## Owyhee Draws. Many Settlers

Dam Completed Last Year, Lands Being Occupied and Improved now

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By J. LYNN WYKOFF ALTHOUGH Owyhee dam was completed only last year, already many new settlers have moved onto the lands which will receive its waters; already many of these have grabbed out the sagebrush and given the desert soil its first taste of plew and

On these new lands, the first year or two, will be grown hay or grains to build the earth to its highest productivity. Then will come other and better paying crops—sugar beets, onions, potatoes, fruits, corn and a diversity of others.

Some farms already under trrigation, which have heretofore utilized water raised from Snake river by pumping, will soon be enjoying irrigation from the gravity-flow system made possible by

Probably most Pacific north-west residents, except those in the immediate vicinity of Owyhee dam, little realize the magnitude of the dam and its project of land reclamation. Bonneville and Grand Coulee, with their huge cost and promise of great elec-tric power for industry, have served to dwarf this eastern Oregon dam, which is great enough to rate among this country's best engineering feats.
421 Miles From Portland

of many varieties.

dominating.

bluffs and high-piled basalt col-

down to minimum speed.

Every point the boat rounded—and the lake meanders aim-

essly among the hills-brought

increasing fury to the wind, until the boat's motion seemed more up and down than forward, and

until at least one member of the

party was firmly convinced with

The dam has been seen by com-paratively few, and it must be paratively few, and it must be seen to be appreciated. Four hundred and twenty-one miles—Portalong, approximately 20 miles land to Ontario-plus the 40 miles from the dam, we had been out or so from Ontario to the dam, about two hours, had seen no sign seems quite a distance to travel of humans or human habitation. just to look at a dam.

A slight breeze blew against
At least that's what I thought our faces as we started back to-

as I planned the trip and that's ward the dam. "Red" cocked an

present the Columbia gorge, Uma-tilla wheat lands, the Blue mountains, Grande Ronde and Baker valleys, Burnt river canyon and the high plateau of the Snake river country in a never-ending scenic vista.

The route is paved and smooth the entire distance to Ontario, of course, with the exception of one or two short stretches where repairs of winter damage are under rough, and that little tin boat of the course, with the exception of one or two short stretches where repairs of winter damage are under rough, and that little tin boat of the course of the c the entire distance to Ontario, of course, with the exception of one way. Wide curves through moun- began to bob up and down on the tains and canyons and long, long waves. Then the waves began to miles of highway extending curl over with little whitecaps straight as an arrow, make it an that hissed as they broke. y road to drive.

Even in Burnt river sanyon, where a narrow, sharply twisting road used to plague motorists, the state has almost entirely finished

replacement with a wide, smooth and gently curving highway.

Left Town Friday

The motoriog car left Portland early Friday morning and reached Ontario in time for dinner the same evening. Saturday was spent on Owyhee lake and at the dam, and Sunday evening found the car coming into Portland again.

After a quick breakfast Saturday, we headed south to Nyssa, and then southwest toward the dam, accompanied by Fred Schlap-kohl, our host and guide.

plant, where plows and harrows more than we'd allowed for the est were working the soil amid small boat trip; hence, our actual in-sion.

"This is some of the newly set-tled land," our guide explained. "Most of it is being worked this year for the first time, sithough

year for the first time, sithough in a few valley spots where there has been some water evallable from the Owyhee river, farms were established some years ago.

Land Was Appraised

"Before the dam was started all this land was appraised and the owners agreed to sell it at the appraisal cost, so there's been no speculation and exorbitant pricing: After a few years come back again and I'll show you prosperous farms and nice homes where these plowed acres and little shacks are now."

Mr. Schlapkohl, bareau of reclamation engineer, explained that the land we were viewing constituted only a small portion of the total area sisted to profit from the Owyhee project.

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The water will he distributed by a system of siphons, tunnels and open ditches, over a belt of land extending from a point southeast of Caldwell, in Idaho, to a point in Oregon just across the state line from Weiser. Of the 95,000 acres to be served, 65,000 will be "new" land, reclaimed from the desert, and 30,000 will be land previously irrigated by expensive pumping out of the Snake.

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After a stop to inspect one of the embryo farms, the motorlog car wound its way over the bumpy, narrow read that leads to the dam itself; Down into a valley along the Owyhee river, to follow it upstream, around a bend, and there we were, standing before a gigmitic man-made gate between two great rocky promoniories on either side of a high canyon was.

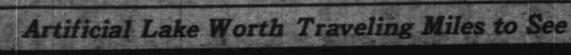
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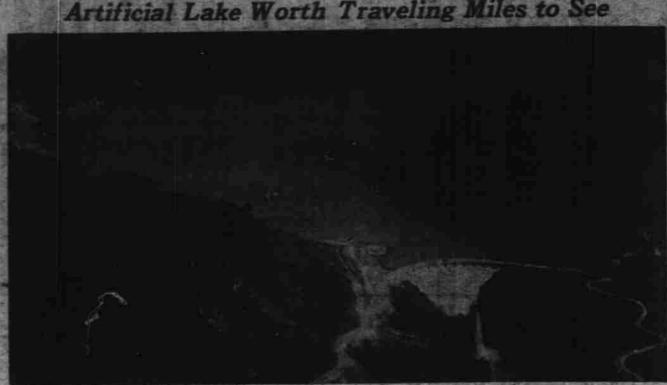
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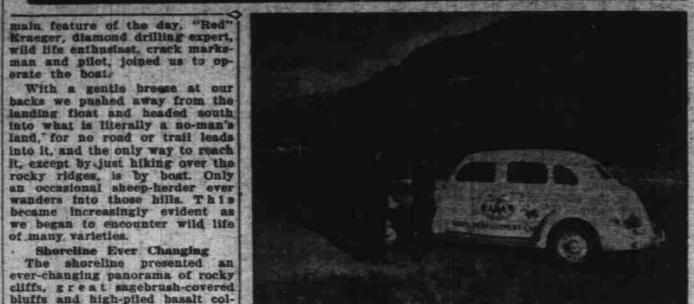
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A few hundred feet downstream, shaded by trees plasted when the project was first started, is the superintendent's permanent headquarters, a comfortable appearing group of buildings. A small garden held orderly rows of vegetables, considerably adtanced for the season, due to the shelter afforded by rocky canyon walls and the towering dam.

A road up one side of the canyon ied to the top of the 417-foot dam, and gave us our first view of the lake behind it, which contains 1,120,000 acre-feet of water.

Leaving inspection of the dam limit for later in the day, we







umns. In places coloring was vivid, with red and orange hues pre-It's a 421-mile trip from Portland to the Owyhee dam, shown in the upper picture, but J. Lynn Wykoff explains herewith why the trip is worth while. The picture of the dam and lake was taken from the air. Lower picture, the AAA motoring car along the Owyhee

spection of the dam itself was cut

Mr. Schlapkohl guided us to an elevator, larger than that usually what Harold M. Finlay, manager of the La Grande Observer, remarked while we were en route to Ontario.

But those 421 miles of highway right he was!

Ward the dam. Area Columbia contacts with the dam. Area contered in department stores, present the Golumbia contact.

But those 421 miles of highway right he was!

Down . . . down . . . down For about ten miles the home-ward journey was much like the passing four "floors" until we at 8 o'clock. finally came to a stop, 295 feet cutward one. More scenery, more wild life—an antelope gazed at us curiously from the bank where he had been drinking, but loped below the top of the dam With thousands of tons of concrete around it, and billions of gallons quickly over the creat of a hill of cold water behind that, the when we tried to approach closely year-round temperature of that Mae Baker, Marlyn Waarvik; gallery would make it an excellent storage room for perishable pro-

From one end of the dam to the ing through the valves provided linga Thorkildson as pianist. dor. Similar ones traversed each of the other four levels.

Minute by minute the wind grew to more nearly resemble a gale, the waves seemed more and more like ocean surf. "Red" Kraeger skillfully steered a quarterly course, the motor throttled Gauges and instruments pro viding constant check on the dam's condition are located in these. Skipping a detailed explanation of these, it is evident that the government builds its dams to endure, then takes every possible step to maintain a con-stant check on their enduring

Gates Wins Plaque

GATES, May 15.—After running the busses on daylight saving time and starting school at 8 a. m. sickening rise, lurch and splash, that the next wave would dam, accompanied by Fred Schlapkohl, our host and guide.

As the car left Nyasa farther behind, well-kept fields and orchards disappeared, and rolling
sugabrush-covered desert took
their place. Soon, however, came
an area where wide fields were
cleared of the low-growing desert
plant, where plows and harrows
were working the soil amid small

Luther League Slate Program for Tonight

SILVERTON, May 15 .- The senior and junior-intermediate Luther leagues of the Immanuel church will give a program in the church auditorium Sunday night

The program will include numbers by the girls' chorus, discussions by Ruth Moen, James Jenson, Mrs. Elser Aarhus; vocel solos by Carl Thorkildson, Hazel readings by Mrs. Jonas Byberg. Alma Tostenson, Betty Olsen; book review, Alma Tostenson; organ solo, Jones Byberg; pantoother, and out to the north face, mime, with Betty Olsen as interpreter, June Anderson as reader. where surplus water—the dam is filled and "wasting"—was spout- Katheryn Odman as soloist and

> Concert Is Enjoyed by Large Crowd at Scotts

> SCOTTS MILLS, May 15 .- The glee club concert, held in the school gymnasium last night, was enjoyed by a large audience. The Noble, Crooked Finger and Abiqua schools will hold joint eighth grade graduation exercises at the Noble school May 29. There are six graduates in all, two from each school,

**Gordon Morris Honored** 

AMITY, May 15-Gordon Morris, son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Morris, student teacher at Oregon State college and who is working for his master's degree, has been elected to the honorary society in physics, Sigma Pi Sigma, and in the upper mathematics society, Pi Nu Epsilon.

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he ALL-STEEL In

Leaving inspection of the dam line for later in the day, we decided to get started at once on the boat trip up the lake—

Delegates Chosen **By Farmers Union** 

Objection Voiced to Polk 8th Grade Exam Query Anent Bonneville

ZENA, May 15 — Open Hous of Spring Valley Farmers union No. 242, at the Zena schoolhous No. 242, at the Zena schoolhouse was a decided success with a good representation attending. Charles McCarter presided at the business session when delegates A. Dodge, L. Swenwold, J. A. French and Charles McCarter were elected to attend the Farmers union state convention at Clatskanine May 25, 26 and 27 and a committee trollegates. committee including J. A. French S. D. Crawford and A. Dodge was S. D. Crawford and A. Dodge was appointed to act on three resolutions to change a portion of the by-laws. The local voted to send a resolution to the Polk county school superintendant taking exception to the eighth grade civics examination question, "Is Bonne-ville power for general distribution or utilities."

It was voted to send a com munication to senators and srepresentatives that the local is in favor of public interests being protected as to Bonneville power, for which a committee including Mack Van Buskirk, W. Frank Crawford and J. A. French was appointed to draw up resolution to present to S. D. Crawford, secretically and secretical and Line lem.

sident: Ritsuko Inouye and Maxine Williams Addison, song queens.

Four delegates will Northwest Girls League to be held at the of Oregon in Eugene here.

Miss Orvetta Cooper and Em-ery Alderman gave readings pre-ceding luncheon served by Ed Mc-Clure and Carl Alderman, assisted by their wives.

Marr Marie Williams President High School Girls at Independence

at the high school to head the past few days. league the first semester of school Mrs. Mary Gross, Mrs. George next year. Other officers elected Williamson and Mrs. F. Cooper were Jean Ellen Irvine, vice-prespent Wednesday with the Berry

445 Center St.

Mrs. L. W. Kelle received word of the birth of a son, William Charles, to Mr. and Mrs. William Mills at Los Angeles on May 13. Mills is known here as William Kelle and is a graduate of Gates high school and served four years in the marines.

A daughter, Betty Jane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barney on Kings Prairie on May 14.

Sales Increase Car Loadings



With Studebaker retail sales for the six months following introduc-tion of the 1987 cars up 47 per cent ever a like period in 1936, car loadings at Studebaker's Pacific coast plant have increased proportionally. Here a Studebaker sedan is shown being rolled into a freight car especially equipped to carry five. Bonesteele Bros., Chemeketa and Liberty streets, have the Studbaker agency in Sa-

sident; Ritsuko Inouye, secretary; and Maxine Williams and Betty

Four delegates will go to the Northwest Girls League confer-ence to be held at the University of Oregon in Eugene May 15. The delegates are: Anna Mae Ramey, Darlene Hargin, Margaret Schir-man and Marr Marie Williams, They will be accompanied by Mrs. Loren Mort, adviser.

Mill Saws Quiet Due to Condition Logging Road

AIRLIE, May 15—Cooper Bros. mill has purchased a new car-riage and Wednesday delivered INDEPENDENCE, May 15 — the old one to Eugene. Due to Marr Marie Williams was elected condition of the logging road, the girls' league president this week mill has not been able to saw the

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and there are three boys.

ney on Kings Prairie on May 14. This is the first girl in the family

Weber Child Brought

Home to Gates; Other

GATES, May 15.—Pred Weber made a trip to Portland Wednes-tay to bring home Mrs. Weber and their small daughter, Teresa Margaret, who was born at a

ortland hospital April 29. Weber teacher of the sixth, seventh ad eighth grades in the Gates

Babies Born Lately

STAYTON, May 15—Dr. E. F. Getriaff will show his moving picture scenes of Japan at the Parent-Teachers' as a ociation meeting to be held at the high school Monday night. Dr. Getzlaff served as chief surgeon in a hospital in Tokyo for seven

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