

PASCO

Transportation Center

OF THE COLUMBIA BASIN



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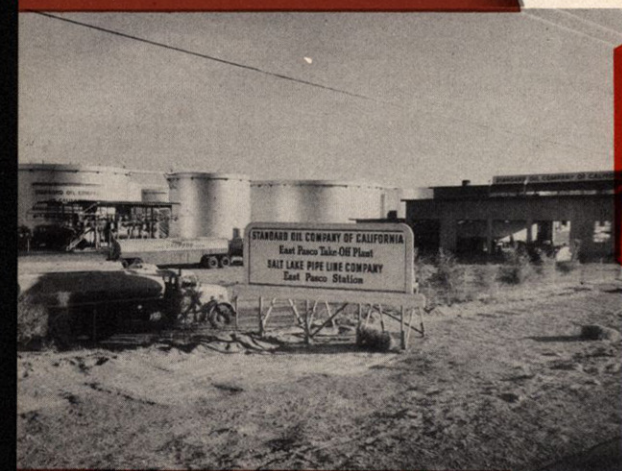
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A tug and one of the barges which take wheat to the seaports of Vancouver and Portland . . . and brings petroleum products back upstream for distribution through the vast Inland Empire.



Giant storage tanks which hold the oil, diesel and gasoline brought to Pasco through the Salt Lake-Pasco pipeline.

Water

is the LIFEblood of Pasco, for the city is the headwater terminal point for inland water transportation in the Columbia Basin. Downstream from Pasco are Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon — great inland seaports which are thriving points-of-call for the largest ocean-going ships. And up the Columbia to Pasco by barge comes the cargo of those ships, to be redistributed from Pasco by rail, truck and pipeline!

Pipelines

Almost beyond scope of the imagination . . . a giant pipeline burrowing under prairies and rivers, through mountains, bringing stove oil, diesel oil and gasoline from Salt Lake City, Utah. From Pasco these products are distributed by rail, tank truck and auxiliary pipelines throughout the area between the Cascades and the Rockies. This great pipeline is an added impetus to the business and industry of this thriving city!

Pasco

. . . city of youth . . . city of opportunity! Fast becoming the capital of a vast *agricultural* empire, and with its tremendous transportation and power facilities, soon to become the capital of a vast *industrial* empire!

And not only does Pasco offer unlimited economic opportunities, but it is a stimulating place to live. We believe that here you will find inspiration of greater personal achievement . . . greater personal happiness in the years to come. Pasco is the center of America's last great frontier, and those who live here absorb its vigor and enthusiasm.

We invite you to accept the challenge of this great country . . . come to PASCO . . . the city with big plans for the future . . . where every stranger receives a hearty Western welcome!



Pasco is served by West Coast Empire Air Lines, with direct service to all major Northwest cities and direct connections to transcontinental service.

Airlines

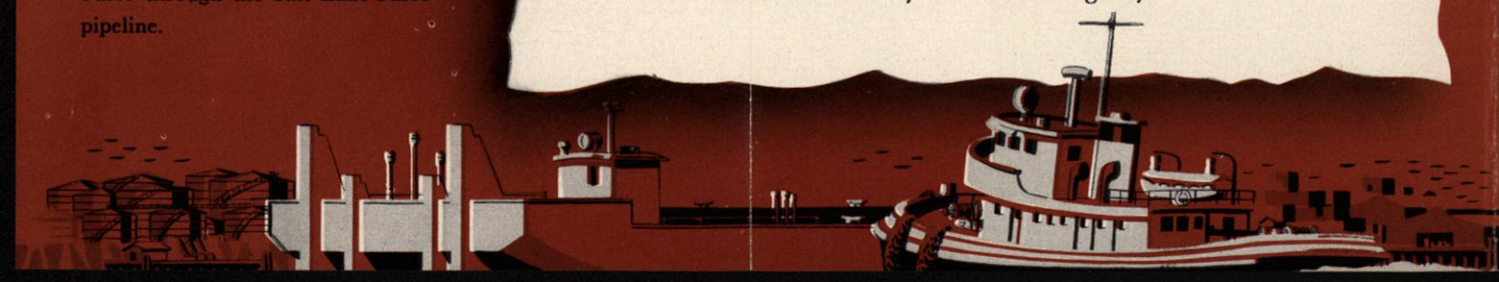
The Pasco airport is one of the finest. During World War II it was a Navy air training base, and consequently has the very finest facilities, including a fully lighted field with four asphalt runways, four large hangars, an administration building, and 35 warehouse and industrial buildings. West Coast Empire makes ten scheduled stops daily. Pasco's airport is seldom closed by weather and is accessible by air during all four seasons of the year.



The hustle and bustle of Pasco's motor freight terminals paint a graphic picture of the city's importance as a transportation center.

Hiways

Not only is Pasco a rail center and head of the Columbia River transportation facilities, but it is also a hub for mighty motor transports. Pasco is served by five major motor freight companies. Three have terminals in Pasco, which is situated at the junction of U. S. Highways 395 and 410 . . . is linked directly with U. S. 10, U. S. 30 and U. S. 97.



Power

Pasco is in the center of the great Northwest Power Pool which will bring almost unlimited low-cost electric power to the great industries which Washington's vast natural resources will lure to this area in the next few years!

Through Pasco flows the great Columbia . . . 1200 miles of swirling torrent, which, when fully developed, will ALONE provide FORTY PER CENT of America's total hydroelectric power!

Railroads

In the heart of the vast Columbia Basin, Pasco is the division point for both the Northern Pacific and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle, which provide main line passenger and freight service. It is also served by a branch line of the Union Pacific. Thus, rails radiating in all directions, bring the rest of the world to Pasco . . . and take the products of the great Columbia Basin, through Pasco, to the rest of the world!

MCNARY DAM, thirty miles south of Pasco, with its 86 foot wide and 674 foot long navigation lock, provides the world's highest single lift of 92 feet, and will contribute nearly a million kilowatts to the Northwest Power Network.

A birdseye view of the network of rails in Pasco's switchyards, where the products of the Columbia Basin flow to the world.



Pasco is the largest city in the World's Largest Reclamation Project, where the rich soil produces excellent yields of a wide variety of crops. Mild climate and long growing season make this a farmer's paradise.



The Atomic Energy Commission's Hanford Works, America's largest plutonium factory, stands on a 620 square mile government reservation, headquarters of which is at Richland, one of the Tri-cities of Pasco, Kennewick and Richland.

Agriculture

The Columbia Basin Irrigation project, the greatest reclamation venture ever conceived by man, is proceeding at the rate of 60,000 acres per year. Pasco's potential is *unlimited* here in this vast frontier of agricultural prosperity where the term "Largest in the world" is commonplace. Here . . . water impounded by the "World's Largest" dam, drives the "World's Largest" turbines which turn the "World's Largest" pumps, which raise water to the "World's Largest" reservoir to flow through the "World's Largest" irrigation canals.

Atomic Energy

The Columbia Basin provided the nation with the ideal spot for the highly important, highly strategic plant where plutonium is produced by the transmutation of uranium. This site was chosen for the Hanford plant because of its closeness to large quantities of water . . . (Columbia River) and the supply of electricity available because of hydroelectric developments on the river.

Recreation

PASCO . . . city of the YOUNG IN YEARS and the YOUNG IN HEART . . . combines the casualness and zest of WESTERN living with the sophistication and convenience of EASTERN living. Pasco's hotels, restaurants and night clubs offer the finest entertainment. In addition Pasco has four city parks providing playground apparatus, tennis courts, swimming pools, wading pools, ball diamonds, and picnic grounds. Sports enthusiasts can enjoy fishing, hunting, boating, water skiing. No wonder every year more and more people move INTO . . . but VERY FEW move OUT OF . . . PASCO, the city with a future!

Breath-taking boat races . . . just one of the many aquatic sports Pasco residents indulge in during a long, warm spring, summer and fall.

Vital Statistics

Pasco has a population of 13,340 people, an increase of almost TEN THOUSAND in thirteen years! Pasco has twelve hotels, fifteen motels, thirteen churches, a school enrollment of 2,770, a mayor-council government, public utility electric service, Bell dial telephone system, a 100 bed hospital (Our Lady of Lourdes), four parks, two daily newspapers and three radio stations. Pasco is keeping abreast of its ever-increasing population!

1940 . . . 3,913 1950 . . . 10,228 1953 . . . 13,340

This is Pasco's fine high school. In addition, the city has four elementary schools, a junior high school, a parochial school and day and evening vocational studies for adults.