

West Side Pump Station Plan Work to Start on Sewer

Plans for the west side pump station have been approved by the city engineer and the city engineer's office is now obtaining rights-of-way for the line. Assessments upon the benefited property can in this manner be stretched over a ten-year period.

Seeger explained that costs of trunk sewers are borne by the city, but in this west side improvement there will be cases where a medium-sized line will serve a dual function as trunk and lateral lines.

Divide Costs

In these cases, he said, the cost will be accordingly divided in charges against the adjacent property and the city.

Plans for the pumping station, which will be necessary to take the sewage from the Westmoreland-Chambers St. line into the larger Amazon trunk, are being prepared by F. S. Zeidlhack of the engineering firm of John W. Cunningham and Associates the firm drew the basic plan for improving the city sewer system.

Chemistry Sets Cause Blast

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Six police squad cars and eight fire trucks rushed to the 2300 block on West Boulevard Sunday night in answer to an explosion report.

Excited residents told police about the blast. One man said it blew me right out of my living room chair.

Police and firemen searched the neighborhood and found:

- 1—A shredded metal container.
- 2—A burned spot on the sidewalk.
- 3—Information that several youngsters in the neighborhood had received chemistry sets for Christmas—and had apparently progressed beyond the instruction book stage.

Race Held Factor In Death Sentence

PORTLAND — (AP) — Groups working for clemency in the death sentence of Wardell Henderson, 23, Negro convicted of murdering a Vanport butcher, reported Monday they held evidence the jury was prejudiced by the defendant's race.

Henderson faces execution Friday at the state prison.

Irvin Goodman, attorney for the National Association of Advancement of Colored People, and Mrs. Claire A. Argow, secretary of the Oregon Prison Assn., said an affidavit signed by the jury foreman had been forwarded to Governor Hall.

They said foreman Hilmer A. Wellin swore: "I sincerely believe that if Wardell Henderson had been a white person, the jury would not have voted for the gas chamber."

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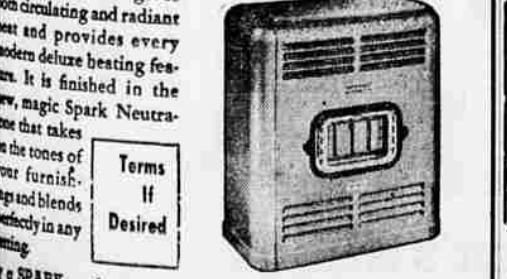
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Tollefson Asks Fishery Money

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep Tollefson (R-Wash.) asked the House Appropriations subcommittee on war department civil functions Monday to approve \$1,490,000 for rehabilitation of fisheries in the lower Columbia River.

The Army Engineers included that amount in a rivers and harbors program to aid in the program inaugurated by the fishing industry and the states of Washington and Oregon.

"It is estimated quite accurately," Tollefson said in a statement filed with the subcommittee, "that reclamation and power projects on the Columbia River have destroyed fifty per cent of the Columbia River salmon fisheries.

Annual Loss

"The annual dollar loss to commercial and sports fisheries is estimated at \$15,000,000. It is admitted that the federal program for dam construction for purposes of power, etc., must progress consistently with public need.

"But among others the problem of maintenance of fisheries must be given adequate and well balanced consideration."

Tollefson said that when the first dams were built on the river too little consideration was given to protection of migrating fish. Some structures, he continued, completely blocked the passage of migratory fish and wiped out races completely.

Closed Thoughtlessly

"Hundreds of miles of the best feeding and spawning grounds in the vast Columbia system were closed entirely without thought of the consequences to the great Columbia River salmon industry," he said. "Even now this industry has an annual capitalized value of \$500,000,000.

"In fact many stocks of salmon have been exterminated and if those remaining are not carefully managed and increased the already diminished crop will become smaller and the entire industry will be lost."

He said the same thing had happened to the Atlantic salmon.

The representative said Washington and Oregon are in accord on a general plan to rehabilitate the salmon run of the river. He said the program calls for water resources, engineering and biological surveys, stream improvement and hatchery construction. He said the program would be under the direction of the fish and wild life service of the interior department.

Collision Kills Police Officer

THE DALLES—(AP)—State police officer Leroy Spickerman, 24, The Dalles, died in a hospital here Sunday after a head on collision that sent six occupants of a second automobile to the same hospital.

The crash demolished both vehicles. Spickerman died 12 hours after the accident on the Columbia Gorge route east of the city.

Police said the driver of the second car, Wallace Meacham, and his five passengers, all of Portland, suffered broken bones but were not critically hurt.

Spickerman is survived by a widow and twin sons, three months old.

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Truman's Tax Cut Readied

WASHINGTON—(AP)—House Democrats are overhauling President Truman's \$40-for-everybody tax cut plan in preparation for one big push to rescue it from the Republican pigeonhole, it was disclosed Monday.

The principal change will be the addition of a community property clause, under which married couples can save \$600,000,000 a year by splitting their income.

Cut Furbished

A highly placed Democratic source said it was hoped to make the President's tax cut more attractive, both to Democrats and Republicans, by this and possibly other changes.

Even the most optimistic Democrats, however, declined to predict that any version of Mr. Truman's tax plan could be passed in the face of Republican determination to go ahead with the proposal of Chairman Harold Knutson, (R-Minn.), of the Ways and Means Committee.

Knutson Bill

This Democratic source said administration forces would make their big fight when House Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., brings up for passage late this month the rival Knutson Bill to slash all income taxes by close to \$7,600,000,000. Present plans are to bring the bill to a house vote not later than Jan. 29.

Martin declined to speculate on the form the measure will take when it finally goes to the President, but predicted that "the bill that goes to his desk will become law over his veto."

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'Butch' Waits in Pound After Tragic Drowning of Two Boys

TACOMA, Wash.,—(AP)—A big mongrel dog peered disconsolately through the wire of his city pound cage Monday, wondering why nobody wants him and where his young master is.

The gentle animal didn't understand that his master, Don Newell, and a playmate, George Jenkins, drowned in fog-shrouded Wapato Lake here Sunday afternoon when their home-made boat built of old aircraft fuel tanks fell apart.

"Destroy Butch"

Nor did he understand the strange words of his master's father, spoken as Edwin Newell paced the chill shore distractedly waiting for searchers to find his son's body.

"Destroy Butch immediately. He'll just remind us of Donny," Butch whined and roamed the shoreline, always returning to a red coaster-wagon on which the two 14-year-old boys had hauled their crude boat to the lake. He growled warningly when the curious came too close to the wagon.

Children Witnesses

Four young children were the only witnesses to the tragedy. They told how, as they watched, the boat sunk 75 yards offshore. "They tried to swim," 10-year-

old Richard Hardy related. "I heard one of them say: 'Donny, I can't swim any farther. I've got a cramp.'"

"Donny turned around to help. Then they both sank."

Two hours after dragging operations began, the young victims' identities still were a mystery to which Butch held the key. Then someone noticed the dog's license. Poundmaster A. T. Snow called assistant city clerk Edna Melsness away from a Sunday dinner and they went to the city hall to trace Butch's owner.

Body Identified

Summoned to the scene Newell identified the body of young Jenkins, the first victim recovered, and later that of his son.

Under the poundmaster's urging, Newell agreed to let Butch stay at the pound a while. "Maybe you'll change your mind about destroying him," Snow said.

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