

I. E. W. A.'S 31ST ANNUAL MEETING

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FEATURE STORY ON BACKGROUND OF I. E. W. A. PROGRAM (Release at Will)

The Columbia River, you may have forgotten since geography days, is one of the world's mightiest rivers. Starting in the Rocky Mountain icefields of British Columbia, it flows south and west about 1,400 miles, picking up Clark Fork, the Snake, Spokane, Okanogan, Wenatchee, Yakima, Walla Walla, Umatilla, John Day, Deschutes, Willamette and scores of lesser rivers. Its precipitous fall through mountainous country makes it an unexcelled source of hydroelectric energy and water for irrigation.

Immense dams - Bonneville, Grand Coulee, McNary, The Dalles, Rock Island, Cabinet Gorge, Chief Joseph, John Day, Ice Harbor and others - are harnessing the waters of the Columbia and Snake Rivers to the domestic needs of a swiftly expanding population. The river's discharge flow into the ocean is approximately 10 times that of the Colorado, twice that of the Nile.

That is the river men dreamed about conquering.

But it was only 30 years ago that man visualized the river in terms of power, navigation, flood control and irrigation.

In 1934, men like Herbert G. West, Charles Baker and others saw the potential of the Columbia and Snake Rivers, of the water resource development of the Northwest.

They saw a need for a champion of Pacific Northwest river development - an organization that would adhere to a long-range program calling for development of water resources as rapidly as possible.

As a result, Inland Empire Waterways Association was created and this year the organization completes 30 years of continued achievement.

It has been thirty years from the time the early plans of river development were outlined by the Association to the time when the Columbia River Treaty between Canada and the United States was ratified and funds appropriated for construction of a Northwest-Southwest intertie to provide a new market for power generated by the river.

The Treaty heralds long-awaited development in the United States - addition of a third powerhouse at Grand Coulee to make the dam the world's largest power producer and the construction of Libby Dam in Montana.

"The early days were rough," Mr. West recalls. "I could pay myself a salary of \$150 a month as executive vice President - that is if I could raise enough money fast enough to keep the office running, meet all other expenses, and pay my salary.

"Distance and time were nothing. The important thing was to get the message of Inland Empire Waterways Association before as many people as possible. So it was not uncommon to drive 150 miles after work, make a talk before a Grange unit, Farm Bureau or some other organization, and return home."

From the days of the first permanent settlements along the Columbia to the present time, man has sought to harness and utilize the waters of the great river system. How successful he has been is reflected in the vast benefits that flow today in ever-increasing volume from the waters of the Snake and Columbia.

"All of this, however" continued Mr. West, "didn't just happen. Through the years men of foresight and persistence have worked with tireless zeal to make the river and its vast potential both the servant and benefactor of mankind".

Bonneville Dam, primarily a power and navigation project, started generation in 1938 and Grand Coulee, a joint irrigation dam, went into operation in 1941.

This was the beginning of the huge concrete and steel barriers to tame the river, produce power and control floods.

The benefits of an integrated river development program flow in abundance to every area of the Pacific Northwest. Port Districts on the Columbia and Snake Rivers have brought new industries to the region. Increased trade and traffic that follow naturally in the wake of economical water navigation facilities for the Inland Empire will benefit the entire lower Columbia River and coastal areas. Stepped-up crop production through irrigation builds employment and strengthens industry.

The Inland Empire Waterways Association, long recognized as the foremost champion of Pacific Northwest river development has adhered continuously to a long-range development of resources as rapidly as possible and a self-liquidating repayment schedule that will return to the public treasury, directly and indirectly, every cent of the money originally expended.

The association is dedicated irrevocably to the principal that the fundamental objective of regional development must be better lives for all our people, Mr. West explained.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF PROGRESS

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting of Inland Empire Waterways Association, will be held at The Quay in Vancouver, Washington, October 14 and 15, 1968. On the Program will be some of the outstanding people in the planning and water resource development in the Nation. They have been attracted to the Convention to help celebrate the completion of the first major step on the Columbia River with the Dedication of the John Day Dam. John Day is the last of four dams on the Columbia to be completed, which gives the Northwest slackwater navigation from the ocean to Pasco and Kennewick, Washington. Now, ocean-going barges will move to and from inland ports to the markets of the World. Still to be completed are dams on the Snake River now under construction, which, when completed in the early 1970's, will bring ocean barges to Lewiston, Idaho. On the Upper Columbia, locks must be installed in three dams between Pasco and Wenatchee to bring navigation to the latter point.

Thirty-five years have been required to secure low-cost navigation, low-cost power, flood control, reclamation and recreation for the Northwest.

The Inland Empire Waterways Association came into being 35 years ago, when forward-looking people in the Northwest challenged the planners of Bonneville Dam and demanded locks 76 feet wide and 500 feet long, rather than 50 feet wide and 300 feet long. (The present locks in Bonneville are too small and must be enlarged to match locks in all other upstream dams which are 86 feet wide and ²⁵650 feet long). Many citizens of the Northwest have given freely of their time over the last 35 years to bring this program to a

successful completion. However, two men stand out for constant effort during these 35 years. They are Herbert G. West, Executive Vice President retired in 1967, and President Charles Baker, who has served in that capacity since 1936.

On the Program at Vancouver will be Senators Magnuson and Jackson; Congresswoman Julia Butler Hansen; Don McBride, Director, Tennessee Valley Authority; Lew Russell, Jr., Vice President & General Manager, Tidewater Barge Lines, who will discuss the Future of Navigation on the Columbia River, now that John Day Dam is completed; Floyd Dominy, U. S. Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D. C.; Brigadier General Elmer P. Yates, Division Engineer, North Pacific Division, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; Dr. Richard Foster of Battelle-Northwest, an authority on our salmon industry; Mr. J. R. Julson of Weyerhaeuser Company, who will discuss steps being taken by his Company on pollution problems.

Executive Vice President Bruce N. Cowan will outline an objective program for 1969.

Strong committees on Hydro and Nuclear problems and needs, as we turn nuclear energy to meet our power needs of the Northwest; Water Use & Utilization and how to prevent Water Diversion to the Southwest, all will make reports and recommendations to the Convention. Mr. Byron Price of Eugene Water & Electric Board will head up the Hydro-Nuclear Committee; Carl Moore, Chairman, IEWA Executive Committee and Manager, Port of Lewiston, Idaho, on Water Use & Utilization; and George Crookham, Chairman, Idaho Water Resource Board and Director for Idaho, IEWA; heading up the Committee on Water Diversion.

Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to approving Resolutions submitted by the Resolutions Committee, headed by George M. Baldwin, Director for Oregon, IEWA, and General Manager of The Port of Portland.

Baker Ferguson, Chairman of the Committee on Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws will report.

The Nominations Committee, headed by W. D. "Bill" Ray, of Walla Walla, will make its recommendation for Directors for 1969.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AUGUST 7, 1968

Charles Baker and Andrew Cook, Co-Chairmen of the John Day Dam Dedication Committee, today announced appointment of several committees for the event to be held Saturday, September 28.

The dedication is sponsored by Inland Empire Waterways Association. General Coordinator is Bruce N. Cowan, Executive Vice President of IEWA. Others are Richard J. Turner, W. D. Ray and Baker Ferguson.

From the Corps of Engineers, the Coordinators are Colonel Robert J. Giesen, Walla Walla District Engineer and Duane M. Downing. Baker and Cook head the Budget and Finance Committee.

Other Committees: Distinguished Guests - Glenn C. Lee, Publisher, Tri-City Herald, Chairman; Baker Ferguson, President, Baker-Boyer National Bank, Walla Walla, Vice Chairman; Charles Baker and W. D. Ray, Treasurer, IEWA.

Invitations, Reservations, Protocol: Ferguson, Chairman and Roy Nishi, Bonneville Power Administration, Vice Chairman.

Publicity and Publications: Jim B. Schick, Executive News Editor, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, Chairman.

Communications: Richard Tarver, Pacific Northwest Bell, Chairman.

Transportation: Richard J. Turner, Chairman.

Entertainment at Dam: Ted Hoover, Arlington, Oregon, Chairman, Ray Stickler, Superintendent, Whitman Mission National Historical Site,



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Traffic Control: A. L. Watts, Walla Walla Chief of Police, Chairman;
A. K. Ekern, Ray Fry and N. W. Smith - Washington and Oregon State Patrol.

Decorations: Earl P. Hoag, President, Port of Arlington, Chairman.

First Aid Facilities: Dr. Stanley E. Wells, President, Port of Hood
River, Chairman.

Concessions: Joseph Dressell, Manager, Consumer Services, Klickitat
County PUD, Goldendale, Washington, Chairman.

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August 7, 1968

With the approaching completion of John Day Dam on the Columbia River, one phase of the planned river program developed by Inland Empire Waterways Association is becoming an accomplished fact. So, it is only fitting that IEWA should be selected to sponsor the dedication of John Day Dam, Saturday, September 28.

Charles Baker, President of IEWA, and Andrew J. Cook, Chairman of the Commission of Public Docks, Portland, Oregon, are Co-Chairmen for the event, aided by many prominent people from Portland to Lewiston, Idaho, who are serving on various committees.

President Lyndon Johnson has been invited and it is anticipated that he will speak Saturday morning, September 28. The John Day Dam is the greatest navigation and power dam in the World, with a lift of 118 feet. It also will rank as the largest power producer in the Country, until the Third Powerhouse at Grand Coulee is completed some few years hence.

Some 35 years ago, IEWA was created to launch a full and intensive campaign for full water resource development on the Columbia, Snake and tributary rivers of the Northwest. At that time, not a single large dam existed on the Columbia and Snake rivers. Now, there are more than a dozen. The organization has been going strong ever since.

Besides IEWA, virtually every community from Portland to Walla Walla will play a role in the dedication. Walla Walla, because it is the headquarters for the Walla Walla Army Engineer District, builders of the huge project;



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Portland, because the city is the headquarters for the North Pacific Army Engineer Division and because of its vital interest in slackwater navigation on the Columbia River, all communities because of the tremendous impact the construction of dams and the river development program has on the industrial and agricultural economy of the region. No community will be missed in the day-long dedication of the Dam.

High school bands from such communities as Goldendale, Rocsevelt, Boardman, Arlington and others will participate.

The Dalles and Hood River will join in providing entertainment at the Dam site and in their communities.

The Governors of the three Northwest States - Daniel Evans, Washington; Tom McCall, Oregon; and Don Samuelson, Idaho; have been named Honorary Chairmen for the event.

Inland Empire Waterways Association has selected its committees from a wide area to serve in what promises to be one of the most important events ever held in the Northwest.

The dedication will be held on the Washington side of the river.

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