

### Another Unit of Tule Lake Lands Opened to Vets

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—The Bureau of Reclamation yesterday opened 3,552 acres of irrigated farm lands in the fertile Tule Lake division of the Klamath irrigation project on the California-Oregon border to settlement by 44 families.

The land, first on the proposed Modoc unit, is an area which has been without a crop failure for 25 years. It is the eighth major land opening, and the second on the Klamath project since the end of the war, in the Reclamation Bureau's program to provide farm settlement opportunities for war veterans.

The 44 farms, ranging from 70 to 110 acres, lie within the former boundaries of Tule lake, from which 31,000 acres have been reclaimed by drainage. The farms currently are being leased to farmers in the area.

The first chance for the homesteads will go to World War II veterans who apply before January 20. Winners will be determined at a public drawing.

Non-veterans will be placed in a secondary category. Each successful applicant will be given two barrack-type buildings or their equivalent from surplus structures at former war relocation camps.

in the hills, but a drought this year has parched the highlands and driven the hungry animals foraging down into the low parts where men live and have farms.

Donald D. McLean, biologist for the State Division of Fish and Game, recommends controlled hunting during the open season, but official action has not yet been taken.

He estimates that to fence the deer out of the farmlands would cost \$15,000.

### U. S. Seeks Refund From Railways on Wartime Charges

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—The Justice Department announced yesterday it has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to order a refund from 719 railroads contending they should have charged lower rates for wartime shipments of inert explosives.

The government recently filed a similar complaint concerning rates for "hot" explosives, one of a series of claims based on wartime freight movements.

The railroads yesterday handed the I.C.C. a brief in which they denied they had overcharged the government for wartime freight and that shipments "moved to a substantial extent upon rates far lower" than those charged the public.

In the latest petition, the gov-

ernment alleged that the extent of the shipments of explosives and the safety measures put into effect by the armed services entitled the government to lower charges.

Attorney General Clark said in announcing the action that "investigation indicates that explosives and ammunition traffic

was the most profitable ever enjoyed by the railroads."

Counsel for the railroads said the government's claims on wartime freight charges have been variously estimated up to \$3,000,000,000.

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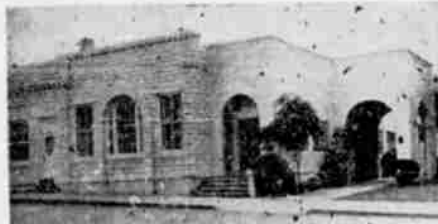
In 1930, eight more deer were brought in.

Now there are estimated to be 2,500 of them and they invade gardens and vegetable patches and even climb front porches to get at potted plants.

What is known locally as the "deer situation" is partly due to the fact that the deer have faced few of the customary enemies such as coyotes and mountain lions. Only an occasional bald eagle nabs a fawn. It still is illegal to hunt them.

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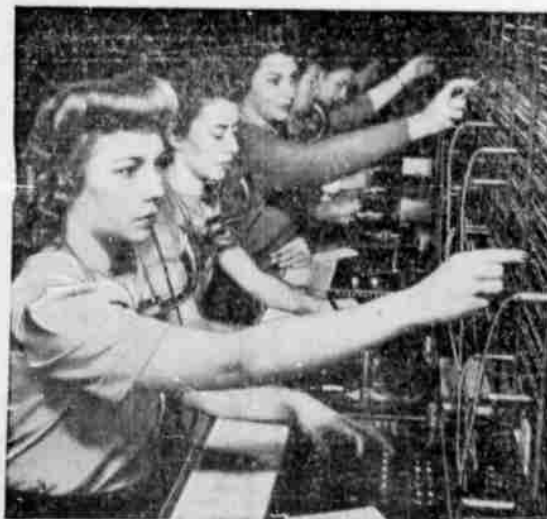


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