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Laugh and the world laughs with you;
weep and you weep alone
—Selected.

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CASCADE LOCKS

BONNEVILLE

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Daylight Shows at Tooth Rock

The end of the trail is in sight for crews working on the Tooth Rock Columbia River highway tunnel.

A two-foot check tunnel last weekend joined the tunnel faces of the east and west shafts, revealing perfect alignment, level and distance for the 827-foot bore. Wednesday only 15 feet of the main tunnel remained to be drifted.

The single rub seemed to be that the entire final 15 feet would have to be timbered, since a loose water-course formation, now fortunately dry, was uncovered by the check tunnel on the river side.

Concrete pouring was scheduled to be resumed Friday after several weeks' inactivity in this line. Steel was being set Wednesday and Thursday and other equipment being readied. The concrete mixer will be set right in the tunnel for the final pouring. Twenty-one sections, each 15½ feet in length, remain to be poured, the total distance being about 325 feet.

The east portal will probably be completed this month. Placement of ring-stones should be finished this week-end, but the masonry wall over the top of the tunnel and connecting the portal with the state highway department's wall will have to be done also.

Other work remaining inside the tunnel includes pouring concrete for road surface, walks and curbing.

Booklet's Fate Hangs By Thread

One last intensive campaign will be made to raise money necessary to publish the Mid-Columbia chamber of commerce's publicity booklet, it was decided at a committee meeting Wednesday night in Stevenson, and if the campaign fails, the \$993 now on hand will be redistributed to the contributing communities.

A corollary decision called for raising the quotas of the communities involved about 25 per cent, since the Portland chamber has definitely refused to contribute its assessment of \$1000.

About \$2300 will be needed to put out the book. \$3000 was the original goal, and assessments totaling \$3300 were levied. Several gorge communities outside of Portland have not yet turned in the original levy.

Several delegates at the Stevenson meeting pointed out the obvious advantages of publishing the booklet, since the Columbia river in its present state will soon no longer be visible to tourists, and this year's tourist expectancy is much greater than for many years past.

The committee working on the booklet was increased from three to nine at Wednesday's meeting. Original members were Howard Burnham, Vancouver; Charles Boling, Stevenson; and Wade Dean, White Salmon. New members appointed were Earl Coe, Bingen; Mr. Thurber, Camas; Mr. Beal, Goldendale; Ira Owens, Cascade Locks; H. E. O'Neil, The Dalles, and Bert Schuler, Hood River.

George Christianson, Stevenson, W. S. Nelson, The Dalles, and John McEwen, Goldendale, were appointed to consider candidates for post of Bonneville administrator, their recommendation to be acted upon by the Mid-Columbia chamber and notice of the action taken to be sent to the governors of the respective states.

Wade Dean of White Salmon was accorded the Mid-Columbia chamber's recommendation as a member of the new seven-man commission in (Continued on Page Sixteen)

SUNDAY BANNER DAY FOR DAM VISITORS

Visitors are beginning to swarm to Bonneville again, and from present indications all previous records will be smashed to smithereens.

B. E. Whitsett, lieutenant in charge of the United States guards, reported that 8447 persons visited the reservation and dam project last Sunday. Two guards made separate tallies and there was only ¼ of 1 per cent difference in the totals.

This figure tops anything reported to the Dam Chronicle all last summer, even during excellent weather and at the height of the tourist season. Part of the influx is probably attributable to the interest of Portlanders and citizens of other nearby towns in viewing the progress that has been made on the dam in the past winter.

Efficiency of Turbines to Be Compared

All five blades have been placed in the first powerhouse turbine unit, and assembly has progressed far.

Two polished blades have arrived for the second turbine. In the first, the blades will be used exactly as cast, while blades for the second turbine will be machined and polished for precision at an approximate cost of \$29,000. The purpose is to give the blades a comparative service test after installation, to see whether turbine blades in additional powerhouse units, and in future projects, will pay for themselves if precision-ground.

Workmen are busy also preparing the vanes which will direct the water flow against the turbines, but none of the vanes has actually been placed yet.

Spider beams have arrived and will soon be put in place to support the generator rotor and blade assembly. The entire weight of moving machinery in each unit will rest on bearings upheld by these spider beams.

Parker-Schram company has completed pouring concrete in the temporary ship channel at the east end of the navigation locks, and has a small amount of work remaining on the cofferdam. General-Shea company completed its contract about one week ago, preparing placements for three additional guide wall piers.

Bethlehem Steel company is setting up its stifle derrick at the east end of the locks for use in assembling the east lock gate. The big crane at the west end of the locks will be used in assembling the west gate.

FRANKTON VICTOR OVER LOCKS SCHOOL

Frankton grade school took Cascade Locks boys' team to the tune of 6 to 1 at a game played here Tuesday. Cascade Locks girls' team turned the tables, however, blasting out 26 runs to five for Frankton.

Summary (boys' game):
Cascade Locks (1) (6) Frankton
Todd, 2b (0) (0) Okamura
Morgan, 1b (0) (1) Cable
Collins, cf (0) (0) Tenney
Jenkins, p (0) (1) Okamura
Merrill, J., ss (1) (1) Scheer
Strader, rf (0) (1) Owings
Hess, 3b (0) (0) Franz
Merrill, A., lf (0) (0) Kneger
Hyde, c (0) (2) Tenney

STATE HEAD HERE

Members of Cascadia Rebekah lodge, No. 221, entertained the state president, Mrs. Estella Weed, and Rebekahs from Hood River at an impressive ceremony in the I. O. O. F. hall in Cascade Locks Wednesday night. Mrs. Breta Morgan, noble grand of Cascadia lodge, presided.

GARAGE SOLD

Purchase of the Tooth Rock garage from Thad Glazier by F. W. Prahaska of Klamath Falls was announced this week. Mr. Prahaska plans to make his home here, along with other members of his family.

We're Three Today!

With an admittedly checkered and exciting past behind it, the Dam Chronicle with this issue faces its fourth year of publication.

In the three years since its founding in April, 1934, the Dam Chronicle has watched important events unfold, and has seen an amazing variety of people come and go—not the least amazing, perhaps, have at times been included on its own staff.

The Dam Chronicle files are not only a record of the building of the dam, but also a printed pageant of the "human side" of the Bonneville development, and an account of a wide range of community projects.

This newspaper remembers its past with relish, but it is not satisfied with the mere remembrance.

This newspaper's chief hope is that the future will be as colorful, as full of incident as the past, and that it will continue to mingle in whatever excitement may be at hand.

Of repeated predictions of a bright future for the gorge, we beg to remind you, are not "loose talk." At this moment we can state that a firm of national reputation is dickering for a site for a huge factory in the gorge, and that an acreage near Cascade Locks is being given serious attention.

We can also state that even now there is a noticeable demand for better-class houses in the dam area—houses for permanent residents, who plan to live here, work here, and have attractive homes and surroundings.

We can further state that highway construction near Cascade Locks within the next year will furnish employment for a considerable number of men, and will soon make itself felt in improved road transportation facilities.

So sit tight and hang on. The much-advertised end of the world is a long way off, and the Dam Chronicle is looking forward to a lot of fun before the end comes.

National Commissary To Retain Camp

The National Commissary company's camp and dining room will be kept open until the Bonneville project is completed, according to announcement dated Tuesday.

Rumors were abundant up until then that the camp was about to close, and many workmen had been casting about for other places to stay. The announcement letter reads: "After talking to all the men in the camp I find that a great number of men have been in camp since we opened up.

"Therefore we have decided to keep

the camp open until the close of the job, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday. Lunches will be available at all times.

F. J. McDonald, general manager."

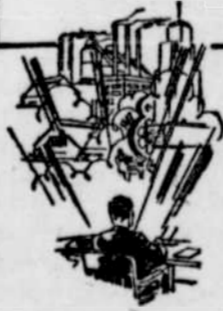
The National Commissary company can close the camp at its own option at any time, since it operates merely under a permit from the United States government.

Jim Merrill and his son Dubby left yesterday for Soap Lake, Wash., where they will spend a few days.

Eric Erickson is dolling up the grounds east of his restaurant by clearing a plot and planting flowers.

The Pacific Northwest

say industrial economists, will be the focal point of a new industrial and agricultural empire! You, as a citizen, will or will not share this coming prosperity.



Buy Yourself Some Permanent Prosperity...

FIRST—realize your share of the Columbia Empire's present and future prosperity depends on you! With every purchase for your home you step closer to insuring it! Ask your merchant, "Where did it come from?" "Where is it made?"—then UNITE. This is the foundation stone to this Empire's industrial, agricultural, individual progress.



This week has been set aside as Columbia Empire products week. Your merchant will enthusiastically help you to the products of this area.



"Unite for Prosperity"

Six 4-H Clubs Are Formed in Cascade Locks

by Robert Morgan

On April 1 six 4-H clubs were organized in Cascade Locks, with a total of 52 members and 4 leaders. The leaders and officers of the club are as follows:

Cooking 1 and 2 President, Helen Rosenback; vice president, Katy Champ; secretary, DeEtte Moore; leaders, Mrs. Harrington and Mrs. Glazier. Other members are Audrey Banks, Faye Etta Kelsay, Jeanne Orvis, DeEtte Moore, Jimmie Merrill, Robert Morgan, Adelbert Merrill, Ruth Fisher, Katy Champ, Dorothy Tessier, Shirley Woodward, Luella Glazier, Helen Rosenback, Audrey Kelsay, Donna Reuterskold, Verna Weeman, Olive Potts, Betty Fisher, Nell Rae Brolliar, Jeannette Walker, Kathleen Lowe, Eleanor Sprague, Lucile Nichols, Eileen Sprague, and Freddie Walker.

Sewing 1: President, Marjorie Smith; vice-president, Betty Kelsay; secretary, Luella Glazier; leader, Mrs. Kelsay. Other members are Audrey Kelsay, Marjorie Smith, Donna Reuterskold, Luella Glazier, Shirley Woodward, Kathleen Lowe, and Faye Etta Kelsay.

Sewing 2: President, Audrey Banks; vice-president, Verna Weeman; secretary, Jeanne Orvis; leader, Mrs. Kelsay. Members are De Ette Moore, Jeanne Orvis, Verna Weeman, Audrey Banks and Eileen Sprague.

Gardening 1: President, Bobby Kelsay; vice-president, Kenneth Woodward; secretary, Jimmie Nichols; leader, Mrs. Kelsay. Members of this club are Artie Warren, John Woodward, Bob Orvis, Noble Hyde, Freddie Walker.

Handicraft: President, Robert Morgan; vice-president, Noble Hyde; secretary, Jimmie Merrill; leader, Mrs. Titus. Members are Bobby Hyde, Bob Orvis, Lee Campbell, Perry Allison, Elmer Glazier, Jackie Douville, Norman Lovell, Daryl Strader, Delmar Moore, Howard Brolliar, Freddie Nichols, Artie Warren, Bobbie Kelsay, Carlyle Reuterskold, Freddy Walker, Floyd Potts, and Glenn Walker.

Jailbreakers Yield to Cop In Locks

More excitement than Cascade Locks has seen since the Oddfellows' building burned nearly three years ago occurred Monday night when State Patrolman Tom Sheridan opened his siren at the east end of town and chased three escaped jailbirds in a stolen Studebaker taxi all the way to the West Coast Power company building, where he finally halted the fugitives after firing a shot through their windshield.

The escapees, who had refused to pull over when Sheridan gave them the siren, made a last frantic effort to wheel their car around and crash into his, at which he fired upon them.

Frank Moran of Moran's lodge and service station ran to the spot and found Sheridan covering the trio, two men and a woman. Sheridan ordered Moran to take a rifle from the back of the patrol car and hold it on the desperadoes while he, Sheridan, searched them for weapons. Four loaded revolvers, stolen in Baker, were taken from the stolen taxi.

Colon Merrill, Cascade Locks marshal, had arrived by then and assisted Moran in covering the three while Sheridan searched them.

A sizeable crowd collected to watch proceedings. Sheridan handcuffed his captives and held them in Moran's lodge until receiving orders to take them to Portland.

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