

Sen. Byrd Asks Payroll Slash

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(AP)—Senator Byrd (D., Va.), pleading anew for economy today called on the Truman administration to lop 500,000 employees off the federal payroll.

his appeal as the Senate got ready to vote on a fresh proposal to trim an appropriation bill five percent. Previous attempts by an economy group to cut two other money bills by the same percentage have failed.

Senator Ferguson (R., Mich.) offered the reduction amendment to the measure carrying nearly \$1,465,000,000 in cash and loan authority for the Agriculture Department. The proposed five percent cut would apply to the \$722,000,000 cash item in the bill. He said his amendment would save about \$36,000,000.

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EXPANSION PLANNED AT TROUT HATCHERY—Pictured above is one of the several buildings, showing also a portion of the beautiful and well-kept grounds, at the State Game Commission trout hatchery at Rock Creek on the North Umpqua River. Under the management of Superintendent James Vaughn, the hatchery is scheduled for expansion as rapidly as funds are available. A large refrigeration and cold storage plant recently was constructed. Plans have been engineered for an improved water supply and construction of a number of additional ponds in which fish may be held. The hatchery now propagates steelhead, rainbow and cutthroat trout. Efforts are being made to secure facilities for handling salmon in an effort to aid depleted salmon runs. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

LOWER UMPQUA VALLEY REPORT

New Skipper Heads Sea Scouts; Improvements At Cemetery Continue

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Dick Simpson, owner of the Simpson Shoe Store in Reedsport and a member of the Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department and the City Council, has been selected as skipper of the Reedsport Sea Scout Troop, filling the place left vacant by the death of Captain Alden Leach last spring. Simpson is reported to have been skipper of another Sea Scout Troop before coming to Reedsport, and to be experienced in this work. The local troop considers itself lucky in secur-

ing the services of such an experienced leader.

Prineville Family Visits
Rev. Marvin Skidmore and family of Prineville were Reedsport visitors last week. Rev. Skidmore was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Reedsport before moving to Prineville, and was instrumental in the building of the fine new church on Wade's Flat a few years ago. Rev. Graydon Lorne is the local pastor at present.

Weather Observer Appointed
Louis Young of Reedsport, retired from the U. S. Navy, has been appointed official weather observer here. The equipment used in this work has been moved to his residence on Wade's Flat from the Hillcrest Greenhouse, where Mrs. Kathryn Stephens formerly held this position. For many years, Oscar Wiren, retired lighthouse keeper, was the weather observer.

Shad Run Increasing
The shad run in the Smith River branch of the Umpqua River is steadily increasing at present, with excellent catches reported from that river Monday. The run has not yet appeared in the Umpqua River, where drift nets are used instead of the set nets used in Smith River. Old time fishermen say that warmer weather would hasten the main shad run.

Cemetery Improvements Made
Added improvements were made to the Gardner Masonic Cemetery Sunday afternoon, when several members of Aurora Lodge No. 59, A.F. and A.M., responded to the plea for assistance made by Wilbur A. Burdick of Reedsport, chairman of the committee in charge of the Gardner Cemetery.

Cement walks, steps and re-

taining walls are being constructed as rapidly as funds are available for this work, and this former eyesore is rapidly becoming one of the beauty spots of this vicinity.

Owners of plots in the cemetery are urged to assist in the improvements where possible, and an excellent response has been obtained.

Taking part in the work Sunday afternoon was James McCahey of Scholfield Creek, who was recently presented with an emblem showing 50 years continuous membership in the lodge. Despite his age, he took an active and vigorous part in the clean-up program.

Students Elect Officers
The student body of the Reedsport High School elected the following officers Monday: President, Leo Naapi; vice-president, Richard Van Orden; treasurer, Margaret Crowder; yell leaders, Joanne Dickerson and Margaret Smith; song queens: And Andrews, Nadine Byers, Mary Vi-an, Donna Bowman, Marcella Wilson, Florence Rookard, Margaret Crowder and Marilyn Gerhard.

Purchase Home
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Brannon of Wade's Flat, Reedsport residential district, have purchased the Fred LaBranch home. The LaBranchs plan to move to Salem soon, where they have purchased an orchard tract. Mr. LaBranch has been interested in logging in this vicinity for many years, and is a member of the logging firm known as the Reedsport Logging Co., in company with E. J. (Bud) Smith.

To Return From Hospital
Herman Luoma of Reedsport, owner of the deep-sea fishing boat Rex, has been a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Port-

land for several weeks, but is expected to return soon. Luoma was to have undergone an operation at the hospital, but was given treatments for his ailment instead and is much improved according to word received here by friends.

Weekend Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Slonecker, former Reedsport residents who now live near Redmond in Central Oregon, were weekend visitors at Reedsport to attend the funeral of Mr. Slonecker's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Slonecker of Tidewater, near Waldport.

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Germans Arrested For Traffic In Uranium

FRANKFURT, Germany, May 20.—(AP)—Two new arrests have spurred the U. S. Army in its search for a uranium hoard which may have been used by the Nazis in their wartime quest for the atomic bomb.

Two Germans were arrested at Limburg allegedly trying to sell four grams of the valuable material from which atomic bombs are made.

Nine Germans were arrested last month on similar charges. Army agents still are trying to find the source of the uranium.

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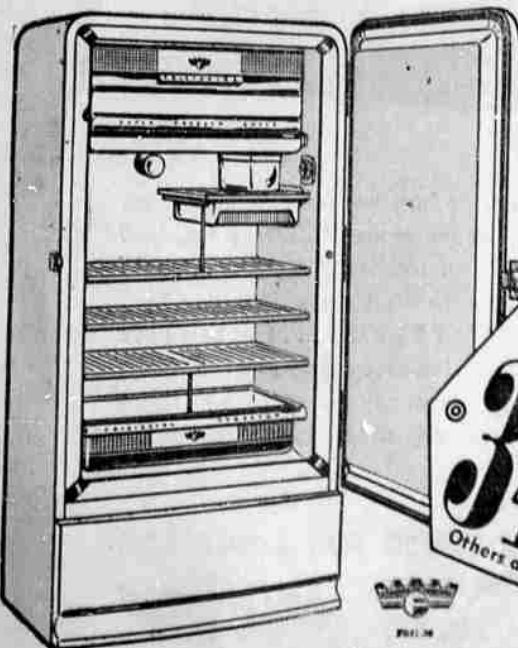


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