

downstream
Beverly--Now that there 's big talk about a long dam *across the wide* ~~along the~~

Columbia ~~downstream from here~~ and *an* ~~a~~ longer dam upstream,

Beverly is shaking the dust loose *OFF* ~~from~~ its feet.

T.R. Grove, ~~residing here~~ *Said* a Beverly resident since 1925 and the town 's postmaster since 1927 *day* says that ~~judging~~ from all the stories floating around, some of the old time atmosphere, lacking only ~~the~~

rip roaring ~~several~~ saloons, ~~will~~ prevail again.

a youngster of a town
Because half a century ago when Beverly was ~~born~~ and the Milwaukee

Railroad bridge was thrown across the river, and in the days following *attempts to secure a footed foot hold* when irrigation was ~~beamed~~, the town was packed with railroad ~~workers~~ and ~~irrigation~~ *workers*

Beverly's ~~population~~ census is officially 107 but its growing nearly every day as work gets under way on Priest Rapids Dam 13 miles downstream

and explorations to locate the footing for Wanapum Dam, a little way upstream toward Vantage, *Probe into the geological* *insides* *hills*

The original Beverly was called Chiawana, after the Wanapum Indian word for the Columbia River, but the name was ~~short lived~~ *died out before the Indians*

a few by whom still linger around
The ~~post office~~ *U.S.* post office which Grove maintains in his general store has 34 boxes and he handles a lot of general delivery mail ~~in~~ now that

project workers are settling down ~~for the job ahead~~ in the trailer camps ~~blooming~~ along the river shore.

Sprouting up
(more)

first ad..

There ~~was~~ ^{must} be 300 people in the town, maybe more, before the
post office ~~class~~ ^{Classification} can be raised. Grove won 't say but a slight spark in
his eye when you ask ~~him~~ indicates he thinks ~~that~~ ^{Such a time} is coming.

He and Mrs. Grove are parents of seven sons and daughters. Three of them
~~only~~ ^{nearby} ~~were~~ were born before he took up land ~~near~~ ^{she} ~~here~~. All are married
but one daughter, Judy, ~~who~~ ^{she} is 16 and will be a junior in Ellensburg
High School next month. ~~His~~ ^{she} oldest daughter, Mrs. Harold

Franklin, ~~was~~ born in 1920, ~~and~~ lives at Ellensburg.

~~and sand blasted by wind~~

Old and dusty as is Beverly, it wasn't the first post office in
the area. That was at ~~Cranston~~ Crab Creek. Mrs. Grace Sinclair was
postmaster back in 1907 when the town was laid out.. Across from the

store-post office is the old irrigation office that served the
~~and~~ ^{land} ~~destined-to-be-doomed~~ project on the flat to the north.

There were 100 men working on the project when it closed in 1914.

~~On~~ ^{and} in the sturdier days of the town the post office ~~at~~
where the ~~old~~ ^{hand} stamp is still used, ~~and~~ ^{and} served Vernita, ~~and~~

Allard, White Bluffs, Wahluke, ^{and} Hanford. By then Cold Creek was ~~monitored~~
~~served~~ out of White Bluffs. Vernita is on the Yakima County side of the
Columbia near the site of the Wahluke Slope Highway takeoff, a
continuation of Highway 11-A out of Yakima and through the Moxee Valley.

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second ad..

second ad... Island was seen ~~me~~ at Wythe Rapids
at the place the Navajoes ~~trading~~ called Moon. By,

Five sacks of mail used to be dropped there off the ~~the~~ Milwaukee train ~~where~~ *when it stopped into Remley* ~~where~~ freight and express cars hauled more weight down that

area than any other spot on the line west of the very far east - for a
find a *to the East*

Now the mail is brought by auto carrier from Othello and the s ~~ending~~

townsite of Mattawa, four and one-half miles northeast of the ~~the~~ Priest

Rapids dam site is about the only place served out of the post office

other than the nearby trailer city ~~of the same name~~ called ~~Summa~~ *Schuma*

are the only ones served - outside of town (ADS)

Beverly is just far enough upstream from the Priest Rapids Dam that

it won't get its feet too wet ~~in~~ when the reservoir pool rises

about 1960, and it will be far enough downstream from Wanapum

Dam that it will ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~about 100 miles~~ ^{about 100 miles} and several miles

outside of the construction camp area.

Grove is getting along toward retirement age, ~~but~~ he figures he will

just stick around ~~after that happens~~ and see what happens to Beverly.

was but one
There never ~~has been~~ a door-to-door mail delivery service handled
by the post office ~~with the exception of one~~ *was to a* and that home ~~was~~
several miles downstream *and across the river beside.*


a letter arrived
Whenever ~~mail came through~~ for Puck Hyah Toot or Johnny Buck
who lived at the old Wanapum home of Shoptalook on the Yakima County
shore, ~~and~~ *who traveled by land car were* railway workers ~~would take it with them on their hand~~

~~car and provide the door mail delivery.~~ At ~~other~~ other times

Grove just kept the mail ~~for Puck Hyah Toot or his family around~~

The Indians picked
~~a lot. They'd pick it up when they came in to get~~ *to* ~~get a few~~

groceries.



re:

PRIEST RAPIDS-- Yakima Indians and volunteers from throughout the Valley gathered here today for a continuing search of the Columbia River below Priest Rapids Dam for the bodies of two of their kin, drowned late ~~yesterday~~ yesterday when a dugout canoe capsized in turbulent waters beneath No. 4 spillway close to the Yakima County shore.

Drowned are two Yakima Indians, John Buck, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buck; and Melvin Lucci, 24 of White Swan.

Appeal to Coast Guard 1

The Indians appealed to the Coast Guard ~~iddd~~ inland flotilla to assist with the search.

Buck and Lucci, with Frank Randall, 17, Wapato and Harry Wesley, 19, Harrah, were in an old style canoe, the last in use along the Columbia River. They had launched the 18-foot dugout, cut and burned from a cedar log many years ago, intending to paddle downstream.

The canoe was caught in the turbulent water. Public Utility District workmen sighted two of the Indians struggling the water at midstream. They tossed life preservers to them from atop the dam. A small power boat, operated by the PUD rescued Randall and Wesley. Buck and Lucci were apparently caught in the swirling water.

first ad.

The PUD closed gates of the dam to lower the water to permit a late afternoon and early evening search , but the gates had to be reopened at 8 p.m. because of high water in Wanapum Pool. The Grant County sheriff's office assisted in the search. Several Indians from the Yakima Reservation took boats to the river today to continue the search.

Buck's father is the leader of the small band of Wanapum Indians living at the dam site. He is the grandson of Puck-Hyah-Toot, ~~known~~ who ~~xxxxxxxx~~ died in 1955 and was known to settlers of White Bluffs, Priest Rapids and Vantage as Johnny Buck. Puck-Hyah-Toot was the religious leader of the group and the religious leadership was given over to Frank Schappy , Wapato, who was born at Priest Rapids.

The canoe is the one which had previously been displayed at Vantage, protected by ~~thax~~ a shelter. The Wanapums returned it to Priest Rapids two years ago to keep at their village.

Several similar log canoes, all the last on the river, were destroyed during construction of Hanford Atomic Works Pad projects at White Bluffs where the Wanapums also had a village.

The Indians sayd the river usually ~~gives up~~ "gives up bodies of those drowned" in a week to 10 days.

Meanwhile they and their relatives are making preparations for a funeral and religious memorial feast.

Click Relander

An age-long silence in a desolation along the Columbia River east of Yakima has been broken.

In an immense bend of the stream, engulfed by the uplifted Umtanum Ridge on one shore and the Wahluke Slope opposite, there are sounds of busy men, growing louder daily.

They are loudest now at the Priest Rapids Dam site.

The sure stroke of hammers and shrill whine of saws are converting new lumber into shops, warehouses and office buildings. The clatter of mechanics' wrenches upon steel and the thud of mallets on wooden wedges, accompanies the assembling of ~~big~~ ^{big} ~~heavy~~ ~~machinery~~ machinery. Heavy equipment, driven by powerful, growling motors is sweeping aside the unbroken overlay of soil.

The objective of the small task force is to secure a beachhead on the ~~xxx~~ shore of the Columbia. Then a larger force will begin the occupation of the river itself by constructing a coffer dam. This will be a buffer or protective bulkhead against the ~~xxxxxx~~ strong currents of the river and its fluctuating rise and fall by seasons. When this is done, then the main army of workers can accomplish its objective, a 8,412 foot --nearly a mile and three-fourths long--reinforced and earthfill river barrier, the Priest Rapids Dam.

This is to be a hydroelectric and flood control project with navigation potential. It was ~~con~~ conceived and is being carried out by the Grant County PUD No. 2 of Ephrata and will be completed in 1960. It will produce 630,000 kilowatts of vitally needed power to stave off an anticipated shortage by that time and will supply 12 Northwestern public and private utilities with some of their pair.

Financing for the project was provided by sale of 166 million dollars worth of revenue bonds by the PUD; ~~back~~ a sale backed up by the power purchase contracts signed ~~last month~~ by scarcely a month ago by the utilities.

first ad..Priest Rapids

In two years construction is to start on Wanapum Dam, 18 miles upstream ~~at~~ which will be built at an estimated cost of 188 million dollars.

The power output of the entire Priest Rapids Project will place it third in the nation, topped only by Grand Coulee and Hoover dams, and the total cost will run in the neighborhood of 349 million dollars.

The coffer dam, the first main objective, will cost 8 million dollars of the \$91,878,625 prime contract which the PUD awarded to Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation of New York which is providing the advance task force.

The coffer dam must be built during low water stage. Work on it is scheduled to start with a ground breaking ceremony shortly after Labor Day.

During the fall and winter the army securing the ~~firm~~ foothold on the river will increase to perhaps 500 men. ~~Amxx~~ About 100 are working there now. By next spring however, a major force of 2,000 to 2,500 will be at the dam site and when work is going on at both dams, in a little over two a labor peak years, ~~the0000000000~~ approaching 4,000 will be reached.

The men and equipment for the precision operation are coming from far scattered places.

Until the 11 mile ~~access road from near Beverly~~ access road costing \$800,000 is completed from near Beverly to the site, a graded gravel road overlayed in places with sand and visible from a distance by telltale ~~xxxi~~ streamers of dust left by moving vehicles, is the route to the front/

Carpenters and some other workers living at Yakima and Prosser find their way to the construction area by following the narrow county road on the Benton and Yakima counties shore. They cross the river by boat.

Ruts and fist size or larger boulders in the roadway on the Yakima and Benton counties side have led them to seek relief for their automobiles by petitioning for grading and blading work along that stretch.

"We want to live in Yakima and the Valley cities own our families, but

second ad..Priest Rapids

"We want to live in Yakima and other Valley cities with our families, but unless something is done to improve the road, it looks like we will have to move to the other side," one of the men said.

The long way from west of the Columbia River to the construction camp is 103 miles from Yakima. It is the road to Ellensburg, thence to Vantage Bridge and then down the Grant County side. ~~Ellensburg~~ Construction workers living at Ellensburg are attempting to obtain bus service from there to the site.

The 10 miles from Vantage Bridge to Beverly is good black top. From the bridge it ~~is a good road to Othello~~ or the junction of Highway 10 and ~~Highway 7-C~~ newly completed 7-C, it is 43 miles to Othello and 90 miles to Pasco.

A few miles below Vantage Bridge, where explorations are still under way to determine footings and the location for Wanapum Dam, the road tapers, ending ~~at Beverly~~ later in ~~good~~ a gravel roadbed. It hugs the Beverly Gap or Sentinel Buttes at Saddle Mountains and overlooks the Columbia. Before boldly stepping out into the outspread basin from which rises the Wahluke Slope. Here, looking to the west, is the big bend.

Beverly, which had a population of 105 the other day is ~~now~~ the unloading yard on the Milwaukie Railroad Line for much of the big machinery and heaps of supplies.

There are tons of sheet piling, tons of it, stacked and waiting to be trucked to the dam site for the coffer dam. There are three 35' Manitowac cranes, ~~and~~ their 100 foot long hoisting towers reaching skyward. The larger 45'-about as big as they come- is in the equipment ~~assembly~~ assembly yard. It can lift more than 45 tons at one ~~time~~ tug, with and its 120 foot boom set at a 12 foot radius can toy with a six yard scoop bucket. The bucket is as large as a small room.

Because clearance was not sufficient beneath the Milwaukie Bridge at Beverly where the existing road passes, a new bed is being built

third ad..Priest Rapids

It passes close to the river where there is clearance and to spare.

Later this winter a spur will be strung across the Columbia at the lower end of the dam site and supplies will be brought over the river to the construction camp in Grant County.

Besides a few newly built stores and auto courts, repairs are ^{cq} under way on the Beverly School of Lower Crab Creek District ~~12~~ 160.

Mrs. Gertrude Morrison, director living a stone's throw from the aging stucco building, said the average daily attendance was 24 last fall but there are enough children in town even now to fill the two rooms to their capacity of 50.

High school students in the lower end of the Crab Creek District will go to Kittitas, and others to Othello. "hat relief will come with completion of the new \$190,000 grade school building ~~adddd~~ near Royal City, 19 miles away, has not been determined. Construction started on the school three weeks ago.

A mile and one-half south of Beverly is the newly-born trailer town called Schawana. The inhabitants are largely experienced construction workers, have ~~xxxx~~ worked on Grand Coulee, The Dalles or Chief Joseph Dams and are looking to ard the time Priest Rapids is complete and other dams will be built elsewhere.

At the rate of new arrivals, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Browe, partners with Lawrence Jorgenson of Othello, estimate that the first 72 trailer section will be ~~addd~~ filled before long and that ultimately 1,000 capacity will be reached.

Schawana, whose trailers include barber ~~shops~~ watch repair and other shops was named ^{the} ~~000~~ Wanapum or Priest Rapids Indian word, Chiawana, meaning The River or Big ~~River~~ River, referring to the Columbia.

At the confluence of the Columbia and Crab Creek which flows along the northern base of Saddle Mountain is a row of 11 road construction trailers.

fourth ad.

The road workers have blasted away a tiny corner of the butte and the new road bed is nearly completed at that point. This is 16 miles downriver from Vantage Bridge and seven miles upstream from the lower end of 11-mile long Priest Rapids where the first dam is ~~being~~ to be ~~built~~ built.

From the Gap and between the road, which follows the rolling slope, and the river for a ways is a long stretch of marshy and grazing land. Here too is the old Figure 2 Ranch buildings and not far away is the Jack ~~Xxxx~~ Splawn cabin with its gun ports still intact. The cabin is hidden in a clump of trees beneath the basalt reef which the road follows.

For the last few miles to the site, the road follows the gentle pitch of the slope, through sagebrush, ~~and~~ ^{dusty, washboard} scab land dotted with glacial strewn ~~rocks~~ rocks. It follows ~~atop~~ atop a gravel bar that parallels the river for miles.

In a sagebrush and sand clearing, down a 75 foot pitch is the assembling camp where the big machinery is pieced together by mechanics before it is moved across a marshy strip of green ~~xxxxx~~ and shallow water to the construction camp.

The largest crane was brought in from George High Dam on the Skagit River. One of the four small giants should work with a southern drawl, having been brought from Tennessee. The construction firm, MS&C which flies the black horse flag has ~~wide~~ widespread operations in this country and overseas branches and subsidiaries in Cuba, Indian, Venezuela, Colombia and the Dominican Republic.

The dam site is a quarter of a mile from the higher land on which the construction camp is located. It is across the broad water, even now at low stage. Close to shore the stream curls and twists with its untapped power. In midstream however it is flecked by white spraying rapids that rumble constantly. On the Yakima County shore is the dull-gray concrete Priest Rapids Power Plant, built in 1908.

fifth ad..

Just upstream is the lower end of the "anapum Island, protected by the treacherous rapids, where One Legged Abalone Man and Sun Man fished in ancient times. On the island are the genesis rocks of the Indians--petroglyphs and pictographs. Some of these are to be preserved as monuments by terms of the Federal Power Commission's permit.

At the construction camp carpenters are at work on an office building for the company's key personnel. This will adjoin the PUD construction office.

Robert Garoutte of the reborn Mattawa, is not far away, is operating the first piece of heavy earth moving equipment on the job, a WD 20 carryall that with a D-8 "pushcat" carries off 12 yards of earth at a time. This is where the site is being leveled for the railroad siding which will connect with the Milwaukie line on the Yakima shore when the bridge is built this winter.

Locations and footings for a hospital, shops, warehouses, tool house and carpenter shop have been prepared.

On the gravel bar, overlooking the camp, is the site for homes of the contractor's key personnel. There will be nine separate houses, 16 units, bachelor quarters and laundry.

V. H. Caris, field engineer for MC&S is on the job. He came from Los Angeles. Herbert Surcliff, assistant office engineer, said the office building, accommodating 60 persons, will be finished in three weeks. Surcliff lives at Ephrata but came to the project from Noxon Rapids, Mont.

John Hellerud, the general superintendent of carpenters lives at Vantage and gets his mail at Beverly. The carpenters are under the jurisdiction of Yakima Local 770 and come from Yakima, Vantage, Moses Lake and Ellensburg. The laborers are provided by Yakima and Moses Lake locals.

Orval E. Peterson, now living at Vantage, is a member of Yakima Local 770. He was a carpenter at Folsom Dam, near Sacramento, for MC&S.

sixth ad.

John Hale, an iron worker, lives at Rt. 1, Yakima. O.N. Anderson has lived here 10 years. It takes them about two hours to make the 70 mile car pool plus trip over Highway 11-A through Moxee, then up the river by Oddity and the Oddowood county road that needs repairs and then across the river by boat.

Roy Abshire, an operating engineer and shovel runner comes from Prosser. He and his son, Roy H. Abshire besides helping with preliminary work operate the power boats which transport men from the Yakima County shore.

C.W. Severance is equipment superintendent and R. Benton of Vantage is equipment foreman. His home is at Electric City and he worked on Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph dams. R.H. Arnell, living at Kennewick, came to the equipment assembling camp from the Folsom Dam project.

Frank Glosser, a rigger, came from Vashon Island. He worked at The Dalles and Rock Island dams, and is helping load the trucks that bring in nine-ton loads of supplies from Beverly. Timothy Wilkinson, operating engineer from Local 370, is a crane operator. He lives at Vantage. Edward Paulson, Moses Lake, the oiler for the two-man hoist team came from Moses Lake. His home is a trailer house.

The reactivated Mattawa is high on the slope, four and one-half miles northeast of the site.

Mattawa was first born in 1909 but expired like other irrigation motivated towns of that era. It has a present population approaching 60 50. Mrs. Garrouite, whose husband operates the carryall, runs the air-conditioned cafe in which the flowers from its week-ago-today opening are still in containers.

It is 43 miles to Othello from Mattawa and 35 to Royal City. But the inhabitants are looking for the Wahluke Slope Road--a continuation of Road Highway 11-A eventually crossing the Columbia at Vernita by ferry, to provide them with a straight shoot into Yakima.

seventh ad Priest Rapids

Mattawa originated in 1909 for the same reason as now, the Wahluke Slope, although the construction project speeded up the townsite, some of the residents said.

The townsite sponsors, M. Schott, former mayor of Warden and his associates, Albert Widner, Clarence Kissler and W.T. ~~Kiss~~ Kissler of Warden acquired it from Edward Scott of Othello. It had been sold for taxes several times since the early days and was surveyed last December.

Earl House of Bridgeport opened the first building there, a grocery store two and one-half months ago when only one shack remained of the original village.

Schott's office was trucked in from Grand Coulee. The cafe was brought from Spokane. Lots in 70 per cent of the first 80 acres of the 240 acre townsite have been sold. A gravel washer, ready mix concrete plant, the grocery, a cafe, rooming houses and two trailer parks are in business.

A town must have a population of 300 before it can incorporate, but they are already talking about a police chief at Mattawa. Meetings, aimed at opening a school are also being held. The developers have offered to provide a building if the residents employ a teacher. One already lives at Mattawa.

Mattawa is but one speck in the ~~oospead~~ ^{oospead} outspread basin where activity is whirling into a faster, dust-marked tempo, every day.

The construction task force's attention is directed at getting the coffer dam built, the Columbia spanned by the spur rail track and a bridge ~~xx~~ built ^{so} ~~before~~ next spring's big ~~bu~~ ^{so} push can begin on the real work.

The access road is only one of several comparatively small maneuvers in getting the operations ^{on} under way.

Work of spreading gravel on the graded bed is to begin tomorrow. Then filling will ~~xx~~ commence Friday. The road will be finished by the 29th,

The ground breaking will follow, complete with vantage spot for tourists and sightseers.