in 3½ hours. He left Monday morning to pedal up Eagle creek trail to the Punch Bowl before hitting the highway to Portland, just to limber up his leg muscles.

"He was more hungry than tired when he got here," Mrs. Hickok said. "Most boys his age are. He likes cycling because he can see better than from a car."

SCHOOL BOARD ACCEPTS LABER PLAYFIELD GIFT

A \$45,000 to \$55,000 playground development for Cascade Locks became almost a certainty Friday when the Locks school board, in special session, accepted from J. B. Laber the gift of six acres of land near the high school for recreational purposes.

Whether the playground will become an actuality depends on acceptance of the board's application for \$45,000 to \$50,000 of WPA funds exclusively for labor. Approximately \$5,000 will be furnished by the school board for materials, according to Will J. Carlson, board chairman.

The gift consists of the old gravel pit near the Cascade Locks Lumber company office. It is conditional upon the WPA's granting the funds, which is thought likely, according to Mr. Carlson.

Included in the development are a quarter-mile track, football field, baseball diamond, two cement tennis courts, grandstand with a seating capacity of 800, swimming tank, shower and locker rooms and the usual playground equipment. Hugh M. Sherwood, Locks school superintendent and leader in the development, has detailed blueprints.

The project will provide labor for 100 men for 10 months, Mr. Carlson states. Since the school is under the county unit system, the \$5,000 which the district will pay for materials will come from the entire county. Labor will be restricted to those on the relief rolls from the entire county, with preference to Locks residents.

Action by the WPA on the fund application is expected within a few days.

LIBRARY GETS BOOKS

The Bonneville library has received 50 new books, according to Librarian Charles Jones. In addition, the following magazines have just been subscribed for and are now available: Outdoor Life and Recreation, Collier's and the American.

ROBINS FAVORS 27-FOOT DEPTH TO BONNEVILLE

A ship channel 300 feet wide and 27 feet deep at low water as an aid to navigation of the Columbia river between Vancouver and Bonneville has been approved by Colonel Thomas M. Robins, U. S. division engineer, in a report to the chief engineer at Washington.

Such improvement, estimated to cost \$2,380,000, would open the Columbia river as far inland as The Dalles to smaller ocean-going vessels and pave the way for port developments at The Dalles, Hood River, White Salmon, Cascade Locks and other points.

The United States would be justified in undertaking improvement of the stretch of river, the report sets forth.

"A channel deeper than 27 feet at low water would serve no useful purpose at this time because the depth on the lower sill of the Bonneville lock at low water is about 24 feet," Colonel Robins explained. "Low water prevails only for short periods during the winter months. With the improvement proposed, a draft of 26 feet can be carried through the Bonneville lock to The Dalles about 90 per cent of the time, and a draft of 30 feet about 50 per cent of the time."

Present depth of the Columbia river at low water is 12 feet at some points, due to bars and other obstructions.

Operators and owners of the smaller refrigerator ships operating in this district have previously indicated their willingness to send their vessels up the river for cargo when the channel between Vancouver and Bonneville is improved and the Bonneville dam is completed.

Backwater from the dam will provide a 30-foot channel to The Dalles.

Counting vessels already operating in this district and those under construction for such service, there are in the neighborhood of 50 ships that could take advantage of the new territory opened by the channel improvement.

The improvement work would consist mostly of dredging, mostly near Bonneville. It would require about one year.

HORN CLUB SCENE OF ROCKDRILLER'S MEET

Initiation rites for the rock-drillers' and powdermen's union, local No. 588, will be held Friday night in Cascade Locks at the Horn club instead of the Odd Fellows hall, as previously announced.

All members are urged to attend to see the 40 new men "go through the works." Gust Anderson, secretary of the Portland central labor council, will have charge. Refreshments and speaking are on the program.

The sternwheeler "The Dalles" passed through Cascade Locks Friday on its way upstream to its namesake city.