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Power Rate To Be Here In Near Future

Within a few weeks the Bonneville administration will publish the retail rates consumers will have to pay for government power, it was revealed by Herbert S. Marks, new general counsel for the project, after his arrival in Portland Monday.

These rates will be the actual charges to be made to domestic users, not the "objective" retail rate schedule announced before his death by James D. Ross, the late administrator.

Marks, a 32-year-old legal expert, drafted from the staff of the Tennessee valley authority for the northwest post, would not conjecture on whether the new rate schedule will vary or dovetail with the "objective" schedule, or whether the rates would approximate those charged by TVA.

He and James Lawrence Fly, who has been acting general counsel for the Bonneville Project since June and will leave in a few days to become a member, and probably chairman, of the federal communications commission, declared that the Bonneville retail rate schedule will be similar in form to that of TVA.

Rates Standard

The same retail price for electricity will be charged by all people's utility districts, municipalities or other public systems, but there will be a "sur-charge," as in the TVA structure, which will raise the rates in some districts.

Where a surcharge is necessary to help the system get under way it will be dropped as soon as facilities are paid for or when it is no longer needed. The TVA surcharge cannot exceed 10 per cent.

TVA Rates Eyed

TVA's retail schedule for domestic users is \$2.50 for 100 kilowatt hours, the average amount of electricity used in the home. Ross' "objective" schedule listed \$2.25 for 100 kilowatt hours, but he was frank to state that this was only "something to shoot at," or an "ideal rate," and probably could not be realized immediately in all districts or municipalities buying Bonneville power.

Engineers and rate experts have been working on the retail schedule under direction of Acting Administrator Frank A. Banks. One of the problems not yet solved is that of what private utilities, such as Northwestern Electric or Pepeco, should charge their customers when they buy and resell Bonneville power.

Approval Expected

Announcement of the retail schedule will follow approval by the federal power commission of proposed supplementary wholesale rates for Bonneville, expected within two weeks.

With the kilowatt-year and supplementary month-to-month and "dump" power wholesale rates determined, the Bonneville project can establish the retail schedule and start signing contracts with P.U.D.s and other agencies.

Fish Count Backs Claim

ASTORIA—Commercial fishermen pointed to fish escapement figures at Bonneville dam for the week of July 29 to August 4 Tuesday as argument in support of their claims that commercial fishing does not destroy steelhead runs and the fish should not be classed as a game fish.

Fish commission figures indicated that 17,331 steelheads went upstream over the dam during the week, the smallest single day's run being 1568 fish and the largest 3857.

Escapement of these fish is heavy because few small-mesh nets are being used by commercial fishermen on the Columbia at present, it was said here.

During the same week 890 bluebacks passed the dam bound upstream and 4093 Chinook salmon were counted.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Floyd of South Bend, Wn., arrived Wednesday from a visit with Mrs. Ed Matheny.

MASONIC CLUB MEETS

The Columbia Gorge Masonic Club will meet at the Bonneville Auditorium Wednesday, August 16. J. C. Failing of the Research Lodge will give an address on "The Working Tools." Hugh Ball of Hood River will give an illustrated talk with color pictures of "Trail Trips of Mount Hood Region and Alaska."

Engineer Urges Chemical Development

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—The Pacific Northwest is an almost untouched storehouse of minerals and hydroelectric power to which the chemical industries of the nation now profitably can turn.

Ivan Bloch, Bonneville industrial research engineer, Wednesday divulged to the Western Chemical Congress gathered at San Francisco the immense deposits of raw materials that await development in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. He pointed out these states together have all the 34 geological resources basic to industrial chemistry. Most are found within a radius of 500 miles of Bonneville Dam, first navigation and hydroelectric project on the Columbia River.

Detailed maps of these mineral deposits today were made available to the chemical industry for the first time by Bonneville Administrator F. A. Banks. They were prepared with the assistance of the mining departments of the four states and show practically all important known deposits of iron, lead, zinc, chromite, copper, antimony, gold, limestone, manganese, mercury, nickel, tungsten and 12 other minerals. Fourteen more maps are in course of preparation, and all will be kept up to date to show latest discoveries.

Despite these vast deposits, the Northwest chemical industry is in its infancy, with only 9% of the per capita production of the average state. Bloch said, "Deep-water transportation and low cost power resulting from completion of Bonneville Dam now will make it profitable to develop a large part of these minerals. Bonneville's uniform rate along its broad transmission network should permit opening of many of these deposits."

As a potential market, the Northwest outstrips most other regions, the Bonneville engineer pointed out. Already its retail sales per capita are 25% above the national average. Consumers in these states also purchase 50% more automotive equipment, 43% more general merchandise and 50% more building materials and hardware.

The Northwest is a growing market, its population increasing much more rapidly than the rest of the nation, Bloch said. Irrigation developments at Grand Coulee will bring an influx of thousands more people, and Columbia river navigation will extend the Northwest market to the world. As to purchasing power, the Pacific Coast region has the highest median income in the nation, and a slightly lower mean income of \$1775 per annum.

Administrator Banks announced that copies of the mineral maps and research data will be made available for study by industries, banks, chambers of commerce and local government officials.

Chinook Run On in Columbia

ASTORIA—Numerous boats returning on Wednesday with 1000-pound catches reported a heavy August Chinook salmon run had started in the Columbia river.

Silversides taken on troll averaged seven to eight pounds.

The Columbia River Packers' association floating cannery, Memnon, was due Wednesday night with 30,000 cases packed at Bristol bay, Alaska. The amount was 20,000 cases less than a year ago.

The steamer William L. Thompson will dock August 14 with 100,000 cases from canneries at Bristol bay, Nushagak and Naknek. Last year's Nushagak pack alone was 75,000. The Naknek operation is new this season.

Lane P. U. D. Lines Fixed

SALEM—A supplemental report fixing the new boundaries of the proposed Lane county people's utility district was completed by the state hydroelectric commission Monday.

The new boundaries eliminate from the project all that area served by the Eugene municipal electric plant. This was made necessary under the provisions of the new 1939 people's utility district law.

District Area Cited
The district, as now proposed, would include approximately 800 square miles, with an assessed valuation of \$16,880,000. It embraces what the commission designates as the Willamette valley area in Lane county.

The date of the election, to vote on the creation of the district, has not yet been determined, officials said.

Workers to Register

Mrs. Jimmie Catherwood, of the Oregon State Employment Service, this week announced that they are anxious for all who are interested in fruit work this fall to register at her office as early as possible as harvest season is almost here. Mrs. Catherwood further stated women interested in domestic work please register now as there are several positions open at this time for permanent work.

Bonneville Coulee Line Starts Monday

Contractor Fritz Ziebarth Monday started work on the longest circuit of Bonneville's northwest power network yet to be undertaken, the 235-mile 220,000-volt transmission line between Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams.

First hole for tower foundations were sunk near Goldendale Monday morning, and Ziebarth expects to complete the \$947,720 contract in one year.

Approximately 500 men will be employed continuously until the line is completed, to erect towers and string cable.

WPA Helping

Additionally, WPA workers are pushing clearing of right-of-way in both directions from where the start was made at Goldendale, several hundred men working out of the WPA camp on Little White Salmon river and others building a camp at Appleton, on Klickitat river.

Work on the "inter-tie" line linking Bonneville and Coulee generators has been divided into three sections, according to ice and wind conditions prevailing on the route. The first 33-mile section through the Columbia gorge involves construction of a line capable of withstanding heavy icing and strong winds.

SOFTBALL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

3:00 P. M.

Engineers

vs.

Bend

AT BONNEVILLE

for the championship of District 14!

Bend, whose lineup is dotted with ex-professional baseball players, is the final hurdle for the Engineers to surmount in order to compete at Salem in the State Tournament. Both teams were there a year ago, but this year, due to re-division of the State, only the winner of this game may go.

So, come on out and give the local boys your full support.

OMEGA THETA RHO GIRLS HOLD MEETING

The Omega Theta Rho girls held their regular monthly business meeting Tuesday afternoon with Eileen Sprague conducting the meeting. Dorothy Mohr and Lois Potts were initiated into the order. The girls, with their adviser, Breta Morgan, planned two outings before school starts and their coming meetings will be held in the evenings.

Locks Pioneers Enjoy Annual Reunion

The Cascade Locks Pioneers meet Sunday for their 16th annual picnic and reunion with a somewhat smaller crowd than usual. Mr. Trask conducted the meeting, and several of the teachers of 1886 and on were present and called role, several responding to each teacher. President for the coming year is Mrs. John Cates of St. Helens. There was a suggestion to start a collection of historical things of the region here, namely Indian relics and things brought in by the pioneers.

Those passing away the last years were Erick Grandstrom of Cascade Locks and Mable McGee Wilder of Mosier.

Out-of-town people here for the picnic were: Johannes Fosse, John Skaar, Lou Iman, Ed Benson, B. Kelsay, Mr. and Mrs. Orin McKinnon, Stevenson, Wn.; C. Morgan, Selma Vanstrum Gram, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Badder and son, Vincent, Mrs. A. L. Cates, The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lahey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Meyers, Capt. and Mrs. Arthur Riggs, Mrs. Edda Iverson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmid, Mrs. Otto Schmid, Mrs. J. Gamble, Sr., Seth Leavens, Mrs. Joe Schmid, Amy L. Kan, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Penneck, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meyers, Kenneth Leavens, Cora D. Fraine, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clark, all of Portland.

F. M. Lillegard, Hillsboro, Ore.; Marie Nelson, Washougal; Mr. and Mrs. Dorse Riggs, Weiser, Idaho; Stanley O'Connor, Mrs. R. G. O'Connor, Mrs. Bessie Ramey, Los Angeles, Calif.; F. T. Anderson, Hood River; J. F. Ridenour, Amanda and Dorothy Gardiner of Newberg; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Knighton, Estacada, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greer, Carson, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. John Cates, St. Helens; Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Lillegard.

Fire Kills Fish

It was called to the attention of people along the Hood River waterfront this week that some scrap fish, particularly suckers, did not fare so well when they stayed in the vicinity of the recently-burned warehouses where brandy, spray materials and ammonia had flowed into the Columbia River. The better class of fish, it was observed, did not remain in the polluted water of the region, but the suckers, with a taste for brandy or arsenate of lead, continued in their habitat and met their doom.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I. Application has been made to this office by Ray C. Hansen of Portland, Oregon, for a permit to construct a float in Columbia River approximately 1.8 miles above the Interstate Bridge, Vancouver, Washington.

II. Application has been made to this office by the Bonneville Project, U. S. Department of Interior, Portland, Oregon, for a permit to construct a transmission line over the navigation canal in Columbia River at Bonneville, Oregon.

III. Application has been made to this office by Blue Ox Logging Company of Stevenson, Washington, for a permit to construct a log boom in Wind River near Home Valley, Washington.

Maps showing exact location and extent of these proposed works may be seen at the office of the District Engineer, Bonneville, Oregon.

Any objection from the standpoint of navigation should be received at this office not later than August 18, 1939.

R. P. M. Des ISLETS
Captain, Corps of Engineers
Acting District Engineer.

C.L. City Light Buys Merrill Property

The City Light of Cascade Locks Monday night purchased the property of James Merrill in the center of the city, for their office and storage room. The property at the present time is occupied by one residence and Merrill's Tavern. Alterations in the tavern building are being made to convert it into office and storage space for the light company, City Recorder's office, council chambers and fire station for the city.

The city council, on recommendation of the Power Committee, adopted a rate schedule similar to the schedule in effect on the system before taken over by the city. Light Superintendent Chess Brazil is busy analyzing the rate structure and hopes that in the not-too-distant future to be able to report to the City Council a rate reduction. Although this reduction will not be made until the power committee and superintendent have had a chance to see the system in operation at least one month and probably more, so that they are certain that a reduction of rates is advisable from the point of view of good economics for the system.

Funds for Transmission Line Sought

VANCOUVER, Wash.—Largest WPA project in the state, a \$5,413,000 project for construction of the Bonneville transmission line from Chehalis to Seattle and Grand Coulee, was forwarded to Washington, D. C., Saturday by Tom C. Hendricks, WPA engineer in charge of construction of the Bonneville transmission line throughout the state.

The application is the second made for the \$8,000,000 transmission system. It calls for \$933,000 from the Bonneville administration, as sponsor, and for \$4,480,000 from the WPA for labor. It provides for construction of transmission lines north from Chehalis to Seattle and then eastward across the state to the Grand Coulee dam.

Clearing of several hundred miles of right-of-way, construction and maintenance of roads and bridges necessary to reach the right-of-way are included in the \$5,413,000 application. The project will employ several thousand men from various counties along the route of the transmission line.

First of the Bonneville transmission line projects, covering the "backbone" line from the dam to Vancouver and the line from Bonneville to Grand Coulee, totaled \$2,074,000. Workmen are nearing completion of the roadwork on the line from Bonneville to Vancouver as the line itself nears completion by the Fritz Ziebarth Construction company.

Bonneville Yacht Club Organized

The Bonneville Yacht Club recently organized, will be an associated member of the Columbia Yacht Club Assn., which includes 30 clubs reaching from Astoria to Pendleton. A club house site was selected on the east end of Bradford Island. Alder and Randall are on the committee for foundations and buildings and Johnson and Kear as finance.

The following officers have been elected to serve:
McCormick, Commodore.
Whitsett, Vice-Commodore.
Haight, Rear Commodore.
Blegan, Sec'y-Treasurer.

Further information desired by anyone may be secured from Capt. B. E. Whitsett, U. S. Guards.

Melvin Collins spent several days in Portland last week.
Mrs. Lee Murray and daughter spent Saturday in Camas.