

Columbia Basin Election Favors Irrigation Plan

SPOKANE, July 26. (AP)—The counting of absentee ballots in the Columbia basin irrigation election has gotten under way and the final tabulation will be announced August 1.

Resident landowners voted 470 to 20 to enter a repayment contract with the federal government to pave the way for a proposed \$280,000,000 irrigation works designed to water nearly a million acres of semi-arid land.

Charles Cone, Columbia basin commission research assistant, estimated the absentee vote would reach 2,000 but expressed the belief the resident vote reflects the election's final trend.

Frank A. Banks, regional director, said the U. S. bureau of reclamation would make the Columbia basin development its number one postwar project.

Banks said the total cost to the landowners would not exceed \$85 an acre, or 25 per cent of the total cost of bringing water to their land.

The rest of the cost will be borne by revenue from the sale of power, he added.

There are some 6,000 landowners in the basin but the franchise requirement of state residence trimmed to number of eligible voters to approximately 3,600.

The project originally embraced 1,029,000 acres but with drawals of 388 landowners will shrink the area somewhat.

Science Council To Safeguard U. S. Urged in Report

WASHINGTON, July 26. (AP)—Legislation to create a "supreme Council of Science" to guide this nation through a challenging future, followed quickly yesterday a scientist's report to the White House.

The recommendation came from Dr. Vannevar Bush, director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development. He proposed a national research foundation to speed the war against disease, spur military research in peacetime and help assure full employment.

Acting swiftly on Bush's report, Sen. Magnuson (D. Wash.) drafted a bill to carry out the suggestion for a nine member foundation.

Blueprinting its task to encourage industrial research, financially support experimentation in colleges and universities, and foster the development of youthful scientific talent through scholarships, Bush asserted:

"Early (legislative) action" is imperative if this nation is to meet the challenge of Science in the crucial years ahead."

Essentiality stressed. Said Magnuson in a statement: "The program recommended by Dr. Bush is vital to the future of the nation. Unless we make rapid and aggressive strides in the fields of basic scientific research, we can not adequately secure the defense of the nation, or provide increasing jobs for our citizens, or continue to insure the maintenance of our national health."

Bush proposed that the foundation members be appointed by the president and work without compensation. He estimated the cost at \$33,500,000 a year at the outset, reaching a stable level of about \$122,500,000 in five years.

Saying that up to now no government agency has been charged with formulating a national scientific policy, Bush declared "Science has been in the wings" and it should be brought to the center of the stage.

High Acreages Are Planted on Farms

First official USDA estimates of 1945 crop acreages reveal that farmers have again responded to war needs with high acreages and shifts from their normal production patterns. The estimate places plantings at only one per cent less than last year with significant increases in acreages of flaxseed, sugar beets and food grains all urgently needed.

Despite adverse weather conditions this spring for planting and developing of many crops, the July 1 outlook was for the third largest crop production on record, not far behind the bumper



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Five-Time Bride Questions Divorces



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Mrs. Rebecca Jo Avolos, 22, mother of three, as she appeared in Los Angeles, Calif., court to obtain assistance in untangling her marital muddle involving five husbands. She began taking altar trips at the age of 17, but somehow managed to marry never got through before the next round. Her present husband from whom she seeks annulment on grounds that last marriage had not expired, is a truck driver. Judge promised he would figure out the mess for her if given time and a bottle of aspirin.

Now at the Indian Theatre



A scene from the riotous comedy "Brewster's Millions," with Misha Auer, Jane Hovoc, Helen Walker and Dennis O'Keefe.

or years of 1942 and 1944. The co-operation that farmers receive from the weather can make this prospect either better or worse. The acreage estimates placed flaxseed 36% above 1944 but about 17% short of the high goal, sugar-beet acreage up 23 per cent but 18 per cent of the goal. Plantings of wheat, oats and dry peas were estimated at or above the goals. Acreage estimates below the goals included corn by 5 per cent, potatoes by 7 per cent, dry beans by 13 per cent, soybeans and brans by 3 per cent. The goals which farmers were asked to attain totaled 73 million acres more than last year's actual plantings for the 22 principal crops and nearly 18 million acres above the 1934-43 average for these crops.

USDA Takes Steps for Conservation of Feed

Two recent actions taken to help conserve livestock feed supplies and thus help assure maximum production of meat, milk, and eggs are the war food order prohibiting use of grain for alcohol by any distiller who has a feed recovery plant unless all feed by-products from the processing are recovered up to the capacity of the plant and the re-



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Pvt. Robt. Royer, Visiting Here, Has Fine War Record

Robert W. Royer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Royer, formerly of Roseburg, now living in Eugene, is renewing old acquaintances with local friends and relatives.

Robert entered the service in Chehalis, Wash., July 17, 1943. After training in southern California he was attached to the 104th, now famous "Timberwolf" division, anti-tank company, 415th Inf., which fought through Belgium, Holland and Germany. Following V-E day he was at Halle and Bitterfeld, Germany, where their job was processing allied liberated prisoners of war and sending them back by plane.

The German POW's were sent back to a concentration camp. Pfc. Royer was assistant driver of a truck in a convoy which came from Halle to Le Havre, France, where they embarked for the U. S. July 3, 1945.

The Timberwolf division took the Nordhausen concentration camp, many pictures of which

were brought back by Pvt. Royer. In crossing the Roer river under fire, Royer was instrumental in assisting in keeping a bridgehead on the other side of the river, for which he and a number of other "Timberwolves" received special individual citations from Col. Cochran, commander. Royer wears the ETO ribbon with three battle stars, the Combat Infantryman's badge, and the Good Conduct ribbon.

After his furlough of 30 days, he will join his division again at San Luis Obispo, Calif., to train for future Pacific assignment.

A younger brother Earl (Jack) Royer is now in training at Camp Wolters, Texas. The Royer brothers are nephews of Grover Cleveland and Frank Royer of Dillard.

Baseball School for Boys to Start August 1

A baseball school for boys 15 years of age or under will start at Finlay field Wednesday, Aug. 1, as a part of the Roseburg Regional program. Mel Ingram, supervisor, reported today. Classes will be held daily at 10 A. M. and, if sufficient boys are enrolled, a second class to meet each afternoon will be organized. A large group already has been formed

from among youngsters who have been taking part in the softball school. Ingram reports, but any interested boy is eligible and those who have not taken the softball course and who desire instruction in hardball are invited to report for the class session Wednesday morning. It is planned to wind up the school with games against a similar age group from Eugene.

Record Jobless Pay Load Looms for Oregon Board

SALEM, Ore., July 26. (AP)—The State Unemployment Compensation commission said today it is preparing for the greatest unemployment load since prewar days, adding that this peak might be attained in the very near future.

The commission pointed out that ship construction contracts are beginning to run out, that

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IRA B. RIDDLE, Secy.

ship repair facilities in Oregon are strictly limited, and that many war workers will be laid off in the next few months. It predicted, however, that employment in Oregon after the war will be higher than before the war, because lumber and agriculture are the state's main industries.



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