

Herb Jenkins
Grant County PUD
April 15, 1966

EPHRATA --- Visitors who attend the Wanapum dam dedication on June 4 will see six bronze statues of Indians on permanent display in the Tour Center. The six figures, which range in size from 9-1/2 to 24 inches in height, were sculptured by Click Relander, Yakima, writer sculptor and authority on Indian history. This will be the first time they have been on public display.

One of the figures represents Puck Hyah Toot, prophet and religious leader of the Wanapum Indians, who saw his people make the transition from the ancient way of life to modern ways. Puck Hyah Toot died in 1956. The Wanapum dam was named after the Wanapum Indians, or "River People."

Another figure is of Alice Slim Jim Charley, the last living Cascades Indian, and the last known living woman whose skull was flattened in infancy by a compress board to make her a "flathead." She is now living out her days in a rest home.

Other statues represent "The Fisherman," a man poised with a fish spear; "The Medicine Singer," an important member of the band in early days; Chief Kuni, late head of the Wy-am Indians who still live in the vicinity of Celilo Falls, and "The Drummer," showing a man with an authentic copy of the type of drum used by the Wanapums in their religious ceremonies.

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Relander also designed and sculptured the fountain outside the Tour Center, which shows salmon migrating upstream.

In addition to the bronze statues in the Tour Center there will be a number of displays of Indian life and a 6-foot by 30-foot mural by E. L. Quigley of Portland showing life along the Mid-Columbia from early times to the present day.

A short distance from the Tour Center is a fish viewing room where visitors may get a close-up view of migrating fish. Other events scheduled for the Dedication ceremony include tours in the powerhouse and a program featuring a nationally known speaker. Photographers will be interested in knowing that a number of Indians will be on hand in full tribal costume.

Herb Jenkins
Grant County PUD
May 5, 1966

TIPS FOR NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS
AT THE WANAPUM DAM DEDICATION
June 4, 1966

Four surviving Wanapum Indians in costume---Rex Buck, Frank Buck, Harry Wyena, Bobby Tomanawash.

Other Indians in tribal dress. Indian tepees.

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Mrs. Tommy (Flora) Thompson, wife of the late Chief Kuni (Tommy Thompson) of the Wy-am Indians, who still live in the vicinity of Celilo Falls. She will be accompanied by her granddaughter, Linda George, Princess of the Salmon Festival staged by The Dalles JCs in April to raise money for an Indian longhouse.

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Inside the Tour Center: Six bronze figures modeled from life by Click Relander of Yakima---Puck Hyah Toot, prophet and religious leader of the Wanapum Indians, who died in 1956. The Wanapum dam is named after the Wanapums, or "River People." Also statues of Alice Slim Jim Charley, the last living Cascades Indian, and the last known living woman whose skull was flattened in infancy by a compress board to make her a "flathead." Other figures represent "The Fisherman," a man poised with a fish spear; "The Medicine Singer," an important member of the band in early days; Chief Kuni (Tommy Thompson) mentioned above, and "The Drummer," showing a man with an authentic copy of the type of drum used by the Wanapums in their religious ceremonies.

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Also inside the Tour Center:

6-foot by 30-foot mural painted by E. B. Quigley of Portland, showing life along the mid-Columbia from early times to the present day.

Displays of early Indian and pioneer life, artifacts and mementoes of historical interest.

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Outside the Tour Center is a 5-foot fountain "The Fountain of Life," sculptured by Click Relander, and depicting salmon migrating upstream.

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Fish viewing room where the visitor may obtain a close-up view of migrating fish.

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Giant generator hall more than 1,000 feet long---longer than three football fields.

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Fish counting station.

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Fish ladder.

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Main Speaker, David S. Black, member of Federal Power Commission. Senators, Congressmen and other officials.

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Open House will be held Friday afternoon, June 3, in the new Engineering and Operations Annex in Ephrata. The computer room and Dispatching Center offer some good possibilities for photos.

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A special platform has been reserved for Press Photographers to use during the ceremony. Amateur photographers will NOT be allowed on it.

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Please notify Herb Jenkins, Grant County PUD, Box 878, Ephrata, Washington, if you plan to attend the dedication and we will send you a Press card for your car.

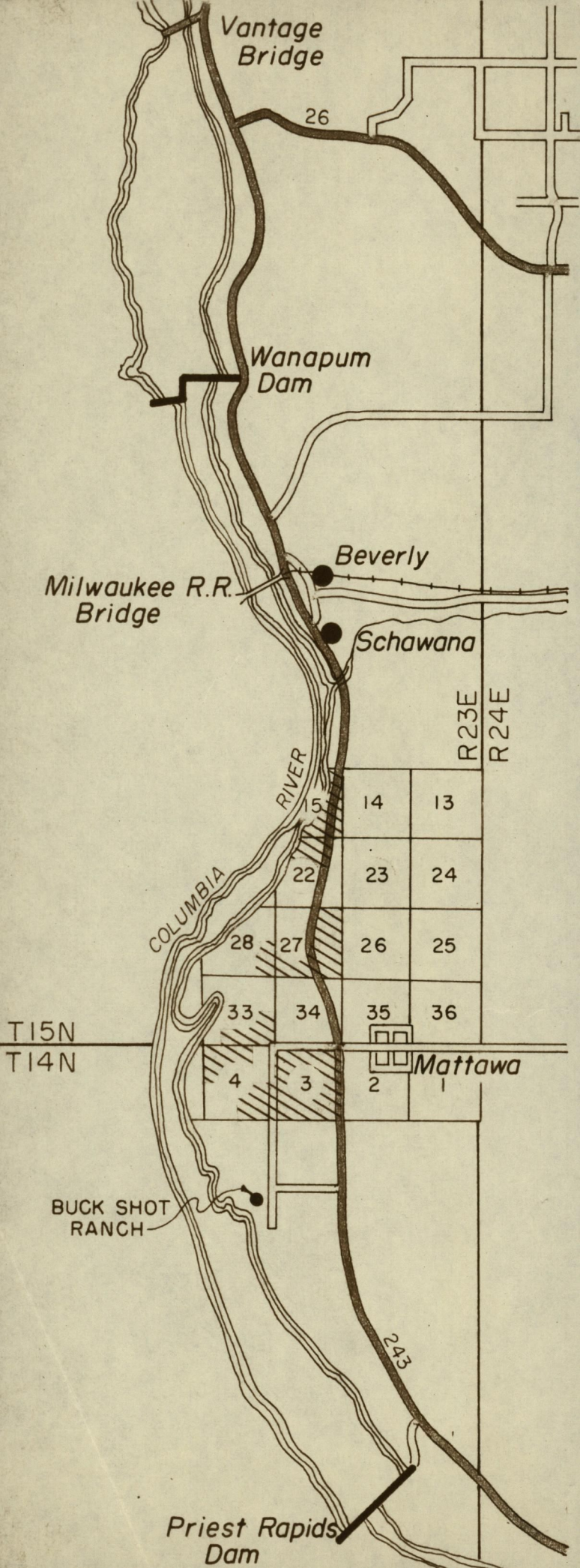
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Herb Jenkins
Grant County PUD
May 6, 1966

(Caption for map of surplus lands to be sold in Priest Rapids Area)

The shaded areas on the map represent the sections in which 15 tracts of land are located which will be offered for sale by bid by the Grant County PUD in Ephrata at 2 p. m. June 6, 1966.

The tracts range from 39 acres to 208 acres in size, and the total amount of land for sale is 2,018 acres. Bids may be submitted on each tract separately. No bid may be accepted for less than the appraised price of the tract. Terms are cash for tracts selling up to \$1,000. Tracts selling for more than \$1,000 may be purchased with a cash payment of 20% down and the balance in five equal annual payments.



Herb Jenkins
Grant County PUD
May 12, 1966

WANAPUM DAM --- Visitors at the Wanapum Dedication on Saturday, June 4, will have plenty to see and do during the day. The main feature of the day will be the dedication ceremony at 1 o'clock, with David S. Black of the Federal Power Commission as the principal speaker.

In addition there will be self-guided tours in the powerhouse and to other points of interest. The fish viewing room under the East bank fish facilities will provide the visitors with a close-up view of migrating fish.

The last four surviving Wanapums, Rex Buck, Frank Buck, Bobby Tomanawash and Harry Wyena, together with their families, will be on hand in tribal dress. They will have a tepee village with samples of Indian handicraft on display. Other Indians also will be on hand in ceremonial dress.

Among the visiting Indians will be Mrs. Tommy Thompson, wife of the late Chief Kuni of the Wy-am Indians who live in the vicinity of Celilo Falls. She will be accompanied by her great granddaughter, Linda George, Wy-am village princess at the salmon festival held near Celilo in April to raise funds to reconstruct a longhouse.

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In the Tour Center will be a 6-foot by 30-foot mural painted by E. B. Quigley of Portland and representing life along the mid-Columbia from early days to modern times. Also on display will be six bronze figures sculptured from life by Click Relander of Yakima, and representing prominent Indian personalities. Other displays will be of mementoes of Indian and pioneer life of the area.

Outside the Tour Center is a 5-foot fountain, "The Fountain of Life," sculptured by Relander, and depicting salmon going upstream.

The Maintenance Center with its modern shop equipment will be of interest to the male visitors.

Every effort is being made to provide for the comfort and convenience of the visitors. There will be a first aid station, plenty of seats, guides at all strategic points, special music and a food concession.

Herb Jenkins
Grant County PUD
May 18, 1966

EPHRATA --- Appointment of Robert Funkhouser, Ephrata, as purchasing agent, and of John Robertson, Ellensburg, as administrative assistant to the manager, was announced today (Wednesday) by R. W. Gillette, manager of the Grant County PUD.

Funkhouser, assistant office engineer for the District at Priest Rapids and Wanapum since 1957, will succeed Sky Hill as purchasing agent when Hill retires November 1, 1966.

Funkhouser attended Washington State University for three years, where he majored in business administration. During World War II he served in the Army for 3 years and 8 months. After the war he went to Guam, where he was chief accountant for J. H. Pomeroy & Co. for two and one-half years. He has had varied experience in heavy construction work, including work on Cabinet Gorge for EBASCO, and two years in Peru for the same company. Just prior to coming to work for the Grant County PUD he had worked on NOX-ON dam for EBASCO.

Hill received his degree in business administration from the University of Idaho in 1925. He worked for The Washington Water Power Co. in the accounting department and in stores for ²⁰ years. He was employed by the WWP Co. in Ephrata when the WWP properties serving seven Grant County communities were acquired by the Grant County PUD.

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Hill then joined the PUD and set up the customer accounting department. He worked in accounting or in stores until he became purchasing agent in the spring of 1961.

Robertson, the new administrative assistant to the District manager, has been employed by the Light Department of the City of Ellensburg since 1958, and has been Light Superintendent since March of 1960. He is a graduate electrical engineer, and after receiving his degree in engineering he studied business administration at the University of Wisconsin while working for the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. and for the A. C. Spark Plug Co.

He is married and has two children of pre-school age. He will report for work with the District in June.

Herb Jenkins
Grant County PUD
December 19, 1966

EPHRATA---Approximately 12 percent of the total hydroelectric generation in the Pacific Northwest was produced by the Grant County PUD's Wanapum and Priest Rapids dams, last year, according to PUD Manager R. W. Gillette. Generation delivered to the power purchasers was 8,200,748,000 kilowatt-hours for an average cost of power per KWH, to the purchasers, of approximately 2.70 mills from the two dams, which is one of the lowest power costs in the nation.

For the Priest Rapids Project's fiscal year ending August 31, 1966, the two dams produced a total net generation of 8,774,504,000 kilowatt-hours, compared to a total generation of approximately 71,490,360,000 KWH produced in the Pacific Northwest by Federal and non-Federal hydro power plants, including Public Utility Districts, municipals and private utilities for the period July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966.

Total cost of the power from Wanapum and Priest Rapids was \$22,123,040, or approximately \$63,076 a day, seven days a week, throughout the year.

Taxes returned to the counties in which the dams are located and bounding the reservoirs will amount to more than \$3,000 a day, derived from a 5 percent gross electric revenue tax levied by the State on the sale of power from the two dams.

Herb Jenkins
Grant County PUD
December 21, 1966

EPHRATA---Almost 24,000 visitors stopped at Wanapum dam during the period of January 1st to November 14th of this year, R. W. Gillette, manager of the Grant County PUD, announced today. The greatest number, 7,430, visited Wanapum during the month of July. Slightly more than 6,000 visitors stopped at Priest Rapids during the first ten months of the year.

A picnic area of approximately two acres with water, picnic tables, trees and grass will be ready for use at both Wanapum and Priest Rapids next summer. A contract has been let for development of the picnic areas and the work is scheduled for completion by March 31.

The Tour Center at Wanapum was opened on June 4 this year. It contains Indian artifacts, items of pioneer days, a 6-foot by 30-foot mural depicting life along the Mid-Columbia River, and several bronze figures of Indians, modeled from life. Guides are on hand during the summer months to assist the visitors at the Tour Center.

Self guided tours may be taken through the generator hall at Wanapum at any time during the year, and the fish viewing room is open 24 hours a day. Special group tours may be arranged upon request in writing to the Information Officer of the Grant County PUD at Ephrata.

Visitors may view the generator room at Priest Rapids from the balcony during daytimes at any time of the year, and they also may see the fish passage facilities at any time. However, only previously arranged tours are available at Priest Rapids.

RELEASE JANUARY 2, 1967

Herb Jenkins
Grant County PUD
January 2, 1967

EPHRATA --- The year of 1967 promises to be one of the busiest years in history for the Grant County PUD, says R. W. Gillette, PUD manager. Despite the phasing out of Larson Air Force Base in July of 1966, sales by the District increased 5.7 percent for the 12-month period ending November 30, 1966, over sales for the previous 12-month period. Larson Air Force Base had been a substantial economic influence in Grant County.

During the years of the fast growth of the Columbia Basin the Electric System was spending about \$1,000,000 a year for line extensions, but this had dropped to from \$600,000 to \$800,000 for the past few years. However, Gillette said \$1,313,000 has been budgeted for improvements of and additions to the Electric System for 1967.

In general, the program for 1967 includes building line extensions to new irrigation blocks and food processing plants; the building of new trunk lines and the installation of sectionalizing equipment to improve reliability of service; installation of more street lights, and improvements to switching and substations.

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Special items in the Electric System budget are \$50,000 for a new switching station at Coulee City; \$40,000 for a submarine cable to Westlake, near Moses Lake, to replace the present overhead line that ends at the Moses Lake State Park; \$140,000 for improvements at the Wheeler station to care for the increased building of food processing plants in that area; \$100,000 for a 13-mile feeder line between Larson and Ruff, and \$15,000 for an additional feeder line and improvements at the Burke station which serves the town of George and surrounding area.

Some of the other improvements scheduled for the year include \$380,000 for normal system additions for customer extensions, betterments, acquisitions, etc., and \$210,000 for meters and transformers, \$150,000 for extensions to irrigation pumps, and \$30,000 for street light additions.

To improve reliability of service, \$40,000 has been set aside for purchase and installation of sectionalizing equipment which will make it possible to isolate and make repairs on damaged portions of a line without putting a large area out of service. A \$500,000 revenue bond issue is proposed to finance a portion of the additions to the Electric System. Retained earnings will be used to finance the balance of the improvements.

Transportation and power operated equipment will require an estimated \$88,000. New office equipment, largely necessitated by placing accounting on a computer, will require an expenditure of about \$25,000.

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ROYAL CITY --- An all-out celebration is planned by the residents of the Royal Slope area at Royal City on Saturday, June 10, to give a big welcome to the Milwaukee Road's 6-1/2 mile extension from its main line to Royal City.

A special train carrying Milwaukee officials and city officials of the area will arrive at Royal City from Othello at 11 o'clock. There will be a dedication ceremony followed by a giant barbecue. A street dance will be held in the evening. Other events are being planned for the day.

The extension, a spectacular line curving up through Smyrna Canyon on a grade of 2.5 percent, will be completed in ample time for the celebration. Contractors have all the rail laid and are now putting the finishing touches on the job.

The coming of the railroad to Royal City, located in the south part of Grant County, is the culmination of a dream of many years for the residents of the area.

"The fact that the Milwaukee Road is investing some \$2,000,000 in this railroad extension to Royal City shows its faith in the future growth of this area," Mayor Sam Poarch of Royal City said today. "It will make it much easier for our farmers to market their many crops, and it will provide facilities for the food processors who have indicated a willingness to locate here. We have a large industrial area set aside, so there will be plenty of room for anyone who wants to build alongside the railroad trackage," Poarch said.

OUTLINE:

REPRESENTATIVE CATHERINE MAY proudly dons a real old-fashioned "cowgal" hat and accepts a Ellensburg Centennial flag from Ellensburg Rodeo publicity chairman Buck Buchanan in a brief ceremony at her Washington D. C. office. The congresswoman was presented the hat-- her first, she said--by the Ellensburg Rodeo board of directors. Buchanan, manager of the Port of Kittitas County, was in Washington promoting ~~from~~ Columbia River waterway projects. He just happened to drop by to ~~present the~~ present the hat and flag to Mrs. May.