

Be Salesmen Brewer Tells Locks Men

Twenty-nine members of the Cascade Locks chamber of commerce met Tuesday noon for luncheon at French's tavern in Bonneville and toured the dam, guided by United States Guard Dan Hallowell. A high spot of the program was the stirring appeal by Mr. Van Brewer, Associated Press writer from Texas now on a "roving commission," who told those present they should become aggressive salesmen for the dam area and its possibilities, which had impressed him deeply during his short stay. Brewer said many local business men are so close to the dam with construction problems that they do not realize what advantages it offers to outside industry, and how likely that industry might be induced to come here if properly approached. He said every person in the area should be familiar with facts about the dam and surrounding natural resources, to be able to answer questions of tourists and visiting business men concerning the dam. Others who spoke briefly were Mrs. C. F. Lewallen, the Rev. L. G. Sawyer, William Keeler, J. B. Laber, J. J. Carlson and Mr. McKenzie of the L. C. Smith-Corona typewriter company. Following the luncheon the party inspected models of the dam in the auditorium and drove to Bradford's Island, where they watched work being forward on the spillway dam and fishways.

Century Plant Believed to Be Oddest Ice House

The maguay or century plant is used in making ice at Durango City, Mexico, and is said to be the only icehouse of the kind in the world, notes a writer in the Indianapolis News.

When the century plant is about eight years old the leaves, from which the pulque has been taken, are spread out on straw in the plaza, in the public gardens and other open spaces, with the concave sides of the leaves uppermost. Then about two quarts of water is poured into each leaf and while freezing is unknown in the city, under any other natural conditions, the water freezes in the maguay leaves and in the morning hundreds of chunks of ice are gathered and put in adobe iccholders, each about 20 feet deep and 20 feet square. The supply usually lasts until the middle of July or the first of August and is large enough to be a commercial factor in the ice market of the region of more than 20,000 persons.

Durango City is about 6,000 feet above sea level and at this altitude there is rapid cooling, after evaporation, to which the water is exposed by the broad, shallow surface of the leaves. This is believed to be the scientific explanation of the odd ice plant. There is a legend that the method was learned in the Seventeenth century by Father Jose Lopez, an elderly priest, who also was a scientist.

CLUB TO PICNIC

Bonneville Women's club will hold its picnic at the Eagle Creek picnic grounds Thursday, August 27 at 1 P.M. The club will furnish coffee, cream and sugar, but members are asked to bring their own potluck lunches and dishes.

The Junior League

The Junior league originated among a small group of young women in New York city who in 1900 sent a large number of roses from a party to a hospital. Later they and others banded together "for mutual benefit and the good of the community." From giving entertainments for the benefit of a college settlement they extended their activities to many other forms of social aid. Similar organizations of young women were formed in other cities out of which grew a national association of leagues, each interested in its particular ways in the educational, cultural and civic conditions of its community and in volunteer charitable and other services.

Appointment of Notary Public

A notary public is a public officer who takes acknowledgment of, or otherwise attests or certifies, deeds and other writings, or copies of them, usually under his official seal, to make them authentic, and takes affidavits, depositions, and protests of negotiable paper. In the United States appointments are made by the governors of the states. The oath is as follows: "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of —, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duty of notary public for — county, according to the best of my skill and ability; so help me God."

FIREMEN TO MEET

Cascade Locks volunteer fire department will meet to reorganize Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M. in the city council chamber, Fire Chief G. N. Heggard announced this week. Frank Hall has made the rounds of the town's eligibles and has lined up a large group of prospective smoke-eaters.

CASTERS VISIT DAM

Several score competitors in the International Casting tournament held in Portland inspected the dam project this week and enjoyed a special luncheon at Cook's Tyrrell tavern. Representatives were here from all parts of the United States and several foreign countries.

NEW RENTAL AGENCY

If you are looking for a house to rent or buy, you will find a new agency established in Cascade Locks this week by G. L. Rankin of help in making a selection. Rankin's office will fill a long-noted need for a clearing-house for rental listings.

REIMER WEDS

Jimmy Reimer, telephone operator and star indoor baseball pitcher for the United States engineers, last week married Miss Hilah Marie Lowrey in Portland. The couple honeymooned in British Columbia and returned August 11 to make their home in Portland.

Montana was the only state in the Union which lost in population between the censuses of 1920 and 1930.

MOTORIST STRIKES DOE

A question of right-of-way was settled summarily Monday evening when a motorist knocked a doe off the Columbia River highway near Herman creek, breaking the creature's left hind leg. The animal was so badly injured that Marshal Colin Merrill, who had been summoned, shot it.

Airplane and ship screw propellers are both subject to the phenomenon of cavitation, which in the case of airplane propellers commences when the propeller-top approaches the speed of sound. The blade creates a vacuum behind it which the air or water pressure is insufficient to keep filled, resulting in a violent vibrant pounding against the rear of the propeller.

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