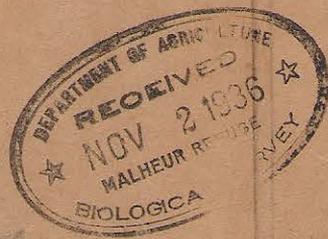


MALHEUR LAKE BIRD REFUGE

OCTOBER 1936

BUILDINGS



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OFFICE and LABORATORY
Malheur Lake Headquarters

The installation of the heating and air conditioning plants for the Office and Residence buildings was one of our principal tasks this month. The plant in the Residence is not quite complete, but the work is well along and good progress is being made, considering the fact that concrete floors and walls offer more difficulties when openings for metal ducts must be altered or adjusted.

The laying of linoleum floor covering in the Residence has been accomplished, and the building should soon be completely ready for turning on all services.

Bath and shower room accessories have been placed in the Office and Laboratory quarters. Shades have been placed on all windows, and, with the exception of a few electrical connections which are awaiting the installation of the generator sets, this building is ready for occupancy.



CLERK'S RESIDENCE
Malheur Lake Headquarters

Electrical service lines have been laid, telephone leads placed, and the trenches back-filled. Thus, all buildings are tied in, ready for final connections when the power generators arrive. Manholes for terminals and exhaust chambers are also complete and ready to operate.

It is always inspiring to a builder to get a building erected and enclosed, since this portion of the job is the one on which he can show the greatest progress, and from which is obviously gained most of his profit.

In the Clerk's Cabin, which has been enclosed this month, the whole interior is plastered, and painting has been started on the exterior trim. In fact, the interior has been well dried out, and is now awaiting additional enrollees, with whom we will begin the painting of the walls and the placing of the trim and floors. The heating plant for this



Garden Walls at Driveway Between Office and
Service Buildings Beginning to Take Shape
Malheur Lake Headquarters

P-Ranch

It is gratifying to be able to report to you that the foundation for the remodeling job of the P-Ranch house has finally been accomplished. Interior partitions have been placed in the main building, and indicate the size and location of the various rooms as rearranged by the architect.

The framing of exterior walls, as well as the connecting roof section, are also in place, and openings for new and additional windows give the structure an atmosphere of its ultimate appearance.

LOOKING AHEAD

Arrangements are under way to increase the number of side camp enrollees from thirty-five to



A Group of Missouri Boys Placing Concrete
Footings for Masonry Garden Walls
Malheur Lake Headquarters

ilitate the general progress of this project.

With the coming of additional enrollees, which we are planning to establish here at Sod House in side camp style, we have been able to give the Pump-house little attention. The roof structure has been framed and roof boards and cornice trim placed, so that we are ready to proceed with the clay tile shingle work.

BUENA VISTA

Plastering has been accomplished on the Residence at Buena Vista, and excavations completed for the water supply reservoir. The disposal bed has been finished, and forms for the ceptic tank are in place, ready for pouring concrete.

Evidence of other building activities at Buena Vista are beginning to appear, in that the engineers are placing survey stakes about the site.



Missouri Lads Getting Some Practical Experience
Laying up Stone Garden Walls
Malheur Lake Headquarters

fifty. This is most significant, insofar that under the present schedule, only six enrollees are allotted to the Headquarters building work itself. This does not include the boys working on the garden walls, but you will appreciate that six enrollees is a small number when considering the amount of work and the number of tasks which are yet to be accomplished.

Over-zealousness on the part of camp superintendents to efficiently man their tractors, trucks, and mechanical crews, has worked a vital hardship on the building activities here at Malheur Lake Refuge.

Men selected for other mechanical work are men who would quite often make good craftsmen. However, groups turned over to us for employment on the building crafts are almost entirely



A Missouri Lad
Laying Stone on Garden Wall
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lacking in such talent, and it is not only difficult, but well nigh impossible to train an enrollee for a mechanical craft, who lacks the essentials of natural mechanical mindedness and inclination.

Much of the work encountered on the buildings now, consists of tasks requiring mechanical talent. The common labor has been accomplished to a large degree, and such of that as is yet to be done will be quite easily coped with.

Laying stone, pouring concrete approaches, hanging doors, placing hardware, painting, and placing interior trim are some of the tasks which can be handled successfully during the coming month of November, if each camp-enrollee



A Missouri Lad - Getting A-1 Diversion
From Farming -- Covering Pumphouse Roof
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personnel is properly sub-divided, and men placed where they will be able to accomplish work to the best advantage, and in the order of its priority. This applies to all three building projects alike.

Since each superintendent, and each superintending individual will be inclined to improve his own group of personnel first, and justly so, it may require some special influence on your part to secure a proper balance which will assure reasonable results on all divisions of important projects.

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Assistant Architect



RESIDENCE
Malheur Lake Headquarters

Report of Building Activities to Mr. Stanley L. Jewett, Refuge Manager.

The month of October, marked as the hub of the period and activities of camp transitions, claimed considerable attention on the part of the supervisory personnel to the elaborate outline of duties connected with the moving of men and equipment and the adaption of interest and attitudes to new locations and different environments.

Through the efforts of your office, and the co-operation of Army officials, we managed to keep some enrollees on the Headquarter buildings project continuously. And while groups of boys, available for only short periods of a few days, cannot be trained for their particular tasks, the results obtained showed that this procedure was not an unprofitable one. Considerable work was accomplished; work which, perhaps, is not so obvious, but which involves a multitude of details, requiring considerable attention, time and effort.