

# Reclamation Bureau Tells \$242 Million Construction Plans

AMARILLO, Texas—(AP)—The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation has announced details of a \$242,998,677 construction program for the current fiscal year.

The program will bring water to 507,300 additional acres in the west and includes projects costing \$31,581,560 in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Reclamation Commissioner Michael W. Strauss said completion of the projects started more than a decade ago will bring reclamation water for the first time to vast areas. It will increase reclamation bureau electric power output by 352,700 kilowatts.

### Ends 50 Years

Strauss said the government thus will complete 50 years of water resource development work next June with the irrigation of more than 6,000,000 acres of once-arid land, and with a hydroelectric

power capacity of more than 4,000,000 kilowatts.

The development program started in 1902, with passage of the Reclamation Act.

Strauss, here for the convention of the National Reclamation Association in a news release that the value of the federal projects to the expanding western economy, and to the national welfare, is "inestimable."

Strauss said the first large-scale irrigation of land in the Columbia Basin project will start late next spring and have facilities for bringing water to 87,000 acres. Initial service, however, will be to about 63,000 acres.

### Wife's Recorded Rules Help Blind Weaver

EASTPORT, Me. — (AP) — Andrew J. Frankovich, blinded in World War II, became a talented hand weaver after listening to instructions recorded by his wife.

His wife dictates a pattern on a record and the former semi-professional basketball player turns the record off after each step. After working out the pattern, he listens to the next step, and so on until he finishes.

Frankovich, 31-year-old Cleveland, O., native, has woven cloth for a suit for himself and also has woven fancy items.

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FEATURED ARTISTS in the concert celebrating the University of Oregon's 75th anniversary are Miss Exine Anderson, soprano; Edmund Cykler, professor of music, and George Hopkins, professor of piano. This will be Miss Anderson's first public appearance in Eugene; Cykler is director of the symphony orchestra, and Hopkins is featured soloist with Miss Anderson.

## Special Concert to Note UO's 75th Anniversary

A concert commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the University of Oregon will be given by the University Symphony orchestra Thursday evening, Nov. 1, in McArthur Court, with two members of the school of music faculty as soloists.

Making her first public appearance before a Eugene audience will be Miss Exine Anderson, soprano, assistant professor of music who is new to the faculty this year. Miss Anderson has sung with the Metropolitan Opera Co. and will do two arias by Verdi.

Second featured soloist will be George Hopkins, professor of piano, who is an alumnus of the University.

Brahm's Symphony No. 2 will be the major work played by the symphony orchestra under the direction of Edmund A. Cykler, professor of music. Included in the 80-piece orchestra are university students and approximately 15 townspeople and faculty members.

Miss Anderson will sing "Forza del Destino," and "Pace Pace Mio Dio," by Verdi, and Hopkins will play MacDowell's Piano Concerto No. 2.

The concert will climax the first day's activities of a special 75th anniversary observance. Delegates to the Nov. 2 anniversary convocation are expected to arrive Thursday morning Nov. 1 on the University campus.

Volunteers of America Mother's and Children's Home is a Chest agency.

## Pigeon Races Gain Favor Here

Pigeon fanciers are gaining a hold in the Eugene area.

One of the most ancient of sports, pigeon racing is gaining in popularity and its backers are seeking more support.

Louis Drouett, who lives on S. Willamette St., says there are now eight members in the Willamette Pigeon Racing Club, and there's an opening for about 20 more.

Drouett has been raising homing pigeons since he was a lad. He has a loft under construction and is nursing along the fanciers club.

The outfit has had several time races and plans a race early in June. Here's the way a race works:

Pigeon entries are shipped by rail to a designated point, either 100, 200 or 300 miles away. There the station agent feeds the birds and telegraphs the home club with the time the birds left. He sends the special basket back on return train.

Then, it's a matter of waiting. But the wait isn't long, for a good bird will fly seventy miles an hour—straight home, without pause.

The members of the club "sweeten it out" at the clubhouse. Fancy timing gadgets (Drouett is inventor of one) are set up. Excitement reigns when first arrival is sighted. Sometimes a dozen birds will fly in together. They'll circle the loft in their head in. First one to be winner.

The sport had its birth about 3000 B.C. Once, in Baghdad, pigeon-post system was established.

### Australians Wait Five Months for Mail

ADELAIDE, Australia — (AP) — Australian scientists at the sub-Antarctic base of Heard Island recently got their first word from home in seven months. The British research ship, Discovery II, swapped supplies, mail and parcels for scientific records destined for the mainland.

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### Girls Ride Horses Across the Rockies

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Ann Wilson and Phyllis Elwood of Victoria explain their trip this way:

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Thomas F. Leahy, manager of the bureau, said that during the last several days he has received calls from several housewives who were very much upset by the statements made to them by the salesmen.

Mr. Leahy stated that investigation of a number of these companies showed that the manufacturers named are some of the leading manufacturers of vacuum cleaners and are very much in business.

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