

DON'T FORGET—

"Doc" Holmes' lecture on Salmon at the Bonneville Auditorium, Friday, Nite.

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The Firemen's Ball in Cascade Locks Saturday Night.

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First Feature Of Dam Nearly Done

Bonneville Dam's worth is judged from four large duties it has to perform as a completed unit. The first one of these units to be completed is the navigation feature. Although not entirely completed, this unit is now in working order so that river travel has been resumed. The new locks are working perfectly, but for the present will only be operated during the daylight hours. The water behind the dam stands at an elevation of around 48 feet above sea level. This is enough water to operate the new locks, but not enough to level off the Cascade Rapids at Cascade Locks completely and the old locks are still in use. There remains about 1½ feet difference in elevation between the lower and upper ends of these old locks. An additional two-foot rise in pool level will do the trick.

The next feature to be completed is the passing of fish up the Columbia. The ladders are all complete and the lifts are nearly complete. But in order to operate these new aids to the salmon, the water must be at an elevation of at least 67 feet. Before the water can be raised, there are many small projects and the last of big projects to be completed. Among these that are being rushed to completion are the basin clearing, finishing of the present work on the Bridge of the Gods, Hood River levee work, Cook-Underwood seignioring ground work and some work around The Dalles. Of-

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Private Plant Acquisition Held Natural

Acquisition of privately-owned power plants by city, county and other governmental units is the natural thing to expect and will result in reduced prices for electricity, J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, said in an address before the Cowlitz County Jackson Day dinner at Longview Saturday night.

Any public body taking over a private plant should pay a fair price, however, so that investors will not be forced to suffer losses, he explained.

Ross envisioned a great future for the Northwest, with Bonneville and Coulee dams aiding in attracting increased population and new industries.

"But each of us must work for the Northwest as a whole, for our destiny is not just a community proposition," he exclaimed.

Ross again answered critics who say there will be no market for Bonneville and Coulee power by declaring a tremendous potential market exists and that demand for power can be doubled in all parts of the Northwest if the price is reduced.

Bonneville P.-T. A. Reports on Meetings

Wednesday, Jan. 5, the Bonneville P.-T. A. met in regular session at the school auditorium. Mrs. C. J. Rabideau was the leader for the study group which preceded the business meeting.

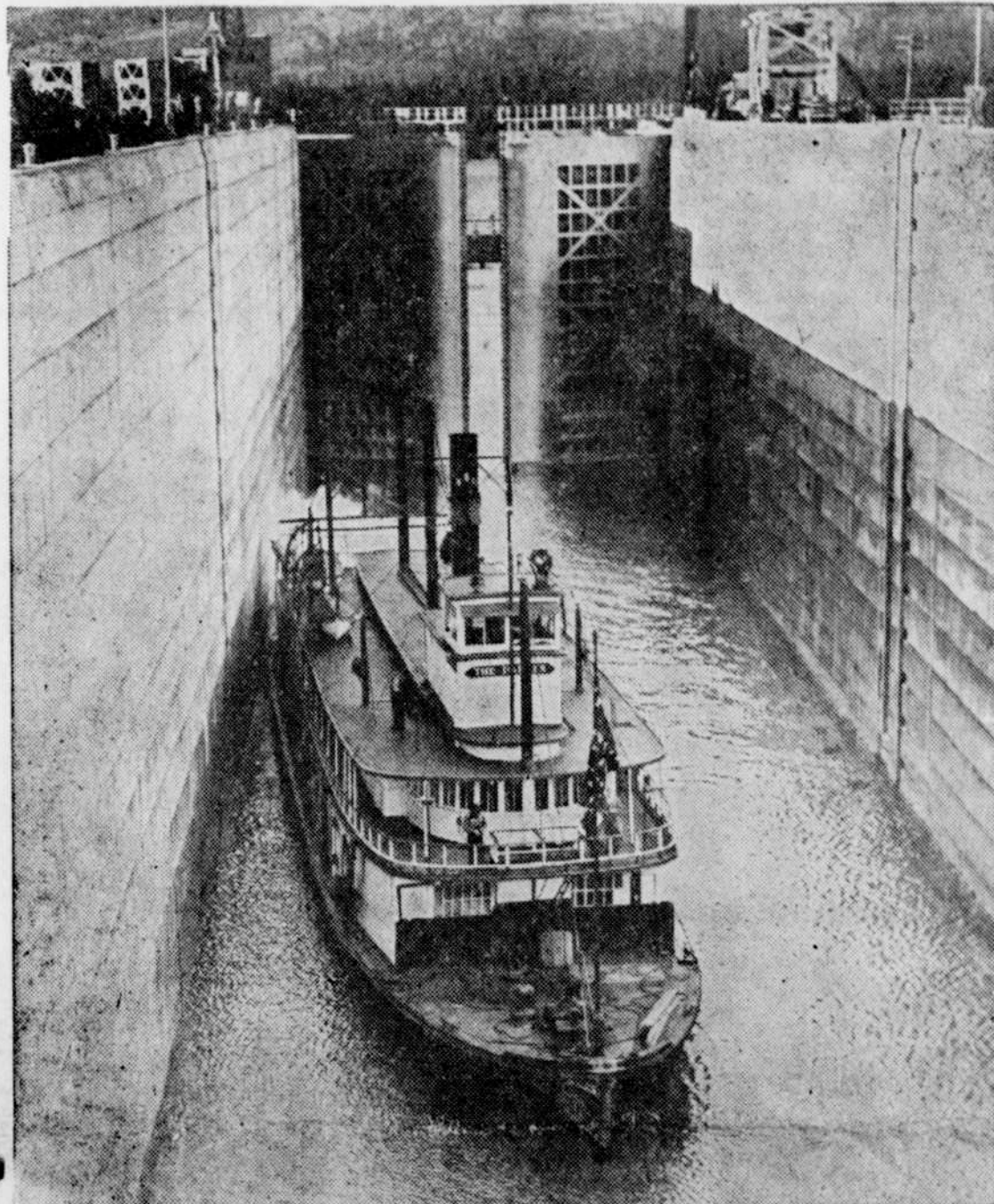
It was decided to purchase an electric refrigerator for the school cafeteria. Mrs. C. J. Rabideau was appointed chairman of a committee including Mrs. W. W. Laxton, Mrs. T. C. Waring and Mrs. A. J. Jubie, to make the purchase.

After the business meeting, the group adjourned to the cafeteria, where an informal discussion regarding transient children was led by Mrs. Fred Downing. The 8th grade mothers, Mrs. J. F. Dow in charge, served delicious refreshments.

Friday, Jan. 14, is the date for the pot-luck supper to be held in the school cafeteria.

Friday, Jan. 21, the association will have a card party in the Civic Auditorium. Very one is invited.

First Steamer Through the Locks



Sternwheeler The Dalles, first commercial boat to pass Bonneville lock, shown just after she entered new dam passageway.

Figures seen standing on the deck are Lou Russell of the Shaver Forwarding Company, standing just behind the flag and Jack Travis of the Bonneville Dam Chronicle.

Power Use Up to People; Fischer Says

The mode of Bonneville dam power distribution will be up to the people to decide, John C. Fischer, general counsel for the Bonneville administration, told members of the Portland East Side Commercial club at luncheon this week. Fischer substituted as speaker for his chief, J. D. Ross, administrator, who was called out of town.

The administration could sell power at wholesale only, Fischer reminded his listeners.

He warned against disposing of the entire dam output to big monopoly and advised that a better policy was to afford cheaper power in the domestic market.

He called attention to the high cost of power in the Portland area owing to expensive duplication of distribution facilities and declared that Bonneville current should effect lower costs to consumers in Portland.

He said petitions already were being circulated for establishing a public power district in Multnomah county.

"SUBSCRIBER OF THE WEEK"

From time to time the Bonneville Dam Chronicle has had new subscribers from many parts of the United States in addition to its regular list in the area.

The "new subscription of the week" this time s from the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Chronicle has been sent to both the Pennsylvania company and the Chipman company, who together are planning on the construction of a plant just east of Cascade Locks.

In the mail early this week was a check to cover the subscription price for one year.

Lock Tenders Transferred to Bigger Gates

After 10 and a half years, Vic Wigren is having his hours changed, and it must be like changing night into day. For this many years, Vic has been night lock operator at Cascade Locks. His hours were from 9 till 5 in the morning. With the completion of the new locks at Bonneville, Vic with Joe Miller and Art Warren, also of Cascade Locks, has been transferred to Bonneville.

They have been down at Bonneville some time familiarizing themselves with the intricate yet simple operation of the huge gates. Since the locks are only being operated during the day time, Vic's life is all changed around. He goes to work at 8 in the morning and gets off at 4:30.

C. A. Saunders and Jack Folkes are operating the Cascade locks till the next raise in water will eliminate them as an essential until in river transportation. The leaves will be made fast against the lock walls and boats will pass through the highest locks, which will be about four feet out of water without having to be raised from one chamber to the other.

The Cascade Locks port district has for some time been petitioning the army engineers for this old lock property after they are through with it. No decision has as yet been reached.

COMMUNITY PARTY PLANNED

The Bonneville P.-T. A. has arranged a community party to be held Friday, January 14, at the school cafeteria and auditorium. Pot-luck supper will be served at 6 P. M. Every family is invited and asked to bring something for the meal. Children must be accompanied by parents.

Locks Theatre To be Started In Near Future

A. S. Kolstad, owner and operator of the Rialto and Cascadian theatres in Hood River announced last night the completion of plans for the construction of a theatre in Cascade Locks. Construction will start within sixty days on one of the finest small theatres in the Northwest.

Kolstad will construct the building on the north side of the highway in the center of Cascade Locks. Equipment for the new enterprise has already been ordered and actual construction will start as soon as details are worked out, Harry Weber, manager of the Hood River houses, stated.

A local manager who will make his home in Cascade Locks will be chosen to operate the new showhouse. Plans call for a seating capacity of around 400 people with the most modern sound equipment and screen.

Scriber Improves Service

Al Scriber has installed two pieces of equipment in his Standard Timely Service Station in Cascade Locks for lubricating and cleaning of cars that he is proud of. The new air pressure lubricating gun is one of these new items. This new gun, which handles six different kinds of grease for the various places in the car, is built to shoot the grease in the friction points of the car with a tremendous pressure to insure complete lubrication.

The other item is a powerful vacuum cleaner for the cleaning of the interiors of cars. Al recently took six ounces of dirt, dust, etc., out of the cushions of one car belonging to one of the prominent grocers in Cascade Locks, who thought his car was fairly clean.

\$8,000,000 Asked for Waterways

For improvement of rivers and harbors and flood control in Oregon and the Washington side of the Columbia river, the army engineers report they can use approximately \$8,000,000 in the fiscal year 1939, which begins next July 1.

For Bonneville the engineers ask \$988,000 for new work and maintenance, and of this sum \$300,000 is for a fish ladder at Tanner creek and \$277,000 for fish lifting equipment.

The maintenance item is \$312,000.

It will require \$2,649,000 to complete a channel from Vancouver to Bonneville and the engineers request \$834,400 to be used in the fiscal year 1939, the plan being to spend \$735,400 for dredging the channel from Vancouver to Fisher Landing, a distance of 8½ miles. Six dikes will cost \$99,000.

For Celilo canal the engineers recommend \$227,000 for improvements and construction.

To continue preparation of a 6-foot channel above Celilo the engineers request \$300,000 for work between Celilo and Wallula, the channel through Umatilla rapids taking \$250,000.

In the Snake river their report advises \$75,000 for removing shoals and reefs.

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Dads' Night Enjoyed At Locks P.-T. A.

The regular meeting of the Cascade Locks P.-T. A. held in the high school Wednesday evening was in complete charge of Dad.

An interesting and amusing program was given under the direction of Noble Hyde, including a solo by "Doc" Carns, an impromptu talk by Capt. Karl Rosenback, and a unique spelling match between men and women, all vowels being replaced by hand motions, adding much to the merriment.

A delicious lunch was served in the domestic science room by Irwin Brollar, Jim Merrill, Les Sprague, "Happy" Tulbandt and J. F. Kelsay.

At the meeting, Mrs. Breta Morgan tendered her resignation as treasurer and Mrs. Gertrude Embree was elected to fill the unexpired term.

Complete Data on Dam Offered to Study Groups

A complete and easily understandable "course" on Bonneville and its relation to development of the Northwest is now available to clubs and study groups, it was announced yesterday by Ormond R. Bean, chairman of the Oregon state planning board.

Under the direction of C. W. Reynolds, executive assistant to the board, a "study kit" containing information on the Bonneville project has been prepared.

This has already been adopted as a "text" by the Portland League of Women Voters, and a number of other organizations have also shown considerable interest in it.

Information on the study kit and how it is to be used by groups may be obtained at the planning board office in the Spalding building in Portland.

SUBSCRIPTION NOW \$1.50

Effective January 15 the subscription price of the Bonneville Dam Chronicle will be \$1.50 for one year. This new price is in keeping with the price of the Chronicle's young sister, the Hood River County Sun.

This price also covers a year's subscription to the Hood River County Sun for those of the area who are interested in the happenings of the Hood River Valley and Hood River. Just drop us a card and we will send you both papers for the price of one.