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## Cub Group At Bonneville Going Strong

The Bonneville Cub Scouts sponsored by the P. T. A. and under the leadership of Howard Short, Cub Master, are now well organized and carrying on many worthwhile projects. Roy Lusch, Jr., Jimmy Rabideau and Keith Bixby, Den Chiefs, are doing a wonderful piece of work in helping in the success of this organization for younger boys.

Last Thursday Mr. Short arranged a trip to Portland for the Cubs and the Den Chiefs to hear Dr. Lawrence M. Gould, noted geologist and member of Byrd's first expedition to the South Pole. Dr. Gould presented an illustrated lecture on Little America.

Transportation was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lusch, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bixby and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Short.

## Barges Carry Much Gasoline

The family chariot could go a long, long way on the gasoline barged through the Bonneville ship canal.

According to the office of Major Theron D. Weaver, Bonneville district army engineer, traffic of petroleum products through the canal has been the heaviest on record with 2,250,000 gallons sent upstream from Portland in the first 10 days of this month. At this rate figures for the month should total 7,000,000 gallons of gasoline, 2,000,000 gallons better than June which proved to be a banner month, engineers said.

All of which indicates that barge movement of gasoline and other petroleum products into the Upper Columbia region using the mighty Columbia as a thoroughfare is growing by leaps and bounds. Atlatia and Umatilla terminals are receiving the largest share of the shipments.

To show how this traffic is increasing, engineers cited the 2,500,000 gallons that moved through the canal in July a year ago as compared to an almost equal amount for the first 10 days of this month. Lockages have jumped this year from an average of 25 daily to 32 a day.

For the fiscal year 1940, the Bonneville district of the army engineers has been allocated so far \$2,688,500 from the rivers and harbors appropriation bill signed recently by President Roosevelt. The largest single item on the allocation list is \$1,124,000 for new work on the Columbia river between Vancouver and Bonneville. This will pay for carrying out the second step in the Columbia's development as a transportation medium and will provide a channel depth of 20 feet. The final project depth calls for a 27-foot channel.

Dredging at the mouth of the Bonneville canal draws a \$263,000 new work allotment and \$312,000 for operation and care. Raising of the Bridge of the Gods and the Hood River bridge, noteworthy engineering feats, got the Bonneville district \$550,000. The Bridge of the Gods will be raised 45 feet, with work to start this fall on the approaches. A lift span will be installed in the Hood River bridge and the grade will be raised.

Under operation and care, The Dalles-Celilo canal receives \$284,000 to place the canal in good working order. This will require closing the river at this point to shipping for about 60 days. Work will commence when river shipping is at lowest ebb, probably from December to February. Maintenance on the Columbia and tributaries largely taking out rock pinnacles, will require \$50,000. To maintain the present 5-foot channel on the Snake river and to remove snags and debris \$55,500 was allocated. Examinations and surveys on about 14 flood control projects will require \$50,000.

### Visits in Portland—

Mrs. Ida Grandstrom and daughter, Gretchen, visited friends in Portland over the week-end.

## Road Man Burned

Jack Dooley, employed by Babler Bros., was quite severely burned last week when a valve he was tightening broke and oil heated to 450 degrees poured over his left arm. He was given first aid here by Dr. Wells and taken to the Hood River hospital. Approximately 1000 gallons of oil were lost as it was impossible to make any repairs.

### WIESENDANGERS ENTERTAIN

Arthur Allen, manager of Timberline Lodge and Mrs. Allen were dinner guests Tuesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wiesendanger.

## Hood River P.U.D. Argued At Salem

Arguments for and against the organization of a Public Utility District in Hood River county were presented before the Oregon hydroelectric commission at Salem Friday. The debate found farmer pitted against farmer with the Grange sponsoring the project and the farm bureau and Taxpayers' league opposed.

Teunis Wyers, attorney for the sponsors of the proposed district, told the commission that if a district was formed, it was planned to acquire the present distribution system of the Pacific Power & Light company and serve the city of Hood River as well as the rural areas of the county. In an election last month the city of Hood River rejected the proposal to organize a district while the rural areas favored the proposal. It is within the discretion of the commission to permit the organization of a district excluding the city.

Appearing in support of the project were Wyers, Hood River attorney; R. W. Perry, master of the Hood River Pomona Grange; Mrs. William Munroe, state representative; J. R. Forden, Walter Wells and Norval Shurtliff. Those opposing the project included John Housnell, secretary of the Hood River county farm bureau; H. S. Galigan, president of the Hood River county Taxpayers' league; H. L. Shoemaker, Dan Pierson and Kory Collins. Opponents of the project objected to experimenting with the power problem while those who favor the district urged haste in taking advantage of cheap power from Bonneville.

## Many Get Jobs

More people went back to work in Oregon in June and fewer checks for jobless insurance were paid than in any recent month, according to the state unemployment compensation commission.

A new all-time high of 7490 placements was registered by the Oregon state employment service and 77 per cent of them were in private industry. In addition, the service placed a total of 9186 casual workers. June was 28 per cent more than May, commission figures showed.

As a result of this activity the active file of job applicants for the state reached a new low of 47,114, which was a drop of 16 per cent from May and 38,000 less than at the beginning of the year.

Total benefits paid over the state was \$306,100, a reduction of 3 1/2 per cent from May. Since January, 1938, when benefits began, the commission has distributed approximately 8 1/2 millions.

### TO EXAMINE DRIVERS

The examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in Hood River Tuesday, July 25, 1939, at the Chamber of Commerce, between the hours of 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., respectively, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

## Nothing New On Sale of Light Bonds

Nothing new has been reported this past week on the status of the Cascade Locks City Light bonds. The city council is ready to go into high gear in the work of taking over the system as soon as John Shuler, bond attorney, renders an opinion on the sale of the bonds and they receive their money.

Chess Brazil, City Light manager, has been busy taking inventory and getting everything ready for the transfer to the city.

The consensus of opinion of the council at this time seems to be that within 30 or 60 days after the system is taken over a rate reduction will be forthcoming. But, as has been stated before, this will not be undertaken until the new system is running smoothly and the council is assured that such a move would be wise at that time from a financial viewpoint.

The Oregon Voter, Portland business weekly, is facing somewhat of a crisis. For the past two years at least once a month this publication has had rather disparaging discussion of the Cascade Locks municipal power situation. And with this situation soon to be straightened out a new victim for attack will have to be found.

But on the other hand perhaps the council should send Editor C. C. Chapman a letter of thanks for the splendid publicity given the "little city with the big future" in his publication.

Cascade Locks will have its own power system very shortly.

## Major Projects On Mountain Announced

Allotment of funds has been made and the set-up arranged for oiling the Cooper Spur Road, between the Loop Highway and Cloud Cap Inn, this summer. A. O. Waha, supervisor of the Mt. Hood National Forest, announced at the Legion Campfire program Saturday night. The announcement was made at the time Supervisor Waha addressed the group, telling of Forest Service projects contemplated in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Speaking of Lost Lake, Waha stated that improvements in the road leading to this gem of the Cascades will come in time, but no definite announcement could be made as to when improvements would start. He did, however, tell of the plan to build an organization camp on the south side of the lake. A group of buildings are to be constructed there, including a large combination dining room and kitchen, 30x100 feet, which would seat 100 persons. Eight open-front shelters are to be built, each to accommodate eight sleepers. Shower baths and wash rooms will also be included in the project. The camp will be leased to various county organizations or church groups who care to take advantage of it.

Construction of a shelter for skiers on the Cooper Spur ski area is another project announced by Waha. CCC workers will be moved within the next few weeks from Sherwood Camp and Robin Hood Camp on the Mt. Hood Loop Highway to the ski area.

Possibility of cleaning up the Cooper Spur ski trail, from the junction to Tilly Jane Camp was also mentioned by the supervisor as a possible project for this year.

"I have always advocated a suitable shelter house on the summit of Mt. Hood, America's most-climbed mountain," Supervisor Waha stated. He continued to explain that the difficulty in constructing such a building was securing the right type of labor for constructing such a building in so elevated a spot. It was announced, however, that the material for the building on the summit has been in storage for a year.

## To Get River Freighters

Regular weekly river freight service to The Dalles from Portland was started recently by the Shaver Forwarding company. Under the present schedule, barge leaves Portland Thursday night and reaches The Dalles Friday afternoon, starting the return trip as soon as loaded. The barge carries general cargo and also is fitted with a 15,000-gallon tank for carrying diesel oil. Wheat usually constitutes the cargo from The Dalles to Portland.

One barge is now in service, No. 32, which will handle 350 tons. Two more barges capable of carrying 400 tons and 500 tons, respectively, may be put into service, according to O. C. Bennett, associated with the company.

## Tax Returns Higher in First Half of 1939

The year 1939 is better than 1938 in the payment of county taxes, according to figures announced yesterday by John H. Sheldrake, sheriff of Hood River County. In the first half of this year total tax returns have amounted to \$271,000, while in the same period last year receipts were \$242,000. On the current tax roll, \$217,000 had been received before July 1, as compared to \$210,000 in the same period a year ago.

The difference in the sums of \$271,000 and \$217,000 represents the amount paid in back taxes, it is explained.

The first half of 1938 saw 49 per cent of the taxes paid; the first half of 1939 saw 52 per cent paid.

Explanations as to contributing causes of improved tax collections are varied. However one local citizen stated that "The best barometer of the times is the percentage of taxes paid."

### CIVIL SERVICE

#### EXAMINATION STATED

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination for Blaster, for filling vacancies in the position of Drill Runner, Pneumatic (working on land and water), in the U. S. Engineer Service, for duty on the Columbia River, between The Dalles and Umatilla, Oregon, at \$1,500 per annum (Working on Land) and \$1,800 per annum (Working on Water), according to Arthur J. Hansen, of the Hood River post office.

Applications must be on file with the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Engineer Office, Bonneville, Oregon, not later than July 31, 1939.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, this city, or the Manager, 11th U. S. Civil Service District, 450 Federal Office Building, Seattle, Washington, or the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Engineer Office, Bonneville, Oregon.

### Hauser on Trip—

Mrs. Meadames Silver Perras, John C. Woodward, Pete Lee, Abe Johnson visited Mrs. Jim Merrill, who is convalescing in the Emanuel hospital and Mrs. Johnson's son, Bob, who underwent a recent operation for removal of the eyeball after an injury.

### Heads to Sea Again—

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Hyde journeyed to Astoria Monday where Mr. Hyde boarded the Umatilla Lightship No. 2, where he will spend the next month. Mrs. Hyde returned by the new Wolf Creek highway.

### Undergoes Operation—

Ted Hauser, genial manager of the Lakeside Hotel, left last week for Tobassoville, North Carolina, to visit his brother and will visit the New York Fair while back east.

### On Fishing Trip—

Frank Prohaska is enjoying a few days of fishing with his son, Don, of Klamath Falls, on the rivers near Bend.

## Locks Men On Three-day Inspection Tour

Messrs. Hyde, Amoth, Carlson and Hesgard left last Thursday on a business tour. They passed up Vancouver, Wn. took a side road when they got to Centralia and saw the wonders of Mt. Rainier. Tacoma was the city doing the great deal of new building and then they went on to Seattle where, according to Mr. Hyde, they had a terrible time finding Fifth Avenue.

From Seattle they took the boat to Port Ludlow and on to Squim and the logging territory. Back to Olympia and Mr. Hyde can tell how they make a certain beer. Giving a very graphic illustration of the procedure.

What they were primarily interested in was the Pennsylvania Salt plant at Tacoma and the products manufactured there, which include 21 different products with 9 specialties. The group's last stop of interest was the Grays Harbor district with its plywood plant and chair factory. Each employ around 750 men. Longview was given the once-over and back through Vancouver and home.

## Campaign Expenses On P.U.D. Filed

Reports of \$539.91 spent in an effort to defeat the Public Utility District at the recent Hood River election were filed this week at the County Court house with one more report promised and three letters sent out by the County Clerk requesting expenditures remaining unanswered.

The Taxpayers' League filed a list of expenditures amounting to \$514.71. Donations amounted to slightly over this figure. A. S. Kolstad filed a report of an expenditure of \$25.20 which was spent in opposing the measure.

The Oregon Business Investors, Inc., have notified the Clerk's office that they would file a report shortly.

No reply has been received from letters sent to the Pacific Power & Light, Portland General Electric, and the Northwestern Electric.

The Grange Power Committee had previously filed a reported total expenditure of \$194.47 in favor of the district.

### EASTERN OREGON TO CONSIDER FLOOD CONTROL

The office of Major Theron D. Weaver, Bonneville district army engineer, will hold a public hearing at Arlington at 1:15 p. m., August 1, on the matter of flood control at Alkali canyon, Oregon. Interested parties are urged to attend.

Bids for dredging a channel in Skamokawa creek, between Brooks and Steamboat slough at Skamokawa, Wash., are asked by the office of Major C. R. Moore, Portland district army engineer, for opening at 3 p. m., July 28. The amount to be removed is 6000 cubic yards to provide a channel 75 feet wide and 6 1/2 feet deep at low water. Dredging distance is about 1200 feet.

### PLAN BIG CONVENTION

The convention of independent telephone men, scheduled to be held in Hood River next year, will be a joint convention of Oregon and Washington telephone men, George O. Muhle, superintendent of the Oregon-Washington Telephone Company, announced this week.

### Word From Abroad—

Word comes from Pearl Urney from Stockholm, Sweden, where she and her sister are on a tour this summer. They landed in France and after a short stay, went to Belgium, spent one day in Germany, and on to Denmark, and were taking a boat cruise from Stockholm when they wrote.

### Visit Hospital Patients—

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chapman attended the Eastern Oregon Pioneer meeting at Fossil Sunday.