

WINS SCHOOL CONTRACT

Baldwin & Wheir, Hood River contractors, were last week awarded the contract for construction of a new school building at Condon, Oregon. The building will house a gymnasium, auditorium and two class rooms for the Gilliam County High School. The basic bid for the structure, which is to be financed by PWA, was \$25,182. The local firm also at the present time holds the contract for construction of a grade school building at Madras and last summer completed a high school at that place.

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Hood River, Oregon

Large Industry Apparent in New Plant
Of Lofts & Son on Hood River Harbor

Major developments are visibly under way at the new location of Lofts & Sons, Inc., at Morrison's Point on Hood River harbor. Huge retaining walls, large bunkers, and a mighty derrick are visible from Hood River, put in place in recent weeks.

It is plainly seen, from the durability of the equipment being installed, that this firm is preparing for years of service to the Mid-Columbia in their sand, rock and gravel business, which has the second largest private payroll in Hood River.

Bunkers this week stood completed, which measured 44 feet in height, 24 feet wide and 36 feet long, with a capacity of 300 yards of gravel. These bunkers are built of 10x10 frames with planks of 4x12 dimensions. These were cut special for Lofts & Sons by the Oregon Lumber Company. A total of one hundred gallons of creosote was used in treating these timbers. The bunkers rest on concrete foundations which extend 12 feet into the ground, near the bank of the river which has been re-inforced by a thick stone wall. Nearby is a 20-ton derrick mounted on a 90-foot boom. The machinery which operates this derrick is now all completely installed. Two new type vibrating screens have been

secured by this firm, and a roller bearing crusher. Six sizes of rock and sand can now be handled, Art Lofts, manager of the plant, stated.

A knoll, just east of the plant, is to be cut away to provide storage space for sand and gravel.

The firm started in Hood River in 1904 with only a team and a shovel. Now the equipment includes 10 large trucks, three donkey engines, three rock crushers, two power shovels, a floating dredge, two clam shells, dragline and buckets, a sea-going tug boat, 20-ton derricks, and to use Lofts' own words, "a million and a half other gadgets."

The raising of the waters of the river by Bonneville pool necessitated Lofts & Sons moving the location of their former plant, which was near the Hood River-White Salmon bridge. In order to operate from the new site on Morrison's point, the equipment was expanded. A floating dredge and tug boat was secured. The gravel can now be hauled and dumped into the river at the bank near the bunkers, and the water-washed sand and gravel then hoisted into the bunkers.

By the first of the year this firm expects to be handling rock from this plant for work on the city's street improvement project.

Ski Tow
Nearly Ready
To Operate

The 1938-39 ski season shows promise of being the best ever, with new developments and improvements in the trails, early snow, and greatly increased interest in winter sports.

Permits have been received from the Forest Service for a ski tow on the Cooper Spur Ski Area and a ski jump on Bear Mountain. This area that has been cleared for a jump will be used for a slalom course this year with plans for additional improvements being carried over.

The ski tow is assured of success, the power plant having been taken up Sunday and necessary timber for the shelter put out before the heavy snow.

The Loop Highway is still open to traffic and many cars with skiers were noticed from Portland. The Ski Club is again asking that those who go up toward the mountain register at the junction at Mrs. Brown's Mt. Hood Tavern, or at the shelter cabin on the ski area. By the signatures, states Club President Bob Fuller, the Ski Club and Forest Service can best assure future development, such as keeping the Loop Highway open the year around, an improved Spur Road open to Cloud Cap in winter, a North Side timberline hotel and more ski trails and bigger shelter cabins.

Membership cards are available from Steve Coleman, Gil Jubitz, Bob Moller, Bill Lofts and Bob Fuller. A card entitles one to the use of the ski tow, a 10 per cent reduction on ski equipment at Weber Hardware and E. A. Franz Co., admission to ski tournament and other activities of the club which will be planned later.

A new feature of winter sports this year is the formation of the Cooper Spur Ski Patrol under the direction of Bob Barker. This will be sponsored by the Ski Club and will function similar to the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol and the National Patrol.

An Inspiration

Reflect upon your blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.—Charles Dickens.

Recipes . . .

Orange Divinity

2 1/3 cups sugar; 2/3 cup light corn syrup; 1/2 cup water; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 2 egg whites; 3 tablespoons grated orange rind; 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Combine sugar, syrup, water, salt. Cook slowly, stirring constantly, until sugar dissolves. Continue to cook slowly to 265 degrees F (until it cracks). Beat egg whites stiff. Pour sugar syrup on whites gradually, beating constantly until mixture holds shape. Add rind and vanilla. Turn into greased pan and spread evenly. Makes 1 1/4 pounds.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

A few suggestions for easily-made gifts. There are many simple cross-stitch patterns of border designs. Transfer a strip across one edge of a pillowcase and the top of a bed sheet. Embroider in two shades of blue, green or lavender, which will make a gift outfit to delight any woman.

The lovely colors available in the double-fold bias binding added to towels and washcloths in the way of monograms are additions to any bathroom's appearance.

Or for those particular people, embroider the words "HIS" and "HERS" on a pair of towels.

Quilted on the sewing machine, a large sewing bag of gayly colored chintz is useful as well as charming. A bathmat of quilted table padding cut oval shape and bound with bias-binding, then decorated by applying percale designs will gladden some heart, and if you care to make a seat cover it will make a pleasing outfit.

Make a breakfast table cover of a small patterned yet colorful print and napkins of plain colors to be found in the cloth. It is new to have each napkin a different color.

County Out of Cellar
In Traffic Mishaps

With only two months of the current year yet to be accounted for, Oregon counties generally have shown vast improvement over last year's traffic accident experience. Secretary of State Earl Snell reported this week. Not a single county has suffered increases in all three departments—accidents, injuries and deaths—while nine counties have registered decreases all along the line.

Hood River county took sixth place among the state's seven Group II counties on the basis of improvement in its traffic record over the first 10 months of 1937. Last month this county took sixth place in its group. Previously it had been at the bottom.

Following is the order in which the counties in this group ranked: Coos, Lincoln, Tillamook, Lane, Jackson, Hood River, and Linn.

The recent nervous European situation affected business throughout South Africa.

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Land Transactions

Two deeds were recorded in Hood River County from November 15 to November 23. As published by the Hood River Abstract & Investment Company, the transfers in land titles were as follows:

Joe H. and Lorene Burt to Fred M. Hauser, warranty deed, conveys an undivided one-half interest in 0.0524 of an acre in Sec. 12, T. 2, Cascade Locks.

W. H. and Della L. Sheirbon to Irma Bowerman, warranty deed, conveys 0.5 of an acre in SE 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4 Sec. 27, T. 2, Odell.

A \$5,000,000 aircraft factory covering 40 acres will be built near Oldham, England.

Use of rubber in highway construction is to be urged in the Netherland Indies.

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