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SHOWS THIS COMING WEEK!

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49th State Contemplated At Stevenson

The West Coast District of Columbia will be the forty-ninth state of the union if the plans of the Columbia Gorge Associated Chambers of Commerce are carried out as the result of a meeting at Stevenson Monday night.

Stevenson businessmen previously had advocated secession from the state of Washington and joining the state of Oregon because of lack of cooperation of Washington state officials in efforts to obtain a switchboard rate for Bonneville power.

Going a step farther, the associated chamber group suggested that the counties of Clark, Skamania and Klickitat in Washington and Hood River, Wasco and Multnomah in Oregon secede and form the new state.

It was suggested that Maryhill, Wash., be made the capital of the new commonwealth.

A motion was carried to adopt all congressmen and senators of the two states who are favorable to establishment of switchboard rates for Bonneville power as legislative representatives of the to-be-formed state.

Port Men to Confer With Engineers

C. M. Hurlburt, engineer for the Hood River port commission, and John Koberg, commission secretary, plan to confer with United States army engineers in Portland the latter part of this week concerning plans for Hood River's port facilities.

Meanwhile it was reported here that the new water-grade highway to be constructed by the state highway department will pass through Hood River along Cascade street, probably crossing the Union Pacific tracks due east of the end of Cascade street by means of an overpass beginning about Second and Cascade, with a new highway bridge to be built across Hood river.

It is understood the government will make available about \$75,000 to the state highway department to help them with the development of the new bridge and highway east from the river, which will probably cross directly through the Button and Koberg properties. New surveys are being made currently along this section.

Material may have to be dredged from the river bottom in two spots between Hood River and Mosier to build a roadbed which will stand above pool level after the dam is finished.

A congressional committee three days ago recommended commencement of dredging soon on the Columbia channel between Vancouver and Bonneville, which will supply material for the watergrade highway.

The highway location through Hood River will affect not only the construction of an approach to the port commission's pier below the depot, but also construction of a new raised approach to the Hood River-White Salmon bridge. Since the present underpass just north of the present highway bridge across Hood river will be under water much of the time following completion of the dam, this section of road will probably be abandoned entirely. As the water-grade highway will be north of the railroad at this point, the new bridge approach will very likely lie along a fill where the present approach is now located.

NOSE IN SLING

Jack Douville is wearing a bandage on his nose, as the result of having that member broken during a scuffle with Harold Geitner at school last Friday. The nose is healing satisfactorily.

SCOUTS WIN AWARDS

Eight Boy Scouts from Troop 390, Cascade Locks, won awards at the court of honor held jointly with the Cascade Locks P.-T. A. last Friday night.

Bob Orvis got firemanship and safety merit badges; Jim Merrill, firemanship and handicraft; Forest Hess, cycling and handicraft; Bob Morgan, personal health and first aid; Bill Morgan, cycling and public health; John Carlson, firemanship and music; Russell Hadman, second class; Ted McGarrigle, handicraft and firemanship.

Wyeth CCC Boys Build Sports Field

C. C. C. boys of Company 4765 at Wyeth are working hard on the large athletic field lying between the camp buildings and the Columbia River highway. The volleyball court in one corner of the field has been completed and is in use.

Considerable grading and filling, for which a cat was used, were necessary. The field will be given its baptism of fire when boys from the Beacon Rock C. C. C. camp play the locals in kitten ball and volleyball Wednesday, May 26.

Other games on the camp's schedule are Beacon Rock at Stevenson May 24, in baseball, and Parkdale community baseball team May 30.

The camp grounds have recently been beautified by construction of several rock fountains and pools, with flower plots surrounding them.

The new spike camp at Cooper Spur was manned by 16 men recently. Arthur Bowman is in charge of the men who are working on flume construction. Two crews from Wyeth are also working on fire trails in various parts of the gorge.

The camp personnel was recently augmented by arrival of 17 men from Camp Silver Creek Falls and 11 men from Camp Sunset. Foster Steels, assistant supervisor of the Mount Hood national forest, and Ray Lindberg, training supervisor, were among recent visitors at camp.

Several members of the Gideons, business men's religious organization, visited the camp Sunday and conducted services.

A special fire drill was held at the camp yesterday.

The most recent edition of the camp paper, Gopher Echoes, was published this week. Abner E. Johnson is editor-in-chief, assisted by John W. Jackson Jr., associate editor; Robert Johnson, illustrator, and the following reporters: Robert Bates, Sam Gudmunson, James Stafford, Alvin Christensen, Charles Carlson, Cecil Dillabaugh, Warren Chesbrough, Lawrence Menzhuber, Raymond Williams, Laurence Garten, Bernhard Barholz and Maurice Jasper.

Educational movies covering a variety of subjects and requiring an hour and 40 minutes to show were presented at the camp last night.

John Cook of Vancouver, assistant editor of the C. C. C. Review district paper, and formerly of Camp 4765, was a guest at camp Thursday night.

Captain Pomerene, Captain Johnson and Dr. George Fields, district educational advisor, all inspected the camp last week.

DANCE PLANNED

Members of the Cascade Locks I. O. O. F. lodge have scheduled a dance tonight at their hall in Cascade Locks, with the Four Aces from North Bonneville to furnish the music.

Frank Hall, M. L. Morgan and G. N. Hesgard are members of the dance committee. The public is invited.

Oyaza Camp Fire Girls enjoyed a hike and outdoor supper Wednesday evening. Konza Camp Fire Girls are planning a party to be held on the island.

Sidewalks Going in at Tooth Rock

It looks like a short dash through the new Columbia River tunnel at Tooth Rock, but actually it's nearly three city blocks.

It's also strange to look through the tunnel from the east, see daylight at the other end and feel the west wind fresh in one's face, when the tunnel has been nothing but a black hole for so many months.

Concrete lining has been completely poured from one end of the tunnel to the other, connecting the two sets of ringstones, one at each portal, with an unbreakable bond.

The lining has "bled" very little water, although at one point where there is considerable ground flow the concrete is still damp.

The tunnel has a slight curve at the eastern end, which is a continuation of the bend between the Eagle creek bridge and the tunnel, but the western section of the tunnel is straight as a die, leading out to the new highway section to the west.

Trucks are now dumping coarse rock between the concrete sidewalk footings. The foundation for the highway paving through the tunnel will be about two and a half feet thick.

The south sidewalk has been practically completed but most of the north sidewalk remains to be poured.

The only section of concrete roadway yet poured is the north half of the section adjoining the masonry causeway just outside the west portal. The paving inside the tunnel must wait until the road base has been laid and graded.

Present plans call for opening the tunnel to traffic on or about August 1.

Three Win Scholars To Sessions

At least three Cascade Locks boys and girls will attend the 4-H summer sessions at Corvallis this year, Mrs. J. F. Kelsay announced yesterday.

Those who have been outstanding in their 4-H club work and have earned scholarships to the sessions are Lucille Nichols, Robert Morgan and Betty Kelsay.

Morgan, the first to complete his handicraft assignments, made a squared board, kitchen stool, ball box, kitchen tray, hall tree and book ends.

The three will leave for Corvallis June 12 for two weeks. The county provided four half-scholarships, but only the three qualified. The other half of the scholarships will be provided by interested organizations, and by funds raised by the P.-T. A. and various student functions. The Cascade Locks chamber of commerce is sponsoring one half-scholarship.

The 4-H club exhibit will be held at the school house preceding the school picnic today.

SENT TO WOODBURN

County officials Tuesday sent Dick Potts of Cascade Locks to the state training school at Woodburn as the result of his escapade a week ago last Saturday night, when he and another boy, intoxicated, broke into the grade and high schools at Cascade Locks and rifled several desks.

The other boy was paroled to his parents, as this was his first offense.

ATTEND HEALTH MEET

Five Cascade Locks women attended the county health association meeting in Hood River Thursday noon. They were Mrs. Maud Brolliar, Mrs. May Elliott, Mrs. J. F. Kelsay, Mrs. John Woodward and Mrs. Melvin Harrington.

RIVER LOW

The Columbia river at present is discharging only a little more than half as much water as at the same time last year, United States engineers' figures reveal. Flow yesterday was about 285,000 cubic feet per second, while last year it was 501,000 second-feet, a little under its peak of 520,000 second-feet reached May 18 and again June 6.

PICTURE PRESENTED

The Girls' league of Bonneville grade school has presented to the school a water-color view of the dam by Hal Babbitt, formerly of Bonny Villa tavern, now employed at the hatchery. Babbitt's works are widely known in the dam area.

Assembly On Gates Progresses

Assembly on the second half of the upstream miter gate for the shiplock commenced this week, following completion of the first half, which has been set in place and bolted together.

Practically all exterior construction on the two new wings for the administration has been completed. Interior finishing and painting the brick walls remains before the building can be occupied by second district engineer employees in July.

The Bradford island fishladder, the final pour on which wound up General-Shea's contract on the dam, is undoubtedly the largest fishway in the world. It is 2200 feet long, 40 feet wide and averages 20 feet in height. The total cost of the fishladder will be about \$600,000.

Only big jobs remaining on the spillway dam are completion of the Washington shore fishway, north-side girder spans, north fishlock, spillway dam gates, a second monster gantry crane and the remaining ogee sections between the piers. The latter project will not be attempted until after high water. The north-side girder span work is roughly half completed, and about a third of the work has been done on the dam gates.

LOCKS LOSES MEET

Cascade Locks grade school trailed the field in the four-school tournament held at Stevenson Tuesday, with Stevenson, Bonneville and Carlson also competing.

The Locks took second place in the 880-yard relay, run by Bud Potts, Jim Merrill, Norman Lovell and Merle Davis.

BLEAKMAN HONORED

A birthday party in honor of P. B. Bleakman of Eagle Creek was held May 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Harrington in Cascade Locks. Attending the party, besides the Bleakmans and Harringtons were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gredvig of Eagle Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lassila of Warrendale. Pinocle and refreshments were enjoyed.

SIGN FOR POSTOFFICE

Bonneville's postoffice has a new sign, made expressly for them by a CCC boy at the Zigzag camp. Al Wiesendanger, senior forest ranger at Eagle creek, was instrumental in having the sign made. The sign itself is like other forest service signs, with hand-carved raised letters, dark green on a natural-finish background. It was erected a week ago Saturday.

Miss Stevens Entertains

Miss Eliza Stevens had as her guests over the week-end at her cabin at Warrendale, Mrs. Mildren Alcorn, Miss Mabel Downs, Miss Ruth Alcorn, Miss Pearl Wright, Miss Lena Nealand, Miss Dora Clapper, Miss Kavanaugh, Miss Dean and Miss Hildreth all of Portland. Sunday was spent driving about the dam area and luncheon was enjoyed, in spite of the rain, in the new kitchen at Eagle Creek.

Graduation Marks Close Of School

(By Ted McGarrigle)

Graduation exercises for nine seniors at Cascade Locks high school were held last night in the high school auditorium. C. D. Nickelsen of Hood River was the main speaker. Hugh M. Sherwood conducted the program.

Diplomas were given to the following students who have completed their four-year high school course:

Geraldine Rankin, Olive Hutchinson, Jane Geitner, Chuck Hill, Curly Helvogt, Harold Jenkins, Dave Moffitt, Jack Fisher and Bob Douville.

On the preceding Friday the Senior ball was held at the school, with the gymnasium decorated to resemble a grape arbor. Many of the seniors also attended the annual school picnic Wednesday at Multnomah falls. Baccalaureate services were held last Sunday.

Following is the complete program for the high school graduation:

Processional March (by Edgar); Mrs. Wilbert Harrison.

Invocation: Rev. L. G. Weaver, Cascade Locks church.

Vocal solo, "Indian Dawn (by Zameinik); Mrs. James Rasmussen.

Salutatory: Geraldine Rankin, activity honor.

Valedictory: Jane Geitner, curricular honor.

Violin solo, "Viennese Refrain" (traditional); Mrs. Henry Munkres. Address, "Leadership"; C. D. Nickelsen.

Presentation of class: H. M. Sherwood, principal.

Presentation of diplomas: Karl Rosenback, chairman of school board.

Benediction: Rev. Weaver.

Recessional March (by Louis E. DeFrancesco); Mrs. Harrison.

William Helvogt was cited for honor in athletics.

GRADE SCHOOL PUPILS ARE GRADUATED

Commencement exercises for graduating eighth graders at Bonneville and Cascade Locks schools were held Wednesday night. The Bonneville exercises were informal, in conformance with a request from the central office, with students putting on the program features.

Twenty pupils, whose names were listed in last week's Chronicle, were graduated at the Locks. The grade school picnic will be held on the government grounds this afternoon under the sponsorship of the Cascade Locks P.-T. A.

P.-T.A Work Will Continue At Bonneville

By Mrs. C. A. Lynds
President Bonneville P.-T. A.

School is out this Friday, but the Bonneville P.-T. A. is arranging for continued activity during the summer. Negotiations are under way for a W. P. A. Recreation Supervisor. More definite announcement will be made next week.

4-H club work is to go on. The girls' sewing group will be led by Mrs. Frank Linton, who announces that any girl between the ages of 9 and 21 is invited to participate. Girls interested in other divisions of 4-H work may report also to Mrs. Linton.

The boys' camp cookery will be directed by Mrs. Roy H. Lusch. All boys interested in this 4-H club work please report to the respective leaders immediately.

There is much promise of plenty of things going on this summer for the boys and girls of the Bonneville community—another way in which the P.-T. A. links the home and the school for the betterment of all children and youth.