

Great Barge Fleets To Ply Columbia River, Says Visitor

Great fleets of giant barges plying the Columbia river after Bonneville dam is finished are envisioned by T. Q. Ashburn, Jr., for a number of years assistant to the president of the Inland Waterways corporation and now with a San Francisco firm, west coast agent for the lines.

"I know of one concern that is ready to invest \$500,000 in a barge line between Portland and The Dalles," the visitor declared in Portland a few days ago. "Gasoline, lumber and general cargo would be the main load upstream, with wheat coming down to Portland."

With Garratt S. Wilkin of New Orleans, special representative of the Inland Waterways corporation, Ashburn is spending this week in Portland showing a motion picture that traces the development of water transportation in the Mississippi valley. He is the youngest man ever to graduate from West Point, taking the full four-year course and graduating in 1925 when only 20 years old.

"The IWC federal barge lines on the Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri and Warrior rivers operate an all-year service from St. Louis down and an eight-month service north and west of St. Louis. A great amount of lumber is shipped from the Pacific coast by steamer through the Panama canal to New Orleans, where it is loaded on barges and taken to Chicago without ever having been on rail, an indication of what can happen along the Columbia.

"The traffic in the federal barge lines is increasing steadily, last year having been the best in its history," Ashburn stated. "The net profit last year was \$1,100,000 and the corporation now has more than \$3,000,000 in the banks and has paid back all the moneys advanced to it by the federal government. It has bought and paid for a fleet worth \$24,500,000, so you can see that the service is popular where it is known.

"The lines carry every type of freight save perishables and livestock. Barges are all-steel construction. One of the ordinary barges carries a load equivalent to that carried by 50 boxcars, while one of the big ones takes a cargo that would require 75 freight cars to haul.

"Our barge lines are now carrying more traffic on the Mississippi than was hauled during the heyday of transportation."

The Shaver Transportation company, which operates sternwheelers on the Columbia, is known to have prepared plans for steel barges and is contemplating using them when the dam is finished. Although Ashburn believes that big barge lines will not run above The Dalles, the U. S. engineers' program of channel improvement, coupled with the proposed dam at Umatilla and a series of dams on the Snake, would make barge traffic possible as far east as Lewiston, Idaho, to tap the heart of an immense wheat country.

300 PORTLAND C. OF C. MEMBERS VISIT DAM

Over three hundred members of the Portland chamber of commerce toured Bonneville dam project on their third annual inspection trip Wednesday.

A. C. McMicken, chairman of the trade and commerce committee, Clarence D. Porter, chairman of the dam excursion, and Edward N. Weinbaum, manager of the trade and commerce department, were in charge of the group, which arrived on a special Union Pacific train. U. S. engineers under Capt. J. S. Gorkinski, explained the intricacies of the project to them.

So popular was the demand for reservations for the trip that last week an additional 50 tickets were made available.

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At the Theatre

Following tonight's showing of "Exclusive Story," starring Franchot Tone, Midge Evans, Stuart Erwin and Joseph Calleia, a show which opens this week for the first time also in Portland, the Roosevelt theatre on the Bonneville dam reservation will present an interesting bill for the coming week.

A human pyramid, an impersonator of Popeye, the sailorman, a singer with a girl tapdancer for accompanist and an embryo Greek Houdini are among the contestants seeking glory and gold in the story about a radio amateur-hour broadcast, "Millions in the Air," which comes Friday and Saturday.

The picture is concerned mainly with the romance of a young ice cream salesman with the daughter of the radio program's sponsor. Wendy Barrie and John Howard are the stars. The parade of amateur performers to the microphone reveals not only the inner workings of an amateur hour broadcast, but serves to indicate the emotional range that is packed into an hour's variety show. Eleanor Whitney, called "the world's fastest tapdancer," is one of the many outstanding performers.

Tough and cocky little Jimmy Cagney will be seen as the federal agent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in "G-Men," with Ann Dvorak, Robert Armstrong and Margaret Lindsay.

Among the many "G-man" pictures that have come to the screen in the past few years, this one is one of the best, most original, most entertaining and sensational.

Adventure and romance, drama and comedy, are deftly blended in "Whipsaw," which brings Myrna Loy to the screen in a new hit with Spencer Tracy as her co-star, at the Roosevelt Wednesday and Thursday.

From the instant that it is apparent that Miss Loy is a member of an international ring of jewel thieves and that she is carrying a fortune of stolen pearls, which Tracy, as an ambitious secret service man, is anxious to find, there is never a dull moment. While gangsters try to find Miss Loy, Tracy spirits her around the country posing as her husband in order to gain confidence that will lead him to the real thieves. The chases include cities from England to the middle west. The story moves swiftly with suspense at fever height through a chain of events that will prove new to the theatre-goer.

Dodson

Mrs. Ted Johnson was hostess last Wednesday to the Bonnie Park Wednesday Women's Sewing club. Spring was the motif for the gathering with crocuses forming the centerpiece. Guests were Mrs. C. C. MacGowan, Mrs. Arthur Eade, Mrs. Jim Lash, Mrs. Harry Matthewson, Mrs. Clyde Kimbrough, Mrs. Marion Van Meter, Mrs. Bechtold, Mrs. Harold McShatko.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lash and family spent Sunday and Monday visiting Mr. Lash's parents in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Black of Portland spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson. Mr. Black is connected with Black & Frost Radio company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McShatko are still mourning the death by freezing of one of their pet black banty roosters, casualty of the late cold snap.

Lillian Bucher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bucher, is ill this week with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McAden and family visited Mrs. L. C. Wells at Latourell Sunday.

It's "Blue Monday" for Mrs. Ted Johnson no longer. She now has a new washing machine.

Fred and Will Sams of Skamania, Wash., had Sunday dinner with their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sams.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McShatko spent Sunday visiting friends in Portland.

To the birthday party Saturday evening for A. R. McAden, given by his wife, came Mr. and Mrs. Chic Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Levaek, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wells. Bob McAden's fifth birthday, March 6, was celebrated last week with a family party at the McAden home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Correll visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Murray Sunday at Sandy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Myers spent the weekend in Portland.

Billingsley Beatie, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Beatie, is out of school this week with an attack of measles.

Mrs. Manuel McCrady entertained in honor of Mr. McCrady's mother, Mrs. W. H. McCrady of Cle Elum, Wash., with two tables of contract bridge Thursday.

Bill McCrady arrived Thursday night from Cle Elum to take his mother home Saturday. Mrs. McCrady, who was called to Oregon by the sudden death of her brother, Hugh Hanna of Independence, has been the guest this week of her son, Manuel McCrady.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanna and daughter, Jean, of Heppner, were over night guests Sunday at the McCrady home.

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ON THE BONNEVILLE DAM RESERVATION

Direction J. J. Parker

FRIDAY-SATURDAY—MARCH 13-14
JOHN HOWARD—WENDY BARRIE

—IN—

"MILLIONS IN THE AIR"

Here They Are! The Lads and Lassies of the Amateur Hour
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SUN., MON., TUES.—MARCH 15-16-17

JAMES CAGNEY—ANN DVORAK
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—IN—

"G-MEN"

THE FEDERALS ARE COMING—IN THE ORIGINAL AND MOST
SENSATIONAL "G-MEN" PICTURE EVER FILMED.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY—MARCH 18-19

MYRNA LOY—SPENCER TRACY

—IN—

"WHIPSAW"

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Doors Open Daily and Sunday, 6:45—Matinee Sun. 1 p.m.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN BUILD FIRE STATION

Cascade Locks volunteer firemen are turning volunteer carpenters this week as the new fire station and council chambers is being erected.

Chief G. N. Heggard and crew moved Julius Carlson's garage across the street Sunday to a new location beside the Newton Clark home to start on the fire station foundation beside the Carlson house. Carlson is donating the use of the site.

All firemen and citizens of the Locks are being asked by Chief Heggard to lend a hand with construction. Lumber was on the ground Monday and prospects are that the building will be completed in a week or less. The new fire truck is parked at present beside the Cascade Locks

TESTS TO BE HELD

A state license examiner will visit Bonneville library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Thursday to issue driver and chauffeurs' licenses. No one is required for renewal, but those who have not obtained 1934 licenses are reminded that state officers are stopping cars on the highway to check them. Fee is \$1.

SPEEDING BRINGS FINE

Henry R. Whiteacres of Portland posted \$5 bail with Cascade Locks City Marshal Colon Merrill when he was arrested for reckless driving when he sped past the high school at 37 miles per hour. Whiteacres failed to appear for trial and forfeited his bail.

Lumber company building and new structure is being rushed to get the truck out of the weather.

PROGRESS

The snow is gone. Spring is in the air. Local businesses are planning expansions. New enterprises are starting up. We invite you to join with us in welcoming and congratulating the—

Progress of the Area

OSCAR HYDE has doubled the floor space in his MEN'S SHOP in Cascade Locks. A great variety and a larger range of merchandise is in the offing.

MARY ROBERTS is remodeling the GREEN LANTERN in Cascade Locks. An attractive bungalow eating house will soon be ready for business.

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