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CASCADE LOCKS

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Pierce's Bill Holds Back Chipman Development

Portland Firm Lowest Bidder On Road Job

Babler Brothers of Portland submitted the low figure for the paving of two miles of the reconstructed Columbia highway between Eagle Creek and Cascade Locks, it was revealed when bids were opened Wednesday in the office of W. H. Lynch, district engineer of the United States bureau of public roads. The Portland concern's bid was \$75,928.30.

A total of 12 bids was submitted for the work, which includes surfacing and bituminous paving of the road relocated because of construction of the Bonneville dam. The project is a part of the Oregon forest highway program under the direction of the bureau of public roads.

The winning bid must be approved by Washington, D. C., authorities before the contract is let.

FOREST SERVICE BUSY DURING MILD WEATHER

With the advantage of having an open winter this year the Forest Service has been active on various projects all winter. Thirty men at the present time are working on the trails and camp grounds in the vicinity of Multnomah Falls.

A rock crusher is in operation at Eagle Creek turning out four grades of rock to be used on the roads and paths around the Columbia Gorge Ranger Station and Eagle Creek.

Landscape Engineer Al Mosier from the Forest Service Regional Office in Portland has been out around the Columbia Gorge Ranger Station making a new site plan for additional residences which are expected to be built this summer.

Action Urged For Washington Canal

dential revival of the Florida ship canal project prompted Representative Smith, Democrat of Washington, today to ask congress to consider the need for a canal linking Puget Sound with Grays and Willapa harbors and the Columbia river.

Asserting in the Congressional Record that the Washington canal was as meritorious as the Florida Atlantic-Gulf project and "much less costly," he submitted a digest of facts concerning the Pacific Northwest development.

The digest, prepared by Rear Admiral Luther E. Gregory, retired, said the \$33,000,000 canal would be a paying proposition, a boon to Western industry and of military and naval importance in case of war.

It is estimated the project would provide upwards of 20,000 jobs.

LOCAL LODGE HONORED

Singular honor was accorded Cascade Lodge No. 104 of the I. O. O. F. of Cascade Locks when it was notified that it was the outstanding lodge over the entire state for the increase in membership. During 1938 the lodge had a net gain of 88%. For the forthcoming year the lodge will have the honor of displaying the Grand Secretary Trophy in reward for such an accomplishment.

CREW OF 29 CLEARING RIGHT-OF-WAY IN COUNTY

The Bonneville project field crew, working out of Cascade Locks, has now a total of 29 members, figures released from the office of Administrator J. D. Ross showed this week. The crew is busy with survey work as a preliminary to construction of the huge power network which Ross hopes to extend throughout the northwest.

The Cascade Locks crew is one of 16 field units now operated by the project out of various northwest cities and towns. Project employment has grown since the first of the year from a scant dozen workers to a present total of 740.

Monthly payroll is more than \$100,000, most of which comes from PWA appropriations. This is in addition to a WPA payroll of approximately 800 workers who are being used to clear land on the Bonneville network's right-of-way and substation sites.

Traveling Gavel Again on Its Way

The I.O.O.F. lodge Number 104 of Cascade Locks Wednesday night officially started the traveling gavel of the organization on its way again when a large delegation presented it to City View Lodge Number 201 of Portland.

M. L. Morgan, district deputy grand master of the Cascade Locks lodge, was master of ceremonies in the gavel presentation. He introduced to the Noble Grand of City View Lodge, Lee Murray, N. G., of lodge 104; Jim Chadney, N. G., of lodge 107; Walt Weber, N. G., of 181; Erwin Broliard, V. G., of 104; Ray Allison, V. G., of 107; E. L. Johnson, district deputy grand master, of 107; Jim Melville, district deputy grand master, of 181; and Earl Ivie, special district grand master of district 11. The gavel was officially presented by Lee Murray.

In the delegation were 14 from Cascade Locks, nine from Odell and six from Hood River.

CHEMICAL PLANT MEMORIAL APPROVED

SALEM—The house Thursday passed a memorial to congress asking that body to enact the Pierce bill providing for construction of a plant at Bonneville for the manufacture of chemicals to be used in eradication of noxious weeds. The plant would cost \$700,000 and the chemicals would be sold to farmers at cost.

Semon of Klamath told the house the project would save farmers 70 per cent of the cost of buying chemicals at present prices.

CASCADE LOCKS P.-T. A. TO HOLD CARD PARTY

The Cascade Locks P.-T. A. are having a card party Friday night Jan. 27, at 8:00 p. m., in the high school gym. Prizes will be given for high score in Pinochle, "500" and bridge. There will be a series of five and a grand prize will be awarded to the one holding the highest score for the series of games.

PUD Valid, State Court Ruling Says

SALEM—The state supreme court today upheld the constitutionality of the public utility district law and the validity of the proceedings under which the Tillamook PUD was formed.

The opinion, written by Associate Justice Henry J. Bean, which affirmed Circuit Judge R. Frank Peters, said the proceedings in connection with the ordinance subdividing the Tillamook PUD were "regular and legal, and that said district is now duly subdivided into five subdivisions in the ordinance (and) is in all things affirmed."

The suit was brought by Clark Hadley, a taxpayer living within the district. Neither party was allowed costs or disbursements.

Hadley intervened in the test case as a property owner and taxpayer, attacking the legality of the district on the general grounds that it violated the due process clause and was contrary to the 14th amendment to the constitution in that it did not conform with benefits and boundaries provisions.

Tillamook district opposed this contention, reciting that the state hydro-electric commission held proper hearings and established boundaries according to law. The district also contended that a public utility district is a municipal corporation the same as a city or school district and is therefore subject to laws different from those affecting improvement districts. The supreme court upheld the district in each contention.

THETA RHO GIRLS STAGE GALA AFFAIR

The Omega Theta Rho girls were hostesses at a banquet Monday night honoring their mothers, their advisors and Rebekahs, who are members of their order.

The affair was a gala occasion as the ladies and girls were all in evening gowns, some of the younger ones looking very demure in their long frocks.

"Mother" was sung by the girls and six of the girls took a letter from the word and made a short talk followed by a poem by Miss Wetzel and response by Mrs. Vera Sprague. Mrs. Breta Morgan and Mrs. Martha Carnes were each presented with a lovely set of pottery bowls in appreciation of the work they have done as advisors with the group. Each responded with a short message. Jeanne Orvis gave two piano selections, a song by Nell Rae Broliard and two accordion selections completed the program. Jean Hardy acted as toastmistress and did very admirably. Dancing was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening to the music of Mrs. Maude Broliard at the piano and Helen Rosenback assisting part time on her accordion. Everyone voted it the best time they have had in a long time and not soon to be forgotten, and much credit goes to the girls for the effort they made to make it such a success. Toasts were given by: Eileen Sprague, Martha Cairns, Betty Kelsay, Pat Carter, Donna Davidson and Sally McMullen. Response for the mothers was given by Mrs. Vera Sprague.

John Carlson and Donna Davidson left this week to enroll in Portland schools. The young people will be missed as they are both popular members of the younger set.

BURIED MAN RECOVERS; LEAVES FOR HIS HOME

Walter Doran, the luckiest young man in Oregon, was released from Hood River Hospital Sunday, and returned to his home in Portland. Doran is the young engineer who miraculously escaped almost certain death last Tuesday when he was imprisoned in a rock slide for five and one-half hours, only to escape with superficial injuries.

Doran, who was suffering only shock, bruises and slight cuts, was taken home by his family, and is expected to return to work in a few days.

Bonneville Starts First Line Job

First major construction job of the Bonneville super-power network today came off the project's drawing boards and was offered to contractors throughout the nation.

Hundreds of jobs will be provided for northwest citizens who will erect the "backbone" line from the dam to the major substation at Vancouver. Materials for the 220,000 volt twin circuit have been arriving daily and bids on the huge construction job, running into hundreds of thousands of dollars will be opened on February 21 at the offices of Administrator J. D. Ross.

Completion of the first of the two circuits is called for within 180 days from the date of the award. Second of the circuits is to be completed within a 210-day period. This will permit the line—heaviest in the lower Columbia area—to be energized along with the Vancouver-Eugene 110,000 volt line in mid-autumn, bringing Bonneville power to a number of Washington and Oregon communities. (Continued on Page Six)

B. F. IRVINE TO SPEAK AT BONNEVILLE

With B. F. Irvine as the speaker, the first of a special series of Sunday evening gatherings will be held in the Bonneville Auditorium, beginning Sunday, February 5.

In scheduling the meetings, the committee in charge made the following announcement:

Suggestion is made that local conditions and the personnel at Bonneville make possible a Sunday Evening Meeting which could not be similarly attempted by a less favored community.

The plan proposed is for a local committee to arrange for some outstanding speaker on the first and third Sunday evening of each month. These meetings should start not later than 7:30 p. m. and not last after 9:00 p. m. The program would be a "Community Sing" of hymns or songs requested, familiar to the audience and in the books available so that everybody can sing. With this would be brief devotions, a Scripture reading and introduction of the speaker. The speakers are expected to be prominent in some human endeavor of interest to all or most of us.

It is advisable to arrange long in advance for these men or women and the experiment should not be started without at least twelve speakers scheduled. To encourage the committee to proceed without fear of embarrassing our guest speakers or themselves, we agree to attend these twelve trial meetings unless absolutely prevented by circumstances not now known and to invite and encourage others.

Expenses will be defrayed by means of a best voluntary door collection.

The Chipman Chemical Company of Bound Rock, New Jersey, this week notified the Dam Chronicle through its secretary-treasurer that "it has been obviously necessary to stop the preparations leading toward the establishment of a chlorate plant at Cascade Locks which were in progress."

The letter goes on to say: "There appears to be no possibility of these preparations proceeding further unless it becomes clear that Mr. Pierce's project, and similar projects for the establishment of government plants to compete with industry, will meet with overwhelming opposition in Congress."

"Mr. Pierce's proposal is being viewed with alarm by the entire chemical industry and it is obvious that the indicated trend toward government competition with the chemical industry, particularly at Bonneville, will only serve to make other manufacturers who have been considering the use of Bonneville power hesitate until they have some assurance that any investment will not be wiped out by government competition."

"It seems unfortunate that this should come at a time when the need for business improvements and expansion is so generally recognized."

The letter confirms the supposition that the Chronicle had when Pierce's bill was announced. The bill at the present time is in the hands of the Agricultural committee of which Pierce is a member.

NEW BEAUTYY SALON TO OPEN SATURDAY

Ether Ring, formerly of the E. Nance Beauty Salon of Hood River will Saturday open in Cascade Locks one of the most modern beauty shops to be found in a community the size of Cascade Locks.

Mrs. Ring has acquired considerable reputation as a hair stylist and will feature both machine and machineless permanent waves.

For a limited time the new shop which will be known as the Esai's Beauty Salon will give a complimentary facial to anyone asking for an appointment. The shop will be located opposite the Post Office.

BENEFIT SHOW PLANNED

The president's birthday will be observed in Bonneville Friday evening, when a motion picture, featuring Bing Crosby, will be shown at the Bonneville Auditorium. The entertainment is scheduled to start at 7:30. The picture will be followed by dancing for all who wish to stay. Admission prices listed are: adults, 30c; children, 10c. Proceeds will go toward the fund for fighting infantile paralysis.

Columbia Due For Another Drop

Army Engineers at Bonneville have once again said, "River go down," and so on Monday morning, February 6, the Columbia river will slowly begin to recede in elevation behind the Bonneville Dam. This time for a drop of six feet.

Last week the engineers dropped the river from an elevation of 69.5 feet above sea level to 64.5, reaching this point last week. The new drop which Major Theron D. Weaver of the Corps of Engineers at Bonneville says will remain for two or three days will place the river pool level at approximately 58 feet above sea level.

The dropping of the river is to aid the engineers in the construction of the Tanner Creek fish ladder now being built, and also a river construction job at The Dalles.