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AND THE BONNEVILLE DAM CHRONICLE

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Burning of Slashings Starts Big Fire

Outbreak of forest fires along the Columbia Gorge and in other parts of the Northwest, which came with a period of record-low humidity for this time of year, have brought out warnings from forest rangers. Senior Ranger Albert Wiesendanger this week issued the following statement:

"The burning of slashings on the steep hill sides in the Columbia Gorge this spring and summer in connection with right-of-way clearing for Bonneville Power Transmission lines will require very close supervision. Otherwise high east winds that suddenly come blowing through the gorge will cause these fires to spread to green timber, destroy scenic values and become very hard to control.

"This happened last Sunday morning on the Washington side of the gorge when high east winds caused a slashing fire west of North Bonneville near Hamilton mountain to get beyond control. Late Sunday evening the fire was brought under control by WPA and CCC crews under the supervision of State Fire Wardens."

COWLITZ CONDEMNATION PROGRESSES

The condemnation case of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County against the properties of the Washington Gas and Electric Company moved a step nearer when Judge E. E. Cushman, in Tacoma, denied a motion to dismiss proceedings asked by the company. Later he granted the order of public use and necessity, and set the condemnation trial for October 10. The PUD seeks to obtain possession of plants and transmission lines of the company valued at \$6,000,000.

INVITED TO LECTURE

An invitation has been extended to Cascade Locks and Bonneville communities by the First Church of Christ Scientist in Hood River, to attend a free lecture on Christian Science at the church edifice, 9th and Eugene Streets, in Hood River, next Sunday at 3 p. m. Dr. Hendrik J. deLange, of New York City, will give the lecture.

Chinook Salmon Counted at Dam

Employees of the United States army engineers making the first complete count in history of spring chinook salmon ascending the Columbia river, tabulated 7773 chinooks swimming up the fish ladders at Bonneville dam between start of the run early in April and April 16.

The run has increased steadily, from a few fish observed early in the month to 1535 on April 16, engineers said. The peak of the run has not arrived, they believe.

In the same period 3450 steelhead trout have ascended the ladders. Comparative figures are not available, since counting at the ladders did not start last year until May.

TELLS STUDENTS OF FIRE PREVENTION

"Prevent Forest Fires—It Pays," was told the students of the Corbett High School Wednesday morning when Senior Forest Ranger Albert Wiesendanger of the Mount Hood National Forest presented an illustrated talk.

Thursday morning he spoke before The Dalles High School and Junior High School.

At noon he addressed the members of The Dalles Kiwanis Club at their luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rand were Locks visitors Friday evening. Mrs. Rand went on to Weiser, Idaho, for a visit with her relatives and Mr. Rand returned to Tacoma Saturday.

ASK FOR WHARF
Application has been made to the office of the War Department by the Port of Camas-Washougal, for a permit to construct a wharf and appurtenant structures in Columbia River near Camas, Washington.

Any objection from the standpoint of navigation should be received at this office not later than April 24, 1939.

Chaplain Beard To Speak On Tuesday

On Tuesday, April 25, at 7:30 p. m. in the Bonneville Auditorium, an address will be given by Chaplain J. W. Beard, pastor of the Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church of Portland. Rev. Mr. Beard was a chaplain in the World War, and will speak on the topic, "Recovering the Old Frontiers." The theme will be developed from experiences of a canoe trip down the Missouri and Columbia Rivers.

The speaker is brought to Bonneville through the efforts of the Bonneville Sunday Evening Club. The public is invited.

The program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m.

Ralph Dugdale, city superintendent of the Portland Public Schools, addressed the Sunday Evening Club last Sunday on the topic, "Educating Tomorrow's Citizens." Musical numbers were presented by pupils from schools of the dam area and the home orchestra of Mr. Gibbs.

CREDIT GIVEN
In press dispatches from Washington regarding the favorable report of the rivers and harbors committee of the Umatilla Dam, credit seems to be given for securing this report to Congressman Angell, a republican from the western part of the state.

Georgia Senator Opposes Foreman

WASHINGTON, April 19—Senator Walter F. George, democrat, Georgia, said he would "oppose without hesitation" the rumored appointment of Dr. Clark Foreman of Atlanta, Ga., as administrator of the Bonneville power project on the Columbia river.

"Of course," George said, "he would not serve in Georgia, and a senator's objection in that case would not necessarily apply. But whenever his name is sent to the senate I shall vote against it."

Opposition on the part of Walter F. George of Georgia and other southern senators to Dr. Clark Foreman is believed to stem from Foreman's participation last year in the attempt to "purge" George from the senate.

Foreman Fights Senator
Foreman, head of the PWA power division, was named to the national emergency council for the state of Georgia last summer a few weeks before President Roosevelt, speaking at a rural electrification project there, urged the voters not to return Senator George for another term.

Foreman, a resident of Georgia, was active in the campaign against George which followed. However, George was decisively re-elected. Walter Camp the new deal choice, ran a poor third, being also beaten by Eugene Talmadge, one-time governor of Georgia.

PAINT UP
The advertisement in this week's Chronicle by the Amoth Hardware is worthy of notice of many area residents. In this ad, L. L. Amoth offers house paint at a most attractive figure which should be within the pocket-book of all. From the insertions it is easy to determine just how much the individual's house will cost to cover.

Spring is a wonderful time of the year to think about brightening up our homes. And the area can certainly stand some house painting. Look up the ad and check on the cost to improve your property by painting.

Foreman is Reported Near Appointment

WASHINGTON, April 18—An informed person said today Secretary Ickes had "about decided" to name Dr. Clark Foreman of Atlanta, Ga., administrator of the Bonneville power project if John M. Carmody, chief of the Rural Electrification administration, definitely declined the post.

Thus far, this person said, there had been no indication that Carmody would change his mind and accept the assignment which Ickes offered him shortly after the death of J. D. Ross, first administrator of the big public power development on the Columbia river in the Pacific Northwest.

In view of the possible appointment of the Public Works Administration power division director, he said, "Missionary work" was under way on Capitol Hill to clear the way for his confirmation. He added that there had been some fear of strong opposition to Foreman from the Western bloc which felt a Western man should be given the post.

GOOD FISHING, THEY SAY
Trout fishing has been reported very good in Herman and above the Punchbowl on Eagle Creek. Several limit catches have been made on the two streams. Eagle Creek was closed to fishing last week. Steelhead fishing has been at quite a low with the closing of Tanner Creek and the area below the dam to anglers.

Theta Rho Girls Hold Convention

The Theta Rho Girls' Clubs in this district held their first annual convention Saturday, April 15, at the I. O. O. F. Hall in Hood River.

Convention officers were: Chairman, Betty Calmettes, Delta No. 4; vice-chairman, De Ette Moore, Omega No. 24; secretary, Betty Collins, Delta No. 4; treasurer, Helen Rosenback, Omega No. 24.

Convention officers for the coming year are: Chairman, De Ette Moore, Omega; vice-chairman, Elaine Drake, Delta; secretary, Eileen Sprague, Omega; treasurer, Bonnie Edington, Delta.

The girls were assisted by the Delta Adviser, Stella Drake, and Assistant, Marian Collins, and the Omega Adviser, Breta Morgan, and Assistant, Martha Carnes.

Orva Wiley, Frances Marchbank, Edythe Surrell and Lautina Griffith were escorts for seating the convention officers.

Bertha McCollum, Secretary of the Board of Control of the Theta Rho Girls' Clubs for the State of Oregon, was present and gave the girls a very interesting talk. Grace Christianson, a Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, was also a guest.

After the business session in the afternoon a pot-luck dinner was served.

Omega No. 24 from Cascade Locks joined with Delta No. 4 of Hood River in putting on the initiatory work in the evening. Three candidates were initiated.

Delta served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Their next convention will be at Cascade Locks next spring.

Auxiliary Hears Convention Report

The Bonneville American Legion Auxiliary meeting was held Wednesday evening, April 12. The Constitution was re-read by Dorothy Clark and a vote was passed to accept it.

Alta Morton, president, gave a report on the unofficial convention she attended in Los Angeles which was held for the purpose of as many Units as possible to meet the National President and to hear her speak. The message she wished brought back to the individual Units was "The thought of Peace in connection with National Defense, the organizing of Junior Units to carry on the work of the future and to build up the membership."

A committee was appointed to get material for luncheon clothes to be used at the social hours following each meeting.

A meeting of the executive board was set for Wednesday, April 26, at 7 o'clock with all members able to attend to be present.

Plans were discussed for a party to be held after the next meeting on May 10. A committee was appointed to take charge of the entertainment.

At the social hour following the meeting doughnuts and coffee, which were furnished by the Post, were enjoyed.

PLANS LOG BOOM AT LYLE

Application has been made to the office of the War Department by C. A. Kincaid of Lyle, Washington, for a permit to construct a log boom in Kliekitat River (Bonneville Dam pool) near Lyle, Washington.

Any objection from the standpoint of navigation should be received at this office not later than April 28, 1939.

NATION LEARNS OF LEGION CLIMB

A full page advertisement in color, which publicizes Oregon, appears this week in the Saturday Evening Post. Hood River and adjacent territory comes in for mention in the material on the page, particularly the line, set off near the bottom of the page which states: Join the Mt. Hood American Legion Climb, July 16 from Hood River."

Schedule Made For Softball Organizations
Eight teams have entered the Columbia Gorge Softball League, and at a meeting held last week, a schedule for the coming season was drawn up.

Games will be played at 6:30 p. m. at all places but Bonneville where they will start at 8 p. m., the contests to be held under the lights, on the new Bonneville softball diamond.

The schedule for the season follows:

May 17—Engineers vs. Willard, Hood River vs. Bingen, Wyeth vs. White Salmon, Stevenson vs. Bonneville.

May 24—Engineers vs. Bonneville, Hood River vs. Willard, Wyeth vs. Bingen, Stevenson vs. White Salmon.

May 31—Engineers vs. White Salmon, Hood River vs. Bonneville, Wyeth vs. Willard, Stevenson vs. Bingen.

June 7—Engineers vs. Bingen, Hood River vs. White Salmon, Wyeth vs. Bonneville, Stevenson vs. Bonneville, White Salmon vs. Willard.

June 21—Engineers vs. Stevenson, Hood River vs. Wyeth, Bingen vs. Willard, White Salmon vs. Bonneville.

June 28—Engineers vs. Hood

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Large Crowds At Opening of New Theatre

It was a gala occasion for the theatre-goers of Cascade Locks, Bonneville, Bridal Veil and way points when the new Community Theatre of Cascade Locks opened its doors for the first time Saturday.

In the afternoon a near capacity crowd of youngsters enjoyed a free show. In the early evening the grown-ups began arriving and the theatre was nearly a packed house for all three shows.

Since the opening day the attendance has held up surprisingly well. Pictures are being shown every day of the week with changes three times a week.

Flowers were presented to the theatre on the opening night by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hyde and B. F. Shearer of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flaucher presented the management with ash stands for use in the waiting room.

Business men report the late afternoon and evening business improved since the theatre opening, with many families planning on doing their marketing and other buying before they attending the theatre.

ACTION ON COULEE RIGHT-OF-WAY

U. S. District Attorney Sam Driver announced last week the government will begin immediate acquisition of right-of-way for a high-power transmission line from Bonneville to Grand Coulee. He said Hart Snyder, special attorney of the Lands Division of the Department of Justice, would open an office in Spokane to assist.

ATTORNEYS CONFER

United States district attorneys of Washington and Oregon conferred in Portland recently with John C. Fischer, chief Bonneville counsel, and other officials of the project on problems in federal land acquisition for Bonneville transmission network.

Umatilla Dam Is Okehed

WASHINGTON, April 18—The house rivers and harbors committee acted favorably on the Umatilla dam project today, marking distinct change from adverse sentiment which had been privately expressed earlier in the year. The vote was 10 to 5.

All congressmen from the Pacific Northwest gave support to the project, but its advocates especially commended Representative Angell, only Northwest member of the committee itself, for his efforts within the committee, so recently hostile to the adoption of the project.

Only one day earlier the omnibus authorization bill for rivers and harbors had been reported to the house. To include Umatilla as a regular item the committee will offer it as an amendment when the bill comes to the floor. This will be in the form reported by the army engineers, a navigation dam estimated to cost \$23,700,000, with foundations sufficient for power installation later on.

It is believed the river and harbor bill will encounter no opposition in the senate unless it is thrown into an economy whirl near the end of the session.

Three or four years will be required to build the dam. Light and power needed during construction will be supplied from the plant at Bonneville.

Praise for Congressman Angell's efforts in behalf of the Umatilla dam project was contained in a telegram received by W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce from Herbert G. West, executive vice-president of the Inland Empire Waterways association. West is from Walla Walla. He said Angell led the fight.

WOODBURN STUDIES METHODS

The Civic Plans Committee of the Woodburn, Ore., Chamber of Commerce will make a study of municipal electrical operation and results in McMinnville, Canby and other towns where city-owned power plants are in operation in order to decide whether Woodburn should acquire its own system for municipal distribution of power from Bonneville dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lewallen left Wednesday for Hebo for a short vacation at the coast before going to Bend, or vicinity, to make their home.