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CASCADE LOCKS

BONNEVILLE

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Commission Hears Water Grade Pleas

The state highway commission is much interested in the cross-section proposed by the Mid-Columbia chamber of commerce's water-grade highway committee, according to William Keeler, committee chairman, following Monday's hearing in Portland.

The Mid-Columbia chamber's cross-section calls for a four-lane highway with center curbing and lighting fixtures, not provided in original plans. These new features will be seriously considered by the commission in blue-printing the highway specifications.

The commission pointed out to those at the meeting that the total cost of construction from Portland to The Dalles will be \$12,000,000, and that with present capacity to pay will probably require about 15 years to build.

The section from Troutdale to Cascade Locks will be the first on the docket, with the short stretch at Eagle creek already nearing completion. Action on the right-of-way below Bonneville will have to wait until dredging of the Columbia is begun under the United States engineers, since detritus from the dredging will be used to build to road-bed.

R. H. Baldock, chief highway engineer, remarked that a highway such as the committee proposes will be one of the finest, if not the finest in the world. He said the people of the gorge can be of greatest help by asking the war department to dump waste from the river bottom along the desired route without charge, since the waste will have to be disposed of in some manner anyway.

Among those present at the meeting were Keeler, G. N. Heggard, G. E. Manchester and W. J. Carlson of Cascade Locks, Minor Corman and Decatur Baldwin of Hood River, and Henry Cabell, chairman of the highway commission, Baldock, Hamilton E. Corbett, president of the Portland chamber, and Walter W. R. May, manager of the chamber.

Rebekah Meet Draws Nearly 300

By Clara Nix

The twenty-ninth annual convention of district 18 of the Rebekah lodge was held at Bonneville last Friday with Cascadia lodge as hostess. The delegates were in attendance from The Dalles, Maupin, Tygh Valley, Dufur, Mosier, Parkdale, Odell and Hood River.

Mrs. Hallie Ingle, secretary of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon, Miss Dora Sexton of The Dalles, past president of the Rebekah assembly, Frank M. Sexton, Grand Representative of The Dalles and Earl Shank of Hood River, Grand Representative were present and gave short addresses.

There were about 300 in attendance at the convention.

POSTMASTERS MEET

Postmasters from Hood River, Multnomah and Clackamas counties met at Bonneville Saturday for their bi-monthly meeting. An inspection of the dam under the supervision of the United States guards, and a dinner at the Roosevelt inn were features of the day.

Mrs. Blanch North, Bonneville postmaster, headed the host group. About 45 persons attended.

The next meeting, in Portland, will be the occasion for election of officers.

NEW BOOKS COMING

A shipment of books new to the Bonneville library is expected Friday.

HANDBALLERS FACE FIRE-EATERS AGAIN

Bonneville's sparkling handball stars played a return match in Portland with representatives of the Portland fire department in an effort to break a 2 to 2 game tie which resulted from their first encounter last week. Results of the match had not reached the Chronicle last night.

Representing Bonneville were three two-man teams composed of Ancey and Badurina, Clare and Mylne, and Hering and Neiss. This match could not end in a tie, as three instead of four series of games were played.

In the first match Bonneville won six games to the firemen's five and scored 203 points to 187 for the Portlanders.

Extensions Cover Tooth Rock Project

Fortified by contract extensions totaling 116 days, Orino-Birkemeier-Saremal crews face a short run home on the Tooth Rock Columbia River highway tunnel here, with but 67 feet remaining to bore out of an 827-foot total.

The contract called for completion of the tunnel earlier this month, but timbering activities made necessary by rock conditions have brought about the extensions.

Blasting operations have reached fairly sound formation again from the eastern end, after passing through loose and "blocky" formations. Engineers, however, are keeping their fingers crossed, for even in the last 67 feet trouble might develop.

The west portal has been completed except for the pylon and the railing for the viaduct. A little "fancy-work" remains also.

Workmen have started shaping ringstones for the east portal, and putting up rock facing. Concreting within the tunnel is also scheduled to start again as soon as boring is done.

GOLDENDALE C. C. C. PLANS OPEN HOUSE

C. C. C. company 945 at Goldendale will sponsor an open house Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, for all persons in the Mid-Columbia district interested in the well-being and work of the C. C. C. camps.

During the recent weeks, through the cooperation of the camp officers, soil conservation service personnel and the Goldendale business interests, the barracks, recreation hall and other buildings at the camp have been given a thorough "going over" in the way of improvements, and the camp site is now said to present the appearance of one of the most attractive in the entire district.

The work has been accomplished through the plans laid by the camp officers, headed by Lieut. E. L. Faler with the cooperation of Mr. Larse, camp superintendent.

In addition to inspecting the camp, residents of the area are asked to accompany members of the S. C. S. crew to the work projects where they may inspect the type of work being carried out in the field.

The two-day open house activities will be climaxed on Monday evening, April 5th, with a free camp show at the Goldendale high school auditorium starting at 8 P. M. Reservations for a 50-cent dinner Sunday at 1 P. M. should be made by Saturday night.

PLAY COMING

"Mr. Bob," Cascade Locks high school junior class play, will be presented at 8 P. M. Friday, April 2 in the high school gym.

The play, a rollicking comedy, is guaranteed to furnish plenty of amusement.

Torpen Is Mentioned as Administrator

Assuming that President Roosevelt's suggestion for a Columbia river administrator to sell Bonneville dam power will be adopted by congress, names are being submitted and the department of interior is making inquiries as to eligible material.

Howard Latourette, democratic national committeeman, recommends B. E. Torpen, considered the leading hydroelectric engineer on the Pacific coast, who designed the Bonneville power house and is engineering supervisor of the whole project. Latourette, in forwarding Torpen's name and record to Senator McNary, incloses a recommendation from Otto C. Hartman, engineer in charge of constructing the spillway at Bonneville.

Torpen is consulting engineer for Seattle's municipal power project on the Skagit river, and has had extensive experience with power projects. Although signing himself as national committeeman for Oregon, Latourette is not proposing Torpen on political grounds.

C. C. Hockley, engineer and administrator for PWA in Oregon, is also being proposed for administrator. One rumor current is that if Secretary Ickes selects an administrator the appointee will come from within his own organization.

Senators McNary and Bone, who are writing the Bonneville legislation, have in their draft left authority to appoint an administrator with Ickes, but provide for confirmation by the senate, fix the term at six years and compensation at the rate of \$10,000 annually. These senators hope to have the bill ready for introduction this week.

BONNEVILLE P.-T. A. ANNOUNCES PARTY

In answer to many requests, the Bonneville P.-T. A. will hold another card party soon. It had been planned to discontinue the card parties after the one held April 17. However, it proved such a success that a great many have asked that another be given. The date has not been arranged but will be announced in next week's paper.

MRS. LEWALLEN HAS NO LUCK RESIGNING

Mrs. Juanita Lewallen tried to resign from the Cascade Locks chamber of commerce Tuesday, in view of the fact that she and her husband plan to leave this week-end for the Conchas dam in New Mexico, but the membership of the chamber wouldn't let her.

Instead, they made her a permanent honorary member by unanimous vote, because of her outstanding labors in behalf of the chamber. Oscar Hyde delivered the eulogy.

STATE BUREAU WARNS AGAINST SHORT WEIGHT

Owing to numerous complaints of short weight packaged goods, being sold throughout the state, the division of weights and measures of the department of agriculture requests both merchants and consumers to check their weights on receipt of goods, especially commodities subject to shrinkage.

The state law provides that a purchaser is entitled to receive full weight or measure. A regulation by the department of agriculture provides, among other things, that the quantity of the contents marked upon a package of food should be the amount of food in the package.

A recent opinion of the state's attorney general states, in effect, that variations or tolerances are permissible only as to overweight; consequently, see that you get what you pay for.

AD BUILDING WING CONSTRUCTION SPEEDS

Construction is speeding ahead on the new administration building wings, which will help house workers from the second Portland district office after July. From that time on the district will be known as the Bonneville district.

Sheathing for the walls is in, window frames installed and several courses of brick already laid. Roof construction is not so far advanced but will be a much shorter job than the walls.

The wings will be of the same construction as the main portion of the building—whitened brick with eaveless composition shingle roofs.

Shooting of Cofferdam Continues

Cribs 27, 28 and 28-1 in the upstream cofferdam, nearest the center of the river, were shot out early this week. The dredge Burrard has been busy most of the week digging out debris and leveling off the bottom of the channel to plus 10 feet.

A steel gate was dropped into bay 15, forcing the entire flow of the river level two feet above the dam. The river is almost to the spillway crest now and the first rise will start water flowing over the ogee sections which are at elevation plus 24 feet.

The General Electric company has started work on assembly of the giant rotor for one of the generators. Most of the steel parts are on hand and the rotor is rapidly taking shape.

The rotor is composed of 12 sections fitted together with great accuracy. Mr. Brabrook is erection supervisor for the General Electric company.

Government workers are also starting assembly of turbine parts under the direction of R. K. Owens of S. Morgan Smith company.

General-Shea company has completed driving of piling as a foundation for the guide wall above the navigation locks, and have most of the pier footings poured. They plan to dump considerably more rock against the toe of the slide area at the upstream end of the guide wall after they get the piers poured.

Two more pours remain on Parker-Schram's block which fills in the temporary ship channel through the upper end of the lock.

BONNEVILLE HOOP TEAM RECORD GOOD

Bonneville school boys' basketball team has wound up its basketball season with a record of five league victories against one defeat, giving it the league championship and leaving the school with but one defeat in major athletic contests this school year.

Scores for the games follow:

Bonneville	Opponents
27.....	Corbett20
23.....	Wilkes31
17.....	Fairview 9
29.....	Corbett25
20.....	Fairview10
23.....	Troutdale 7

139
122
Bonneville also split two games with pickup teams from Corbett, 26 to 11 and 16 to 20. The baseball team is getting in shape for its schedule now.

SALTS OUT

A gay handful of salts turned out for the Cascade Yacht club's second annual banquet held Friday evening at the Multnomah Falls inn, according to Rolf Enquist. A round dozen of the river dogs were present to talk over old times and plans for the club's future, made brighter by the approaching completion of the dam.

Area Favors Free Bridge At Locks

A strong plea for retention of the Bridge of the Gods, and for its acquisition by the United States government, was made by representatives of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, speaking for Cascade Locks, Bonneville, North Bonneville and Stevenson, at a meeting Tuesday night in Cascade Locks.

The plea followed a request by the United States engineers for local opinion on three points:

(a) Desirability of opening the river above Bonneville to ocean-going vessels following completion of the dam;

(b) Necessity of retaining the bridges at Cascade Locks and Hood River;

(c) Proper methods for financing raising of the bridges over the ship channel.

A resolution was drawn up to be presented to the engineers at a public hearing today in the Portland chamber of commerce.

Similar action was taken at a meeting Tuesday in Hood River, with representatives in attendance from Hood River, White Salmon, Bingen and Underwood.

William Keeler of Cascade Locks will present the resolution on behalf of the associated chambers.

The resolution follows:

WHEREAS the construction of the Power and Navigation dam at Bonneville will raise the inundation line to the 72-foot level; and

WHEREAS this new elevation will create an adequate depth of water above Bonneville dam for ocean-going vessels from the deep sea locks at same dam to The Dalles; and

WHEREAS there is now pending in Congress a bill providing for the improvement of the channel of the Columbia river from Vancouver to the deep sea locks at Bonneville, upon completion of which ocean borne (Continued on Page Sixteen)

Programs Planned for CCC Birthday

Marshall Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal, will be chief speaker at the celebration of the fourth birthday of the C. C. C. at Eagle Creek camp grounds Sunday, April 4, when enrollees of Company 4765 will show visitors the many improvements they and their predecessors have made on the grounds.

The anniversary program will begin at 11 A. M. There will be a musical number, and free coffee will be served by the army to all visitors during the following lunch period.

All persons living in the gorge area are invited to attend.

There will also be a free public program at the Zigzag camp on the Mount Hood loop highway the same day. Letters are being mailed to all business men from Gresham and Government camp to attend, and parents of enrollees have been invited.

There will be a musical program, and Mr. G. Orr, principal of Sandy high school, will be the chief speaker. Refreshments will be served.

Special trucks will provide transportation to the projects completed near their camp. Forest Ranger Harold Engles will be in charge of arrangements.

CONTRACTS RENEWED

All teachers at Bonneville school have been tendered renewal of their contracts for next year by the local except Mrs. Thelma Barnum, most recently hired of the six teachers, who was let go only because of an anticipated smaller enrollment.