

# THE BONNEVILLE DAM CHRONICLE

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CASCADE LOCKS BONNEVILLE

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## Contract Let For Building New Theatre

The Dam area is soon to have a permanent theater. The Cascadian Theatres Company of Hood River announces that actual construction of the new structure will begin within three weeks.

The final plans will be drawn up this week-end. Ed Krieg of Hood River has been awarded the contract for the erection of the building.

Art Kolstad, president of the company, stated that his company will build on the property it secured in Cascade Locks sometime ago.

He further stated that he felt more than justified in erecting a building at the present time that would hold about 300 persons. This building is being built on a plan that will enable it to be very easily enlarged to take care of the increase in population which he expects to be in the area within the next three years.

## Big Business in '90's Locks Attic Reveals

Indications of big business in what is supposed to be panic days of 1893 and '94 were uncovered this week by Oscar Hyde when he discovered in an attic in one of his houses in Cascade Locks some bill heads and invoices of the gay nineties—when the old locks were under construction.

One of these from W. J. Van Schuyver & Company, wine and spirits merchants, bore the date July 23, 1894. Ten gallons of alcohol were listed at \$2.50 per gallon.

The statement of Henry Everding, shipping and commission merchant, listed 30 two-pound rolls of creamery butter at 45 cents a roll.

D. L. Cates & Co. was the firm receiving most of the invoices and statements among those found by Hyde. One was from Jos. T. Peters & Co., The Dalles, dealers in rough and dressed lumber, lath and fence posts. The Cates firm had another bill from Mason, Ehrman & Co., wholesale tobacconists and cigar dealers, listing one-half thousand Perfectos at \$70 per thousand.

Another bill from the Standard Oil Company showed gasoline selling without tax for 14 cents per gallon. Kerosene was listed at 12 cents a gallon. Today it sells for 14 1/2 cents.

Van Schuyver & Company extended credit in a big way in those days, and the H. A. Leavens firm, famous pioneer establishment in Cascade Locks, was able to meet obligations, according to another statement. On December 15, 1893, according to a document found last week, Leavens owed a balance to Van Schuyver of \$2348.74. On January 5 goods valued at \$2260 were forwarded. The next day a \$50 order was invoiced, and on March 5 credit was given for payment of \$2000.

Oh! for the good old days.

## P-T. A. MEMBERSHIP WEEK

Word has been received by all associations in the United States that the week of Oct. 24-31 will be national enrollment week.

The drive for members of the Cascade Locks association will be carried on through the school as in the past years. A room prize will be given the room having the largest percentage, according to number of pupils in the room.

A P-T. A. poster contest has also been announced by the membership committee, prizes being given to the children who portray the object of P-T. A. best.

"P-T. A. Needs You—Join Today. Remember to Re-member."

## MOVIE STARS AT DAM

Two "movie actors" have visited the Bonneville Dam reservation in the last few weeks.

Eugene Pallette, the gruff voiced comedian of detective fame, was on the reservation under the guidance of Captain Des Islets last Saturday.

Two weeks ago Captain of the guard, Bonnie Whitsett, had an old friend of his drop in for a visit and a tour of inspection in the person of Wallace Beery and his family.

Bonnie was their escort over the dam last year.

## Returns From Trip To Foreign Shores

Mrs. Hilda Olin of Cascade Locks, mother of Mrs. Lester Sprague, Cascade Locks City Treasurer, returned last Thursday from a five months' vacation trip in Finland.

While there she visited her sisters in Sideby and other relatives on the Island of Oland. Near relatives of Mrs. Karl Rosenback and Mrs. Charles Hagglom in the old country were also called on by the Cascade Locks traveler. Stockholm, Gottenberg and other famous cities were seen.

Mrs. Olin enjoyed a very pleasant trip home on the Kungsholm, disembarking in California in order to visit Los Angeles, San Francisco and Salt Lake.

## Volleyball League Now Under Way

Volleyball under the Bonneville Recreation Association is coming along in great style. With the week ending October 22 the standing of the teams as compiled by one of those on one of the winning teams is as follows:

|                | Won | Lost | Pct.  |
|----------------|-----|------|-------|
| Engineering    | 5   | 0    | 1.000 |
| Finance        | 5   | 0    | 1.000 |
| Powerhouse     | 3   | 2    | .600  |
| Garage         | 3   | 2    | .600  |
| Administrative | 2   | 3    | .400  |
| Personnel      | 2   | 3    | .400  |
| Cost           | 0   | 5    | .000  |
| Outsiders      | 0   | 5    | .000  |

Games scheduled in the near future are:

- October 24—7:00: Powerhouse vs. Outsiders. 8:30: Finance vs. Personnel.
- October 25—7:00: Engineering vs. Administration. 8:30: Garage vs. Cost.

## RETURNS FROM THE SOUTH

Major Theron D. Weaver, Bonneville District Engineer, returned Monday afternoon from a tour of inspection of the new hydraulic laboratory in Vicksburg, Miss. This new lab, which is operated by the army engineers, will probably be duplicated on the Bonneville Project to study the effects of the river on the dam and shores. The major has been gone about ten days.

## Bonneville Legion Post Plans Christmas Party

The first touch of Christmas and the joy it brings to the kiddies of the dam area reached the Chronicle this week with a letter followed up by a personal visit at the Chronicle office in Hood River of the committee in charge of the benefit dances sponsored by the Bonneville Post of the American Legion for putting on their annual Christmas Children's party.

Fred Morton and Merrill Richmond are in charge of the dances this year. The first one to be held Saturday night, October 29, and the second one Saturday night, November 19.

This will be the fifth annual Christmas party sponsored by the Bonneville Post.

## OPEN HOUSE AT FIRE HALL

The open house of the Volunteer Fire Department of Cascade Locks was a huge success last Saturday night at the Odd Fellows Hall.

A good crowd of taxpayers turned out to meet and become acquainted with the local fire boys. Dancing was the entertainment of the evening with old time dances taking a part equal to the modern ones. The evening was topped off with a spread of refreshments including ham sandwiches, potato salad and coffee.

## McADENS LEAVE

The little sour-puss Scotchman with an excellent sense of humor when he was smoking his favorite pipe left last week to join the project that Leo Miller is with down in Galveston, Texas. Raymond McAden, one of the first men on the dam, and until six months ago its official photographer, will be the official photographer on this southern project.

## Visitors at Dam Exceed Salmon Run

There were more visitors peering into the Bonneville fishways during the past summer than there were fish going up the ladders. Such would be the deduction if one would start to compute. While there is an actual count of the fish that pass through the ladders, there is no accurate tabulation attempted of the poor fish that go to see them. There is a count made of cars on heavy visiting days that are driven onto the project, and even during last week from 300 to 500 automobiles were recorded. As many as 28,000 persons have visited the dam and fishway grounds during the peak of the tourist season on one day.

The tourist season has dwindled, along with the salmon run, but not in proportion. For fish counts have recorded in the last few days less than a hundred salmon daily. This year's run of salmon is estimated to be less than normal, according to the commercial fish pack—the only means of determining how the run compares with past years. It is pointed out that this isn't a fair criterion because of various conditions. Number of fishermen, habits of fish, the strikes of fishermen on the lower river and other factors influence the volume of the pack. Packers estimate that this year's run will total about 30 percent less than last year's.

In future years the count on the fishways will form the basis for an accurate comparison of the size of salmon runs in different years. A few chum salmon and silversides have passed up the ladders recently, though these usually spawn in lower streams, it is reported.

## Legionnaires Learn Of Boys' State Camp

On Tuesday of last week Bonneville Post No. 88 of the American Legion held its regular monthly meeting in the Bonneville Auditorium. Comrade George L. Rauch, chairman of the Boys' State Department, gave a short talk on the principles behind the Boys' State Camp movement and introduced Billy Young, son of one of the members, who attended this year's camp. Billy gave a splendid talk on his experiences at camp and the general favorable reaction of the boys that attended. Following the meeting, lunch was served and a general gabfest enjoyed until nearly midnight.

## Church To Observe Ladies Aid Day

Next Sunday morning at the Cascade Locks church is Ladies Aid day. All ladies in town are urged to attend, but every member of the Ladies' Aid Society is expected to be there without fail. The roll of members may be called. Be sure to answer, "Here". The pastor's subject will be, "Will the Ladies Aid?" A big time! Come! 11:15 a. m. At the unified service at 9:45 at Bonneville the pastor will speak to the theme, "The Kingdom Within." The congregations at Bonneville are growing perceptively. Help to swell them further! Christian Endeavor at Bonneville and Epworth League at Cascade Locks at 7:00 p. m. The preaching hour at Cascade Locks every Sunday evening is at 7:45. The pastor's subject next Sunday evening is, "The Climate of My Soul." You can live in any climate you want. Come and find out how!

## SHOW ON TONIGHT

The second motion picture to be sponsored by BRA at Bonneville will be shown tonight at the Civic Auditorium. "It's Love Again," a British picture starring Jesse Matthews and Robert Young, is the main feature with a comedy short. Popular prices will be charged.

## Former Local Scribe To Wed in November

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weisser of Salem last week announced the engagement of their daughter, Erna Merre, to Hugh A. Scott of Salem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Scott of Portland.

The bridegroom-to-be, a former news editor for the Bonneville Dam Chronicle, has many acquaintances in the dam area.

Miss Weisser, a native of South Dakota, formerly attended Willamette university. Mr. Scott was graduated in 1935 from the University of Washington, where he was affiliated with Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity.

The wedding will be an event of November 11 at the Weisser's home in Salem. Officiating will be Dr. J. Hudson Ballard, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Portland.

## Fish Lifts Prove Successful

The fish lifts at Bonneville, which haven't proved necessary in getting the salmon to the pool level, have nevertheless served a distinct purpose since their installation in the opinion of authorities on salmon.

During the recent salmon run the fish locks have been in operation and have proved their ability to function. It is now pointed out that if Umatilla Dam is built, installations can be made there with a certainty of their success, since the Bonneville lift unit has shown that fish can be raised to higher levels by this method. The practicability of fish ladders is questioned for the Umatilla plan, it is said, and it is not known just how the state of fatigue of the salmon that has swum up as far as Umatilla will affect its ability to jump.

According to Fred Morton, in charge of the fish specialists at the dam, the fish lift works on the same principle as the ship lock. The only exception is that a wire screen rests near the bottom of the lower pool, which is slowly raised as the gates are opened and the time comes for the fish to ascend to the higher pool. The lower end of the mesh screen is raised, so that if Mr. Chinook or Miss Steelhead doesn't decide to swim toward the new elevation, he or she is gently boosted on the way.

Though the fish lifts, installed within the last year, have had their "competition" with the fish ladders operating, they have shown their effectiveness in the proving ground on the Bonneville project.

## TEACHER GETS POST

Guylla Galasheff, popular Bonneville primary teacher, last week was elected Vice-president of the Multnomah County Primary Association for the coming year.

## Salmon Eggs by the Million Now Being Hatched in Plants in Dam Area

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## Hats in Ring For Municipal Election

The political ticket for the forthcoming Cascade Locks municipal election is complete. The petitions are all in and recorded. Sixteen names will be on the ballot seeking eleven places.

Electioneering will be rather quiet this year for a pleasant change from past contests. Erny Manchester is unopposed, which apparently shows that the people are in approval of all of his policies and feel that the future of the town is largely dependent on him being in office.

In the case of recorder, Will Carlson, the incumbent, is running again together with two others, Mrs. Juanita Lewallen, commonly known as "Bobby," that long arm of the Associated Press, will make her first entree as a candidate for a political office. She has spent lots of time telling others how to run for office and what to do after they get there, but this is the first time she has been out personally. C. L. Rankin thinks he would make a good recorder also.

Vera Sprague, running to succeed herself, is the only one in the race for city treasurer. Colin Merrill, for the Marshal position, is running unopposed.

This year on the council table will be four vacancies to be filled. Ben Scott, Carl Epping, Jim Merrill and Jack Flaucher are those whose terms expire. Ben has decided not to run again while the other three have each thrown in their hats. This year the council race is divided into two classes, one position open for a two-year term and three positions open for a four-year term.

Incumbent Carl Epping has filed for the two-year term with Karl Rosenback and Mrs. Harriet Wait running in this division also.

In the four-year category we find incumbents Jack Flaucher and Jim Merrill joined with L. L. Amoth and W. N. Keeler.

Three positions will be filled on the water board and running for these three positions are C. C. Chapman, S. J. Hammel and Ben Scott.

## PIERCE COMING TO LOCKS

The Honorable Walter M. Pierce, representative in Congress from the eastern part of the state, will be guest of honor at the Odd Fellows meeting in Cascade Locks Monday night, October 31. Pierce is the holder of one of the highest awards in Odd Fellowship in the line of service. He holds a 50-year pin. He actually has been a member for 54 years.

After the meeting, Pierce will address a rally meeting to be given him by his many friends in the area.

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