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### OUR PROGRAM

1. Develop a fire protection system.
2. Create a water district and develop lands between Craigmont hotel and Herman creek.
3. Install street lights.
4. Lay down sidewalks—even though they are wooden sidewalks.
5. Urge the federal government to purchase the toll bridge and make it a free bridge.
6. Launch a campaign to make the lake back of the dam the most popular resort on the West Coast.

### MAYOR MANCHESTER

Cascade Locks' new chief executive takes office under circumstances that would test the mettle of any man.

Called in primarily to help the council carry through its policy in respect to the water system, some may expect Mayor Manchester to be the fair-haired boy, to yield to the council in anything it might propose, to be a rubber stamp.

While the statute permits the mayor or no discretion in most matters, the will of the council being sovereign, nevertheless his office can be made one of forceful leadership and wise admonition. The spirit of the council table is such that the mayor while he has no vote, still may have an equal part in formulating policy and carrying it to a conclusion.

We are gratified that G. E. Manchester accepted the office of mayor when it was tendered to him. We hope as sincerely that his record will be one not only of cooperation with the council, but of personal convictions thoughtfully conceived and forcefully presented.

### US AND SAFETY

Our able contemporary, the Spillway, published at Bonneville, has been hammering away on the subject of safety for a long time. In a style that we could not hope to equal they have implored workmen to wear goggles, safety shoes, life-belts and other apparatus whenever necessary, to take no foolish chances, to show healthy respect toward whirring machinery, unexploded dynamite and moving water.

This blast is not directed at those persons who don't want to be safe. A few of them exist everywhere. Words mean nothing to them. Even if they are locked up for taking many chances, like as not the warden will catch them lowering themselves to the ground from a fourth story prison window on a few twisted strands of sheeting.

But there are many who want to be safe, who sometimes don't know how and who frequently forget.

Highways at this season are crowded with out of state cars. We see vehicles belonging to farmers from Iowa, Nebraska or some flat prairie state crawling along our twisted, crag-bound roads and we

laugh. But those boys are going home with no dents in their cars, anatomies or insurance policies. And they won't be frightened into speed by a few native fools who pass them on corners, force them into ditches and embarrass them with prolonged honking.

The woods are drying out, too. A match must be watched from the time it is lit until it lies cold and lifeless on some bare spot of ground. Fires must be watched even more carefully.

We have little hope that our warning will do much good. There are still too many people who will only learn the hard way—by sawing off a telephone pole with a new roadster, risking drowning in a stretch of fast water, or watching the woods blaze up after a cigarette has been tossed aside carelessly.

There is just one more thing to say. Such lessons are wasted on corpses.

### BACK SCHOOL BONDS

A regime of economy in school administration is an extremely desirable thing from the taxpayer's standpoint. Carefully considered is usually a healthy policy from the educational standpoint also.

Voters of the county will be called upon to discriminate between false and real economy at the school election, July 2, when authorization of a \$37,000 bond issue for improvement of four schools of the county, including Cascade Locks high school, will be balloted upon. Cascade Locks' share will be \$8,000.

Real economy dictates that the bond issue pass. Our high school is badly in need of the permanent roof planned for it.

The school also lacks the projected domestic science and manual training rooms, which are part of the equipment of every up-to-date high school.

Beautification of the grounds, also part of the program, might seem unnecessary, but remember that our school is one of the city's best selling points to prospective residents, and reasonably attractive grounds, which can be improved at low cost, add greatly to the school's drawing power.

With the two additional rooms, the school could care for 26 Bonneville students who previously have attended Corbett high school, 20 miles from home. Superintendent Roy Cannon of the Multnomah county schools has already consented to the arrangement, promising tuition for the students.

Viewing these facts, would it not be wise to make this reasonable expenditure now instead of in the future, provide our children with adequate facilities and increase the city's desirability as a place of residence?

### COUNCIL AND CONGO

There's a popular poem by Vachel Lindsay which says something about Mumbo-Jumbo, god of the Congo, being quite a hoodoo.

Citizens of this city who have been attending council meetings lately have been hearing quite a bit of mumbo-jumbo, and not much else. They are apt to be led into the error of thinking their local government hoodooed.

The reference is to the inability of citizens who attend council meetings to hear what is going on, due in large measure to the fact that half of the councilmen sit with their backs to the audience.

We think the council table could be better arranged with the members sitting in the form of an open horseshoe, with the opening toward the listeners. Then there would be less mumbo-jumbo and more understanding on the part of those present.

### P.-T.-A. MEET SCHEDULED

Members of the Parent-Teacher association in this district will be welcome at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher division of the National Education association June 29 in the public library hall, at 2 P.M. The national president of the association and authorities from several states will speak.

## Life - - A Simile

Life is a song, but needs the singer's heart;  
 Life is a race, but needs the runner's will;  
 Life is a jest, but needs the jokester's art;  
 Life is a prayer, but we must then be still;  
 Life is a bowl, which jealously we fill  
 With treasures which our souls alone can see;  
 Life is a path which we must walk until  
 We reach its end beside the unknown sea.  
 And I would walk that path alone—with God, and thee.

—Bruno Hartwig.

### FOREST SERVICE EMBARKS ON FIRE SEASON CAMPAIGN

Training camps for the seasonal army of keen-eyed guards who will man some 700 lonely lookouts and "chase fires" this summer on the 20 national forests of Oregon and Washington will be in full swing within the next ten days, the U. S. forest service announces.

Camps scheduled at key points on each forest will have an average attendance of from 50 to 60 men. Fire guards will receive instruction for about three days from district rangers and forest office staff men, covering methods of locating, reporting and combating fires with full use of present scientific knowledge and equipment, the forest service states.

Training camps in Oregon are scheduled next week for the Mt. Hood, Malheur, Whitman, Umatilla, Wallowa and Willamette national forests and are just closing for Deschutes, Fremont, Siskiyou and Siuslaw forests. Lookouts will man their stations early in July.

Approximately 103 primary lookouts, 520 lookout fireman, 236 firemen or patrolmen, and 56 protective assistants in ranger districts will attend camps to prepare for war with the fire demon this year.

Men, whose jobs it will be to "take nature's pulse" from forest vantage points each morning, will learn how to use modern instruments measuring wind velocity, relative humidity and other factors affecting fire danger. They also will be taught the accurate use of the fire finder, map and compass, and will be schooled in methods of fire suppression, with instructions on the locations and occasions for use of extra fire fighting equipment. Each fire lookout is given a rigid eye test to determine his ability to spot fires over wide area upon which he stands guard.

Midget short wave radio sending and receiving sets, developed by the forest service in this region, will be used more widely in fire-fighting this year, according to forest officials. These nine to fourteen pound sets, carried by "fire chasers" quickly installed at remote fire locations, are proving invaluable in stepping up fire-fighting efficiency, foresters state.

The fire-fighting army, with its backing of CCC camps drilled to answer the fire call at a moment's notice, is tightening its belts for the grim, vitally important work of protecting the northwest forests this summer, according to the forest service. This "army," from the regional office generals down through the officers and men of each unit, prides itself on efficiency and devotion to duty.

Forest service plans for the season include a wider attempt to impress on the public the importance of individual carefulness with fire, which will prevent the destruction of timber and valuable recreational areas.

### CAMPFIRE TALK LISTED

Cascade Locks Campfire Girls will meet Wednesday at 2 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Melvin Johnson to hear a staff member from Hood River discuss the county summer camp. All girls interested in details about the camp are urged to attend.

## SALMON CATCHES NIL ABOVE DAM SAY FISHERMEN

A combination of too much dam and too much high water has proved near-disastrous for many salmon fishermen working the river in the long backstretch above Cascade Locks, it was learned Monday at the P. J. McGowan company office at Dodson.

Records reveal that one fisherman who reported 244 pounds of salmon and 239 pounds of blueback on a Monday a year ago, this year turned in no fish at all on that day.

A second man, fishing what was described as the best drifting grounds above the dam, caught one fish in three weeks. The first man says he has not taken a fish since the advent of high water a month ago. He said his apparatus is in perfect condition and that the weather has been favorable.

Army engineers say there is no question but that construction of the dam has kept many salmon from the upper river, adding that high water is probably responsible for as much grief as the dam. Fish experts themselves disagree as to the ability of the salmon to ascend the swift current between piers of the spillway dam. It is known many fish reached the upper river before high water through temporary fishways at the south end of the power house and at the north end of the dam.

What success the salmon will have after the complete system of fishways has been installed is also a matter for conjecture, although those planned are the most ambitious ever undertaken anywhere.

River fishermen complain that when water is backed up to form a lake salmon fingerlings will have a very difficult time in reaching the sea, as they depend principally upon the current to carry them down. In the more sluggish reaches of the lake they may either die off or become the prey of large fish, it is feared.

### HOOD RIVER G.O.P.'s NAME NEW LEADERS

Harmony and speed were the keynote phrases unofficially adopted at a meeting of the Republican central committees for Hood River county recently held at the chamber of commerce.

The chairman of the committee is Riddell Lage, Pine Grove precinct. Tom Scott will be secretary; Decatur Baldwin, treasurer, and W. S. Finney, J. D. Smullin, W. H. Clark, Harold Davis and Kathryn Volstorff, executive committeemen, and Dr. H. D. W. Pineo will be state committee and congressional committeeman.

Members present expressed satisfaction with activity at the republican convention and looks forward to a fighting campaign.

## Odd Shots by H. A. S.

Officers of the association were carefully going over the records of applicants for membership in the "I Picked Soldiers" club.

While we're on the subject, are glad to note the Soldier from Detroit didn't turn to be a cream puff.

At least the Bomber kept close record of a knockout in every fight.

Wally, the elephant was recently for killing his trainer. He should be a lesson to football players who chaff at the no-pie rule.

Criminals are divided into classes—those who won't talk those who will. According to classification, women are all talk.

We may reasonable expect a notable divorces following the Democratic love feast at Philadelphia.

There's Al Smith for instance, been threatening to "take a rest" for some time. Apparently he doesn't even believe in a horse and buggy.

Then there are the Lemmings from the middle west, when Indians can now bite the dust standing up. They claim Roosevelt saved for a left turn and drove.

Only trouble with swing music that nobody ever swings for it.

We have often wondered if Hollywood people are called because of their heavenly bodies. But some shoeless actor up and said us it's because they have so many light years before they come to money.

Definition—WOMAN: A cross between a radio announcer and a gown shop window.

'Nother definition—MAN: A substance belonging to the kingdom, clamped onto the snout of a smelly pipe.

We hope you're satisfied.

TO the Editor:

Next Thursday, July 2, the payers of Hood River county are asked to go to the polls and vote for or against a bond issue of \$900,000. This amount of money is to be used in four districts. Cascade Locks will receive \$8,000 for very necessary repairs to the high school building.

As a taxpayer and a parent, one well acquainted with the situation I want to urge all qualified voters to come to the high school and vote for the bonds. The school has always supported its scholars well and now the time has come when repairs to the building need some of them of necessity, be made. Additional space, provided for in the repair program, will mean an opportunity for our high school students to receive an enlarged curriculum.

After all our wonderful country is no better than its people and the first public opportunity to assist in the upbuilding of our people through the public schools. Our immediate responsibility is to provide a suitable building well equipped that our youth may receive an education unhandicapped and "Conditionally Standardized" removed and supplemented by "Standardized."

When it is realized that the payment of these bonds will be spread over a long period of time and upon favorable passage a total grant of 45 per cent will in all probability be received, I am certain the voters of our district will favorably upon the issue.

Vera A. Sprague