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The most desirable age in
man is 25, in woman 18.
—Dostoevsky.

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BONNEVILLE

CASCADE LOCKS

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Robins Offers Compromise to Salmon Men

Columbia river salmon, out of sight and out of the news for several months, came back into the limelight this week when fish commissioners of both Oregon and Washington communicated heatedly with Colonel Thomas M. Robins, division engineer, charging that demands for temporary fishways during 1937 were being entirely overlooked.

The original plan of the engineers was to install temporary passes over the ogee sections at pier 1 and pier 17. The commissioners wanted as a minimum these fishways, as well as a ladder in the center of the river and retention of the north downstream cofferdam.

Compromise appears to have been struck by tentative decision of the engineers to take out the north cofferdam but leave standing the downstream half of the midstream leg, plus crib 14, part of the old south cofferdam which still protrudes at the lower end of the leg. The center portion of the cribs would be cut down to form a ladder which the fish can ascend.

Colonel Robins and the fish people didn't spare the dictionary in their verbal exchange, but at midweek apparently were ready to go ahead on the basis of the compromise. Colonel Robins refused the request for retention of the cofferdam on the ground that "delay and cost of keeping the structure would be prohibitive." He fears high water will rip the cofferdam out of the bank if it is left standing. Present plans call for removing the cofferdam in April.

Pinball Machines and Punchboards Ruled Out

Nary a pinball machine nor a punchboard was to be seen in Cascade Locks Tuesday afternoon following the decision handed down in Portland Monday by Circuit Judge Crawford, outlawing these forms of amusement. Crawford's decision affected two Marion county cases which were taken into his court by change of venue.

Crawford held unconstitutional a state law which permitted counties and cities to license pinball machines.

Mere possession of the machines, as well as their operation, is against the law and exposes their owners to fine, according to John Baker, district attorney of Hood River county.

City authorities are enforcing the new ruling in the city of Hood River, according to Baker, but should they be remiss he will see that the machines are kept out.

SUSPICIOUS

Max Millsap, co-proprietor of the Lakeside hotel, is a trusting soul, but he scratched his head when he discovered three blankets missing from two rooms shortly after Jack Travis of the Dam Chronicle signed out of one of the rooms.

So when Max saw Hugh Scott of the Chronicle pulling out one morning with a plump-looking grip he stopped him and asked him how he liked the blankets.

Both Scott and Travis were lucky enough to clear themselves of suspicion.

Bad Weather Doesn't Threaten Schedule

Bad weather during the month of January has slowed work on the dam so that the north cofferdam removal will have to be postponed by about two-thirds the duration of the present cold spell, but has not seriously interfered with plans for the dam, according to officials at Bonneville.

Had the current shut-down endangered schedules for completion of necessary work before high water in late spring, men would have been kept on the job. Since the job is so far along, however, it was deemed uneconomical to try to keep crews at work during the frigid snap.

Ogee Section In Bay 17 Now Complete

Since January 20, Columbia Construction company crews have poured 1270 yards of concrete—but of this total, all but 40 yards went into the last two lifts of the ogee section inside the third-step cofferdam in bay 17.

This section is now complete, and considerable work has already been done in bay 16. The stoplogs are fitting like "greased pigs" in bay 16 following previous experience in the other bay, and leakage is expected to be much less. It is currently only about a quarter of what it was when the cofferdam in bay 17 was first completed.

Divers have been checking the setting of piles and seals in bay 16. Their work is quite important to proper placing of the third-step dams.

One diver had a close squeak recently when moisture in the air which was passing down the air line started to freeze inside the line. He sensed difficulty in getting air, and signaled to be raised. Just as he reached the surface the tube became completely sealed by frozen moisture and the air supply failed altogether. Had he waited much longer he might have become unconscious before he could signal.

Very little has been done in the north cofferdam area. Some work was done on the fishladder and on piers 1 and 7. Horizontal seal beams were poured in the top of an ogee section, and a little structural steel was grouted in the gate slots on the south side of pier 7 and the north side of pier 8.

At the first opportunity sections 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the fishladder will be brought to plus 25 feet or higher, so as to be out of danger when the cofferdam is removed.

BONNEVILLE P.T.A.

Due to the prevalence of sickness and the inclement weather the Founder's Day meeting of the Bonneville Parent-Teacher association scheduled for February 3 will be held Wednesday, February 10.

The Dad's Night program planned for January 29 also had to be postponed.

LICENSES UNPAID

Marshal Colon Merrill of Cascade Locks reports that several business establishments have not yet paid their city license fees, due at the first of the year. He suggests that business men obtain their licenses from the city treasurer before he has to "take steps."

Chief to Leave



Colonel Williams

Engineer Booked to Return East

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles F. Williams, engineer for the 2d Portland district, United States army engineers, has received orders assigning him to duty at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, it was learned here Tuesday.

Colonel Williams came to Portland from Panama four years ago in July, just before the authorization of the Bonneville navigation and power project. It was under his supervision that the Bonneville work got under way.

At the time he arrived here the Portland district included the Columbia and Snake rivers, the Willamette river and the Oregon coast harbors. The jetty work at the mouth of the Columbia and other navigation improvement projects were under his jurisdiction.

Portland District Divided

As the Bonneville project progressed, requiring more of Colonel Williams' attention, the Portland district was divided and he was placed in charge of the 2d district, all that part of the Columbia east of the interstate bridge at Vancouver. This relieved him of the Willamette river, the lower Columbia and the Oregon harbors, which were placed in the 1st district.

Also the Pacific coast division of the engineers' corps was divided because of the press of Bonneville work and Colonel Thomas M. Robins was transferred to Portland from San Francisco as division engineer, north Pacific division.

Orders assigning Colonel Williams to Fort Belvoir set no specific date for his leaving Portland, but stipulate that he be ready to depart from San Francisco on an army transport scheduled to leave there July 30 for New York city.

Successor Not Yet Named

This will allow Colonel Williams to remain here until the Bonneville project is practically completed.

Colonel Williams, who was promoted from the rank of major during his tour of duty here, will be an instructor in river and harbor engineering at the United States army engineer school. He was stationed there once before, from 1919 to 1922.

No successor to Colonel Williams as district engineer here has been announced as yet.

\$5 Prize Announced In Slogan Contest

Four prizes for winners of the Cascade Locks chamber of commerce's slogan contest were announced at the meeting of the chamber Tuesday noon in Merrill's tavern.

First prize will be \$5 in cash, second prize will be \$3, and third and fourth prizes will be \$1 each.

The contest is open to everyone in the world, regardless of age, sex, race, color or previous condition of servitude, according to William Keeler, the idea being to get the best slogan available.

Something short and snappy, which will go well on letterheads and stickers, will be given preference.

Warrant Out For Ex-Eagle George Thomas

A warrant for the arrest of George Thomas, former treasurer and secretary of Cascade Locks-Bonneville aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, was sworn out this week in Hood River on a charge of larceny by baillee.

Thomas disappeared from Cascade Locks Thanksgiving week-end, and no definite report of his whereabouts has since been received. Officers of the local aerie say the lodge's bank account was found empty even though financial statements drawn up by Thomas showed a large balance. The amount charged to Thomas' alleged misappropriations exceeds \$200.

State Organizer D. D. Hale and other state officers for the Eagles made careful check of the aerie's books before getting out the warrant.

NOT SO BAD

The Bonneville public library reports good attendance and circulation in spite of bad weather, although the layoff has cut down book-lending considerably in the past month. Thirty-five persons visited the library Tuesday night, a good record considering the slush.

HOLD STAG PARTY

Members of Bonneville post, Number 88, American Legion, enjoyed a stag party at Merrill's tavern in Cascade Locks last night. Moving pictures, entertainment and free refreshments were scheduled.

ELECTRICAL WIZARDS FOUND AMONG POLICE

Amateur executioners have been discovered on the staff of the Bonneville guard.

Some weeks ago some of these ingenious souls wired the seat next to the driver's in one of their automobiles with fine copper wire woven into the fabric, and connected the wire with a coil on a circuit broken whenever the car door was opened.

They handed two of their friends a great surprise when they stopped and offered them lifts.

The friends proceeded, on the sly, to extend the wires to the driver's seat, and also wired one of the guard's beds.

Last word the Chronicle had was that the two "friends" had been picked up by the guards and put through an educational course of sprouts. So far as can be learned no fatalities have resulted.

Big Highway Meet in Dalles Set Feb. 2

Enthusiastic backers of the water-grade highway from Troutdale to The Dalles, representing all communities interested in quick transportation down the gorge to Portland, will meet for dinner at 7:30 P.M. in the Hotel Dalles Tuesday, February 2, William Keeler, chairman of the Mid-Columbia's committee on the highway, announced this week.

Keeler says his committee has sought the services of Leslie M. Scott of Portland, former member of the highway commission who is deeply interested in the highway, and Charles Reynolds of La Grande, president of the Oregon Trail association. Keeler feels the assistance of these two men will be of inestimable value in putting the program across.

One of the first problems before the committee, Keeler says, is to confer with highway department officials concerning building of the stretch between Eagle Creek and Cascade Locks, said to be on the docket for midsummer. The Mid-Columbia committee wants to make certain that the section built will conform to their four-lane demands, and if possible have center curb and lighting.

On the committee are Keeler, G. E. Manchester of Cascade Locks, W. S. Nelson of The Dalles, who arranged the meeting, Decatur Baldwin, E. C. Smith and Hugh Ball of Hood River, Walter Scott of Portland, Mayor Blazier of Troutdale and George Chamberlain of Mosier.

Arrangements are being made to serve 110 persons at the dinner. Any person interested in the project is urged to attend.

Annual Scout Feed Well Attended

Thirty-one persons, including 19 Scouts and Scout leaders and 12 family members, attended the annual parents' night banquet of Troop 390, Cascade Locks, Tuesday evening in Merrill's tavern.

Present besides troop members were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tessier, Mrs. C. A. Broliar, Mrs. E. J. Broliar, Nell Rae Broliar, A. W. Foote, Joe Morris, Noble F. Hyde Sr., W. J. Carlson, Mrs. M. L. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. James Merrill.

A demonstration of semaphore signaling was given by Noble Hyde Jr. and William Morgan; of first aid, by James Merrill and Forrest Hess; and of the scout law, by Bob Orvis.

Talks were made by Scoutmaster M. L. Morgan and Committeemen W. J. Carlson, James Merrill, Joe Morris and Noble Hyde. Every parent gave his or her notion of what their sons had learned in scouting, and their sons' future in the movement.

A week from today the troop will hold its first meeting in its new meeting room in the old grade school gymnasium. The building will be wired and the big heater piped to put it in readiness for use.

LEAVE FOR MONTANA

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hall left this week for Helena, Mont., upon hearing of the death of Mr. Hall's father there. Irving Hall is commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' post at Bonneville.