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## Land Secured By Kolstad For Theatre

Yesterday afternoon A. S. Kolstad, owner and operator of the Cascadian and Rialto Theatres in Hood River, purchased from J. B. Laber of Portland, land located just west of Dr. Fred Folsom's dental office in Cascade Locks, for the construction of a most modern theaterium. Today surveyors are scheduled to survey the 50 x 120 foot property so that as soon as possible Kolstad may begin construction of this new type of theatre.

The theaterium is something entirely new in the theatre field with only two of them having been constructed to date on the west coast. With a radical change in the design all the seats are located on one floor, combining both the balcony and the main floor. It is claimed by building experts to be one of the greatest improvements in theatre construction. It allows more space to each viewer and perfect vision for every seat in the house.

The front will be on the bungalow style with a very striking yet comfortable foyer 20 x 50 feet.

New seats of the latest design, similar to those in Kolstad's new theatre in Hood River, the Cascadian, have been ordered and will arrive perhaps before the building is completed. The auditorium is designed to seat 990 people. The sound equipment will be right up to the minute, supplemented by the use of a special sound board which will be used throughout the new auditorium.

## 11 Million Asked For Bonneville

A \$11,450,000 appropriation for Bonneville dam will be asked of the house appropriations committee by Representative Pierce.

Budget estimates proposed only \$1,450,000, but Pierce will recommend another \$10,000,000 to be supplied in two deficiency bills.

"We have the project and the power and now we should get it out to the people," he said today.

## Land Owners Win \$12,500 Verdict

Tacoma—Federal district court jurors in a sealed verdict opened today awarded \$12,500 damages to J. L. and J. J. Reynolds of Skamania county for fish hatchery property on the Little White Salmon River.

The property was condemned by the government in connection with the building of Bonneville Dam.

J. L. Reynolds was awarded \$10,000 and J. J. Reynolds \$2500.

## Would Build Municipal Park

Senator McNary Monday introduced a bill in the senate directing the Secretary of War to convey the land now being used in the operation of the locks at Cascade Locks to the Port of Cascade Locks for use as a municipal park and dock facilities.

## Bridal Veil Office, Store Burn Tuesday

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the office and other neighboring establishments on the Bridal Veil Lumber and Box Company at Bridal Veil Falls on the Columbia River highway late Tuesday night.

The fire wiped out the entire office including all telephone contact with other communities. Part of the Bridal Veil postoffice burned. Water did considerable damage in the grocery store located nearby. Loss was estimated at around \$4000.

The lumber and box company is a subsidiary of the Kraft Cheese Co.

## Bonneville P.-T. A. To Celebrate Birthday

The Bonneville P.-T. A. will meet next Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 2:30 p. m. in the school auditorium to celebrate its third birthday, also the 41st birthday of the National Congress. A silver offering will be made for the extension of the P.-T. A. movement in the state and nation.

Miss Ellen M. Standard, from the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon, the guest speaker, will give an interesting talk on how dependent children are cared for in Oregon.

The mothers of Miss Galasheff's first and second graders will be hostesses, with Mrs. Lee Hostetter, room mother, in charge.

At 1:30 p. m., preceeding the regular meeting, the study group will meet to discuss the relation the school has in community projects. Mrs. George Lautman is to be leader. Everyone is invited to attend. Pre-school children will be cared for as usual.

## Highway Work Slowed up By Weather

Work on the construction of the detour on the Columbia River highway opposite Sheridan Point, where the huge cut is to be made for the location of the new stretch of highway from Eagle Creek to Cascade Locks, has been delayed due to recent rains. Tuesday two 'cats' were placed at work on the west end of the section where the earth formation is not as bad in wet weather as on top.

If the weather gives the contractors a break soon they will be in a position to finish their job on schedule, which means they will be done by the middle of September.

No word is out yet on the letting of the contract for the stretch of highway from Cascade Locks west to the end of the McNutt contract. It is expected to be called before long.

## Wiesendanger To Give Talk on Safety

A program on "Safety First" will be presented to the CCC boys Thursday evening at the Wyeth Camp by Forest Ranger Albert Wiesendanger of the Mount Hood National Forest.

The ranger will illustrate his talk with 50 colored lantern slides and two reels of moving pictures. These pictures show the CCC boys working at various jobs where accidents have occurred and how they could have been prevented.

Forest Officers on the Mount Hood National Forest are making every effort to put over safety-first to the CCC boys in order to reduce the number of accidents in the camps and give the Mount Hood camps a better safety-first rating.

## HEAT VIA BONEVILLE

That Bonneville electricity may some day be used for heating homes if plans of the public utility companies work out, was indicated Monday by Walter W. R. May, director of industrial development of Pepco.

The proposition hinges on working out of Bonneville rates and distribution of power. May addressed members of the Multnomah Civic Club, when he cited this unique use for Boneville power.

## PLANS BEING LAID

Before long the Bonneville Dam Chronicle will announce the relocation of a printing plant in Cascade Locks. Several locations have been under consideration for some time, and it is hoped that satisfactory arrangements can be made soon.

The present plant in Hood River, which is also used in the publication of the Hood River County Sun, will be maintained and an entirely new set of equipment will be brought to Cascade Locks.

With the moving of this equipment to Cascade Locks two men will probably be located here.

## Locks District Served First, Says Ross

J. D. Ross announced in Washington, D. C., this week that nearby users like those in Cascade Locks and probably including the Chipman Chemical company will be served first.

First long distance transmission line from Bonneville will be built down the Washington side of the Columbia to the Portland-Vancouver area.

Ross told Washington newspapermen he expects to utilize Bonneville power to attain a "leveling of rates" in the tri-state power market of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He estimated consumption in the three states at approximately 1,600,000 kilowatts a year, pointing out that Bonneville and Grand Coulee will have a combined production of 1,232,000 Kilowatts.

## Support Ross, Urges Mayor Carson

Portland's Mayor Carson urged this week that the Portland city council throw its support to J. D. Ross, administrator of the Bonneville Dam, in his effort to get additional equipment for the project.

He pointed out that Mr. Ross is seeking additional funds for transmission lines to consuming areas and for additional generating machines.

He said: "I deem it of utmost importance that we do all in our power to aid and assist Mr. Ross in this endeavor, and to that end I recommend to the council that it authorize the auditor or this office to inform the various committees before whom the Bonneville matter shall come and the Oregon delegation that the city government of the City of Portland is wholly supporting Mr. Ross in his endeavor to secure appropriations for these uses and purposes."

Also, in a telegram to Ross, Mayor Carson offered to lend every support to the project that the city can give.

## McNary To Work for More Power Units

So large is the market for power from Bonneville that Congress will be asked by Senator Charles L. McNary for an appropriation sufficient for two more units.

Discussing transmission lines, Senator McNary inquired whether the lines are to be subsidized out of the treasury or paid for by the consumer as reflected in rates.

Mr. Roosevelt made it plain that the government will not make a gift of the transmission lines.

J. D. Ross visited the president for 15 minutes last week and urged that the federal power commission expedite its allocation of casts so that a rate schedule can be prepared.

McNary agreed that two more units should be started at once. At the president's request he promised to look after the appropriation in the senate.

Two units will cost approximately \$4,000,000. Administrator Ross wants to build a steel transmission line from Bonneville to Grand Coulee. This line would cost possibly \$25,000 a mile, or \$5,000,000.

Ross says he could get \$500,000 for sale of power to the contractors at that project.

President Roosevelt later vetoed this line as not warranted at present.

## POSTPONE JOHN DAY HEARING

Walter M. Pierce, Representative, recently advised Wasco County officials that the army engineers had postponed until next month a re-hearing of the John Day river conservation basin. The first report opposed the soil erosion, flood control and irrigation project.

## Allotment Made For Bridge Contract

The last pour on the work to be done for the present on the raising of the Bridge of the Gods will be made by the end of this week or the first of next week.

A \$98,000 allotment for the Bridge of the Gods and the Interstate Bridge was approved by Secretary Woodring, January 24.

The War Department said the funds would be used for completion of alterations now in progress on the bridge owned by the Wauna Bridge Company at Cascade Locks and the bridge owned by the Oregon-Washington Bridge Company at Hood River.

Congress last year authorized the engineers to alter the bridges to make possible navigation by ocean-going vessels in Lake Bonneville.

## Eagle Creek Beauty Work Is Started

This is no small project that the Forest Service is undertaking in the landscaping and beautifying of the Eagle Creek Camp Ground.

This week the first pours were made for the foundations for the new public contact station being built out in the middle of all that crushed rock piled just south of the highway in the direction of the old camp ground. On this rock incidentally will be placed about four feet of earth. The entire plat has been surveyed and the roads have been laid out which will take the traveler to the spacious rest rooms to be started soon on the site of the old one and also to take the traveler under the highway and railroad bridge up on the point where Moran's Lodge formerly was located for a huge picnic ground and viewpoint.

Yesterday a 'cat' was busy up on the viewpoint leveling a parking space for the expected thousands that will visit there this summer.

## Sailors Pay Visit To Cascade Locks

Cascade Locks was visited by U. S. sailors while on duty for the first time in its history Wednesday when men from the United States Light-house Tender Rhododendron visited the business houses during the evening.

The tender is the farthest east it has ever been. Previous to the construction of the dam there was no necessity for it to be up this far. Its present mission is the construction of range lights along the Columbia from Bonneville to The Dalles. Eighteen are expected to be erected. The first is being constructed on the western or downstream tip of Locks Island to aid in navigating around the island.

## Memaloose To Be Free From Flood

Recent declaration by army engineers revealed that Memaloose Island, located near Mosier, will not see its Indian burial ground inundated. The Island, located near the Oregon shore, has been one spot pointed to from the Columbia River Highway where a viewpoint has been constructed overlooking the island.

It was thought that the Indian graves there would be moved to Stevenson, but present reports are they will not be damaged by the higher waters of Lake Bonneville. Buried among the Indians, following his request, Major Victor Trevitt, pioneer saloon keeper of the Gorge's early history, was interred on the island many years ago. Major Trevitt was credited with having named the city of Lewiston, Idaho.

## River Level Schedules Announced

Major Theron D. Weaver, District Engineer of the Bonneville District, this week made public for interested parties a tentative schedule of the river levels between now and the middle of February.

During this time extensive tests will be conducted on what is known as "the station service unit" which is the small unit now generating power used on the project, which President Roosevelt pushed the button on this past summer. These tests must be conducted under various heads of water pressure which is controlled by the elevation of the pool water in relation to the tail water (the water below the dam).

The various stages of the heights used in the tests are to create heads of 30, 40, 50, 55, and 60 feet. On February 7, 8, and the water will be too low for navigation so all navigation through the Bonneville lock will be suspended.

The program is as follows:

Jan. 22-Jan. 31 (incl.)—pool elevation at Bonneville, plus 48.  
Feb. 1-Feb. 6 (incl.)—pool elevation plus 50 to plus 54.  
Feb. 7-Feb. 9 (incl.)—40 to 44.  
Feb. 10-Feb. 11—60 to 64.  
Feb. 12-Feb. 14—65 to 69.  
Feb. 15-Feb. 16—69 to 75.  
Feb. 17-early spring—hold at plus 67.

The pool will be held at the 67-foot level until the final work is completed on the fishways and until the final tests are made on the two main generating units.

These two huge units are all completed at the present time, with the exception of some special switches that are being manufactured in the East. As soon as these switches arrive, which it is hoped will be by the first of April, the same extensive tests which the small station service unit is going through will be given to the "big boys."

This program is dependent upon many factors which cannot be forecast with absolute certainty. While it is expected that this schedule will be followed closely, it is likely that certain deviations will have to be made. Every effort will be put forth by army engineers to notify those interested as far in advance as possible of any changes.

## Power Engineer Is Named For Dam

The electrical engineer for the Bonneville dam project will be Robert William Beck, whose appointment was announced yesterday at the office of J. D. Ross, administrator.

Beck arrived in Portland this week from Nebraska, where he has had charge of the valuation studies for the state's PWA power network. He is a former Oregon State College student and before that attended Mount Angel college.

Immediately prior to accepting the Nebraska post, Beck was engineer for city light in Seattle.

In addition to Beck, other engineers now employed by the Bonneville dam project are George Holmes Moore of Seattle and Charles E. Carey of Burton, Wash. The latter two are directly in charge of rate studies.

It is understood that in addition to his engineering duties at Bonneville, Beck will make some surveys of power sites under investigation by Mr. Ross for the department of interior. All of these are in the Columbia river basin.

## A NEW ARRIVAL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stub Riggie of Cascade Locks Friday in the Emanuel hospital in Portland, a 5-pound 6 1/4-ounce baby girl. The name selected is Judith La Velle. Mrs. Riggie is the former Vivian Brown of Cascade Locks.