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FOUR LOCKS BUSINESS MEN FINED

COUNTY, STATE MEN CONFISCATE PINBALL DEVICES

Four leading business men of Cascade Locks and one of Wyeth face 60 fines or jail terms as a result of the surprise raid Monday by county and state officers, who confiscated six slot machines of the pin-ball, nickel-dumping variety.

The operators, J. A. Merrill of Merrill's tavern, Frank Moran of Moran's lodge, Ted Hauser of the Lakeside hotel, and Erik Erickson of the Casino club, Cascade Locks, and Ed of Todd's place, Wyeth, were each fined \$100 each Tuesday when they appeared before Justice Stranahan in Hood River. Eighty dollars of the fine was suspended indefinitely, leaving each to pay \$25, or serve the balance fine out at \$2 per day in the Hood River county jail.

Sheriff William Edick, Deputies Brown, Carrigan and Hollenbeck, and State Policemen Raney and ... swooped down on the resorts Monday afternoon. Raids occurred simultaneously on the places to prevent word leaking out so others could be warned to hide the machines. Only games confiscated were those which actually paid out cash automatically. Ordinary pin-ball machines were left alone.

"We'd rather languish in Hood River's hoosegow than pay those fines," seemed to be the sentiment of the arrested men, who were allowed to return home Tuesday evening after being tried. If the \$25 suspended part of the fine is not paid within a few days, the operators will probably spend some 52 days regarding the world through prison bars.

Firemen Discuss New Fire Station

Discussion of the proposed new fire station and of the Cascade Locks chamber of commerce's suggestion of the chamber and department jointly sponsor a fund-raising dance were the chief topics taken up by the Cascade Locks volunteer fire department Monday evening.

A house committee will be appointed late this week by President Carl Millsap to meet with the city council's fire committee to trash the proposal. An entertainment committee to consider raising funds for the station will also be appointed before the next meeting. The proposal for the joint chamber-fire department dance was made by Vice President H. C. O'Dell.

The next session was set for Tuesday, February 25, at 8 p. m. in the chambers. Millsap appointed Assistant Chief Jim Bozley chairman of the membership committee. Other members are O'Dell and Bill Ryer.

Plans are held for a break in the cold spell by today's rise in temperature.

THUMP! SQUEAK! POP! MERRILL'S 'BURGLAR' ONLY COLD BOTTLES

"Quick! Wake up, Jim! There's a burglar in the dancehall!"

So, Mrs. J. A. Merrill of Cascade Locks awakened her husband at 3 a. m. Saturday, after hearing strange noises coming from their dance hall and restaurant nearby. Shivering, Merrill searched, heard scraping, popping noises, couldn't tell just where they came from. Mrs. Merrill called in City Marshal Colin Merrill, her brother-in-law.

The strange noises continued, but the searchers could never catch up with them.

"Eureka!" shouted Merrill as he discovered the noise. The "burglar" was found to be pop bottles freezing, breaking, blowing the caps off and falling over. "Foot-steps" were imitated by two ducklings tapping with their beaks on the wooden box beside the kitchen range, where they had been placed to thaw them out.

N. BONNEVILLE THREATENED BY FLAMES SUNDAY

One entire block in the business district of North Bonneville, Wash., was burned to the ground late Sunday night with a rough estimated loss of \$6,000.

A bucket brigade unsuccessfully fought the flames against the sub-freezing temperature and east wind. The U. S. engineers' fire truck from Bonneville was rushed via the Bridge of the Gods, but arrived too late to be of service.

Fire was said to have started in one of the six Mather cabins. Also destroyed were the Liberty cafe, Apex rooming house, Circus tavern, and Nichols hardware store. A small amount of furniture was saved.

Flames were so fierce that fronts of buildings across the street to the west were scorched, but firemen prevented further spreading of fire, which might have meant destruction for the entire town. Many from the Oregon side, attracted by the glare, rushed over to help fight the fire.

60 ATTEND PTA CARD PARTY IN AUDITORIUM

The Bonneville PTA cleared approximately \$30 on its Monday evening card party in the government auditorium to pay for chairs for the school.

Over 60 persons were present to play bridge, pinochle and five hundred at the 15 tables set. The clubroom was beautifully decorated by PTA members with pussywillows and greens. Cakes and coffee were served.

Mrs. Earl Wilson of Eagle Creek was given the prize for selling the greatest number of tickets.

CAPT. GORLINSKI TRANSFERRED TO ARMY COLLEGE

Capt. Joseph S. Gorlinski will leave his post as Bonneville dam resident engineer to attend the Army Industrial college in Washington, D. C., as a further step in his training in the corps of engineers. His successor has not yet been announced.

Army orders issued from Washington Saturday transfer Captain Gorlinski to the Industrial college, where he will study procurement of shells, guns and equipment of all kinds to supply troops in time of war. He expects to leave in late May or early June.

Captain Gorlinski was graduated from West Point in 1918. As a lieutenant he was assigned to the Portland district of the corps of engineers in 1932. After several months in the dam's Pittock block office in Portland, he became resident engineer of the project.

Captain Gorlinski's appointment to the Industrial college is looked upon around the project as training preparatory to advancement in rank.

PORTLAND OKES CHANNEL

Plans for deepening the Columbia river channel from Vancouver to Bonneville will not be protested by the Portland city council, the council agreed last week. Col. Thomas M. Robins, division engineer, told the council of the U. S. engineer's plans for the channel, 300 feet wide and 27 feet deep, large enough to accommodate small ocean freighters to The Dalles. Other cities and towns along the river unanimously endorse the channel deepening.

John N. Mohr Files For Dist. Attorney

Local politics for the forthcoming year were started on their way this week with the announcement by John N. Mohr, Hood River attorney, that he is in the field for the Republican nomination for District Attorney in Hood River County.

Mohr was born and reared in Hood River county. Education includes four years at the University of Oregon and two years at the University of Michigan law school where he was graduated in 1932.

Since his graduation he has been practicing in Hood River and has been very active in local and county affairs.

John Baker, incumbent, has not announced his intention to seek the office again.

STREAMLINER RETURNS

Grimy from battling mid-west blizzards, the Union Pacific's streamlined train, City of Portland, sped past the dam area Tuesday morning on its first return trip this year from Chicago. The seven-car diesel-electric train is painted brown with bright yellow, offers 39 3-4 hour service to Chicago.

Work on Dam Halted As Sleet Paralyzes Traffic In Columbia Gorge Region

Work on Bonneville dam was at a virtual standstill yesterday as the entire northwest lay shivering in the icy grip of sleet and snow storms that blocked roads and made trains and busses hours late.

Sleet which started Tuesday afternoon was continuing its steady fall late yesterday. The Columbia river highway was a sheet of ice, practically impassable. Fifteen feet of "tapioca snow" was reported to have slid across the road at Multnomah falls, burying a highway department rotary snow plow. Traffic up the gorge was being turned back at Corbett Tuesday night. Yesterday morning a few trucks and busses were making the run into Portland via the Wasington side, although that was blocked at times.

LOCKS OUTFIGHTS CALIFORNIA BABE FOR SMALLNESS

Newspaper accounts of the birth of a one-pound baby, Nancy Ann Vogt, at Oakland, Calif., called forth a reminder this week that Oregon and Washington share honors for an even smaller baby, which thrived and is now doing nicely at the age of 15 months.

The Oregon-Washington baby is Jacqueline Dean Jackson, born November 24, 1934, at Stevenson, Wash., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson of Cascade Locks. The father is a rigger employed on Bonneville dam.

Mrs. Florence Weller, who was Jacqueline's nurse in the Stevenson emergency hospital, reported that the infant, which weighed not quite 15 ounces at birth, three months before she was expected, now weighs 12 pounds, has two teeth and is learning to walk. From an over-all length of 11½ inches at birth, Jacqueline has grown to the stately height of 23 inches.

"The hospital staff is as proud of Jacqueline as her parents are," Mrs. Weller declared, "and we are keeping a close check on her health and progress. We never did have her in an incubator. To us she is 'the doll baby'."

CHAMBER RAISES \$50 FOR GORGE BOOKLET

Plans are being made this week by the Cascade Locks chamber of commerce to raise \$50, its share of the cost of printing 45,000 booklets describing the Columbia gorge, a project of the Mid-Columbia chamber of commerce.

The booklets will publicize the entire gorge and will be distributed over the country. G. N. Hesgard told the chamber's Thursday noon meeting. Total cost is expected to be about \$3,000, to be raised by chambers in Camas, North Bonneville, Stevenson, Vancouver and White Salmon, Wash., and Cascade Locks, Hood River and The Dalles, Ore. Entire sum will be raised before the printing is ordered.

Ted Hauser Was a Hood River visitor today.

The highway to Hood River was blocked most of Wednesday by ice slides at Shell Rock mountain. Traffic between Bonneville and Cascade Locks was routed part of the time along the new railroad grade because of slides.

The Columbia river this week is a mass of floating ice floes. With a scant four feet over the sill of the lock at Cascade Locks, "barely enough to float a fair-sized duck," according to Lockmaster C. A. Saunders, the river was at its lowest stage in history. Cause was the freezing up of its water supply by near-zero temperatures over its entire basin. Despite efforts to break the ice at The Dalles, the river there was almost entirely frozen over yesterday. Old-timers believe it only a matter of a few more days of the present weather before the Columbia will be a solid sheet between the Locks and Stevenson, Wash. The river rose 8 foot Tuesday from the preceding day's record low.

Lowest official temperature of the year to date was nine degrees record on the locks grounds at Cascade Locks February 8. The previous evening, the Bridge of the Gods thermometer was said to have registered four below, but this could not be confirmed.

The sleet storm yesterday was coating buildings, trees and automobiles with a sheet of ice, beginning of a "silver thaw" which provides beautiful photographic subjects but causes untold damage through breaking down trees by the weight of the ice.

Weather bureau reports indicate warmer weather and relief within a few days from the icy storm.

PARTY TO BE STAGED AFTER SNOW IS GONE

The big birthday party in honor of Carl Epping, scheduled to be held this coming week by Ted Hauser, owner of the Lakeside hotel, has been postponed until the weather breaks.

Those that have heard the plans for the affair will be very much disappointed. As everyone in the area is to be invited, Hauser is waiting for the weather to moderate so that no one will have an excuse for not attending.

The date will probably be announced in next week's Chronicle.