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CASCADE LOCKS

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Ross Proposes Wider Use Of Power

Bonneville Administrator J. D. Ross, principal speaker at an evening banquet sponsored by the Business and Professional Women at Hood River proposed the formation of an electrical association by the women of America to promote the use of electricity in the home and on the farm.

He promised to lend his assistance in the organization of such a society and gave his assurance that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt would be deeply interested in the proposal.

The Bonneville chief suggested that the women of Hood River—living but a few miles east of the first federal navigation and hydro-electric dam on the Columbia River—launch the proposed association. The idea was advanced after Mr. J. Rosen, director of C. A. Parsons, Ltd., turbine manufacturers at Newcastle-on-Thames, related the success of the women's electrical association of England.

Administrator Ross indicated that the Columbia basin was the logical place for the birth of such an organization, inasmuch as nearly half of the nation's potential waterpower lies within the region. Twelve million kilowatts can be generated on the Columbia River and its tributaries he said, and recent transmission developments offer the possibility of sending the current long distances to bring the benefits of the electrical age to women in surrounding states.

The proposed association of women could stimulate construction of power lines in rural areas and give farm homes all the conveniences of city life. The Bonneville power administrator contrasted the growth of electricity in Canadian cities with American use, and said that homes in the Province of Ontario use three to five times as much electricity. "A women's electrical association could be most effective in bringing electric cooking, refrigeration, and water-heating within reach of nearly every home in America, and I am sure Mrs. Roosevelt would get behind any such organization."

P-T. A. TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATION'S MERITS

There will be a round-table discussion at the Wednesday, January 11, meeting of the Cascade Locks P-T. A. on the merits of the organization to the teachers and to the parents.

Parents scheduled to lead the discussion will be William Smeltzer, Mrs. Warren Davidson, and Mrs. J. J. Meistrell. The teachers will be represented by Miss Barbara Crookham, Miss Lillian McLeod and Mr. T. J. Langton.

The lunch will be served by the dads.

HISS-S-S-S-S

A rather garbled account from Cascade Locks tells of the formation of a new organization which is called The Royal Rattlesnake. According to the report, the club came into being last Wednesday afternoon when a membership drive was carried on with the aid of a piece of rope.

The report does not state whether the prospective member was awarded a membership if he got away or when he was caught.

NO WIND HERE

The Columbia Gorge, which often is given an unjust accusal of being windy, has been the calm spot as far as wind is concerned during the past week. With windstorms putting ships in peril near the Pacific Coast, wrecking buildings in western Washington, and blowing gales in the eastern part of the state, the Columbia gorge has experienced only gentle zephyrs, estimated at from 15-18 miles per hour.

Retail Bakery Plans Opening

Emil Young, whose bakery shop in Cascade Locks has been open for the past week, has everything going in first class order and this week announces the formal grand opening for Saturday (tomorrow.)

The local bakery shop, under the direction of Elin Sundsten, is supplied daily with all manner of bakery goods from Young's ovens in Hood River and tomorrow the formal opening of the new spick and span shop next to Flaucher's eating establishment will introduce to the women of the area the products of these famous ovens.

From ten in the morning till five in the evening a sample of the bakery goods and a cup of coffee will be given to anyone visiting the shop. Also some very nice door prizes will be given to visitors during the day.

Fund Proposed For Projects

The budget bureau recommended yesterday that congress provide \$21,400,000 for continued development and administration of the Bonneville power and navigation project during fiscal 1940.

The bureau proposed that \$14,400,000 be spent by J. D. Ross, power administrator for the big Columbia river project, in carrying out a general power line construction program throughout the Pacific Northwest and in administering the project.

The remaining \$7,000,000 would be spent by the army engineers in installing additional generating equipment at the Bonneville dam power plant.

Ross' share, the bureau said, would be distributed as follows: Administration, \$400,000; North Bonneville, Pasco-Grand Coulee line, \$3,310,000; extensions to substations, \$2,605,000; miscellaneous feeder lines from existing and proposed substations, \$2,417,000; new transmission and transformation facilities, \$5,277,000; warehouse, garage and shop building, Vancouver substation, \$250,000; and electric and miscellaneous equipment, \$87,000.

HOME DECORATED

Observing an eastern custom, the C. R. Grim home recently housed a beautiful miniature Christmas scene. Beneath a beautifully-decorated tree a miniature snow village was built. The entire scene was enclosed with a rustic fence. Holly and Oregon Grape formed the background for the scene.

RIVER READINGS

The only report of the Army Engineers regarding the flow of the river and the temperatures is as follows:

	Flowage	Max.-Min.
December 29...	70,000	58-45
December 30...	70,000	53-37
January 3.....	67,500	59-41

New County Court Holds First Meeting

The Hood River County Court, with C. D. Nickelsen attending his first meeting as County Judge, and R. Waldo Arens attending for the first time as County Commissioner, transacted a full day of business at the Court House yesterday. Ralph W. Perry, the third member of the Court, is an incumbent, and is now the veteran of the county body.

Appointments by the Court included the renaming of Oscar Mogen as roadmaster, the appointment of Dr. Rosser P. Atkinson as county health officer for a period of two years, and appointment of Frank Dethman and W. J. Filz as road viewers. A. L. Marble was named county agent, and Harry Plog appointed to the library board. Lou S. Isenberg was named janitor of the Court House.

DEATH OVERCOMES JOHN D. O'NEIL

John D. O'Neil, U. S. Army Engineers Crane Operator, died suddenly at his home at Dodson last Saturday. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hilda O'Neil, and children, Edward, Raymond, Eugene, John and Dorothy.

Funeral services were held at the Chapel of the St. Johns Funeral Home and interment was at the Veterans Plot in the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. O'Neil was an active member of the Bonneville Post of the American Legion, having appeared in the recent comedy at the auditorium as "Judge."

Pallbearers were members of Post No. 88 were: Edward Clark, Merrill Richmond, Tommy Thompson, Ted Johnson, Lee Sams and Charles Garret.

He had been employed by the Army Engineers for the past four years.

LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED

Installation of the new officers of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Cascade Locks took place last night at the lodge hall. Lee Murray is the new Noble Grand, with Erwin Broliar as Vice Grand Noble. Frank Hall continues as secretary and William Sundsten goes in as treasurer.

STATE P-T. A. OFFICER TO BE CHAPTER GUEST

The Bonneville P-T. A. will meet Wednesday, January 11, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Arthur Churchill, State Parent Educational Chairman, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Churchill is an enthusiastic speaker and it is hoped that a large group will turn out for this occasion.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Two of Cascade Locks' leading business men—Ted Hauser, genial proprietor of the Lakeside hotel, and George Lamont of the Owl Recreation—tried to put on an act at the big New Year's eve dance at the Odd Fellows hall, but their act wasn't very well received. George and Ted are well satisfied. They expect to do a lot of practising between now and next New Year's eve, and hope it will be better appreciated. They feel the joke was on them and hope everyone has a Happy New Year.

Clara Nix and Archie Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ealey visited relatives in Stevenson New Year's day.

SMOKED OUT

The city council Monday night nearly came to a bad end before it was over. City Attorney Teunis J. Wyers, on the occasion of becoming a father of a boy on Monday, passed cigars to all present. The meeting was being held at Merrill's, since the Fire Department was using the city hall. The smoke became so bad that the meeting was finally transferred from Merrill's to the city hall after the firemen had gone home.

The new arrival will be named after his grandfather, J. G. Wyers, of White Salmon.

Hydraulic Lab Built at Bonneville

Early this fall, the Division Engineer decided to build a hydraulic laboratory at Bonneville. The immediate and urgent need was a reproduction in model of the conditions at the Mud Mountain Dam on the White River near Enumclaw, Wash. Accordingly, Mr. Ben L. Peterson was sent to the U. S. Waterways Experiment Station at Vicksburg, Mississippi, for detailed information. On his return, with the assistance of Jim Molier, Bob Rowan and Dick Phillips, Peterson drew up plans for the lab in a hurry.

The laboratory was a re-circulating pit where all the water of the model and system can be stored; a weir supply box with a V-notch weir to very accurately measure the flow of water; a return weir box to regulate tailwater elevation in the model; and the necessary pumps and piping. The first model is of Mud Mountain, but the building and all of the equipment is semi-portable and can be moved to an adjacent sites for future models.

Mud Mountain Canyon, the proposed new spillway, a nine-foot unregulated sluice and two eight-foot regulated sluices with valves, are all reproduced on a scale of 1/50 of true size in nature; also the non-overflow earth dam is represented. The features that you see there today may be changed, in fact the purpose of the model is to try out different schemes to see if alterations are necessary and to try for improvements. Model work is an important means of checking hydraulic calculations.

The maximum flow for which the model is prepared is 150,000 c.f.s. over the full-size spillway. The model equivalent of this amount is 8.48 c.f.s. Thus the flow in the full scale is 17,680 times the model flow.

A world's record for speed in building a hydraulic laboratory and model was made at Bonneville in order to speed up the planning stage of the Mud Mountain Dam. As late as November 28 there was no building. The excavation for the model was only roughed out; and only the concrete recirculating pit was done. McGee's forces worked three shifts a day and Sundays to complete the work and a trial run was made on December 15. The Mud Mountain Board of Consultants visited the model on December 17, were surprised to see it finished and praised it highly. Paul Heslop will take charge of the laboratory until February when a specialist from Vicksburg will arrive to carry on permanently.

BABY GIRL BORN

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Gilder of Cascade Locks are the proud parents of a baby girl born at the Hood River hospital on New Year's Day. Mother and daughter are home and are both doing fine. Claudia Jane is the name given the new arrival.

Mayor Names Committees For 1939

At the first meeting of the Cascade Locks City Council of the new year, Mayor G. E. Manchester of Cascade Locks Tuesday night appointed the following committees to act for the coming year:

- Finance—Hesgard, Chairman
Amoth
Perras.
- Streets and Public Property—Rosenback, Chairman
Hesgard
Perras
- Fire—Amoth, Chairman
Perras
Hesgard.
- Police—Perras, Chairman
Merrill
Flaucher.
- Health—Flaucher, Chairman
Merrill
Rosenback.
- Electric—Merrill, Chairman
Flaucher
Amoth.

Yakima Indians To View Effects of Bonneville

Representatives of the Yakima Indian tribal council will go to Underwood and Lyle, Wash., soon to inspect reported damages to their tribal fishing sites along the Columbia River as result of the Bonneville Dam construction, Milton Johnson, superintendent of the agency office at Toppenish announced.

The group will not consider action against the government at this time for damages resulting from the reported lack of normal fish runs in the river because of the dam, but will consider only damages to fishing sites and cabins, Johnson said.

Fish by Million For Local Anglers

The annual wild life report for the Mt. Hood National Forest for the past year shows that 1,168,800 fish were planted in the streams and lakes within the Forest from state fish hatcheries. They consisted of eastern brook, rainbow, cut-throat and steelhead trout and grayling.

The report also contains a census of wild life within the Mt. Hood National Forest. The census is of course only an estimate, based on systematic observations and surveys made by Forest officers during the year. The census indicates that there are a total of 38,000 game animals and game birds inhabiting the Forest. This includes 800 bear, 2800 black-tailed deer, 90 mule deer, 50 white-tailed deer and 100 elk. Game birds consist of fan-tailed pigeons, ducks, grouse, quail, pheasants and partridges. Fur bearing animals are represented by the badger, beaver, fox, martin, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, skunk and weasel. Predatory animals are listed as bobcats, lynx, cougar, coyote and wolf. Other animals listed include porcupine, snowshoe hare and gray squirrel.

Bird life, other than game birds, are not included in the census, according to A. O. Waha, Forest Supervisor.