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Morton Tells Of Operation Of Fishways

How the fishways at Bonneville are working perfectly as far as the upstream run of salmon is concerned was told Wednesday by Fred Morton, supervisor of the Bonneville fishways in an address before the Lions Club of Hood River.

Reluctant to leave at the close of the meeting, the assembled group prevailed upon Morton to continue his discourse on migrating salmon and the Bonneville fishways, and he spoke for an additional half hour to the service club.

The supervisor explained that the fish were traveling upstream, though observing their failure to jump the ladders is a disappointment to the onlookers who stand by the railings of the ladders expecting to see large numbers leap over the elevations. The fact that many salmon use the channels under the elevation barriers was explained.

One of the most startling statements made by Morton pertained to the volume of water flowing in the fishways. He announced that more water runs through these channels than flows in the Willamette River during its low stage in the late months of summer.

That the count of the number of fish going upstream is accurate was stressed by the speaker, who told how checks made by himself and the chief counter confirmed the tallies made by those who check in the fish. Some variation, though it is negligible, he said, might occur in identifying the type of fish seen on the counting board.

The fish ladders have been designed successfully for the salmon, it has been proved, since species of fish are using the ladders, which are not regarded as "fighting fish." When scrap fish can negotiate the elevations with apparent ease, it is deduced that salmon known as a vigorous and determined fish, made the grade with much less difficulty than in the past when the swift water and rapids had to be battled.

Criticism by some kibitzers that the pool above the dam would retard the migration since salmon prefer swift water was offset by Morton when he stated that the velocity of the pool above the dam exceeds that at Vancouver. He also announced that two days after each heavy count at the dam there is a corresponding heavy catch by commercial fishermen, Indians or sportsmen at Celilo.

"The fish are getting up stream; the big problem now is determining what effect the dam will have on the fingerlings going downstream," said Morton. He told how experiments had shown at Lewiston, Idaho, on the Clearwater River, that fingerlings were able to pass through the turbines of the powerhouse largely unharmed, and the wheels there are smaller and turn more rapidly than those at Bonneville.

Greatest danger to the fingerlings, believes Morton, is their being killed or injured by the swift waters coming through the spillway dam.

Famous Captain Pilots River Craft

Captain Charles Nelson, one of the famous river pilots of the Columbia River, was back on the river again as pilot of the riverboat, Watco, of Portland. The Watco, a 67-ton vessel, made a trial run to The Dalles with a load of cement Monday and returned Tuesday to Portland.

If the trial was a success the vessel may be seen regularly on the river.

A guess as to when Charley Nelson first started on the river will not be made but we have heard him tell of landing a boat at the Hood River Railroad Station in the flood of 1894.

AUTHORITIES FOLLOW UP BAD WATER USAGE

It was understood that since the publication of the condition of the government springs line in last week's Chronicle, county health authorities are to conduct a personal investigation of the situation in the interests of public health. It is understood that the condemned water is being served for public use in several locations.

Annual Poppy Day To Be Observed

Twelve million poppies will be worn in the United States this year in tribute to the World War dead. Blanche North, poppy chairman of Bonneville Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, predicted today as nation-wide preparations for the observance of Poppy Day, May 27, were being completed by the Auxiliary.

Making of the little red memorial flowers is now practically completed and three hundred already have been received by the local Unit of the Auxiliary in readiness for Poppy Day, Blanche North said. The poppies have been made by disabled war veterans in government hospitals and in special poppy workrooms maintained by the Auxiliary. Many hundreds of veterans who could not have found or performed other work have been given employment during the winter and spring months. Approximately \$120,000 has been paid in wages to these disabled poppy-makers, the majority of whom receive little or no government compensation and have families to support.

Organization of the vast corps of volunteer workers who will distribute the poppies on the streets of cities and towns throughout the country is rapidly nearing completion. Blanche North estimated that fully 100,000 women will take part in the work of bringing the memorial flowers to the American people.

In exchange for the flowers the poppy-workers will receive contributions for the war's living victims, the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead. More than one million dollars is expected to be contributed. The money will go into the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of the Legion and Auxiliary remaining largely in the communities where it is raised to finance the local Legion and Auxiliary welfare activities during the coming year.

All the local Auxiliary women will work throughout the day Friday, May 26, under the leadership of Blanche North, distributing poppies made by disabled veterans at U. S. Veterans Hospital, Portland, Oregon, to "Honor the dead and aid the living."

The story of the Poppy was told to the Bonneville American Legion Auxiliary at their meeting held May 10, by Blanche North, poppy chairman. Groups have been organized to sell three hundred poppies already received on Friday, May 26. Awards for the poppy essay and poster contest, which was entered by the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, were decided upon. The judges for the contest are Mrs. Fred McGee, Mrs. Blanche North, Fred Morton and Ed Clark. Awards will be made at the graduation exercises to be held May 17 at the Bonneville School Gymnasium.

Refreshments were served and games were played to finish the evening's entertainment. Only a few Unit and Post members were able to go home without having paid a fine, fixed on them by the two monitor policemen, who were busy watching the conduct of the members. Fines were given for such misdemeanors as not wearing their emblem pins, coming in late, dropping ashes on the floor, found sitting with one's own wife or husband, asking for second and third cups of coffee. A few members even found themselves in the "Brig" until some friend would put up the amount of the fine. The money collected is to be used to buy awards for the poppy essay and poster contest. The Auxiliary wishes to thank all those who contributed toward this fund.

Local Highway Work Nears Its Completion

With more than 30 men busy on the new link of the watergrade highway between Cascade Locks and Eagle Creek, the contractors expected to have their work wound up by the middle of July and the stretch ready for public use.

The first rock was put in place this week and the grade levels were tested to the satisfaction of the Bureau of Public Roads officials under whom the section is being built.

It is not known just how soon the fill will be made to take the place of the temporary log bridge over the present highway. When this is under the construction the traffic will be switched over a short detour just east of the fill.

ASKS RIVER MEN TO WATCH FOR BODY

People along the Columbia River in the Mid-Columbia have been asked by Sheriff C. A. Woodward of Walla Walla to be on the lookout for the body of Pierre Ganguet, who drowned in the Snake River May 12. The sheriff believes the body may be floating down the Columbia. Ganguet, a prominent farmer and sheep raiser in the Walla Walla district, was five feet two inches tall, 60 years old and weighed 198 pounds. He was wearing gray pants and vest to match, heavy black shoes with rubber heels. He was partially bald and his teeth were in excellent condition.

Sheriff Woodward requested this week that Hood River County Sheriff John H. Sheldrake announce the drowning and asked that river men along the Columbia watch for the body, and notify the Walla Walla Sheriff if the body is sighted.

DAM IMPOUNDS FIVE YEARS' WATER

WASHINGTON, May 15—Boulder dam, on the Colorado river, has impounded a five-years' supply of water for irrigation.

Officials of the reclamation bureau reported Monday water storage was rising at the rate of 20,000 acre feet daily, compared with less than 10,000-acre feet daily at the same time a year ago.

DALLES CONSIDERS P. U. D.

THE DALLES, May 14—Formation of the Public Power and Industrial association was completed here last week under the direction of Alf Wernmark, chairman.

A series of public meetings has been scheduled by the association, with the announced intention of ascertaining sentiment relative to the formation of a P.U.D. here.

EASEMENT GRANTED

In this week's land transaction column of changes in ownership in land in Hood River County, an easement is recorded from the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. This easement is for the passage of the telephone cable across the salt company's property.

As yet no deed has been recorded giving the salt company title to any land in the county.

Power Path Makers Face Tough Job

By the end of this week officials estimate that 28,000 feet of transmission line will be cleared on the Bonneville-Hood River line. This will put in on the Hoover property near the old county road east of the Columbia Gorge Ranger Station.

Two small sections have not been touched on this line, due to not having right-of-way as yet for the clearing.

This particular job is the toughest clearing job for any of the power lines and only men who have had recent experience in falling and bucking are allowed to work on the job. Jack Caldwell is woods superintendent and he keeps the men on the move as he has for years as wood boss on many logging operations.

LOCAL TEACHER ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

When the "Cat was pulled out of the bag" at the monthly birthday party given by the Rebekahs of Cascade Locks Wednesday night, the tale the cat told was of the engagement of Miss Martha Wetzel, Cascade Locks school teacher, and "Brownie" Rohrs of Salem. No date was announced but the event is expected to take place in the fall.

Rohrs is with the State Highway Department and was stationed for a time in Cascade Locks this past winter. Miss Wetzel has taught in the Cascade Locks High School for the past three years. Her home is in Portland.

The party was attended by about 40 members. Mrs. Wetzel's mother was present from Portland for the occasion and Miss Ethel MacRae of Hillsboro also made a special trip to be present.

ATTEND CONVENTION

Cascade Locks Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were well represented at the Grand Lodge and Assembly held at Klamath Falls early this week. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Manchester and G. N. Hegard drove down for the the conventions. They are expected back today.

Banks Starts Duties as Power Chief

Frank A. Banks, Acting Administrator of the Bonneville Project, took up his duties at Portland Thursday with the assurance that he would study carefully electrical problems of the area and speed the sale of Columbia River power to communities along the transmission network now under construction.

The new Bonneville chief indicated he would confer with the public utility districts and power companies and find out the facts so that proper policies may be formulated. "I want to get my feet on the ground, find out just what the situation is, and do the best I can to carry on where Mr. Ross left off," Banks added he expected to report his findings to the Secretary of the Interior and to the national power policy committee, and should be able to handle their own affairs...

Aid Promised Districts

In regard to the activities of public utility districts, Banks offered to assist them in every way in the sale of Bonneville power to them. "If they come to us for advice we shall give them the best advice we can. However, I don't think we should dictate policies. They are prospective customers of ours, and should be regarded as such."

Administrator Banks said he was taking no stand in regard to the methods used in acquiring their distribution systems for marketing Bonneville power. "I think that is their business. While their action will have a very material bearing on the success of the Project, we must remember they are separate municipal organizations."

Studies for Industries

New industries can use large blocks of Bonneville power, Banks said, and promised that the Project would make studies so that specific industries could determine whether it is feasible to establish factories in the area. "Our business is selling power," he pointed "and naturally we will do all we can to encourage industries to use this power. It seems to me, however, that it is up to the cities themselves to do the actual work of contacting industries. They have their own commercial organizations and know the resources of their region that can be developed with Columbia River power."

Scout Executive To Address Club

On Sunday, May 21, 1939, at 7:30 p. m., Kenneth Wells, Assistant Scout Executive for the Northwest Area, will address the Bonneville Sunday Evening Club on "Scouting Today." This talk is particularly for parents and friends of boys and girls of scout age.

Mr. Wells has asked that Scouts inform their parents and friends of this meeting for the good of the Scout movement.

Everyone welcome to Bonneville Auditorium on Sunday and a community sing will form part of the program, according to the Publicity committee.

SALMON RUN CONTINUES

Fish traveling up the Columbia River the past eight days were counted at the Bonneville Fish Ladders as follows:

	Chinook	Stlhd.	Bluebks.
May 10...	876	39	1
May 11...	1572	62	
May 12...	1587	30	
May 13...	1936	21	
May 14...	1246	52	11
May 15...	1480	53	5
May 16...	1120	19	6
May 17...	931	39	21

TO EXAMINE DRIVERS

An Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs will be in Hood River Tuesday, May 23, 1939, at the Chamber of Commerce between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Bonneville Chief and Aide Here



Barry Dibble of Redlands, Cal. (left), assistant administrator, and Frank A. Banks of Grand Coulee, acting administrator, of the Bonneville project by appointment of Secretary Ickes last week, arrived in Portland Thursday and took over the helm.