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New Advisory Board Aide Tours Dam

F. A. Banks, recently appointed to the advisory board for the administration of the Bonneville power projects inspected the huge structure Tuesday, in company with a committee of concrete engineers named by the American Concrete institute.

The committee, consisting of Banks, F. R. McMillan, director of research for the Portland Cement Association; J. L. Savage, chief designing engineer for the United States Bureau of Reclamation, and Raymond E. Davis, professor of Civil Engineering at the University of California and consulting engineer for the Bonneville Dam—designated as committee No. 108 of the American Concrete institute—has been active several years in the advancement of knowledge relating to the use of concrete in large dams. During the past month they have inspected nearly every large dam in the United States.

Prior to inspecting the Bonneville structure they visited the Arrowhead, Black Canyon and Owyhee Dams, and after the Bonneville tour went on to the Bull Run and Ariel Dams before leaving the Northwest.

The party was conducted around the Bonneville project by Major Theron D. Weaver, district engineer; Captain Colby Myers, executive officer, and I. E. Burks, chief concrete technician for Bonneville.

COLUMBIA CANOEIST STOPS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSES

E. Williams of Everett, and a companion from Wenatchee, started last September on a journey down the Columbia River in a canoe. They started at the headwaters of the river, where it was only five feet wide and six inches deep. His companion remained in Wenatchee, and Mr. Williams came on down the river alone. He stayed at the Bonneville Government bunk houses Monday night. His biggest accomplishment, he declares, was going over the Coulee Dam.

Roosevelt Fixes Dam Interest Rate

President Roosevelt took the first step today toward the goal of one of his principal power advisors—a uniform system of rates for all federal electricity.

J. D. Ross, administrator of the project, announced that Mr. Roosevelt had approved a 3½ per cent interest rate and 40-year amortization plan for Bonneville.

On that basis, taken in connection with the number of kilowatts produced at the dam, Ross will determine the rates to be charged for Bonneville power. The dam's steady running capacity is 430,000 kilowatts.

The basis, which Ross described as a "yard stick" for all federal power projects, will be applied to that part of the cost of Bonneville that is charged against production of current. The federal power commission, he said, is now breaking down the more than \$50,000,000 the government is spending at Bonneville into two items—power and navigation.

When the power development cost is determined, he disclosed, the federal treasury will be paid 3½ per cent interest annually on that sum and plans will be made to repay the capital cost over 40 years.

GEOLOGY CLASS MAY BE ORGANIZED

Efforts are being made to organize a group in the Bonneville area for the study of Geology. It is hoped to secure a WPA instructor. Those interested may leave word at the Bonneville Library.

BONNEVILLE P.-T. A. GROUP WILL MEET WEDNESDAY

The Bonneville P.-T. A. will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday, November 3, in the school auditorium.

At 1:30 P. M. the Study Group will meet to discuss "A Parent Looks at Home Work," the month's topic on the study, "The Child in School," as found in the National Parent-Teacher magazine.

The regular meeting will follow from 2:30 to 4 P. M. Miss Susan B. Emmons, County School Supervisor, and Mrs. Inez Miller, formerly of the Oregon State Normal at Monmouth, will discuss and explain the new report cards which will be coming out soon. This will be of special interest to every parent of school children.

Hostesses for the afternoon will be mothers of the seventh graders, Mrs. Jack Leithaiser, grade mother, in charge.

Pre-school children will be cared for as usual, and the P.-T. A. banner will go to the grade having the highest percentage attendance at the meeting.

It was announced that the third grade was winner of the Bonneville P.-T. A. membership contest. But at the last minute the sixth grade came in ahead.

Water Board Pays off First Bond

On this coming Monday, November 1, the first \$1000 bond issued by the Cascade Locks Water Board will fall due. In addition to this there is interest on the remaining principal amounting to \$680. On this coming Monday the Cascade Locks Water Board will pay from the receipts of the Cascade Locks water system \$1680, and still have some money left in the bank.

The system went into operation July 1, 1937 and has an average of 200 users since its inception.

Besides this large amount of money to be paid, the board has paid all maintenance cost for the past year.

Members of the water board are: O. C. Hyde, president, Alex Erickson, Karl Rosenback and W. J. Carlson, superintendent.

MR. AND MRS. E. A. BRINK CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Emil A. Brink celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Saturday, October 23 with a large party at the I. O. O. F. Hall, which was decorated with charmingly assorted garden flowers presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rankin.

The extensive guest list included the Messrs and Mesdames Otis McKinnon, Jack Stark, Wilbur Easley, Glenn Blevens, Malcolm McKinnon, John Martinsen, Melvin Foster, Frank Prohaska, Hank Julius, Hank Munkres, C. L. Rankin, Joe Miller, Frank Banks, Jim Bozely, Shirley Moore; Mesdames Bruce Wheeler, George Diffin and Messrs John Fulgham and Frank Hall.

The city's younger set was well represented by the Misses Zulima Munkres, Marian Hulse, Jane Geitner, Norva Jenkins, Genevieve Woodward, Eileen Prohaska, Violet Cramblett, Marguerite McKinnon and Audrey Banks; and the Messrs Bob Shreiber, Bill Murray, Harold Geitner, Charles and John Hill, Neil and Clay Weaver, Noble Hyde Jr., Cy Jenkins, Bob Douville, Harry Cramblett, Gilbert Banks and Al Nelson.

The large group enjoyed refreshments served by the host and hostess and dancing to the music of Melvin Foster and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rankin, Glenn Blevens, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Banks. Miss Viola, talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brink, also entertained with several piano selections. Mr. and Mrs. Brink received numerous congratulatory messages and were presented with many exceedingly handsome gifts from their friends.

Dancing began at 8:30 P. M. and it was well after 2 A. M. when the last guest had departed.

Bonneville Authorities Meet



Colonel Thomas M. Robins (left) and J. D. Ross, the Bonneville dam administrator, talk power problems for a few minutes at the Union station between trains. Ross was en route to Los Angeles, from where he will go to the national capital to consult the president and Secretary Ickes on the Bonneville administration.

New Setup On Bonneville Discussed

According to John W. Kelly, Oregonian correspondent in Washington, D. C., President Roosevelt's approval of 3½ per cent interest charges and repayment of the money allocated to power at Bonneville in 40 years, with the implication that this will be a uniform interest rate on federally financed hydroelectric projects, is seen at Washington as a victory for Los Angeles.

Under the present contract, Los Angeles is paying 4 per cent for power at Boulder Dam.

During the consideration of Bonneville legislation at the recent session of Congress the Columbia River Bill was held up for two months by efforts of Los Angeles officials and lobbyists to attach a rider which would permit the 4 per cent rate to be reduced to 3 per cent.

Rotor Placed In Unit One This Week

The work in the powerhouse reached another milestone this week with the placing of the 350-ton rotor in unit Number 1 Wednesday. This is the part of the generator that will be attached to blades in the bottom, which will propel it around between the field or stationary coils and thus generate electricity. From the generating unit, the power wanders around in the building for a time and then is taken up on the roof of the powerhouse where it will pass through three high voltage transformers which are scheduled to arrive before long. The three transformers for Unit Number 2 are here and work on them is progressing satisfactorily.

Walter Pierce To Visit Cascade Locks

Shades of the coming political campaigns are falling on Cascade Locks this week with the visit yesterday of Mrs. Nan Wood Honeyman, Representative, from the first district, and of a meeting of the townspeople Friday (tonight) with Walter Pierce, Representative from the Second district.

Plans for Walter Pierce's visit have not been completed as we go to press, but it is thought that a dinner will be arranged in the Odd Fellows Hall, to be followed by an address by Mr. Pierce.

Mrs. Honeyman was scheduled to stop in Cascade Locks yesterday on her way to the Mid-Columbia Chamber of Commerce meeting at Hood River, to inspect the present locks and locks grounds.

REBEKAHS IN STEVENSON

Among those attending Rebekah Lodge in Stevenson Thursday night were the following: Mrs. Breta Morgan, Mrs. Vera Sprague, Mrs. J. F. Kelsay, Mrs. Maude Broliar, Mrs. C. L. Rankin, Mrs. Ivan Embree, Mrs. G. E. Manchester, Mrs. Harriett Waite, Mrs. Zulma Wuner, Mrs. C. A. Broliar, Mrs. Emma Nelson, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Zelda Morris, Miss Stella Woodward, Mrs. Pointer.

The state president of the Rebekahs of Washington was present at the meeting. Twenty-four visitors and twenty-eight members of the Stevenson lodge were present.

CHORUS ORGANIZING

Bonneville P.-T. A. is organizing a chorus for men and women, with H. D. Fraser as director. The group will meet Tuesday, November 2, at 7 P. M. in the Civic auditorium. Anyone interested is welcome.

SELLS CAFE

Mrs. Mildred Dunn, owner of the cafe and service station at Wyeth, has sold her property in Wyeth.

Ross Proposes First Measures For New Power

While in Hyde Park this week, J. D. Ross, administrator of the Bonneville Dam, said he had proposed to President Roosevelt that the 3½ per cent interest rate for Bonneville be used as a basis for all federal power developments.

This, he said, would be placing all the government's projects, including TVA, Boulder and Grand Coulee on "a strictly financial basis" and would insure against discrimination for or against any region.

Boulder has a 4 per cent interest rate. There is no fixed interest charge for TVA. None has been fixed yet for Grand Coulee.

Another proposal that Ross made was the immediate joining of Bonneville and Grand Coulee by a power distribution line.

Since Bonneville is nearer ready to commence selling its power than Coulee, Ross said the connecting line would mean simultaneous and even development of both regions at the same time.

In making this proposal, Ross told reporters that he was "taking for granted that everything for power is to be paid back."

"I think it's worth a great deal," he said after his talk with the president, "to have all federal plants on a strictly financial basis."

"Uncle Sam can do anything, with his money coming back. He can go on to bigger things."

Ross said he was particularly interested that there be no conflict over power in the Northwest. One system of rates should be applied, he said, to all the power from projects, developed and undeveloped, on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

With interest and amortization now fixed, Ross said he would commence a study of the effect of taxation on power rates. Private companies must pay taxes. The federal projects do not.

Columbia Finishes Work On Main Dam

It seems hard to realize that this coming week will see the last major pouring by the Columbia Construction Company on the spillway dam and fishways. With the finishing of the pouring of the ogee sections on Thursday or Friday of this week, Columbia will start its final cleaning up operations preparatory to moving to another job.

A temporary fish ladder in the center of the dam remains to be taken out and there is considerable back-filling to be done on each end of the huge block of the main dam. This work and other small jobs will take some time before they are completed, but it is reported that the main Columbia payroll will be slashed this next week.

WILL ADDRESS P.-T. A.

H. C. Seymour of Corvallis, state director of the 4-H clubs, will be the main speaker of the evening at the next Parent-Teachers Association meeting which is scheduled to be held at the high school gym November 10. Every parent is urged to come to the meeting and make the 1937-1938 P.-T. A. one of the best P.-T. A. years in history. Mrs. Kelsay will have a special program arranged for the occasion. Please remember the date, Nov. 10.

PERRAS NOW HOTEL MANAGER

The doors of the Lakeside Hotel, of Cascade Locks recently were opened under new management. We find the manager with a very pleasant smile to greet the people—none other than our friend, Silver E. Perras. We hope to see Mr. Perras there for some time.