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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled with rain
west and probably rain east portion
tonight and Saturday; continued
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RURAL AREA
PAYS TAX TO
CITY SCHOOLFarm Property Contributes
to Maintenance of
La Grande's SystemSTATE TAX FAILS
TO SERVE PURPOSEReport by C. C. Chapman
Shows That 2-Mill Aid
Law in Oregon Is Working
in Reverse.

The rural districts of Union and Walla Walla counties contribute \$2,331 to the support of city and town schools in La Grande, Enterprise, Walla Walla, Union, Joseph, North Powder and Elgin as a result of the state's 2-mill elementary school law. This is shown by a compilation and analysis of the tax as made by C. C. Chapman, chairman of the committee on millage taxes of the property tax relief commission, and editor of the Oregon Voter, made public today.

In his report, Mr. Chapman says that the 2-mill elementary school aid law was adopted by a vote of the people eight years ago for the purpose of making centers of wealth contribute through taxation to aid of rural schools. Until now no study has been made to ascertain whether this purpose was being achieved. This study, in the opinion of the committee, is a contribution in each of the 224 school districts in Oregon, has just been completed for the year 1927. It shows conclusively that by 1927 the millage tax has come to have an effect very much the reverse of the purpose for which it was enacted. Instead of making the cities aid the rural schools, the cities are now the ones which are receiving aid from the rural schools.

In La Grande, the report shows, the state elementary school levy on property in the city school district amounts to \$4,808 and a total of \$14,270 is the amount of the levy from the millage tax. The percentage of excess of the apportionment over the levy is 61.32—the rural taxpayer contributing that amount to La Grande schools. Figures for Union and Walla Walla counties showing the amount contributed by rural districts toward support of the urban schools follow:

	Levy	Excess
Union	\$2,342	\$ 2,782
La Grande	8,908	14,270
Elgin	968	2,211
N. Powder	625	955
Enterprise	2,604	3,451
Walla Walla	1,987	2,677
Joseph	1,566	1,794

* Excess given in per cent.
In the state as a whole 199 cities and towns levied \$211,096 and received \$435,551, an excess of \$224,455 or 49 per cent. In only 35 cities and towns was there an actual contribution in taxes to the support of rural schools. A total of \$159,974 was levied and \$137,906 was received, or an amounting to \$22,068 or 13.85 per cent in these 35 towns. Portland showed aid to Multnomah county schools of four per cent.

"In 28 of Oregon's 36 counties, the school system of the metropolitan area is subsidized by the levy on property in rural school districts under the state's 2-mill elementary school aid law," Mr. Chapman says.

"Only in eight counties is rural property exempting a tax contribution to the county metropolis through the 2-mill tax. Yet, in every one of the eight counties, lessor cities and towns absorb practically all the contribution made by the metropolis under this millage tax, so that rural districts in these counties obtain little or no benefit from the operation of the tax. In the 28 counties, the tax has worked out so that rural property is carrying a material burden to maintain schools in the centers of population. Under this millage tax farm property is contributing to the cost of maintaining public elementary schools in each of the 199 urban districts."

MR. CARPY DIES
IN CALIFORNIA;
ILL SOME TIME

Word has been received here that George Carpy, former United States land office employee here, died at Santa Barbara, Cal., last Monday evening, Mar. 19. Funeral services will be held at Finley's in Portland tomorrow.

After being identified with the local land office for many years, Mr. Carpy was transferred to the Dallas office when the La Grande office was discontinued. Later he was transferred to the land office at Billings, Mont. Mrs. Carpy passed on a little more than a year ago. Mr. Carpy is survived by four sons, Harold, of Portland; Stanley and Willard, of Tacoma, and Kenneth, of Santa Barbara. He had been in ill health for some time but his death was a distinct shock to his wide circle of friends in this community.

Baseball Club
Organized For
Coming SeasonJ. H. Keeney Elected President—Players to Be
Given Tryout as Soon as
Weather Clears.

Definite organization of the La Grande baseball club of the Blue Mountain league was completed at a meeting at the Buick garage here last night. J. H. Keeney was elected president and director and other members of the board of directors follow: W. H. Perry, Jess Tryon, Edward A. Mayberry, Max O. Cullen, Herman Roesch, W. C. Perkins, Roy Parham, Henry Hess and Harris French. Mr. Keeney will also serve as official scorer. Mr. French will be manager.

The organization meeting was attended by about 20 or more fans and during the session, it was decided to incorporate the La Grande club. The problem of finances was taken up and it was decided to raise the necessary funds by subscription. The board of directors will have this in charge.

Forming Team
Asked today in reference to the progress made toward putting a first class team into the field against Pendleton, Walla Walla and Baker, Mr. French said that he expects to have a team practicing daily not later than April 12, ten days before the opening game with Baker here.

Jerry Coleman, outfielder with the Salem Senators last season, has been signed and is expected to arrive in La Grande about next Tuesday. Coleman is a hard hitter, leading the league last year. Spud Helm, shortstop, and Tex Knight, first baseman, are to try out for the team. Another first baseman, Ray Bluffmeier, who played with the Denver, Colo., club for seven years, is now in La Grande and expects to try out for a position in the infield. Bluffmeier is a steam-fitter by trade and has been here for several months, working on local hotel construction.

To Give All a Tryout
Mr. French announces that he desires to get in touch with all ball players in La Grande who feel that they are eligible for a tryout for the local team. "If there are any players here that can be used, we are anxious to get in touch with them," he said. A tryout will be given as soon as weather conditions permit.

The last year the Blue Mountain league was in action, La Grande won the pennant in a close race with Walla Walla. The local club is hopeful of another successful year and is expecting to make every effort to put a strong, fast nine on the field.

**Speed Up Repair
Work on Oregon
Trail Near Here**

To speed up the repair work on the Old Oregon Trail highway between here and Pendleton a double shift was started last night at the rock quarry at Mencham owned by C. R. Seltz of La Grande. After a short shut-down tomorrow or Sunday for a few changes in the plans to increase its capacity, two shifts will continue to work until a sufficient amount of rock has been placed on the road.

Rain and snow most of the day yesterday softened the road considerably, making it a little worse than it has been for the past few days, officials report. It is possible, however, and workmen are going ahead with repair work.

Merrill Ainsworth
Wins First Prize

As a service project for their Red Cross club, the boys of the fourth grade of Riveria school, of which Miss Myrtle Hoyt is teacher, have been building bird houses for which first, second and third places were awarded yesterday. Merrill Ainsworth won first place. Second place went to Fred Colman and third place to Wolcott Day. The houses, which were considered for their usefulness, difficulty of work, and workmanship, were judged by Chester Gilbert, principal, and Nina Kame and Mrs. Sadie Lambert, teachers. The judges declared that the houses were splendidly made and showed that the Red Cross club is taking its purpose of giving service seriously.

Eagles Receive
The Third Degree

At a regular meeting last night, nine members of the F. O. E. received the third degree. C. E. Hapsett staged the ritualistic work and Fred Rosson carried the banner. The meeting was held at Eagles hall.

CAGES 60 STRAIGHT

MEMPHIS—Any girl who wishes to be considered the best at throwing a basketball must cage more than 60 straight. The new record holder for free throws is Miss Ellen Baird of West Tennessee State Teachers' college.

B. C. AND T.
RAILWAY MAY
EXTEND LINEApplication for 11 Additional Miles Is Made
Before I. C. C.SERVE AS FEEDER
LINE FOR THE O.-W.Elmer Stoddard General
Manager of the Road,
Which Is Separate from
Lumber Company.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—Application for authority to extend its line 11 miles from Teocasset, Union county, to Beagle Creek Junction has been filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by the Teocasset Railroad company. A copy of the application has been received by the state public service commission.

The B. C. & T. Railroad Co., the rail outlet of the Grande Ronde Lumber Co., will serve as a feeder line for the O.-W. and is expected to carry considerable volume of freight business from the O.-W. R. & N. Co. Junction into Ponderosa and Medical Springs and also to carry freight in addition to lumber manufactured at Ponderosa by the Grande Ronde Lumber company. The railroad is a separate corporation from the lumber company. Elmer Stoddard is general manager of the railroad company as well as president of the lumber company.

BENEFIT CONCERT
SET FOR APRIL 27Ted Roy, of Pilot Rock to
Sing—Regular Band
Program April 1

A band benefit concert, sponsored by the local club, will be given Friday, April 27, at 8 o'clock, at the Pilot Rock, of which Ted Roy, of Pilot Rock and Oregon State college student, will be the soloist. He will be in Eastern Oregon during that week on a concert tour with the local and madrigal clubs of the college and has consented to sing for the band. He received a \$200 prize in a recent audition contest in which 10,000 participated and is said to be one of the best tenors in the nation.

The purpose of the concert, which will be given in the L. D. S. tabernacle, is to provide funds for the purchase of equipment.

REGULAR CONCERT APRIL 1

The next regular La Grande municipal band concert will be held in the Arcade theater Sunday afternoon, April 1. It was announced today by Director Andrew Loney Jr.

The program is now being prepared and will be published in The Observer at a later date. The coming concert will begin at 8:15 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock, in order to allow spectators to longer time to reach the theater. The concert will be sponsored by the city of La Grande and no admission will be charged.

Winter Wheat in
Good Condition

WALLA WALLA, Ore., Mar. 22 (Special)—During the last week much of the snow which has covered the winter wheat crops in the hill sections has melted away and farmers are glad to note that there has been but a small amount of winter killing in the fields which shows up at this time. Some brown spots are noticed in some of the fields where the first snow melted away, but it is thought that this is only the leaves which were killed down by some severe freezing a couple of weeks ago, and will probably cause no damage to the crop.

Rockefeller And Schwab Testify
In Senate Coal Mine Investigation

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP)—Appearing before the senate committee investigating various coal industries, John D. Rockefeller Jr., a stockholder in the Consolidation Coal company, today denied direct knowledge of the Baltimore wage agreement which the United Mine Workers previously had charged was violated by the company.

The multi-millionaire captain of industry followed Charles M. Schwab as a witness after the steel man had testified that his solution for problems besetting the bituminous industry was to find other employment for the surplus of 200,000 miners, saying this surplus provided the main trouble for the industry.

Rockefeller said that he owned 111,135 shares of common and 73,794 shares of preferred stock in the Consolidation company, which amounts to 25 per cent and 71 per cent, respectively, of the total amounts. He said the stock was presented to him by his father.

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Campfire Girls
Plan Ceremony
Saturday NightOne Hundred and Fifty to
Take Part in Council
Fire in L. D. S. Recreational
Hall.

The second grand council fire of La Grande Campfire girls will be held tomorrow evening at the L. D. S. Recreational hall here, when about 150 girls from ten campfire groups of La Grande, one group from Muddy Creek and probably one from Cove will gather here for a joint ceremonial.

At this time the firemakers rank will be awarded for the first time in La Grande. The rank will be given to four La Grande girls, Dorothy Brownlow, from the Southerland group, and Verla McFarlane, Edna Jensen and Natalie Elbert from the Muddy Creek group, and to three girls from the Muddy Creek group, of which Mrs. Fay Christensen is guardian.

16th Anniversary
This month marks the 16th anniversary of the Campfire organization and the grand council fire tomorrow night is in observance of anniversary month. Most of the La Grande groups, however, are less than a year old, the oldest—the Southerland—having been organized just 18 months ago.

The program tomorrow night will include stunts by each group, which will be a part of the ceremonial. In addition to the awarding of the firemakers rank, about 40 girls will receive the woodgatherers rank. As a part of the anniversary month program the campfire girls have been making children's clothing and toys, which will be distributed among the needy by the Red Cross. These gifts will be presented to the Red Cross during the council fire, and Miss Jean Blanchard, representative from the San Francisco headquarters office, will be in attendance to receive them.

Plans for the council fire were completed Tuesday evening when a meeting of the guardians association was held at Hot Lake, with Mrs. W. T. Perry as dinner hostess. The swimming week sometime in April, when a Red Cross instructor and life saver will be here, was discussed, also the first aid class which will be conducted here, both to be under the auspices of the Red Cross chapter.

Mrs. R. F. Tyler, Miss Sarah Williamson and Mrs. L. H. Ames were appointed members of a committee to work out details for a summer camp for the campfire girls, to be presented at the next guardians meeting.

List of Groups
The campfire girl groups of the city and their guardians are: the Osoha group of Central school, Miss Arta Verly, guardian; the Tatapocho group, Central school, Miss

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SCOUT BOARD
OF REVIEW TO
BE ORGANIZED

The Boy Scout board of review for La Grande and Union county, before which all boy scouts qualifying for merit badges will appear before the next court of honor, has been selected and will be organized this evening at a dinner meeting at Hot Lake.

Members of the board are Dr. H. F. Murphy, R. E. Westenhaver, C. H. Reynolds, Gene Walker, Charles Ringner and Dr. Mark Phyllis. This board will determine whether or not boy scouts shall receive their merit badges before the court of honor, and at the court of honor each group of scouts working for the same merit badge will demonstrate or tell the requirements for the merit badge given.

County Grand Jury
In Session Today

Grand jury went into session this morning at the Union county court house in the second meeting since the 1928 jury was drawn. If indicted and returned there is a possibility that additional cases may be set for the adjourned term of court which opens Apr. 2 before Judge J. W. Knowles, officials say.

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WHITE WEAVER OF NAVAJOS



Mrs. Mike Harrison is the wife of a Grand Canyon national park employee, but, in addition to being the world's only white weaver of Navajo rugs, she is acknowledged by Arizona Indians as their equal in the ancient craft. To be a weaver, one must gather the wool and carry it through to weaving, including the proper vegetable dyes. She wears the Navajo dress, and is shown with some Indian friends, outside her tiny cabin.

Ted Roy Will Be
Leading Man In
O.S.C. Operetta

Ted Roy of Pilot Rock, winner of a \$2000 addition prize, will sing "The Hills of Home"—the song that won for him in New York City—between the acts of the operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore" to be given in La Grande March 30 by the Oregon State Madrigal and Glee club. Mr. Roy will also sing the leading male role that of Ralph Rackstraw, able seaman in love with Josephine, the captain's daughter, in "The Pirates of Penzance."

The troupe will travel by rail, having chartered three railway cars to carry the 52 members and the baggage and stage properties. The tour includes The Dalles, Pendleton, Baker, Ontario, Union, Enterprise, La Grande and Portland.

Merits of the show can be gauged by the fact that the home performances, March 3 and 10, played to full houses and by the favorable comment in the press.

Mrs. E. L. Potter, former instructor in dramatics and stage director of "The Mikado" and "Chimes of Normandy," previous productions, will again tour with the club. A 12-piece orchestra, chosen by Mrs. Marguerite Manamus, director of the college orchestra, will play on the tour. To quote the Corvallis Gazette Times: "A well drilled orchestra added much to the effect of the presentation and the conductor, Professor Paul Petri, was roundly applauded whenever he appeared."

Annual Clinic To
Be Held Saturday

In observance of "National Spinal Curvature Week" Drs. J. L. and Margaret Ingie will conduct their seventh annual free clinic for children at their offices here Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock. All children up to 15 years of age will be given a physical examination and the parents will be advised if any corrections are necessary.

Dr. G. E. Holt, of Pendleton, will be in the city to assist with the clinic.

University Dance
Will Be Tonight

This evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, the "University day" dance, sponsored by students of the state university will be given at the Sackajawa Inn here. The day is being observed in all of the larger cities of the state, and proceeds go toward the fine arts building fund.

A supper dance will be given here. The Star Novelties orchestra will furnish music and dancing will continue until 12 o'clock. Supper will be served at 11 o'clock.

The dance is not only for university people, but for everyone interested. Miss Theima Kitchen is chairman. Dance tickets may be secured at the door.

Opera Company In
Portland Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—An audience that filled the municipal auditorium, including many from other cities in Oregon, last night applauded the Chicago Civic Opera company in Verdi's "Aida."

Tonight "The Snow Maiden" will be sung; Saturday afternoon "Hilfretsch," and Saturday night, "Il Trovatore."

SENATOR FERRIS
DIES IN CAPITALSuccumbs Today to At-
tack of Pneumonia—
Michigan Mourns

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP)—Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, of Michigan, died here at 5:15 o'clock this morning from an attack of pneumonia.

Dr. G. W. Carver made the death announcement. He said the aged senator had a sinking spell yesterday and ailments failed to revive him. He passed away this morning in his apartment at the Washington hotel.

Those at the bedside when the end came were Mrs. Ferris, two sons, Carleton and Phelps Ferris, Mrs. Ferris' brother, John McQuinn, and Gerrit Masselink, vice president of the Ferris institute and college mate of the senator.

Since last Saturday little hope had been held for the recovery of the senator who was known as the "good gray governor" of Michigan and the man who broke through the state's normal republican majority of 500,000 votes to be elected to the senate in 1922 as a democrat, something that had not been done for 70 years.

The 75-year-old veteran of Michigan's political battles succumbed after a little more than a week's illness, which began with a heavy cold he could not shake off.

It had been planned to take him to Battle Creek as late as last Friday if his condition did not improve. That evening, however, he began to breathe rapidly. Then pneumonia set in and the efforts of physicians to prolong his life proved futile.

His death places upon Governor Fred W. Green, a republican, the task of choosing from among his

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Coolidge Sees
Tax Reduction
Of 225 Million

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP)—President Coolidge thinks that a tax reduction of \$225,000,000 still is possible on the present status of the treasury, but he believes the cut of \$289,000,000 provided in the house bill is impossible.

The possibility of any tax reduction at all, however, he believes is contingent upon reasonable economy on the part of congress in appropriating funds. The full tax returns for the month of March have not yet been tabulated but from preliminary estimates the president is confident that a tax reduction as originally advocated by the treasury will be possible.

Commission Fails
To Act on Tunney

NEW YORK, Mar. 22 (AP)—The New York state athletic commission today upset expectations by failing to act on the status of Gene Tunney, who has ignored the commission's request to select a definite opponent for the commission's list of challengers for a title match this year.

Sharp Reply To
Smith's Letter
Voiced By NyeAccuses New York Chief
of Aiding "Every Scoundrel
Whose Infamy Has
Been Exposed."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP)—Answering the letter Gov. Smith of New York which condemned him for his remarks about the governor in recent debate in the senate, Chairman Nye of the oil committee today countered that Smith was giving aid and comfort to "every scoundrel whose infamy has been exposed."

This aid, Nye said, was through Smith's seeking to undermine public confidence "in the fairness and impartiality of the committee in the midst of this investigation."

Senator Nye, a republican from North Dakota, disclaimed any attack on the governor in the debate and wrote that he had "expressly stated that you were not in any way involved in the oil scandals now under investigation by the committee of which I am chairman."

Hot Reply
"You need not concern yourself, in the least as to the public humiliation which you state your letter will bring down upon me," Nye continued. "I do not propose to be deterred in the performance of my political duty by abuse or criticism of my work from you or from any one else."

Asserting that the resolution which brought about the oil investigation had been sponsored by senate republican independents, the late Senator La Follette of Wisconsin and Senator Norris of Nebraska, Nye recalled that in the 1924 campaign Governor Smith supported "John W. Davis of the house of Morgan after your supporters had effectively blocked the nomination in the convention of Senator Walsh, of Montana, as a compromise candidate according to my understanding of the analysis of the vote in the convention made by Mr. Callahan of St. Louis who was a delegate to the convention."

"Under these circumstances," he said, "it will become you to accuse me of partisan motives or conduct in the performance of my duties as an official, in a letter which, in your official family and in the newspapers, you have published as a condemnation, by yourself, of the oil scandals which has come to my notice."

Mentions Sinclair
"Might it be that your reticence to speak out against these scandals sooner is attributable to the fact that Harry F. Sinclair was a member of your official family and had as newspapers now report, contributed in 1918 when you were a successful candidate for governor, to a democratic committee in New York? This thought is merely suggested by your letter."

"I only regret that you have seen fit to give aid and comfort to every second of whose infamy has been exposed, by seeking to undermine

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Huge Pine Tree.
Ablaze, Falls On
Car—Six Killed

LEAF, Miss., Mar. 22 (AP)—A huge Mississippi pine tree which had been set ablaze three days ago during a minor forest fire burned through yesterday and crashed across a roadway burying seven children and the driver of an automobile in which they were riding, beneath its blazing mass.

David Goff driver of the automobile, and his 14-year-old daughter, seated behind him, met instant death.

At the same moment, Nettie and Hattie Goff, 11-year twin daughters of William Goff, and Edna Goff, 14 and Eva Mizell, 12, suffered fatal injuries from the crash. Horace and Ernest Goff, seven and nine years old respectively, were seriously burned and suffered possible fractures, but escaped with their lives.

Wealthy New York
Man Wreck Victim

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 22 (AP)—R. J. Starnesworth, reputed to be a wealthy drug wholesaler, of Rochester, N. Y., was killed, his wife possibly fatally injured and Howard E. Aahmanson, of Los Angeles held in the Wilshire jail here following a traffic accident last night in which Aahmanson was declared to have run down the couple as they entered a pedestrian safety zone.

Kidnaping Charge
Release Is Signed

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—The charge of kidnaping which was lodged against Elmer Sullivan a few days ago for attempting to take his 13-year-old half sister, Viola Lamm, from her home at the White Pine camp to Weiser, blew up Wednesday when Mrs. Lippert, mother of both, signed a release authorizing the two to proceed to Weiser. They had been held by the county authorities until Mrs. Lippert could be brought to Baker to give her views.

SURVIVOR OF
BREAK TELLS
OF WARNINGSSays St. Francis Power
House Boss Told Others
"Dam Is Not Safe"LEAK IN SIDE OF
BARRIER RECALLEDWitnesses at Los Angeles
Inquest Tell Graphic
Stories of Recent Major
Tragedy.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 22 (AP)—Warnings that the St. Francis dam was not safe as told by some of the survivors—told with tears for at least one family that heard them but needed them not—today had been made part of the record of the inquest over the Los Angeles victims of the disaster.

Two engineers, one a builder of 13 dams including the ill-fated structure itself and the other his chief assistant had inspected that dam 11 hours before it burst and pronounced it sound.

But a power house boss that same day had sounded a dire warning: "Boys, that dam is not safe."

His words were echoed at the inquest by Dave Matthews, one of the survivors, for the power house boss, L. Berry told his life in the break he forecast.

Matthews testified to visiting the dam Saturday with Berry and finding "the old road washed in the hillside soaked with water and an extra amount of water coming down the spillway."

Reminds Prediction
"Monday (the dam broke shortly after midnight that night) I was working at the power house," Matthews continued in his testimony, "when I noticed excess water in the canal. The overflow was running down the road."

"On Monday evening Mr. Berry said 'Boys, the dam's not safe. I have not orders to put all the logs in the tunnel to stop the water from flowing down the aqueduct.' Mr. Berry told me to mention it to no one. On my way home I met my brother at Harry Carey's ranch."

At this point, Matthews broke down on the witness stand and wept for a few minutes.

"I told my brother for God's sake to get his family out of there that the dam was going to burst. He said to me: 'Dave, I'll move them to Newhall tomorrow.' That was the last time I saw him. My brother and his family died that night."

Reminds the Dam
Chester Smith, another witness, from the witness stand told how he also had feared the dam as the result of seeing the leak in the west side of the huge retaining wall.

He slept that night in his barn with the door open.

The barking of the ranch dog awakened him. Then came the crash of trees and telephone poles as the water wall struck them. Smith dashed 150 yards to the home of a ranch employee and the two dragged the latter's wife from bed. The trio in nightclothes made for the hills and reached safety with feet bleeding and clothes in tatters from scrambling through the brush.

Smith said he had expressed his fears to many valley folk but they refused to take him seriously. Many of them died on that terrible night when his fears came true.

Robert E. Athorne, a rancher living above the dam, also testified that he had sounded repeated warnings up and down the valley.

"I talked to Harry Burns about it," he said. "Harry said I was getting too nervous. Harry died that night."

FARM RELIEF
VOTE MONDAY,
HOUSE AGREES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP)—An agreement was reached today by the house agriculture committee to vote Monday on the McNary-Hansen farm relief bill.

Preceding this ballot, which will be directly on the question of reporting the bill to the house, the committee will