

Bonneville

(By Jean Bradley)

Mrs. North of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Slavin and Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley.

Mrs. John Woffendon spent Monday in Portland shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snyder and daughters, Maney and Patsy, spent Saturday in Portland shopping.

Mr. Wendel Lechner of Seattle visited Mr. and Mrs. Carol Johnson this week.

Mr. Lockwood, telephone operator, is spending a week's vacation at the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hubbard are spending their vacation in Canada and Portland.

Maynard Cannon drove his parents to Pendleton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Hansen spent Monday and Tuesday in Portland.

Clark Bogart's mother is visiting them for a few days.

Mrs. Bud Hawkins and Mrs. Brown spent Monday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley are leaving for Marshfield Friday for the week-end. They will bring their daughter, Jeanne, back with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Johnson spent Monday in Portland.

Churches

INTERDENOMINATIONAL LARGER PARISH CHURCH

(W. C. Cronk, S. T. B., Minister)

The unified service at Bonneville begins at 9:45 a. m. The preaching service is first, followed by the Sunday School. The united young people's meeting and preaching service at the evening hour will be at Bonneville next Sunday. The hour is 7:00 p. m. and the pastor's subject will be the third of a series on, "Stringing the Bow." The evening sermon will be, "Getting On in the World." Old, as well as young, are invited.

The Sunday School at Cascade Locks is at 10:15 followed by morning worship at 11:15. The third of a series of sermons on "Spiritual Menu for August" will be delivered, the subject being, "Drinks." Special attention of parents is called to the fact that each Sunday morning the pastor will give a special children's sermonette. Parents are asked to have their children stay to worship service in order to enjoy these special stories.

J. D. Ross Asked to Analyze Law

Administrator J. D. Ross today was asked to analyze Oregon's public power law to determine whether under its terms districts will be able to distribute Columbia River power. The request came from the Bonneville Federation of Oregon, an association of municipal electric systems and people's utility districts.

Immediately upon receipt of the resolution, Administrator Ross instructed John C. Fischer, general counsel of the Bonneville Project, to investigate fully the practicability of selling power to public districts organized under the law. The analysis will include a study of the methods of financing power districts, acquiring electric distribution systems, and paying taxes out of revenues.

Federation Makes Request

A committee to consider revising Oregon's power district law, appointed by M. H. McGuire, president of the Bonneville Federation, called on the administrator for a complete examination of the present power situation of the State. Mr. Fischer suggested that the Oregon statute, passed in 1931, be compared with the public district laws of Washington, Nebraska and other states. Within a short time the Bonneville general counsel will prepare such a comparison and submit it to the federation, together with an opinion on the district's powers to organize and sell energy at cost.

The committee asking for the opinion and analysis is composed of Joseph W. McArthur, chairman, who is superintendent of the Eugene Water Board, Ray W. Gill, master of the Oregon State Grange, G. W. Potts, president of the Farmers' Union of Oregon, H. L. McInturff of the Public Ownership League of America, Captain George M. Clevenger of the People's Power League, and J. L. Steinbach, of the Tillamook People's Utility District, who is secretary of the committee.

New District Law Considered

In addition to meeting with Administrator Ross' staff to study the power district law, the Bonneville Federation said it will consult with city officials and leaders of the Grange and farmer's union. Comments on the district law and proposals for changes will be solicited by the Bonneville Federation in letters that will be sent throughout the state this week. Mr. Steinbach said. Within two weeks the federation will convene at Salem to receive the analysis of Administrator Ross and consider suggestions for

redrafting the Oregon law.

In presenting the request to the Bonneville office for an opinion on the Oregon law, Superintendent McArthur declared that prompt action was essential to provide a workable statute. "If we are to bring Bonneville power to our homes and farms and stores at cost, we must have districts ready to distribute it. Washington—with a tested, well-drafted law—has 21 districts, which are preparing to acquire distribution systems to serve their citizens. Although the Oregon law is more than seven years old, we have only two small districts, neither of which is selling power.

Distribution Systems Needed

"Administrator Ross cannot sell power at retail. That is our job, and if any large number of farms are to get the benefits of Columbia River power, they must prepare to receive it by promptly organizing efficient public districts for retail distribution. To do that, we must have a practical workable law. That is why we have asked Administrator Ross to analyze our present law, and give us the benefit of the experience of the other states and the TVA, whose rates are far below most retail power costs in the Northwest."

Transportation By Water Strikes Snag

A precedent-establishing situation has arisen in discussions between the Union Pacific railroad and Walla Walla Grain Growers, Inc., over the latter's proposed grade crossing near Wallula, according to the railroad.

The Grain Growers, handling more than half the country's annual wheat yield of 5,000,000 bushels, and planning to begin shipping grain on barges down the Columbia river to Portland this fall, is being thwarted from trucking the bulked product across the railroad company's tracks by "an obstructionist viewpoint" of the railroad. A. Eugene Kelly, Grain Growers manager, said.

The railroad contends the precedent-setting condition arises in view of the federal government's grade crossing elimination program and because its tracks parallel the Columbia and Snake river for more than 200 miles.

Hearing Proposed

Railroad officials, when approached by Grain Growers, a public hearing to determine the necessity of such a crossing, according to H. G. West, official of the Inland Empire Waterways association. Enlisted by the Grain Growers, West said the former had asked the railroad's consent to a temporary "closed crossing, only permitting the same truck driver to cross the tracks."

"The Grain Growers felt this was fair inasmuch as the discretionary power was within control of railroad officials," West said.

The Tidewater Transportation company constructed terminal facilities at Attalia and Portland dock officials spent a considerable amount to handle the bulk wheat, he said, while county commissioners here agreed to construct the crossing.

Temporary Permit Denied

"The railroad refused the temporary permit July 11, insisting on a public hearing first. West said the I. E. W. A. requested August 12 that the temporary permit be granted, but that "immediate steps are planned to secure a public hearing . . . in order that farmers will not be denied benefits to be derived from low cost water transportation made possible by the expenditure of millions of dollars by the federal government for the improvement of navigation facilities on the Columbia in recent years."

NOVEL CARRIAGE SEEN

A new utility carrier, one of those devices looking like one-third truck, one-third tractor, and one-third something else, which are used to transport piles of lumber, etc., passed through town Monday. The driver from his lofty perch was headed for sunburn in eastern Oregon, bound for Milton.

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Cascade Locks

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Emmett Winkle was a Hood River visitor Monday.

Morey Seranton, Norman Pointer and Bill Thrapp left for Grand Coulee Tuesday in search of work.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Goetz spent Sunday at Timberline Lodge enjoying the day.

Mrs. Earl Fox and Miss Betty Harkley made a trip to Ontario, Ore., last week with friends from Portland. Harold Geitner was a Hood River visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brennan are

visiting relatives in Portland for a few days this week.

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