

OKANOGAN-CARIBOO TRAIL "Shortest Route to Alaska"

Okanogan Cariboo Trail Association

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NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is being sent to all chambers of commerce, boards of trade, newspapers and radio station, officers and directors in order to report the progress of the association.

PUBLICITY

Publicity continues to "roll in" on the Okanogan Cariboo Trail Tour. The office has received 141 clippings and 5 radio stations have sent in a report. All the newspapers and radio stations along the route are to be complimented for their fine cooperation.

One of the recent articles was by Joe VanWormer, Nationally-known photographer and free lance writer, Bend, Oregon, in the October 28 issue of the Portland, Oregon Journal.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF JOHN HART HIGHWAY

R. P. MacLean, Kelowna, B. C. Chairman of the special committee, has contacted E. C. Carson, Minister of Public Works, regarding plans and progress on the road between Prince George and Dawson Creek. Mr. Carson advises that the association will be officially included in the ceremonies of the opening of the John Hart Highway. The official opening will be either at the Parsnip River or on the Pine Pass. In the Minister's letter he states that it would seem that under reasonable and normal conditions the opening should be held in late June of 1952. Quoting from his letter: "There remains now just over a mile to shape up East of the Missinchinka River—approximately ten miles on which to place base and finishing gravel and the Parsnip bridge. We intend, either this fall or early spring, to erect a temporary pile bridge which will carry all traffic until the permanent structure is built and at the same time it would be essential in the construction of the final structure, so that nothing would be lost in its erection."

OKANOGAN CARIBOO TRAIL TIES

Neckties are now available, sent postpaid for \$1.50 while they last. Address your request to Chester C. Kimm, Box 850, Wenatchee, Washington

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DAWSON CREEK DELEGATION CROSSES THE
PARNSIP RIVER BY AUTO

According to the DAWSON CREEK STAR, a delegation left Dawson Creek on October 20 traveling the Hart Highway including the fording of the Parnsip River to Prince George and points south. The delegation consisting of Ralph Thomsen, Don Thomsen, his son; Bob Greer of Bilvic Studios and Stan Carnell of the Star, reported that the steel for the Parnsip River bridge was being transported to the site when they made the trip.

MEMBERSHIP

It is important that all chambers of commerce and boards of trade along the route become members and appoint a director. The newest member of the association is the Prince George Board of Trade. Alex Bowie has been appointed director. As the roster now stands the officers and directors are as follows:

Irwin H. Jones, President Wenatchee	Howard Faulkner, Past President Kelowna
Jack Bews, 1st Vice-Pres. Kelowna	Earl Dickey, 2nd Vice-Pres. Revelstoke
Dan Gordon, 2nd Vice-Pres Chelan	Chester C. Kimm, U. S. Sec. Wenatchee
Thomas R. Hill, Canadian Secretary Kelowna, B. C.	

DIRECTORS:

Frank Knosher, Goldendale, Washington
O. H. Erickson, Yakima, Washington
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Louis Bovee, Cashmere, Washington
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C. Pentz, Omak, Washington
Leonard Therriault, Pateros, Washington
Jim Winslow, Tonasket, Washington
Roy Pickott, Oroville, Washington
Frank Ryall, Vernon, B. C.
Earl Dickey, Revelstoke, B. C.
Alex Bowie, Prince George, B. C.

Be sure to send your check on the Canadian side to Tom Hill, Secretary, c/o Kelowna Board of Trade, Kelowna, B. C. and on the U. S. side to Chester C. Kimm, Secretary, c/o Box 850, Wenatchee, Washington

ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are being made to hold the annual meeting in Yakima, Washington, in July. E. C. Carson has accepted the invitation to be the principal speaker. Other speakers invited are the Directors of Highways from the states of Oregon and Washington.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO BE REPRESENTED