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Senate Favors  
Transferring of  
Locks Grounds

It is taking an act of Congress to do it, but it seems that the port of Cascade Locks is going to acquire title to the government property between the town and the river on which was located the historic locks at the site of the legendary Bridge of the Gods. A telegram received by the Chronicle from Senator Rufus C. Holman, who was named as a subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs committee for consideration of the bill, reported that it had been passed by the Senate.

According to the wording of the bill, listed as S.255, all lands, buildings and permanent fixtures and any material supplies and sundry equipment abandoned by the War Department on such lands, together with water systems, water mains, distribution lines and water right is to be conveyed to the Port of Cascade Locks.

It is specified that the property authorized to be conveyed by this act shall be used by the grantee for a municipal park and dock, and for other municipal purposes.

The utilizing of the government property for park purposes had been visualized by the late J. D. Ross. Last January, the late administrator had the following to say in a letter to Major Theron D. Weaver in regard to beautifying the government property.

"All the powers that be in Washington and Oregon are afraid that we might do something in the Columbia Gorge that would spoil its beauty. The City of Cascade Locks would like very much to have the little island at the old Cascade locks made into a park and beautified. It would make a beauty spot for the pleasure boats going up and down the gorge. In addition to the island there is a strip of about equal size along the shore line. Great works are built like the Bonneville Dam that are tremendous in size, but after they are finished the public gets at the best only a partial conception of them. A beautiful surrounding helps to offset to some degree this unfortunate fact. We are urging the beautification of the whole Columbia Canyon."

Banks Assures  
Wasco District  
Power Line

Acting Administrator Frank A. Banks last week gave assurance that the 110,000 volt Bonneville line to The Dalles will be constructed as contemplated if the proposed Wasco County utility district is formed and applies for power.

At the present time construction of the line has been scheduled as far as Hood River. However, land for right-of-way is being purchased between Hood River and The Dalles.

"Early construction of the Bonneville line eastward to The Dalles is dependent upon an assured market for the power", Banks said. "Unless there is a customer at the end of the line, there is no justification for building it."

"Congress has directed that preference in the sale of federal hydro-electric power be given the public agencies, and the Wasco County district, if formed, will place itself in position to receive dependable electric service over the proposed circuit."

Administrator Banks returned to Portland this week after a series of conferences at Washington with the Secretary of the Interior, the National Power Policy Committee, and Federal Power Commission officials.

Reverend L. G. Weaver of Fossil was a visitor in the Locks Monday having come to Portland for expert medical attention.

## MASONIC CLUB TO MEET

The next meeting of the Mid-Columbia Masonic Club is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, in the Bonneville Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

Dr. George A. Cathey of Portland will show a real of colored motion pictures on hunting with the bow and arrow and will also give a talk on this type of hunting. Dr. Cathey is nationally known for his prowess with the bow and arrow.

George E. Griffith, a member of the Research Lodge will give an interesting talk on a Masonic subject.

Refreshments will be served and all Masons are urged to attend.

Bonneville Rates,  
Contracts Speeded

Acting Administrator Frank A. Banks returned to Portland last week after conferring in Washington with Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes and the National Power Policy Committee. He brought back assurances that supplementary Bonneville power schedules soon will be available and that contracts will be ready for public utility districts, private utilities and municipal power systems.

Within six months, Administrator Banks said, he expected contracts to be completed with public districts, private companies and cities, which will absorb the present generating capacity of Bonneville Dam, making allowance for public agencies which are entitled to reservation of 50% of the power until January 1, 1941.

Assistant Bonneville Administrator Harry Dibble and General Counsel James Lawrence Fly will remain in Washington several weeks to confer with Federal Power Commission officials on supplementary schedules for Columbia River hydroelectric power. The new schedules, Banks said, are based on the kilowatt-year rates now in effect, but are especially suitable for smaller power users such as municipal systems and public utility districts.

"These schedules will supplement existing rates, and will help the smaller distributing systems to build up their loads so they can take advantage of the kilowatt-year schedules", he said. "The demand and energy charges we will submit to the Federal Power Commission for approval will permit customers to take exactly the quantity of power they require. If their load factor is less than 50%, it will be cheaper for them to use the supplementary schedules now under preparation; if they keep the power in use more than half the time, the kilowatt-year rates will be cheaper."

The Bonneville chief said that the market for power in the Northwest is expanding steadily. He said it seems reasonable to expect that by the time the fifth and sixth generators at the dam are completed, the entire output of the first four generators will be sold. At present Bonneville has a capacity of 85,400 kilowatts. The two additional generators now being installed will provide additional capacity of 104,000 kilowatts.

## BABY BOY ARRIVES

About the busiest man in Cascade Locks Tuesday was Mike Long, passing cigars and receiving the congratulations of his many friends on the arrival of John Dale at Portland Sunday evening, about 11:00 o'clock, and who weighed 7 lbs., 12 ozs. Mother and baby are both in the best of health.

Perhaps by the first of next week the editor can get the haircut he should have had the first of this week.

## LIBRARIAN IS VISITOR

Miss Wilma Boisselier of Hood River, County Librarian, was a business visitor in the Locks Tuesday and was a guest of the chamber of commerce, and stated she would like to see a rustic building put up here for a library and enlarge the present facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Steele and children of Portland spent Saturday evening with Erick Ostberg.

Pomona Asks  
Formation  
Of P.U.D.

Hood River Valley is going ahead with its plans to form a Public Utility District. Pomona Grange, at a special meeting held Thursday evening at the Pine Grove Grange hall passed a resolution, addressed to the State Hydro-Electric Commission asking for the formation of a P. U. D. in the proposed area exclusive of the city of Hood River.

This action of the Grange follows the election of June 19, when the rural area voted 922 to 685 to form the district, while the city of Hood River rejected the proposal by a vote of 555 to 385.

According to stipulations set forth before the poll, the vote of the city and the rural district was to be regarded separately.

The resolution as adopted Thursday reads:

"WHEREAS, on June 19, 1939, an election was held submitting to the people of a part of Hood River County, the proposition of creating a Public Utility District within a part of said county; and,

"WHEREAS, said proposed district included the city of Hood River; and,

"WHEREAS, the voters in said proposed district outside the said city of Hood River voted overwhelmingly in favor of such a district but the voters within the city of Hood River rejected the same; and,

"WHEREAS, the plan and program of the said proposed district was to acquire the electric distribution systems of Pacific Power and Light Company both within and without said city; and,

"WHEREAS, said plan was based upon the issuance of revenue bonds the proceeds of which were to be used in making said acquisition; and,

"WHEREAS, the report of the Hydro-Electric Commission of Oregon shows clearly that such acquisition and operation of said distribution systems within and without the said city of Hood River is economic and feasible and will bring to the rate payers of said district rate savings; and,

"It is now within the power of the Hydro-Electric Commission of Oregon to recommend and create a Public Utility District in that part of the proposed Hood River County district exclusive of the city of Hood River and this Pomona Grange, the sponsors of the move to create said district, is overwhelmingly of the view that it is for the benefit of its members and all the citizens of Hood River County that such a district be created."

"BE IT RESOLVED BY HOOD RIVER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE IN SPECIAL MEETING ASSEMBLED:

"1. That the Hydro-Electric Commission of Oregon be and they are hereby petitioned to recommend and create a Public Utility District in that part of the proposed Hood River County District which was voted upon on June 19, 1939, exclusive of the city of Hood River."

"2. That copies of this resolution be forthwith sent to the members of the Hydro-Electric Commission of Oregon and that the officers of this Grange and the power committee hereof are hereby instructed to press this election upon said Hydro-Electric Commission and do all in their power to further the creation of said district."

"Passed and adopted on July 6, 1939."

"RALPH W. PERRY,  
Master,  
"Attest: GLADYS M. HINRICH,  
Secretary."

## TO BE LIFE GUARD

Daryl Strader, CCC enrollee at Zig Zag, has been stationed at Vancouver for two weeks and is taking life guard work and will be stationed at Zig Zag river as a safety measure during the remainder of the summer.

## MRS. LEWIS CLARK DIES

Mrs. Lewis Clark of Portland and one time Locks resident, and mother of Frank Clark of Cascade Locks, died Saturday night. She had been ill for some time with a heart ailment and was confined to the hospital last week. Her son and family had visited her early Saturday evening and didn't receive word of her death till they arrived home. Lewis Clark died several months ago. Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Helen Hopkins, of Wenatchee, and son, Frank Clark, and two grandchildren.

Legal Counselors  
Named by Ickes

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today announced the appointment, by Acting Bonneville Administrator F. A. Banks, of Herbert S. Marks, Chattanooga, Tenn. General Counsel. Marks and Hart were appointed on the recommendation of Acting General Counsel James Lawrence Fly.

Both men will assume their duties at Bonneville about August 1. Mr. Banks said this morning. Mr. Fly will return to the Bonneville Project at Portland sometime this week to remain for an indefinite period.

Marks, from 1934 to date has been a part of the legal staff of the TVA, and for the last two years has been assistant general counsel of the TVA. Marks is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and of the Harvard Law School. He was graduated from the Harvard Law School at the head of his class and later was law secretary to Judge Julian W. Mack. With the TVA he served for a time as an assistant to the board chairman and later returned to the legal staff of the Authority. Marks took a responsible part in the preparation of trials and appeals of the constitutional litigation brought by the power companies and various related interests to enjoin the power activities of the Authority. During the past year Marks has been in charge of the legal staff conducting the condemnation work of the TVA.

Hart is a resident of Portland, having come from St. Paul, Minn. in 1911. He is a graduate of Stanford University and of the Yale Law School. He was instructor in Yale Law School from 1934 to 1935. Hart is a member of the Oregon bar and of the bar of the Federal District Court of Oregon and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and of the United States Supreme Court.

Hart also served as an assistant to United States District Attorney Carl C. Donagh for the Federal District of Oregon. Since June, 1938, Hart has been special assistant to the United States Attorney General in charge of anti-trust prosecution and handled the case against the American Medical Association and affiliated societies.

Bids Called on  
Warren Creek Road

According to announcement from the State Highway Commission, sealed bids will be received July 27 on 0.69 mile grading and bituminous macadam surfacing on the Warren Creek section of the Columbia River Highway. Construction of a reinforced concrete bridge is also included. The stretch is located just west of the former Oregon Trout Farm.

The roadway will be raised so as to be out of danger of inundation when the Columbia experiences a season of excessively high water. The road will be raised as much as ten feet in some places. Approximately 53,000 cubic yards of excavation, 3200 lineal feet cable guard fence, 100 cubic yards concrete, 13,600 pounds metal reinforcement, 120 cubic yards mortar rubble masonry, 25,000 pounds structural steel, 33m-FBM treated lumber, 1000 cubic yards crushed rock or gravel, and 85 tons asphaltic road oil are listed in the requirements.

Cascade Locks  
Bonds Sold  
Friday Night

The phrase, "City Light of Cascade Locks," came nearer to being a reality for this community in the western part of Hood River county as the result of selling \$79,000 worth of revenue bonds to Jaxthiemer and Co. of Portland, bidders on the bonds. The bids were called to be opened at 8 o'clock last Friday night at the Cascade Locks City Hall.

The bid of Jaxthiemer and Co., received just before 8, was accepted. One other bid was not accepted since it was presented at 8:03 p. m. The winning bid purchased the bonds at 98 and paid 4 1/2 % interest.

It is expected that the city will take over the system before the first of the month.

At the regular council meeting Monday night, the purchase of the Jim Merrill property in Cascade Locks for a permanent site of the City Light, council chambers, fire department and water department was decided on, pending the completion of the negotiations for the system.

On the same night the Skamania County P.U.D. sold \$59,000 worth of revenue bonds to buy the West Coast Power Company system around Stevenson, Wash. They plan on taking over the system around the first of the month.

College Prexy  
Speaks in  
Locks Church

The Cascade Locks Community Church was filled to near capacity Sunday evening when Levi T. Pennington, President of Pacific College, was guest speaker at the evening meeting of the Epworth League. Rev. Stark and several members of the Stevenson League were guests and several people from Pacific College, also Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson from Hood River. The speech was addressed principally to the younger group and was well worthwhile. The church was beautifully decorated with several attractive bouquets for the occasion.

Oregon Families  
Show Progress

More than 4,100 Oregon farm families have been enabled to increase their net worth, over and above all debts, by \$508 per family through the Farm Security Administration's program of supervised credit, announces Walter A. Duffy, regional director.

"One of the primary aims of the FSA program is to enable borrowers to produce practically all their food supplies as well as livestock feed on the farm so that cash expenditures for such items will be reduced to the minimum," Duffy said. "Progress of these farm families is indicated by the fact that they increased supplies of fruits and vegetables canned by 198, milk produced for home consumption by 396 gallons, meat for home use by 214 pounds, and eggs produced for home use by 80 dozens, per family. This means a contribution to the annual cash income of the farm of from \$200 to \$300 per family."

These families have already repaid \$1,154,000 of the \$4, 089, 850 loaned by the Farm Security Administration, although most of the loans are made for a five year period. Full repayment of loans has been made by 514 families and 91.8 percent of maturities due have been met.

Seth Clodfelter of Corvallis is spending a few days in the Locks looking after his property here.