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# Drilling Will Cost \$400,000 More At Dam; Better Phone Service Assured By Dec. 15

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Expanded drilling program at Bruce's Eddy dam site will begin in late November and December with \$400,000 in estimated work to round out exploration of tunnels, dam footings planned by Army Engineer Mayor A. B. Curtis told Orofino chamber members Monday.

Colonel James H. Beddow, chief of the Walla Walla district has advised that bids will be opened Nov. 24 on a \$25,000 drill job for tunnel studies; a second

110-day drilling project is called for December 6 involving \$100,000 for 4000 lineal feet of studies on foundations; on December 13, the tunnel portals will be explored and opened at a cost of \$100,000 and the same date galaxy drilling of a 40 inch diameter section will begin on 170 feet dam foundation.

#### No Road Work

The Corps of engineers still feels that bypass road work should be deferred until spring in event of severe winter weather. Colonel Beddow will be featured speaker at a ladies night dinner here Dec. 3 with attendance limited to a few out-of-town guests as space will permit, following advance sale of tickets to chamber members. Seating is planned for 150 persons.

Nominating committee report made by C. O. Portfors named Samuel F. Swayne as president, Ralph Space, vice president; William Philpot, treasurer; Adrian Nelson, secretary, Frank Frost, John Crockett and H. H. Hanson directors. Term of Stanley Pearce expires. Nominations may be made from the floor prior to the election on December 3.

General Telephone district manager James Boekenoogen introduced three other company officials, Robert Williams, Geo. White and Barney Hill who promised widely improved toll service with creation of a new toll center at Moscow and advent of direct distance dialing on Dec. 15. The Moscow toll center will be discontinued but 8 lines will be retained for local service to Lewiston.

Orofino lines to Moscow will jump from five to 14 with 14 operators there to handle Lewiston, Palouse Empire, Clearwater and Camas Prairie business.

#### Phone Men Talk

Mr. Hill said there will be 56 lines from Moscow to Spokane to handle calls to the rest of the nation. Automatic equipment will seek out alternate routes instantaneously at periods of heavy traffic. Oud Rexall drug will become the paying station for local subscribers, who do not wish to mail checks to Moscow.

Complaints about the inadequacy of present day toll service, centered on inability of customers to get central and cut-offs on long distance calls, and were voiced by Francis Portfors, Ray McNichols and Marvin Riley.

Company officials pointed out that 3 or 4 phone calls could jam up the present board and with difficulty and training op-