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Commission Recommends P. U. District

First Private Utility Makes Deal for Power

PRELIMINARY WORK STARTS ON U. P. JOB

Ross Surveys for Bonneville Lines

Bonneville Defeats White Salmon

Bonneville chalked up victory number three in the second half of the Mid-Columbia softball league at the expense of the White Salmon team. Van Baldwin salted the game away in the first inning with a mighty home-run with a mate on base. The final score was 5 to 1. The box score:

White Salmon	AB	R	H	E
G. Willey, 2.....	3	0	3	0
Carrey, rs.....	3	0	0	0
Putney, 1.....	3	0	0	0
D. Willey, ls.....	2	0	0	0
Young, lf.....	3	0	1	0
Norris, 3.....	3	0	1	1
Weed, m.....	3	0	0	0
Wahl, c.....	3	1	1	0
Estes, p.....	2	0	0	0
Fawcett, rf.....	2	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	6	1

Bonneville	AB	R	H	E
Hill, ls.....	3	1	1	1
Baldwin, 2.....	3	1	2	0
Moreland, 3.....	3	2	2	0
Miller, p.....	3	0	1	0
Neiss, lf.....	3	1	1	0
Reimer, c.....	3	0	2	0
Pinkney, rs.....	3	0	0	0
Bradley, m.....	2	0	1	0
*Bixby, m.....	1	0	0	0
Farmer, rf.....	2	0	0	0
Carver, ls.....	2	0	0	0
Totals	28	5	10	1

*Batted for Bradley in the 6th.
Umpires: Price and DeTemple.

Al Scribner Becomes Gilmore Dealer Here

The Gilmore Lion made its appearance in Cascade Locks this week. Al Scribner has taken on in his service station in the center of Cascade Locks all Gilmore gases and oils. He expects to have painters on the job within the very near future to change the entire appearance of the station.

He has also completed the construction of new and modern rest rooms in the rear of the station.

Locks C. of C. To Dine At Wyeth Tuesday

The Cascade Locks Chamber of Commerce will hold next week's meeting at the Wyeth CCC Camp as dinner guests of the company. The dinner will be served at 5 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Jack Flaucher of the establishment bearing his name in Cascade Locks is in charge of arrangements.

LEGION OFFICERS NAMED

Following is a list of officers of Bonneville Post No. 88 officers, recently elected for the coming year: Commander, Edward L. Clark; senior vice-commander, Frederick Morton; junior vice-commander, Thomas F. Young; adjutant, Herbert A. Olsen; chaplain, Nelson M. Ross; Sergeant-at-arms, Edmond L. Wolfe; historian, Harry Smith; executive committee, C. E. Garrett, O. H. Pompolitz, J. H. Bergman, T. J. Silvers, L. C. Sanders, Bob White.

Immediately following the Public Works allotment of \$10,750,000 for Bonneville's initial transmission system, Administrator J. D. Ross set out on a personal survey of the routes of the proposed power lines.

Accompanied by Charles E. Carey, principal construction engineer, the Bonneville Administrator made a detailed inspection of the region between Grand Coulee and the lower Columbia River dam. On foot and by car Ross and three engineers from his staff investigated the 250-mile route of the "high line" that will link the federal hydroelectric projects of the Northwest.

Administrator Ross pointed out that the 220,000 volt line to Grand Coulee was the key to opening the power markets of Eastern Oregon and Idaho, and developing an integrated power system that will economically serve all of the Northwest. According to Secretary of the Interior Ickes, the high tension circuit will not only enable the government to recover its investment in Bonneville Dam at an earlier date, but it will materially advance the development of Grand Coulee by furnishing a market which Coulee can take over. Mr. Ross predicted that by the time that dam was completed, the demand for power in Western Oregon and Washington would be so great that it would absorb Bonneville's entire output of 5504,000 kilowatts.

The major circuits in Oregon will include a 110,000 volt line from the dam to The Dalles by way of Hood River. Approximately half the population of Oregon will be reached by a line that will extend down the Willamette Valley from Portland, passing through Oregon City, Salem, Albany and Eugene. This line will provide a strong "intertie" with the southern part of the state and help meet an increased power demand of the municipal system at Eugene.

Returning from his survey of the transmission network, Mr. Ross pointed out that the lines he will build are in no sense the limit of his program. They are merely the beginning. Extensions of the initial transmission system will be made as rapidly as markets are developed and construction funds made available. The proposed lines are designed to connect with existing and future distribution systems that will serve a wide area.

Engineers Lose To Portland All-Stars

Softball League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Bonneville	3	0	1.000
Willard	1	0	1.000
Hood River	0	1	.000
White Salmon	0	1	.000
Stevenson	0	1	.000
Wyeth	0	1	.000

Mickey Berlant held the Bonneville softball team to four hits Sunday, in chalking up his second win for the Portland All-Stars, over the local squad.

Berlant had 15 strike-outs to his credit, and was in serious trouble in only one inning, the ninth, when, with the bases full, second baseman Hutson caught a hot line drive to end the game. The score:

	H	R	E
Portland All-Stars.....	7	3	1
Bonneville	4	1	3

A game is expected to be scheduled next week with The Dalles. Other attractions will include games with the Colored Merchants and

Morrison-Knudsen, contractors on the Union Pacific's \$1,500,000 relocation project, have begun preliminary work, and will swing into full action the first of the week, according to engineers at Hood River.

Workmen have for the past few days been clearing ground at Wyeth, for the camp that the contractors will build there. Actual construction is beginning on the camp. The Wyeth camp will serve as a home for the men who will operate the gravel pit there, from where the materials to raise the track will come.

Several carloads of equipment, including power shovels, is scheduled to arrive at Wyeth from Spokane today. The equipment is to be used to work the borrow pit at Wyeth and Viento and to move track.

The contractors have rented the Taft building near Morrison's Point for their main offices, and are remodeling that building now. Employment will probably be handled at that office. Officials of the company are preparing for work, and are already on the grounds.

The job is under the direction of Superintendent Charles Bonnell, who comes to the local contract direct from a project completed by Morrison-Knudsen for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad. C. R. Shinn, company official who directed Morrison-Knudsen's job at Boulder Dam, will be here for the next few days, and Richard Thomas, chief engineer for the company is here, directing the office work.

First work on the project will be the opening of the pit at Wyeth, from which materials for the raising of the track will be taken. The pit at Wyeth will supply material for elevating the track west of Hood River, another pit near Koberg beach supplying the material east of this city. Pits at Viento and about eight miles east of Hood River will supply rip-rap, or rock facing for the fills.

Due to the extreme narrowness of practical right-of-way the job will present some unique engineering problems. The proximity of cliffs and river shores will make it necessary for engineers and contractors to raise tracks in their present location for the most part without disrupting train schedules. Only about ten line changes are planned at present, all of a minor nature, but temporary tracks will probably be layed in some cases while road beds are being raised.

Engineers have already met one problem caused by the high water behind Bonneville Dam. They have devised a system of culverts which will carry water from the river to low places and the sloughs south of the tracks. The culverts, at mean water level, will keep the water level in the sloughs and the river at the same elevation, thereby preventing strain on the fills.

Due to the expense and the amount of labor involved, tunnels on the stretch between Cascade Locks and The Dalles will not be raised. Instead, the tracks will be protected by stone dykes at those points, and the roadbed will be left at its present elevation.

Not a great number of men will be employed until the first of next week, when equipment and plans will be ready for the job. At that time additional men will be employed, and work will begin at full blast.

Hawkinson Tread of Portland; also Nortonia Hotel of Portland and Camas, to say nothing of a game with Hood River on the latter's grounds next Thursday.

The Bonneville administration yesterday announced it had contracted for its first sale of power to a private utility—Northwestern Electric company—on an experimental, short-time basis.

Northwestern will take 5000 kilowatts delivered to the company's 66,000-volt line at North Bonneville, Wash., at an average rate of \$14.50 per kilowatt-year—obtained through a price of \$17.50 per kilowatt-year for 250 kilowatts of prime power and \$11.50 for 2500 kilowatts of secondary power.

Deal for Four Months

The contract will be for four months only, it was emphasized. The proposal envisages use of some of the power sold to Northwestern by Portland General Electric company and Pacific Power & Light company, according to J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator.

"It is not the wish of the Bonneville project to urge a permanent contract until all conditions of load are considered for the coming year, and naturally it is not the wish of the Northwestern Electric company to tie up on a permanent contract until its future load is carefully considered," said Mr. Ross.

"The rates are on the regular schedule of rates, but pro-rated for the time used."

"Real Purpose" Told

"The real purpose is to tie the several systems together for the purpose of discovering and correcting any engineering difficulties that may be found in attempting to stabilize the various systems."

"In the experiment it is contemplated that some of the energy purchased by the Northwestern Electric company will pass into the system of the Portland General Electric company, and the question of tying together for interchange purposes the Bonneville lines, the Northwestern lines, Pacific Power & Light lines and the Portland General Electric lines is the principal question to be determined by this short-term contract."

Vancouver Power Line Described

With surveys for the Bonneville-Vancouver "backbone" transmission line virtually completed, the government's next move will be to negotiate with property owners for a 300 foot right of way, it was learned this week.

The right of way, for the WPA last week provided a million dollars worth of labor according to the Camas Post, will run in a straight line from Beacon Rock to Vancouver, entering the county seat a short distance north of the water tower.

Straight as a String

Neither mountains, woods, rivers, valleys nor buildings have succeeded in turning aside the engineers in their determination to survey a right of way in a straight line. In many cases, farm buildings and homes will have to be torn down and orchards uprooted.

For example, at the I. R. Fletcher place in Fern Prairie surveyor's stakes disclose that part of the prune orchards, the Fletcher home and outbuildings are in the path of the right of way while the south line of the twin circuit, which will carry 220,000 volts, will run east and west almost directly over the Fletcher driveway.

Lines Course Traced

The line will go east across the Little Washougal, and up over Skye and through Bear Prairie south of Pohl's hill, westward from Fern Prairie, it parallels Farm to Market roads 115 and 108 through the upper (Continued on Page Eight)

The hydroelectric commission of Oregon Tuesday issued its final report on advisability of Cascade Locks people's utility district, indicating that "if the district could secure a distribution system of the quality contemplated in the estimate at a cost of \$35,000 and the estimated market could be obtained, the system could be operated at a profit."

The commission recommended, however, that the original proposed district of 45 square miles be reduced to 13 square miles, lying in an eight-mile strip from the Multnomah-Hood River county line to a mile east of Wyeth. This would eliminate uninhabited portions of the Mt. Hood National Forest.

According to the report the proposed district would serve about 320 customers a total of 307,237 kilowatt hours for an estimated revenue of \$16,369.37, not including industrial users of which there are none at present. Operating costs would be \$7175 annually.

An immediate reduction of rates could be affected by formation of the district under conditions stipulated, the commission believed. Copies of the report will be filed with the Hood River County Clerk, at the Cascade Locks public library, and with each of the sponsors of the proposed district, Mayor G. E. Manchester, G. N. Hesgard, president of the port, and W. J. Carlson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, all of Cascade Locks.

Included in the report are the following figures and estimates:

Population of district, 894; assessed valuation, April, 1938, \$742,151; number of customers in 1937 was 308; no industrial customers; number of potential customers in district, 320; estimate of total cost of system, \$34,818; at 4 per cent, for a 20-year amortization period the annual revenue of \$16,369 would exceed the annual cost by \$6598 for the first four years when interest only is payable, and by \$423 for the next 20 years.

The report of this commission has nothing to do with the recent bond issue of \$12,000 passed by the citizens of Cascade Locks. The bond issue was for the purpose of placing the city in the power business. This report deals with a district which would incorporate both the city and the adjacent territory. Since the PUD hearing was held the city fathers have decided it would be better to have the city handle the power business rather than set up a new agency.

The negotiations between the city and the West Coast Power Company apparently have not gotten very far. The man that is to do the arbitrating, a Mr. Beck of the Bonneville administrator's office returned from the east late Tuesday night with apparently little done.

With this very favorable report from the commission it is not known just what the next step of the council will be. It is understood that Ross' office wishes the city to take over the entire West Coast system from Multnomah Falls to east of Wyeth and thereby avoid any complications whatsoever. Just how the city fathers will react to this suggestion in view of the commission's report it not known.

Locks Old Timers To Meet August 7

On Sunday, August 7, for the fifteenth consecutive year the Old Timers of Cascade Locks will meet on the government grounds to recount old times and hear about the new.

Frank Hall is handling arrangements for the affair. About 70 are expected. Each one brings his own lunch and then coffee and ice cream is served. This year for the first time they will have commercial ice cream made right here in Cascade Locks at the Cascade Drug Company.