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Sharper than a serpent's
tooth it is to have a thank-
less child.
—Shakespeare.

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BONNEVILLE

CASCADE LOCKS

HOOD RIVER

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1937

Locks Grade Team Will Enter Meet

Cascade Locks' grade school's basketball team will travel to The Dalles Friday and Saturday to play for the district grade school championship against teams from The Dalles, Klickitat, Wasco, White Salmon, St. Mary's school (The Dalles), Hood River and Rufus.

The Locks outfit is the second strongest in Hood River county, having lost only to Hood River.

The schedule for the tournament follows:

Friday, 3 P.M., The Dalles vs. Klickitat.
4 P.M., St. Mary's vs. Wasco.
7:30 P.M., White Salmon vs. Rufus.
8:30 P.M., Hood River vs. Cascade Locks.
Saturday, 2 P.M., Friday afternoon winners.
3 P.M., Friday evening winners.
7:30 P.M., Saturday afternoon losers.
8:30 P.M., Saturday afternoon winners.

The games, incidentally, will give Cascade Locks a change to revenge two defeats at the hands of Hood River, 11 to 8 and 15 to 13. Coach W. Iven Embree will accompany the players.

Thursday evening, March 11, at 7:30 o'clock, Cascade Locks grade school will play its last game of the season here against White Salmon, which already holds a 16 to 12 decision over the Locks. Proceeds will go toward the school radio.

The local boys' record for the season follows:

Cascade Locks	Opp.
20.....Mosier	7
14.....Parkdale	11
8.....Hood River	11
12.....White Salmon	16
13.....Hood River	15
20.....Mosier	2
87	62

Cofferdam Opening Is Slated Today

Partial opening of the north cofferdam to permit flooding of the upstream area adjoining the main spillway dam at Bonneville was scheduled late yesterday or today, according to the United States engineers.

Clean-up crews have completed their work around the foundation of the dam, so everything is in readiness to bring the water in. About two days will be required for flooding.

Soon after the flooding the upstream jetty will be removed and material in it used for backfill behind the north abutment. Workmen will start pulling up steel sheet piling preparatory to removing the cofferdam in about a week.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Bonneville Women's Community club will be held next Thursday at the Bonneville civic auditorium at 2 P.M. The interior decorating class this week was held at noon Thursday because the instructor, Miss Johnson, missed the first bus.

SMOKER DRAWS WELL

Gross profits of \$45.25 were realized by the Bonneville-Cascade Locks aerie of Eagles from their smoker held a week ago Thursday night, when 181 persons paid to see some of the well-known local fighters mix it.

GETS NEW FURNACE

Cascade Locks high school was closed Thursday and Friday last week and Monday this week due to burst pipes in the steam heating plant, which led to installation of a new furnace and parts of the heating system.

BUSY ON GATES

Up until Thursday, the American bridge company had completed or begun seven gate sections for the main spillway dam, the equivalent of three and one-half gates.

Another large chunk of steel will be on hand when the No. 2 turbine unit gets here. It is due to be shipped from the factory today. Installation will begin about March 15.

Vets Plan Dance to Aid School Fund

To build up the athletic fund of the Bonneville school, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Bonneville have scheduled a dance Saturday, March 20, at the civic auditorium in Bonneville.

Chuck McDevitt's orchestra from Portland has been engaged to play. Reports from Portland list McDevitt's as a topnotch band.

Bud Hawkins, one of the Vets, is chairman for the affair. Tickets are reasonably priced, and the Vets are hoping for a strong turnout to aid the school fund.

Roosevelt Favors USED Dam Control

In conference with General Markham, chief of the army engineers, Monday President Roosevelt said he was enthusiastically in favor of the army engineers operating the Bonneville dam, with a Columbia river administrator acting as sales agent for power, according to dispatches from Washington.

In a memorandum prepared by the president's power policy board, the recommendation was made that the administrator operate the dam and handle everything except the ship lock.

General Markham explained to the president the importance of the engineers being constantly on the job at the dam and submitted a draft of the first two sections of the measure for Bonneville legislation. These sharply defined the responsibilities and duties of the army engineers and the administrator.

President Roosevelt concurred immediately, and, as Markham reported later, "was enthusiastic" for this program for Bonneville.

For improving navigation, controlling flood waters, promoting the national defense and for other purposes, the dam, locks, power plant and appurtenant works now under construction, shall be completed, maintained and operated by the engineers. Furthermore, the engineers shall provide, construct, operate and maintain and improve such facilities as are necessary to develop saleable power as rapidly as markets are found by the administrator.

Engineers will deliver power to the administrator at the switchboard to be installed near the power plant.

Such is the sphere of the army engineers.

The administrator is the selling and distributing agent for power generated by the engineers. The administrator handles transmission and all power problems except generation. He also suggests rates to be affirmed by the federal power commission.

This working arrangement appears satisfactory not only to General Markham and the president, but to Senator McNary, who will soon begin drafting the legislation with Senators Steiwer, Bone and Schwollenbach.

SEA SCOUTS ORGANIZE

Prospective Sea Scouts of the dam area will meet at Stevenson, at the Scout hut, next Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. for an organization meeting. All boys interested should attend.

Tooth Rock Tunnel Has 212 Feet to Go

Since drilling and blasting operations have commenced again on the Tooth Rock Columbia River highway tunnel, under contract to Orino-Birkemeier-Saremal company, excavation on the east end has been pushed 38 feet ahead of concrete lining, and 122 feet ahead of concrete on the west end, leaving only 212 feet out of \$27 yet to bore.

Work has been started on the pylon light on the west portal.

So far there is 48 feet of concrete lining in the west end of the tunnel and 122 feet of timbering alone, totaling 170 feet; 407 feet of concrete lining in the east end, and 38 feet partly timbered, totaling 445 feet. The total length of tunnel drilled is 615 feet.

Parker-Schram To Make Pour Under Water

Rapid progress is reported on the Parker-Schram contract, which is to be completed in less than six weeks, for removal of temporary wooden gates at the east end of the navigation locks, filling the slot with concrete, and erection of a steel truss cofferdam across the end of the lock to elevation plus 60 feet.

The purpose of the cofferdam is to prevent flow of water through the lock chamber during the summer flood, and to permit the assembly of the main lock gates. The concrete plant has been assembled, gravel unloaded and some forms built.

For the first time since dam construction started an underwater pour will be made in the carrying out of Parker-Schram's contract. This can be done by pouring through a pipe, and keeping the lower end of the pipe at the center of the concrete mass. In this way only the outer surface of the mass ever comes in contact with the water.

BIRD CAGE DISAPPEARS

A bird cage was taken from the Cascade Locks high school within the last two weeks. No trace can be found of it. Perhaps someone that reads this piece will be able to shed some light on its whereabouts.

The cage is the property of one of the teachers in the high school who had brought it out from Portland and left it with its stand in the high school. The cage was to have been put into use in her room as soon as the young canary which she had purchased from Mrs. Erwin Broliar was old enough to stand the rigors of school life.

Through the Area J. H. T.

Schoolboys on patrol at Cascade Locks school . . . with their bright new white belts . . . One third of the folks at Conchas dam are from Bonneville, 'tis said . . . The WPA interior decorating instructor missed her bus in Portland 'tother morning, for some reason that wasn't explained to us . . . White shoes at the Bonny Villa tavern . . . but the boys have been wearing them all winter . . . Ted Johnson looking for a stove . . . guess he doesn't know spring is here . . . "Chappy" Chapman in only an "amachure" at poker, mebbe . . . More and more residents taking advantage of the Chronicle ads and buying in Hood River . . . incidentally visiting the Chronicle office . . .

Grant Cavis, former dam worker, left Tuesday night for Prairie City, Or., to work on a project there.



DR. STANLEY WELLS

Dr. Stanley Wells Moves to Area

Of interest to their many friends in the area is the announcement that Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Wells have decided to locate permanently in this locality. After extensive travels over western United States, the Wellses chose Hood River for their permanent home. Dr. Wells has taken office space with Dr. C. W. McCain in the Butler bank building and is going in to general practice.

Dr. Wells will be remembered as the first medical officer of USED. He first came on the job in October, 1933. In February, 1936, he resigned to take a position with the Public Health service at the federal hospital in Springfield, Mo. Mrs. Wells reports that with the temperature at 115 to 120 degrees in one's kitchen during the summer months, the Northwest called them back.

For the present the Wellses are living at the Columbia Gorge hotel.

General-Shea Dumps Rock To Stop Slip

Operating under a change order, workmen for General-Shea company are dumping 5000 cubic yards of riprap into the old temporary navigation channel above the locks here to forestall landslips into the channel. The move is described purely as a precautionary one.

Driving of piling for the foundation of additional upstream guide wall piers will not be commenced until the riprap toe is completed.

General-Shea's chief concern lately has been the pour on the floor slab powerhouse, which was completed last Thursday. The slab, three feet thick and heavily reinforced, covers about half the main floor of the powerhouse.

RESERVATIONS TAKEN FOR DALLES MEETING

Reservations will be necessary for the meeting of the watergrade highway committee in The Dalles next Wednesday, March 10, it was learned yesterday. Persons from the dam area who desire to go should communicate with Bill Keeler of Cascade Locks, chairman of the committee.

Representatives from Portland, Troutdale, Cascade Locks, Hood River, Mosier, The Dalles and points east will attend the dinner and meeting, which will be held in The Dalles hotel at 7:30 P.M.

STEVENSON BEATEN

Stevenson high school took a 26-14 beating from White Salmon's basketball team Wednesday night in Stevenson, when the two quints met for the right to represent their district in the Class B tournament at Longview tonight and tomorrow. The winner at Longview will go to Seattle to meet three other state teams for the state Class B title. All team expenses will be paid by Longview.

Senators' Bill Asks River Development

A bill which will authorize complete development of the Columbia and Snake rivers from Bonneville dam east, covering the territory served by the second Portland engineer district, was introduced in congress Tuesday by Senators Steiwer and McNary of Oregon and Pope of Idaho.

The bill would authorize the secretary of war to continue present investigations of the Columbia and Snake rivers to determine both methods of obtaining these improvements, "giving due consideration to possibilities of future development of hydroelectric power." Location and heights of all dams would be fixed by the secretary on recommendation of the chief of army engineers and provisions would be made for future development of hydroelectric power at such dams as the secretary may determine suitable.

The secretary of war is authorized to expend not more than \$15,000,000 annually for barge development, control of floods, delivery of water for reclamation and other beneficial uses. This phase of the bill is roughly in accord with the request of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Skamania and Klickitat counties read by W. S. Nelson of The Dalles at the hearing conducted in Lewiston by Colonel Thomas M. Robins, division engineer. The request asked for "annual continuing appropriations sufficient to place all units of the proposed project under construction within five years."

Nelson's request also urged that all existing surveys and projects be merged into one plan of development by a series of dams up the Columbia and Snake.

Adequate facilities for passage of fish are to be installed at all dams.

Construction work on any part of the project may be undertaken as soon as the character of work for that part of the project has been determined, without awaiting completion of studies for the entire project. The intent of the proposed legislation is authorization of gradual development of the Columbia and Snake for navigation, flood control and reclamation, with future development of power.

Existing projects for improving the river from Bonneville to Lewiston are modified to provide a channel suitable for barge navigation with a minimum depth of nine feet. Above Lewiston the channel shall be of such minimum depth as surveys may show practicable.

The Columbia-Snake waterway will serve eastern Washington, much of eastern Oregon, northern Idaho and western Montana, heavy grain, fruit and lumber producing regions.

Representative Mott, republican, Oregon, introduced a bill providing for a preliminary flood control examination of the Nestucca river in Oregon.

New Wild Life Estimates Made

Wild life population on the 13 million acres of national forests in Oregon is for the most part holding its own or increasing, according to 1936 estimates announced by the U. S. forest service this week.

Forest rangers have estimated a population of 15,000 elk, 900 antelope, 76,000 mule deer, 40,000 black tail deer, 200 white tail deer, 5,500 black bear, and about 50 big horn sheep on the national forests of the state. Coyotes are reported increasing and other predatory animals, including cougar, wild cats and timber wolves, are also believed to be slightly on the increase. Among the fur bearers estimated are more than 1,500 foxes.

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