

Reclamation Bureau Tests in Washington

WILLIAM E. LOWELL, Special Washington Service, says that the Bureau of Reclamation is operating a test laboratory on the Columbia Basin project in Washington.

The plant, however, is a good farm, located just east of town of Moses Lake. It is one of several experimental units—development farms—planned for the million-acre project as a whole.

Lineweaver, in charge of project development, explained it to the House Appropriations Committee.

The land to be irrigated is now used for grazing and dry farming. Lineweaver said:

The job of looking ahead and

preparing for the changes that will take place is a tremendous responsibility."

He said Agriculture Department and state agencies are cooperating with the bureau in the tests of studies made previously on 28 major problems.

Opportunity Offered

The farm, he said, offers an opportunity for practical application of methods proposed for clearing, land leveling, distribution of water and the growing of crops which seem especially adapted to the area.

The state agricultural station, the bureau of plant industry and the soil conservation service, he said, are using the farm for experiments in adaptability of crops, use of fertilizers, spacing of plants and water requirements for various crops and for crops at various stages of growth.

The bureau expects, Lineweaver said in an interview, that, by this means, the settler can be saved many headaches and the project launched on a firm footing.

Not Regimentation

But, he cautioned, the idea is "not a blueprint for regimentation."

It is designed simply, he added, as a means for providing the settler with the best information obtainable as to farming practices, farms established as the land approaches the useful stage.

There will be other development. Each will specialize in the type of land to be opened.

One will be near Quincy, another at Pasco.

In fact, Lineweaver said, the whole 5400-acre Pasco unit will be a pilot area, the experience on which will largely set a pattern as to the needs and requirements of the larger areas as they are brought under irrigation.

Being Used Now

The development farm procedure is being used also in the Missouri Basin and on the Little Colorado, he said, and may be used anywhere that a variety of problems arise in adaptation of the land to new uses.

"It is not," he emphasized, "a model or exhibit farm, but a place to test recommended procedures."

Airplanes to Seek For Hidden Iron Ore

MINNEAPOLIS — (U) — A treasure hunt covering 10,000 square miles is under way in Minnesota.

It is an aerial search for new iron formations which may lie under glacial drift in the northern part of the state. The instrument used is an airborne magnetometer called a "doodlebug."

University of Minnesota geologists say the magnetic approach to the problem of discovering hidden ore is not new except in type and method of using the instruments.

The "doodlebug," a machine similar to a device used in the war to find submerged submarines, hangs on a long cable from an airplane. Even if no ore is found, the geologists say, Minnesota's nature will be much better known after the survey.

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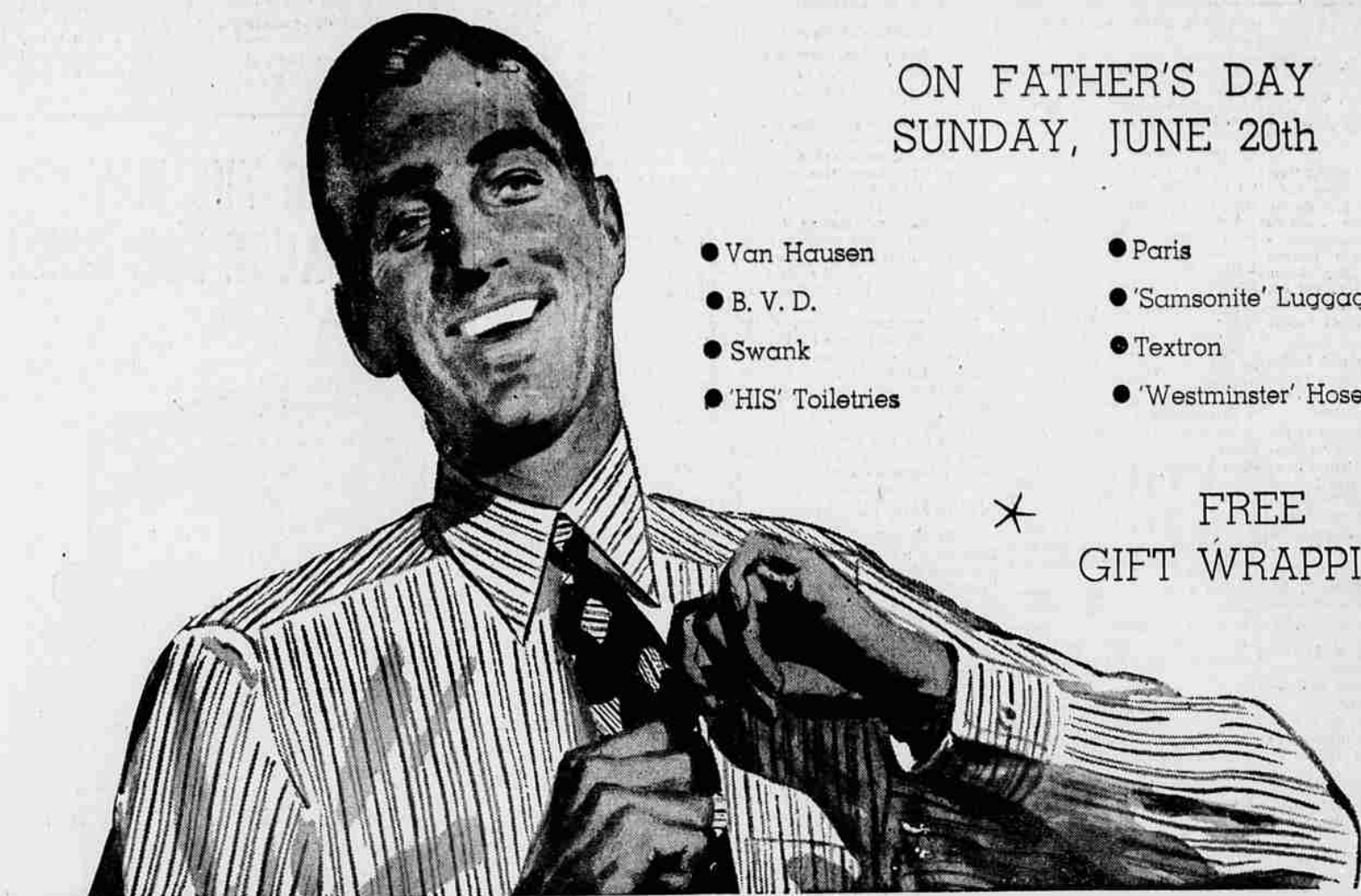
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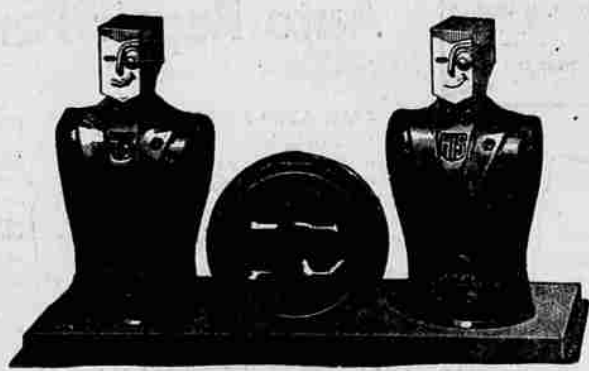
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