

Jones Named To Purchase Line Rights

Sherwood Jones of the department of agriculture in Washington, D. C., will have charge of the acquisition for right-of-way purposes for Bonneville transmission lines, J. D. Ross Bonneville administrator, announced recently.

Jones is an outstanding figure in his field, having purchased approximately \$65,000,000 worth of land for various federal agencies including \$718,000 acres of submarginal land for the Resettlement administration (now farm security), 580,000 acres of better land for relocation of farm families and approximately 500,000 acres for the national park service. He has purchased from 30,000 to 35,000 individual tracts of land for the Resettlement administration, the bureau of Indian affairs, the bureau of biological survey, the national park and national forest services and the army. A Roosevelt supporter prior to and at the 1932 Chicago convention, Jones was engaged with the subsistence homestead division of the department of the interior as agricultural consultant and adviser early in the Roosevelt regime.

Ross said before Jones joined with the federal government he was actively engaged in operation and management of farm lands in various states, among them the Ogden Armour estate near Chicago, the Victor A. Lawson estate in Wisconsin and the H. O. Stone subdivision properties in Illinois and Wisconsin. After the crash of the Insull utilities, the banks appointed Jones as superintendent of the Insull real properties.

Although Jones has lived in Washington for several years, he came to Portland in 1924 and was engaged in business in Portland, Seattle and Alaska for a number of years.

One-third of Oregon Farms Use Electricity

Electric current from central stations is being supplied to 39.7 percent of Oregon's 67,753 farms, as compared with 16.9 percent served in the United States as a whole, according to data included in the 1937 report of the Rural Electrification Administration, which has just been received by the extension service at Oregon State College.

The data on total number of farms is corrected to January 1, 1937, while the count of farms served is as of June 30, 1937, the report shows. Oregon stands thirty-first among the states in total number of farms, and thirteenth in percentage served with electricity.

VOTE ON 7-COUNTY DISTRICT

Arguments for and against the seven-county people's utility district, upon which the voters are balloting today were presented in Salem last night.

Counties affected by the proposed utility district include Clatsop, Washington, Columbia, Lincoln, Polk, Yamhill and Clackamas.

POWER LINE SURVEY

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Bonneville power will be taken across the Columbia from the top of the powerhouse in two great jumps of approximately 1600 feet each with supporting towers on the west tip of Bradford Island. These wires, a set of three, probably will be made of aluminum with a steel core and weigh about one pound to the foot. Owing to the ice problem in the Columbia gorge, however, they are designed to support two inches of ice, so that the maximum tension on each wire, in the jump to Bradford island, will be approximately 30,000 pounds. The line will then extend down the Washington side of the river, following closely the original surveys of

the army engineers and paralleling part of the way the 66,000-volt lines of the Northwestern Electric company.

The survey is being started in anticipation of an appropriation of \$3,500,000 for lines, now before the senate, said Mr. Ross.

"We have decided that we can spare from our present small appropriation about \$20,000 for laying out the route for the lines," he said.

"The main thing is to get power to the people, and I am going to get it to them without delay."

Oregon Mayors Will Convene at The Dalles

The Dalles will play host Tuesday, April 12, to mayors and other city officials when the 28th regional conference, called by the League of Oregon Cities, will convene at noon. Following luncheon the officers will meet the rest of the afternoon for an informal discussion of mutual problems.

The primary purposes of this conference is to secure an interchange of experience and ideas and the meeting will be conducted on an informal basis so that every person present will have an opportunity to be heard, it is stated by V. E. Kuhn, mayor of Salem and president of the League. Mayor Kuhn is planning to attend this meeting to report personally on the activities of the League during the past year and to get the benefit of opinions as to the program of legislation, service and research which should be undertaken by the organization.

The meeting will develop its own program, but among the subjects for consideration are the problem of traffic regulation within cities, the role of the cities labor disputes and control of picketing, the problem of securing revenue to offset the pinball decision, including licensing of various new games of skill, building codes and zoning with reference to federal housing loans, regulation of curb cutting and driveways, the advisability of amending present budget laws to permit cities to build up reserve funds for specific municipal purposes, federal policies as affecting airport construction, and codification of ordinances.

Suggestions as to new ideas or methods of municipal procedure to any city will be welcomed at these round tables.

NEW DIVISION ENGINEER

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Alaska. "The main project we had was the deepening of the Delaware & Chesapeake canal and the Delaware river from Philadelphia to Trenton," said Colonel Lee, a native of Junction City, Kan., who went to West Point from high school. "There is now a 27-foot channel to Trenton, and the same depth in the canal, thus cutting the sailing distance between Philadelphia and Baltimore to one-fourth of what it was."

Whole Day's Sailing Saved

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"We also finished and received a favorable report on a 40-foot channel from Philadelphia to the sea. You know, Philadelphia has one of the largest navy yards in the country, and is also a great reserve basin."

Colonel Lee said he had read the press release on the Willamette valley project. "And I met all the members of the Oregon delegation in congress just before I left to come west, the two senators, Mrs. Honeyman, Mr. Mott and Mr. Pierce," he stated. "They all mentioned the Willamette project."

Colonel Lee spent most of yesterday with the Bonneville dam builder. "When we arrived this morning on the Portland Rose, we were met at the depot by Colonel Robins and also by F. N. Finch, general manager of the Union Pacific here; they had

Walter Pierce Announces His Candidacy

With the slogan, "Knows Oregon's needs; knows Congress; member important Agricultural Committee; conscientious; active; experienced," Walter M. Pierce this week announced his candidacy for reelection as Representatives from Oregon's 2nd Congressional district.

Listing his platform, Pierce said: "If nominated and elected I will support sound, effective labor and security legislation, looking toward solving the country's gravest internal problems—unemployment, relief, old-age assistance. Will earnestly forward efforts to maintain international peace. Will press for farm parity prices, control of speculation and monopoly, continued cheap interest, protecting agricultural producers in foreign trade agreements, and measures increasing farm purchasing power so essential to business. Will urge appropriations completing programs for irrigation, roads, forests, Triple C camps. Will work to extend Bonneville benefits through appropriations for additional generating units, transmission lines, channel dredging and river development, including Umatilla Dam. Will continue prompt attention to business and correspondence."

REQUEST IMPROVED ROADS

Immediate improvement of the roads between Hermiston and Umatilla, where river boats will take cargo this summer, will be sought by the Old Oregon Trail-Port association, organized at a meeting at Pendleton Sunday.

The group will seek better roads for interchange of cargoes between river boats and trucks.

May 1 is the final date for submission of manuscripts in the first 4-H club traffic safety play-writing contest, according to H. C. Saymour, state 4-H director. First prize in the contest will be a scholarship to the 4-H club summer school in Corvallis, donated by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and son, Charles and Mr. Knute Beaulish of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carns. Sunday dinner guests at the Carns home were their house guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Erickson's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Erickson of Garibaldi, were week-end guests at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Harrington made a business trip to Hood River this Wednesday.

their staffs with them, and our welcome was very pleasant," the new-comer said.

During the world war, Colonel Lee was ordered to the 89th division, trained by General Leonard Wood at Camp Funston, Kansas. Lee went overseas ahead of his division, but served with it through the war and later was with the army of occupation in Germany. Colonel Lee graduated from the United States military academy in 1909, and has had two engineering tours of duty in the Philippines and one in Panama.

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