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## Picnickers Throng to Eagle Creek

Three hundred sixty-two cars were checked in at the picnic grounds at Eagle Creek last Sunday. It is estimated that more than 1235 visitors used the picnic grounds. Many made the trip up the Eagle Creek trail to the punch bowl. The Eagle Creek trail is in fine condition, having been cleared of all slides, etc., recently by a crew of CCC boys from the Wyeth Camp. The splendid work done by the Zig Zag CCC Camp during the past winter in constructing a large number of picnic tables and rock stoves made it possible to supply the Eagle Creek Forest Camp with 26 stoves, 34 picnic tables, and 16 rustic benches. Most of this new equipment will be placed on the over-night camp grounds and on the new over-look area which is near the mouth of Eagle Creek.

When the road to Wahtum Lake is clear of snow stoves and tables will also be sent to Rainy Lake and Wahtum Lake.

A large Forest Service flat bottom truck is now delivering the stoves, tables and benches from Zig Zag to the various forest camps on the Mount Hood National Forest.

The new information station at the entrance to the Eagle Creek Forest Camp Grounds on the Columbia River Highway is now open to the public. Senior Forest Ranger Albert Wiesendanger, who has charge of the Eagle Creek Area, moved into his new office on May 1.

The furniture in the new building was all made in Portland in the shops on East Division Street by the National Youth Administration.

Shrubs are now being planted and rock paths completed in front of the new office.

The new building has three rooms a reception room and information counter, the ranger's office and one room which will contain exhibit material for information of visitors.

## SECTION OF HIGHWAY HAS SINKING SPELL

Motorists on the Columbia River highway just east of Cascade Locks received quite a thrill early Tuesday morning when a section of the highway about 75 feet in length directly in front of the State Fountain Cafe, settled from 3 to 5 inches. The location is about halfway between mile posts 50 and 51.

The State Fountain Cafe building, which is not occupied at the present time, moved about four inches toward the river. Highway crews immediately patched the two broken places in the road.

The fault was apparently caused by the operations in the excavating for the new railroad bed directly below the cafe building.

## STUDENTS VISIT AREA

E. Blanchfield of the Regional Office of Lands, in charge of Landscape work for the Forest Service visited the Eagle Creek Forest Camp Grounds last Sunday with a group of University of Oregon students from the Landscape division. After their inspection of Eagle Creek area they visited the Bonneville Dam.

## Forest Service Starts Maintenance Crews

Two maintenance crews have started functioning in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Roy Weeman, District Forest Ranger of the Columbia Gorge Station, reported when in Hood River yesterday. The crews will work on telephone lines, trails and highways. One crew of 10 in charge of Ed Matheny will be situated near the Hood River reservoir at Green Point.

The other crew, in charge of Robert Ellis, composed of eight men, will be located at the foot of Larch Mountain Summit Road.

The crews are composed of Forest Service guards and CCC enrollees.

## CAPTAIN DES ISLETS TO TELL OF MILITARY ACADEMY

Captain Robert Des Islets of the Army Engineers will be the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Sunday Evening Club at the Civic Auditorium at Bonneville, Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.

"The Military Academy and Its Purposes" will be the subject of his talk and will be discussed from three angles: (1) Types of Education it provides, (2) Character Building Influences, and (3) Admission and Staying Requirements.

An open forum will be held following the speaker's address. Everybody is welcome to attend.

## Must Pay \$5300 For Bridge Land

A jury in the court of Federal Judge James Alger Fee Wednesday night fixed \$5300 as the price to be paid for 6½ acres of land which is being acquired by condemnation for the construction of a new south approach to the Bridge of the Gods, spanning the Columbia river.

A new approach was necessitated by the fact that it was necessary to raise the bridge 44 feet following the construction of the Bonneville dam.

The Wauna Toll Bridge company brought the condemnation suit, naming as defendants Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Laber, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Landon, Mrs. Lilly M. Buxton and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

The Bridge Company had originally offered the owners \$3,375 for the property.

## Carey Urges Broad Industrial Policy

Need for a broad, well-founded industrial policy for the northwest in order to fully benefit from federal power projects was stressed Friday afternoon by Acting Bonneville Administrator Charles E. Carey in an address before the fifth Pacific Northwest regional planning conference in Seattle.

"Power and industrial developments in this region have important relations which are delicately interwoven with the economic balance of the nation," he declared.

"The big question is naturally raised: Should the northwest seek to expand industrially by encouraging branch plants from the eastern seaboard or should it expand by encouraging infant industries to begin operation?"

"It is generally felt that a greater future lies in pursuant of the latter course."

Carey pointed out that the permanent success of the northwest's great power projects depends almost wholly upon a suitable industrial expansion. "The future value of these great public works projects will depend on their use," he said. "When all the power of these projects is utilized, there should be many more employment opportunities."

Among suggestions for power use Carey mentioned was electrification of western railroads. He suggested that an answer be sought to the question whether rail electrification can effect relief in rail transportation costs.

Carey also sketched briefly the history of Bonneville, pointing out that of the \$53,188,800 spent on the dam, only \$11,682,400 was chargeable to power. He outlined the plans for ultimate construction of a master plan which will tie in all the great public generating plants of the northwest.

## RHODODENDRONS IN BLOOM

Bonneville Reservation the past two weeks has been a beauty spot that could not easily be surpassed. The Rhododendrons have been in bloom in great profusion and in great variety of colors. The native flowers were also supplanted by many other kinds and colors of plants which are now in bloom.

## Industrialists Study Uses Of Power

Following his address before the Electrochemical Society at Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, Ivan Bloch, chief of Bonneville's market development section, gave engineers and chemists gathered at the national convention specific information on 23 new industries which are feasible for immediate development in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

He especially stressed the opportunity for large electro-metallurgical plants to take advantage of the unusual combination of cheap Bonneville power, tidewater navigation on the Columbia River and plentiful raw materials. In answer to inquiries, Bloch described the iron ore deposits in the Bonneville area, and outlined local and western markets within easy reach. Metallurgical coke and limestone for such an industry, he pointed out, are available in the Pacific Northwest.

### Low Power Rate

In view of the increasing demand for ferro-alloys, he said, steel manufacturers are studying arc and induction furnace methods suitable for use in the Bonneville region. Manganese and chrome ores are available in large quantities in the Northwest, and silicon, tungsten and molybdenum for ferro-alloy use are found in the western states. Power from Bonneville Dam will be available for electric furnace use at a wholesale rate between one and two mills per kilowatt-hour.

Other local ores which can be reduced or refined by electricity are magnesium, aluminum, zinc and copper, he said. Electric furnaces can be kept running to produce copper matter from low-grade northwestern ores if cheap power is available. Finland now successfully produces copper by this method. The Bonneville Project is cooperating with the state mining boards of Oregon, Montana and Idaho in the preparation of maps that will show the location of minerals in those states.

Bloch pointed out that unusually fine power and navigation facilities (Continued on page Eight)

## LOW SUBSTATION BIDDER

Drake, Wyman & Voss, Inc., was apparent low bidder Tuesday at \$11,348 for a Bonneville dam substation on the south bank of the Columbia river near the dam's sea locks.

From this station lines will extend to Hood River and Cascade Locks.

## Salmon Run in River Continues

First of the Blueback run to reach Bonneville dam glided over fish ladders on April 23, Bonneville fish men announced. Eight of the high-grade salmon, which command the same price as Royal Chinooks, were counted over the dam on the first day of their appearance, 19 on the second, 12 on the third and two on the fourth. None appeared on the fifth day and only one on April 28, the last day for which migration statistics are available.

On April 23 the Chinook run reached 5520, the high mark for the spring migration, as opening of the commercial season on the river will prevent large numbers from escaping thousands of gillnets. Escapement of Chinooks on the five succeeding days was 3312, 3458, 2317, 2409 and 3018.

Steelhead migration, peculiar in that it is the most irregular among food fishes, varied for the week beginning with April 22 from a high of 681 to a low of 127.

A total of 59,564 fish used the ladders during the month of April. The count for the last six days in April follows:

April 25	3773
April 26	2498
April 27	2590
April 28	3146
April 29	3727
April 30	2642

For the first two days of this month, Monday and Tuesday, the count was:

Chinook Steelhd Blue Backs		
May 1	3310	348
May 2	3050	238

## NEW FIRE CHIEF NAMED

At the last meeting of the Cascade Locks Fire Department, Elmer Erickson resigned as Fire Chief and Jack Cornet was elected to take his place. The fire ladders are busy this week painting the fire station and city hall.

## Describes Scope of Huge Network

"The release of low-cost hydroelectric power over the far-flung federal transmission network opens an unequalled opportunity for the exploitation of northwest mineral resources."

This was the major theme of Acting Bonneville Administrator Charles E. Carey recently in an address before the fifth Pacific Northwest regional planning conference at Seattle. Carey spoke jointly with Walter W. R. May of Portland on the place of power in the northwest's general economic situation.

Defining the northwest's basic problem as its position "as colonial empire to the rest of the nation—a region from which have been extracted exhaustible materials and to which, in return, have gone manufactured goods"—Carey declared a solution to be suggested by the fact that the growth of national industry during the last 70 years has depended to a large extent on cheap power.

"During the period when the number of the nation's workers doubled, power installations in industry more than trebled," he declared.

"Since the advent of federal developments on the Columbia river, low-cost power has been promised over a sufficiently wide area to permit reaching the low-grade mineral resources with which the Northwest abounds."

Electrochemistry has devised the means for treatment of most of these low-grade ores.

Carey pointed out that the electrochemical industries in some ways will fill ideally the northwest's need for basic industries. "By means of distribution of low-cost power at no premium due to distance from the generating plant, industrial congestion can be minimized and desirable decentralization promoted," he said.

Following May's and Carey's talks, discussion was led by C. E. Magnusson, director of the engineering experiment station at the University of Washington and Homer Grant of the Washington state department of public service.

## Odd Fellows Hold Dist. Convention

One hundred and fifty delegates of 16 lodges of the 11th district of Oregon of the I. O. O. F. gathered at Cascade Locks Monday for their 29th annual convention.

Closed meetings were held in the afternoon and in the late evening. Dinner was served by the Cascade Locks Rebekahs at Penn's Tavern followed by an open meeting at the Cascade Locks High School where the Cascade Locks Rebekahs and Omega Theta Rho Girls gave drill and floor work exhibitions. The next meeting is scheduled for The Dalles.

M. L. Morgan of Cascade Locks was presented with a mandallion by Special Deputy District Grand Master Earl of District 11. The award was made in recognition of Morgan having secured the greatest number of new members in the I. O. O. F. order in District 11.

After the dinner, the delegates made tour of Bonneville Dam, being personally conducted to the various points of interest by Major Weaver.


## LEGION AUXILIARY MEETS

Members of the Bonneville American Legion Auxiliary will hold an open meeting Wednesday evening, May 10, in the Civic Auditorium, at 8 o'clock. There will be refreshments and a social hour after the meeting.

## BONNEVILLE POOL RAISED

Beginning Tuesday morning, May 2, the pool above Bonneville Dam started a gradual raise at the rate of about 0.5 feet per day. The water will be raised to normal operating elevation of plus-72. This elevation will be maintained indefinitely, or until further notice, the Bonneville office reported.

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