

Bridge Closed

The Pleasant View bridge was closed to all traffic, including foot travel, by the Board of Commissioners of the Post Falls Highway District on Wednesday, May 5, as unsafe. The closure was ordered on advice of the Bovay Engineering firm. It was felt no other course was possible and was an immediate emergency.

Plans are for repair of the bridge. The engineers are consulting with a contractor on possible methods of repairs, cost and the feasibility.

The Pleasant View bridge, as many of you remember was built in the middle twenties. About 1953 the center span collapsed from an indetermined reason. It has carried the district large four wheel drive truck, trailer and bulldozer on Friday and then collapsed on Tuesday with nothing on the bridge. A two span bridge that had been across the Yakima river was purchased on delayed payments and was also installed on delayed payments the following year. Some additional steel was left available for the third span, but, however, lacking the four necessary end posts and other members which would have cost more to have fabricated than the whole bridge did delivered at the site, it was not done at that time.

Due to vandalism the remaining steel is now stored at the highway shops. There is apparently now new, better and cheaper ways for installing a third span such as the girders.

A two hundred eighty-seven dollar check has been sent to the State of Idaho as the Post Falls Highway District estimated share of the new Post Falls bridge. This was accomplished by the issuance of seventy-five thousand dollars worth of anticipated notes to the Bank of Idaho. If it had not been for the banks interest in the community it would have been most difficult to have accomplished this. It was necessary to obtain this loan to cover cost of increased width of the bridge and inflation, both brought on by forced delays.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The public is cordially invited to attend the reception of Carnation Rebekah lodge, when the organization celebrates its 50th anniversary, on Saturday, May 15, at 8 p. m., with appropriate ceremonies. The event will be held at the IOOF hall.