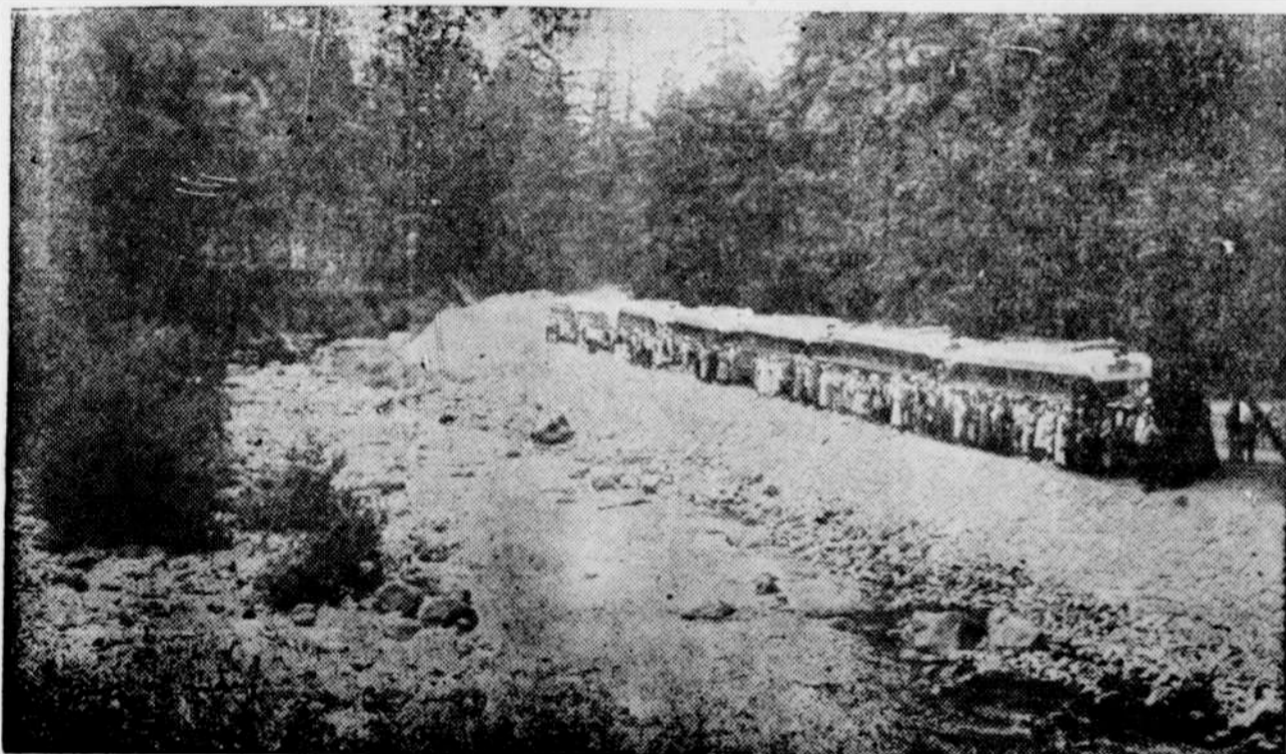


Suspension Bridge at Eagle Creek Camp Grounds



School Children Picnic at Eagle Creek



—Courtesy U. S. Forest Service and Oregon Journal.

CHAMBER REPORTS ON RIVER

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home consumption. In a large part of the wheat producing area no other crop can be grown on a large scale profitably and a partial closing of foreign markets would spell ruin for wheat growers.

Maintenance and expansion of these foreign markets are particularly valuable to the Pacific Northwest for the reason that returning cargoes bring a variety of Oriental and Far East products not readily obtainable elsewhere and constituting an important factor in the trade volume of an extensive area the population of which is now increasing at a rapid rate. With this population increase there will result a proportionate increase in farm products with consequent need of further expansion of foreign markets.

With the completion of Bonneville Dam and installation of its maximum power capacity, there is prospect of further wealth creating activity in the development of a phosphate industry. The Orient is now using phosphates on a large scale and obtaining the bulk of its supply from Florida. Extensive phosphate beds in Idaho, tributary to the Columbia river and its pathway to the sea, offer an almost inexhaustible supply and their utilization is now being seriously considered.

Coincident with an a part of commerce with the Orient is the growth of trade between the Pacific Northwest, Hawaii and the Philippines. To supply their growing needs the Columbia River affords facilities for the movement of a long list of articles produced of manufacturing in the area drained by it. Expansion of these markets must inevitably result from future growth of trade with nations of the Far East.

RESTRICTIONS DROPPED

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transmission system, at rates of \$17.50 for prime power and \$11.50 for secondary power, per kilowatt-year.

This is designed to encourage small co-operative associations, municipalities and power districts to start purchasing Bonneville power

as soon as it is available.

New Inducement Offered

The commission offered additional inducement to small districts with an optional rate of 5 mills per kilowatt hour for less than 100 kilowatts for a two-year "build-up" period, after which the rate will be the same as to larger users, \$17.50 or 2 mills for 100 per cent load of prime power, or 4 mills for 50 per cent use.

This change eliminated Mr. Ross' device of the kilowatt-year for small districts, evidently on the theory that Bonneville power will be sold faster and spread wider if the people are educated slowly to increasing use of electricity.

The commission's schedule limits sale of at-site power to industries to 20 per cent of the generated capacity.

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY REDUCES RATES

Salem, June 15—The Portland General Electric company has requested permission of the state utility commissioner to file reductions in minimum monthly charges applying to residential and farm service schedules in the territories previously served by the Molalla Electric company and the Yamhill Electric company.

These service areas are now included in the operating territory of the Portland General Electric company.

The minimum charges for residen-

tial lighting and small appliance use in the two territories would be reduced from \$1.50 to \$1 per month while charges for residential lighting and cooking would be \$2 per month instead of \$2.50. The general farm service tariff minimum charges would be reduced from \$3.50 to \$3 per month.

The reductions would mean a revenue loss to the company of \$13,000 annually and 2500 customers would be affected.

REFLECTIONS AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE

A popular, plausible and personable president provides perpetual pump priming procedure and propels us along the pleasant paths toward penury.

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—Sage of Swamps.

The Government of Australia plans the general production of benzol motor fuel.

Wallace Sees No Rate Reduction

Salem, June 10—Public Utilities Commissioner N. G. Wallace said he had no criticism of the Bonneville power rates, submitted by Administrator J. D. Ross and approved today by the federal power commission.

Governor Martin said four weeks ago, when Ross announced the rates, that they were too high, asserting "I hope they will be lowered." The governor, who is on vacation, could not be reached for comment.

Wallace estimated that the primary rate of \$17.50 per kilowatt-year for transmitted primary power means that utilities and utility districts would pay 5 mills per kilowatt if the power is used 42 per cent of the time, as is now the case. But if the power is used for 100 per cent of the time, the rate would drop to 2 mills.

If Oregonians continue to use their power only 42 per cent of the time, their average residential lighting rate would remain at about three cents a kilowatt-hour. But if they used power 100 per cent of the time, they would pay much less, probably having the lowest rate in the nation.

Industries at the damsite, paying \$14.50 a kilowatt-year, would pay 1.655 mills for 100 per cent use, 3.31 mills for 50 per cent use, and 4.14 mills for 40 per cent use.

Customers paying on the kilowatt-year basis would pay for the use of 1000 watts for one year, whether they used it or not. If they used it all the time their rate per kilowatt hour would be half as much as if they used it half the time.

PARK WORK SUSPENDED

Work on the Eagle Creek Park improvements was suspended abruptly this week when the fifty boys from the Wyeth CCC Camp were rushed to the Olympic National Forest to help fight the huge fire. The boys are in charge of foreman A. Bowman and O. Richmond. Work will be suspended for some time.

BURTS VISIT IN LOCKS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burt and daughters, Betty and Carol, spent Wednesday in Cascade Locks. A party was given by the young folks in honor of Betty that evening.

The Burts were returning from Seattle to their home in Ephrata, after buying fixtures for their eating place in the Washington city. The place of business was gutted by fire on Monday morning, June 6. It is being repaired as soon as possible.

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