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First Pour Completed In Bay 15

Early Thursday morning the first pour of 1040 yards was completed in the third step cofferdam work in Bay 15. Late Friday night the second pour of 823 yards will start. In the first pour the mass covered from elevation minus 8 to 0, in the second pour it will be to plus 8, third pour will be 754 yards and will be to plus 18 and the fourth pour will be of 235 yards and will complete the ogee section in this bay at an elevation of plus 24.

In like manner, Bays 14, 13, 12, and 11 will be poured in that order. To date all the pouring has been done with one highline averaging six pours an hour. There is some possibility that a new loading platform will be built on the Washington side so that both highlines can be used.

Old Building Doomed

The old Gudhart Store building near the entrance to the Eagle Creek Picnic Grounds will be torn down this month. Near the site the Forest Service plans to construct a Public Contact Station and Ranger's office. The area will be landscaped and a new entrance to the picnic grounds will connect with the new highway that will be completed next month.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED

One of the heaviest fines ever imposed in Cascade Locks was placed on Ted Kauppi of Lakeview, when Judge W. J. Carlson fined him \$25 last Thursday.

The arrest was made by Officer Merrill Wednesday who placed him in the Hood River jail. The complaint stated that Kauppi was drunk on a public street, driving while drunk and attempting to set fire to his car.

J. A. Tucker Arrested For Illegal Fishing

Arrested as he was endeavoring to foul-hook his seventh salmon at the mouth of Tanner Creek at 10 P. M. Saturday night, J. A. Tucker of Bonneville was sentenced to one day in jail and fined \$10 by Judge Mears in Multnomah County. The salmon were ordered turned over to some charitable organization.

Tanner Creek has been closed to all fishing at the mouth for some time and officials are particularly not anxious to have the salmon molested at this time, as the State Hatchery will before long be taking its annual supply of eggs.

United States Guard C. J. Bellarts made the arrest. State Officer Larry Gramse was called in on the case.

All of the salmon had marks on them where they had been hooked; none of these hook marks were on the mouths of the salmon.

New Highway Stretch Ready for Travel

The finest highway tunnel on the west coast will be open permanently for travel tomorrow. Sam Orino's work is about cleaned up except for the placing of railings and the removal of the temporary bridge over the east portal. The railing job has been subbed out and it is understood that the Forest Service is considering the use of the temporary bridge as a foot bridge for sight-seers who wish to view the dam from the vantage point of Tooth Rock.

Improving the Chronicle

With this week's Bonneville Dam Chronicle, we submit for your approval a strictly home-printed Chronicle.

For the past six months we have included with the regular eight pages of the Chronicle a service known as "ready-print." We had felt that the people of the area would be interested in such a service, but recently we have wondered just how much of the general news and feature materials, included in the "ready-print" was being read. So for the next month we are going to publish only local news and local advertisements in the Chronicle, and omit the miscellaneous news service.

Since the Chronicle is published for the benefit of its many subscribers, we are anxious to find the wishes of you who are the subscribers. During the month that this new paper is on trial we wish that you would let us know by postcard or by telling our correspondents your reactions. If you like it, let us know, and if you don't like it, be certain to notify us. These comments will guide us in our future issues.

Port Men Meet and Adjourn

Hot words flew and personalities were cussed and discussed at the regular meeting of the Cascade Locks Port Commission last Thursday night.

The differences of opinion arose over the reported hiring of John Lewis of Portland as port engineer and manager at \$100 a month for a period of one year. The contract with Lewis remains, signed by Keeler Rosenback and Chapman. President of the Port G. N. Hesgard and Port Secretary W. J. Carlson have refused to sign. It is not determined at the present time just whether Mr. Lewis is hired or not.

Lewis was present and spoke briefly. Hesgard stated that when the port district was first talked about, that he solicited votes on the promise that no money would be spent in any quantity until there was something in sight to warrant it. Carl Epping spoke up from the audience, stating that it was his understanding that when he was appointed as a member of the port committee of the chamber to solicit support for the proposed port district, (Continued on page Eight)

Old Forest Service Warehouse Destroyed

The old fire control warehouse at the Columbia Gorge Ranger Station was torn down recently after all the equipment had been moved into the new palatial warehouse just completed.

The ground on which the old warehouse stood has been graded to make an easy grade up to the front of the new structure. Before long this will be extended around in back of the new building.

It is along side of this new building that the famed Skyline trail takes off for the California State line. Plans call for appropriate designation of the beginning of this trail with a parking space and rustic signs.

The building that was just torn down and had been used for a fire control warehouse formerly, at the time the writer was stationed with the USFS at this station was used as a barn for Packer Walt Mohr's pack string. With the coming of more forest service funds, a barn was built below the highway and the barn was transformed into a warehouse. More federal funds spelled the doom of the old barn with the erection of the new warehouse.

Kelly Says Roosevelt To Visit Here

That President Roosevelt will be on hand to press the button that liberates the first power from the Bonneville project sometime around the first of the year was the prediction in Thursday morning's Oregonian by John W. Kelly, the Oregonian's Washington correspondent.

Kelly is of the opinion that at that time Roosevelt will make a power speech expanding on the one he made at Portland in the campaign in the fall of 1932 and will also discuss the Columbia Valley Authority, which he wants in the so-called Norris bill which will reach the floor of the house sometime in January.

In regard to the appointment of Ross as administrator, Kelly states: "At present Ross is a member of the SEC, which has not been a happy appointment; members of the commission would like to have him appointed as administrator so as to get him off the commission."

"Slated for new chairman of SEC is William O. Douglas, formerly of Walla Walla. Commissioner Douglas and Lloyd Pierce, son of Representative Walter M. Pierce, married sisters, the daughters of Mrs. Riddle of La Grande."

"Elevation of Douglas to chairmanship is to come in September when the present chairman, James Landis, resigns to return to his position as dean of Harvard law school. Commissioner Ross was named on SEC because of his knowledge of utilities, but his knowledge, it is said, is on the operating side rather than the financial, and it is the financial set-up of utilities which concerns the securities and exchange commission. This is rumored as the reason why fellow commissioners hope Ross will be taken care of elsewhere—at Bonneville, for instance."

"During hearings on Bonneville legislation Secretary of Interior Ickes paid Ross many high compliments. A factor to be considered in speculating on the probable appointee is the personality of Ross and that of Secretary Ickes. They are of a type which would not be of one mind very long and eventually there would be a clash which would reach a climax."

"The secretary likes to be boss and if appointed administrator Ross would want to be his own boss. It might be noted for the record that a number of messages have been sent to President Roosevelt opposing appointment of Ross, these protests coming from Washington state, and (Continued on Page Eight)

Arthur Woodward Dies

Arthur Woodward, 30, of Cascade Locks, died Thursday morning in the Hood River Hospital after becoming ill very suddenly on Wednesday night at the Locks. He was a son of F. E. Woodward.

Sawdust Pile Fire Starts Again in Locks

The old Wind River Timber Company sawdust pile between the river and the Lakeside Addition in Cascade Locks broke into fire again Wednesday morning. The Cascade Locks fire department spent the remainder of the day and part of Wednesday night before it was sufficiently under control to leave. Twice it jumped from the original pile to small grass fires. One time fire broke out about three blocks east of the pile. These were quickly put out by firemen.

New Camp Grounds To Be Developed

The bench just above the main picnic grounds at Eagle Creek which, during the past four years has been used as a residence site for employees working on the Bonneville Dam will be cleared of all cabins this winter and the site made into an overnight camp grounds, according to information received this week from Albert Wiesendanger, Forest Ranger, at Eagle Creek.

The present overnight camp ground just across the old highway from the ranger station will be changed into an additional picnic spot.

There has been considerable demand from visitors from out of State who come through the Columbia Gorge in trailer houses for a place to park for a night or two in order to take some of the trail trips and enjoy the beauties of the gorge.

Home owners on the present home-site flat were notified last January that no leases could be extended after December 30.

Ross Invited To Speak At Dam Meet

When the newly-formed People's Power League with its goal of statewide membership convenes for a mass meeting at Bonneville August 29, it is expected that J. D. Ross, power administrator candidate, will be present.

A conference of the executive board of the league issued him an invitation under the signature of J. F. Hosch, chairman of the organization. Last Tuesday the People's Power League, at its initial meeting without dissent, endorsed Ross for administrator of the dam.

A decision to make the formal organization meeting of the league a large picnic at the dam, with caravans of public ownership advocates from all counties of the state, was reached, and Ellis W. Barnes, Multnomah legislator, was appointed by Dr. Hosch as general chairman of the affair.

Preliminary drafts of a constitution for the league contemplate a state-wide organization, with a chairman and board of directors in each county. For the central organization, a president, three vice-presidents (one from each congressional district), a secretary, a treasurer and an executive secretary were suggested. The constitution will be presented at the Bonneville picnic for ratification.

It was announced that Senator Schwellenbach, and Representatives Walter M. Pierce and Knute Hill of Washington will be asked to attend. Invitations will also go out to every Grange, labor union, pension group, merchants' association and progressive organization in the State.

Bridge of Gods To Be Raised By Government

Monday of this week President Roosevelt signed a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to order such changes in bridges over the Columbia River as will provide for reasonably free and unimpeded travel of ocean vessels and to reimburse the bridge owners for actual costs of changes. Senator McNary first introduced this bill in the Senate, which acted favorably on it the last of July. Ten days ago it passed the House of Representatives.

Under this bill all alterations necessary on the Bridge of the Gods and the Hood River-White Salmon bridge due to the raising of the Bonneville Pool will be paid for by the government.

Work will immediately be started on reinforcing of the piers of the Bridge of the Gods. This work, which will be done this fall, will take about four months to do and will cost in the neighborhood of \$175,000. An average of 25 men will be employed on these alterations.

The strengthening of these piers will be the only work undertaken on the Bridge of the Gods at the present time. Charles G. Huber of the Wauna Bridge Company, owner of the Bridge of the Gods, stated yesterday. The actual raising of the bridge will take place probably in the fall of 1939 or the spring of 1940. The piers are the only part that will be affected by the raising of the pool at the present time.

The Rivers and Harbors Bill, which passed the national legislature this session, appropriating money for the deepening of the channel between Vancouver and Bonneville making ocean travel possible, provides for this work to be done in the army fiscal year beginning July 1, 1938. Since it will not be necessary to have the bridge raised until the channel work is nearing completion, this work will be delayed.

The present construction will be done by the Union Bridge Company of Portland.

Total cost of raising the structure will run around \$600,000. This figure includes strengthening of the piers, and raising the bridge vertically approximately 54 feet and providing suitable approaches.

New U.S.F.S. Phone Line Ready Soon

Within three weeks the new Forest Service phone line from Eagle Creek Station to Tanner Butte Look-out will be completed and ready for service.

In the past years all look-outs and guard stations have been called through Indian Mountain Look-out. With this new section of line in service, the stretch between Indian Mountain and Tanner Butte will be abandoned and those stations—Tanner Butte, Nesmith Point, Larch Mountain, Camp A, Walker Prairie, and Pepper Mountain, formerly served through Indian will be connected through Eagle Creek and Tanner Butte. Most of the Indian Mountain-Tanner Butte line is in the Bull Run Reserve and is very high country, which has been difficult to maintain.

For nearly two months, Wyeth C. C. boys have been working on this new line which follows the new Tanner Butte trail past Dublin Lake into the Bull Run Reserve. From Eagle Creek the usual line will be used to the Columbia Gorge Station.