

Mitchell Says Ike Should Use Stronger Talk

BAKER, Ore. (AP) — Stephen A. Mitchell, Democratic national chairman, told eastern Oregon residents last night they were to be congratulated for starting the fight to try to save the Hells Canyon site for a high federal dam.

Speaking at this eastern Oregon town within 100 miles of the site in the Snake River Canyon, Mitchell said the fight had prevented the Idaho Power Co. from pushing through quickly its plan to get the site for a low-head dam.

He said Secretary of Interior McKay was in the forefront of those who wanted to turn the site over to the Idaho Power Co.

The delay caused by the fight "has made it possible for the people to make their views known on Hells Canyon," he said at a dinner meeting sponsored by Democrats.

"The fight to save Hells Canyon is a spectacular recurrence of an age-old battle. It is the battle for the people to develop their natural

Severe Ice Storm Snarls Traffic At Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — One of the worst ice storms in the history of southeastern Washington closed schools, snarled traffic and knocked out power lines in the Walla Walla area Friday morning.

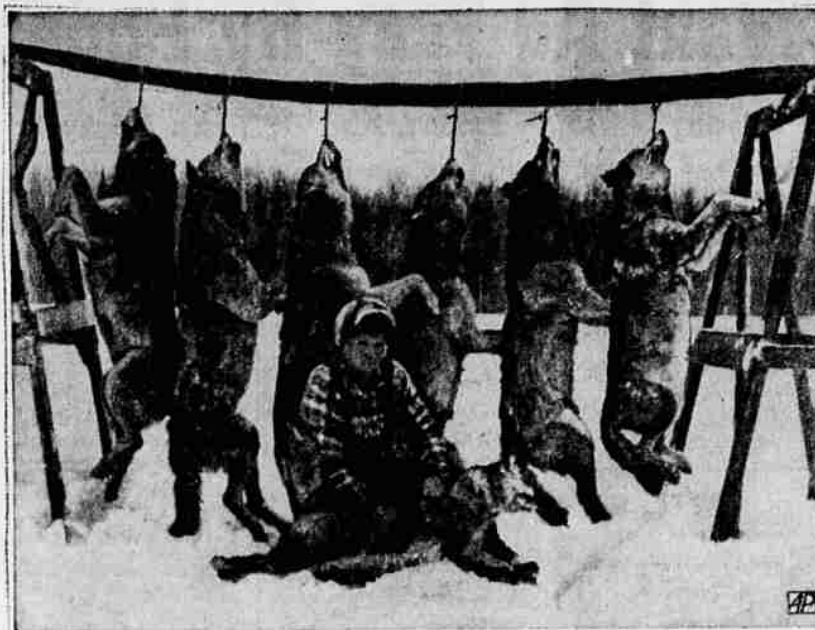
Some 500 students at nearby College Place were told to remain home when the freezing rain halted school buses.

A half-hour power outage occurred in Walla Walla when high lines between Pomeroy and Dayton became coated with ice. Icing also caused an outage in the 60,000 volt Walla Walla-Pendleton transmission line of the Bonneville Power Administration.

The outages occurred at 11:48 p.m. Thursday. Service was restored at 1:08 a.m. and at Milton-Freewater at 1:26 a.m. Friday.

City police and the Washington State Patrol said motorists were being extremely cautious and only minor accidents were reported.

resources for the greatest good of the greatest number for the longest period of time," he said.



END OF THE HUNT — Stanley Swenson shows bag of timber wolves worth \$245 in bounties. Hunters ran animals down with propeller-driven snowsleds on frozen Rainy Lake, Minn.

Highway Increase Appropriation Given Backing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower's proposal for a 225-million-dollar annual boost in federal highway grants to the states has won bipartisan backing in the Senate.

Sen. Case (R-SD), head of the roads subcommittee of the Senate Public Works Committee, said in an interview the President's suggestion is "a very significant step"

and added, "personally I would like to go somewhat further." He has introduced a bill for about one billion dollars annual federal highway aid.

Sen. Holland (D-Fla.), a member of the same subcommittee, said he was encouraged by the President's stand. Holland added that the nation's highway program is "way behind."

In the news conference at which he made his proposal public Wednesday, Eisenhower said nothing to link it with suggestions recently put forward that the government should at least get up plans for a big public works program to be used if needed against recession.

But roads were mentioned, along with civil defense projects and public housing, by Robert Moses of New York Wednesday when he

urged planning of a federal pump-priming program. Moses, a veteran public works administrator, sent his recommendation to the Senate-House Economic Committee.

A bill carrying out the President's plan for 800 million dollars of annual federal aid to the states for road construction already has been introduced in the House by Rep. McGee (R-Ohio). He predicts that the House will pass it, perhaps next month.

The 800 million would compare with the present 575 million in aid.

Rear Admiral, World War II Hero, Passes

VALPARAISO, Chile (AP) — Rear Adm. Charles H. Morris, 63, World War II American naval hero and retired commander of the 14th U.S. Naval District, died here Thursday. He suffered a heart attack aboard a British liner shortly before sailing for Europe.

McMorris, who ended his 44-year Navy career in 1952, served as chief of staff to Adm. Chester Nimitz in the Pacific during World War II and commanded task forces in Alaskan waters.

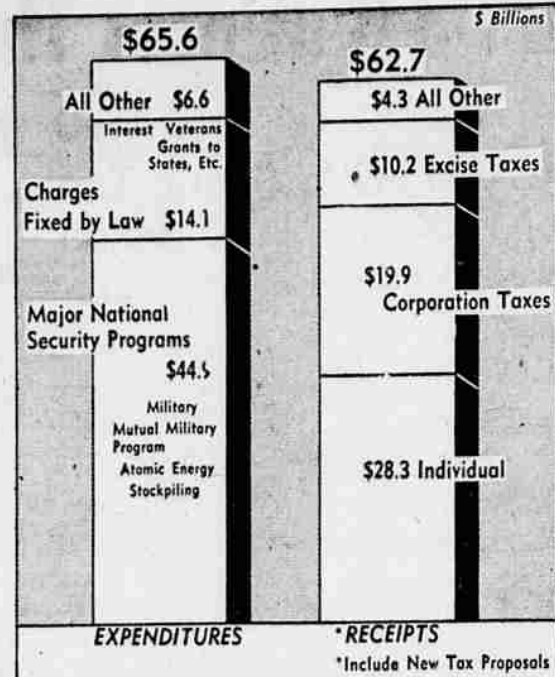
He won high praise in March 1943 for his handling of an American squadron that routed a superior Japanese task force with a destroyer-torpedo attack. The battle, the first daylight action between American and Japanese surface vessels in the Pacific, took place in the Bering Sea about 100 miles southeast of Russia's Kammandorskie Islands.

Judge Fee Said Likely Appeals Court Appointee

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Federal court attaches here say Judge James Alger Fee of Portland has the inside track for appointment to the 9th U.S. Court of Appeals.

There are three openings: Congress Wednesday passed a bill providing for two new judgeships and a third is for the vacancy created last spring by retirement of Judge Clifton Mathews.

Since there has been no Oregon man on the court for some time, Fee is viewed as first choice. The leading contenders for the other positions are Richard Chambers, Tucson attorney, and Federal Judge Dal Lemmon of Sacramento.



ALMOST A PAIR—Chart above shows graphically how budget estimates for fiscal 1955 bring expenditures (left column) closer to receipts (right column). Note that more than two thirds of total expenditures are earmarked for security programs. Data from Bureau of the Budget.

Scotland Yard Launches Search For Two Killers

LONDON (AP) — Scotland Yard spread a nationwide dragnet Friday for the brutal strangler of a prim little great-grandmother, "Lady" Menzies, and her red-haired daughter at their sedate old folks' home.

A police alert went out for two men known to have frequented the many-gabled 12-room mansion tucked away in a quiet Victorian style London suburb. Sleuths checked footprints and tire marks in the tree-lined garden and fingerprints and bloodstains inside the darkened old home.

Airports and seaports got the descriptions of a middle-aged man and a handsome bearded young man with pierced ears. Police said they wanted to question them.

The 68-year-old Mrs. Mary Menzies, known to the 19 aged residents of the home she ran as "Lady" Menzies, was found beaten and strangled in front of a cold hearth Thursday.

The half-clothed body of her daughter, Mrs. Isobel Chesney, 42, was found submerged in an upstairs bathtub. She was undressing to bathe when the strangler struck.

Police said there was evidence that a sexual attempt had been made against one of the women. They did not say which.

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