

BONNEVILLE

Band Visits

Saturday, June 12, the "Lake Bonneville" had the Kimberly, Idaho, school band on board. They made the trip to Bonneville to view the project and will take the train home there to their home city.

A large party of Young Oregonians were on the same boat, making the round trip.

Apartments Planned

A crew of carpenters arrived this week to start work converting the national commissary brick house into apartments. These will be used to house the engineers and families now at the Portland office.

Sunday, June 13, 300 delegates to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific convention made the round trip by water to Bonneville.

Many of the homeward bound delegates to the 64th meeting of the Oregon State Grange held at The Dalles, stopped at Bonneville Saturday morning to view the project.

E. Meyers of Portland was a Bonneville visitor Saturday.

Art Bray and family are moving into the home formerly occupied by H. Mac C. Rigler on the reservation.

Mr. Lapere and family are moving into a government house.

Among the many to view the Rose

festival were the following families: I. E. Burks, Capt. Myers, Karl Drus, and A. Bauer.

Frank Lewis and family spent Thursday in Portland.

Mrs. Fred Downing entertained her mother, Mrs. B. L. Baucom of Portland and her aunt, Mrs. Cyrus Chandler of Lake Burien, Wash., Tuesday. Little Gregory Haner spent the past week at her home.

Steve Strom of Eagle Creek left Saturday for a few weeks' vacation.

Sunday fishermen at Eagle Creek not only got the limit but a thorough soaking in the heavy downpour during the afternoon.

TO ATTEND CAMP

William Morgan will be Cascade Locks' representative at the American Legion Boy's State camp, to be held July 11 to 17 at the Camp of the High Cascades in Benson park, near Multnomah falls.

A full "state government" program will be carried on, with all boys participating in nomination and election of officers, operation of courts and passing of laws.

Parents and friends will be welcome at any time and are especially urged to attend the programs from 7:30 to 9 P. M. in the assembly hall.

Dave Moffett was originally selected but will be unable to attend.

Gill Argues Power Issue At Dalles

(The following article is extracted from the address made by Ray Gill, state grange master at the state grange convention in The Dalles.)

The question of public ownership is still one of the most predominant issues before the people of Oregon. Completion of the Bonneville dam at an early date has now accentuated interest in this question. The Grange has been the center of a great educational and legislative movement for public ownership of power.

For thirty years the Grange has been active in this field. All of the legislation that has been passed has been sponsored by the Grange. The people of Oregon generally have been slow to respond to the advantages of a legislative program for public power development.

To the north of us the people of Washington have moved rapidly forward. They have large publicly-owned power plants at Tacoma and Seattle. Over two-thirds of their counties have been organized into people's utility power districts. They are keenly alive to the opportunity of Bonneville and Grand Coulee.

To the south we find California also actively pushing forward a public ownership program. The great city of Los Angeles has long enjoyed the advantages of publicly owned power. San Francisco has now awakened to its opportunity and all over California the people are actively discussing this movement.

In part, the situation in Oregon reflects the conservative ideas of an older pioneer population, but in a great measure our tardiness to grasp the opportunity of public ownership is the result of reactionary newspapers and public officials.

Our present governor and the mayor of Portland have fought the power legislation advanced by the Grange.

They have done nothing to stimulate the organization of power districts. Oregon is a power ridden state and this was given definite demonstration in the election last fall.

Oregon people must be aroused to action or they will lose the great benefits of Bonneville and our neighboring state to the north will reap the largest measure of benefits. The history of power legislation in Oregon is a record of Grange achievement.

After a long program of power education, legislation was advanced by the Grange to provide for the organization of people's utility power districts. The constitutional amendment was adopted by the people and the legislature enacted the laws. Although we have enjoyed the right in Oregon to form people's utility districts, over a period of several years, little has been done in organization.

It is more and more apparent that if power districts are to be organized the lead must be taken by the Granges in each county. This organization should be pressed with new determination so that the various sections of the state will be ready to contract Bonneville power.

We know that the private power companies will fight every such attempt and in this fight we must encourage the united support of every individual who believes in the advantages of cheap power through public ownership.

Although the state power bill was defeated last fall, it received next to the highest affirmative vote of any measure on the ballot. Its defeat can be largely attributed to the tremendous outpouring of new voters under the excitement of a great presidential election.

Thousands who were not in the habit of voting and were not students of measures on the ballot fell for the psychology of a "No" vote advocated by private power companies and their supporters of the press.

Several public officials, including the governor of the state and the mayor of Portland, used the influence of their positions to further a general negative vote on the measures.

The battle for a state power bill is not finished.

How fortunate Oregon would be today if this power act had passed. The power commission, which the bill provided, could represent the state in dealings with the federal government and could have encouraged the organization of people's utility districts.

Even though the government builds the main transmission lines, we will need a state power authority.

I recommend that the State Grange

DAVIDSON HERE

Warren C. Davidson and family, who will operate the Craigmont hotel as a tourist home, have arrived and occupied the hotel. Davidson plans to change the name of the Craigmont to the Cascade lodge, as it was formerly known.

Machinery Parts Arrive At Bonneville

Assembly of lower miter gate for the shiplock is getting under way as sections of the gate begin to arrive at Bonneville. Everything is in

continue its fight for a state power act and that the same be initiated for our next general election.

The rural electrification program would be greatly enhanced by the organization of power districts, and there are some localities where non-profit cooperative organizations would be ideal.

The rural electrification program has been hindered by a provision in the law which prevents the loaning of federal funds to build parallel lines to that of private power companies.

This factor has retarded REA development in Oregon. Senator McNary has introduced an amendment which would greatly improve this situation. Farmers in rural sections should be cautioned about entering into contracts with private power companies for REA development. Such contracts may cause them to lose many of the benefits from Bon-

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readiness to start assembly as construction crews have already prepared footing and rollers on which to support the gate. The government's revolving crane will be used for this work. The 50-ton capacity derrick used at the east end of the lock to assemble the upper gate was taken down during the week and loaded on railroad cars to be moved and re-erected at the west end for assembly of the down-stream gates. Assembly of the upstream gates is about 75 per cent completed.

Received on Thursday was a double car shipment containing a quoin post and miter post assembly for one of the lower gates. These pieces are each 102 feet in length and are made with only one welded joint in the entire length. It was originally intended to have the plate continuous for the entire height of the gate, but the mill could not supply a plate long enough for the job, so it was necessary to make one welded joint in it.

The first shipment of the stator or stationary outer part of the generator was received Monday, June 7. Two more sections were received during the week which makes one half of the entire stator or outer part of the generator. They came completely wound and ready to set in place and connect together.

The support beam and main bearing, together with main shaft and rotor hub have been placed in position in No. 2 unit. Assembly of the propeller for No. 1 unit was also completed during the week and it has been lowered into position at the bottom of the turbine pit by means of one of the large overhead traveling cranes.



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