

## Johnston Outlines Work Of CCC Camp In Improving Dam Area

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Although Company 615, CCC, has only occupied Camp Cascade F-7 at Wyeth in the Columbia gorge since November, 1935, it has carried on a vast amount of improvement work along the Columbia river highway.

Major recreational work is centered at the Eagle creek forest camp grounds near Bonneville. Since construction of the dam began, attendance greatly increased, necessitating clearing additional camping space and building stoves and tables. The park water system is being expanded to include a large concrete intake structure and larger mains. This will greatly increase the water pressure and make it possible to place 12 additional drinking fountains on the picnic grounds.

A suspension bridge across Eagle creek with a span of 133 feet between towers is about completed. Visitors will be able to cross Eagle creek to use the beautiful picnic grounds along the south bank and to hike up the new trail one and one-half miles to a view point just below Wauna point to obtain a fine view of the entire Bonneville dam project.

A community kitchen, constructed of native rock and timbers, and a new large rustic banquet table to seat 500 persons will be completed by May 1.

General cleanup work in the camp-

ground, including falling and bucking of dangerous and unsightly snags and down timber into stove wood, will provide free wood for the public for several seasons. Four and one-half miles of Eagle creek trail has been improved by widening and placing safety guard railings at points where it skirts steep rock cliffs.

In addition to Eagle creek, cleanup work has been done at Oneonta gorge and Horseshoe falls. Both of these areas were recently transferred to the forest service by Multnomah county. They will be maintained and protected in their natural condition by the forest service.

Beautiful rustic handcarved signs marking these points of interest have recently been erected along the Columbia river highway between Multnomah falls and Hood River.

Work has been started on improvement of the telephone line between the Eagle creek and Columbia gorge district ranger stations. This project includes new wire from the Columbia gorge station to the Bridge of the Gods, six miles, and a thorough overhauling of the line from the bridge to Eagle creek forest camp.

One of the most important projects is the construction of a modern warehouse at the Columbia gorge station to house firefighting equipment, including tanker, patrol cars, fire hose, tools, etc., together with facilities for keeping it in good condition.

Additional work at the ranger station includes landscaping, rock walls, and excavation for basements under two of the present buildings for a heating plant and emergency storage.

Due to the rough topography of the district, bounded on the north by the river and on the south by Larch mountain road, it is essential to maintain numerous trails for pack horses to carry supplies for fire fighters. During the winter 12 trails for an average of two miles from the Columbia river highway have been maintained. Work could not be pushed further owing to snow conditions. During spring and summer months many trails back in the hills from the highway will be improved.

Another important project to be started this spring, provided approval is obtained, is an earth dam for the Hood River irrigation district. Maximum fill will be 30 feet and the length 600 feet. The impounded water will make a lake of about 30 acres in area to be used to irrigate oregan land in the Oak Grove district.

Other projects on which work doubtless will be undertaken during the summer months include development of a skiing area near the junction of the Mount Hood loop and Cooper spur road, and further developments of camping areas such as the Lost lake forest camp.

Fire trails of sufficient width to prevent the spread of fires have been cleared around the south side of Cascade Locks and Bonny Villa.

### REGISTRATIONS MOUNT FOR DAM'S OLYMPICS

Over 100 have registered to date for participation in the "Bonneville Olympic games," which opened Wednesday as the spring competition between inter-company teams at the dam.

Entry blanks are available at the Spillway office in the new administration building. Events include boxing, weight-lifting, target shooting, rope climbing, handball, ping pong, pinocle, tug-of-war, badminton, chess and checkers, wheelbarrow relay, potato race, fencing, fly casting, 100-yard dash, leap frog, vaudeville (both singing and instrumental), shuffleboard, basketball free throw, 200 pounders' 20-yard race, volleyball, object-passing relay race, centipede relay, bean and bag race.

### MAC DOUGALL AWARDED LOCKS SUIT CLUB PRIZE

Earl MacDougall was the well dressed man around Cascade Locks Saturday.

MacDougall won the Locks Suit club's weekly drawing Saturday afternoon for the lucky suit. B. R. Ross of Bonneville was lucky man the previous week.

Although the suit club, sponsored by the Locks Cleaners, is well under way, new members will be admitted if all dues since drawings started are paid up. Frank Walker of the Locks Cleaners, across from the postoffice, will give full details.

### LEGION HOST TO STATE OFFICIALS APRIL 22ND

Bonneville American Legion post will hold its regular business meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the west lounge of the government auditorium. Commander Fred Abbott announced this week.

An additional monthly meeting will probably be held April 22 at which State Department Commander George Koehn and District Commander Water Shanks, both of Portland, will speak.

At its Wednesday session, Legionnaires expect to perfect the details of their annual fishing contests, which starts Sunday.

### Columbia Sees Crib Finish By High Water

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ing some 30,000 to go on this side. Total of 3,200 yards was poured last week, largely in the fishlock block. Structural steel now rises to finish elevation of 88 feet on all south-half piers, nine to 17 and one more lift on pier A-2 will bring it that high. Piers 15 and 13 were poured to plus 56 and plus 46, respectively, Tuesday and forms on pier 12 are being finished to 46. Pier 14 will be poured within a day or two to 56. Piers 9 to 11 will be poured in 20-foot lifts, Columbia's experiments with 10-foot pours having proved unsatisfactory.

Work was started again this week on the wingwall to raise it to its project elevation and forms are being placed for fishladders. The A-2 training wall was scheduled to be poured to plus 25 this week.

Monday night the giant Monaghan dragline finished its excavation of the south crib cofferdam and was waddled around to the dirt cofferdam below the sea lock. It is starting to "pull the plug" to let water into the lock canal and later will be moved to pull out the coffer below the powerhouse.

The powerhouse basin was slowly being flooded this week as General-Shea stopped its pumps. The upper cofferdam is being taken down by power shovel, preparatory to letting some of the Columbia river's current flow through several units of the powerhouse to ease pressure on the north cribs.

Pacific Construction company's job of riprapping the lower lock approach canal is at a virtual standstill until the dirt cofferdam is removed.

### Bonneville

Arthur J. Taylor, director of the workers' educational project for the state of Oregon, visited Bonneville Tuesday to confer with H. W. Prescott, local project director, on his progress of his classes. Mr. Taylor toured the dam during his visit.

Mrs. Ben Torpen was hostess Tuesday afternoon to a large group of women, members of the women's gymnasium classes, at her home on the reservation.

D. E. Powell's brand-new Plymouth coupe was slightly damaged Sunday evening when it skidded and crashed its right fenders against a

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stone wall along the Columbia river highway. Powell was returning from a day of smelt fishing in the Sandy river.

U. S. Guard Charles Bellarts spent last Thursday in Portland in connection with the American Legion fishing contest, of which he is chairman.

Tom Greacey of Pacific Coast Steel company, spent Tuesday in Portland on business.

An informal reception was given Wednesday evening in the government auditorium for the 47 performers in the special program given by the 15-piece violin ensemble of the Ellison-White conservatory of music and the 30-piece Hill Military academy band. A large crowd of music-lovers jammed the hall to hear the program.

To the home of F. W. Crocker in the General-Shea section of Brauford Island Tuesday afternoon came Mrs. T. B. Beck, Mrs. C. J. Kimsey, Mrs. David Donaldson, Mrs. A. J. Gaudin, and Mrs. C. D. Cook for the first meeting of the Warrendale women's sewing club outside its home grounds. Mrs. Crocker moved to the island several weeks ago from Warrendale. Following refreshments the group inspected the spillway dam model constructed by David Donaldson in the Columbia carpenter shop.

S. S. (Bert) Inch, who was trans-company several months ago to ferred by Columbia Construction

their Grays harbor jetty work, dropped in Friday at the dam. He reports that Columbia is doing the preliminary work on the jetty and hopes to get the contract for the big jetty finishing job that will be let in a week or so.

Col. Thomas M. Robins, district engineer, visited the dam Friday.

A large group of Pathfinders, Portland hiking organization, toured the dam Sunday under direction of the U. S. guards. Samuel Lancaster, engineer who built the Columbia river highway, was in charge of the party.

The welders' section of the vocational program is continuing its meetings each Wednesday night at East Sixth avenue and Stark street in Portland. Enrollments are still being accepted and all those interested are asked to see Bud Harkins at the U. S. engineers' garage for full details.

John Stead, baker for the U. S. engineers' messhall, has finished a ship model, now on display in bunkhouse "L".

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogland started getting worried last week when the weather turned cold and snow started to fall. They are living once again in their boathouse at the mouth of Tanner creek, the same boathouse that was torn from its moorings by the ice-jammed river in February and floated down to Corbett. Naturally, the cold weather again had them worried.

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