

C. O. I. to Begin Improvement Of North Canal

WPA Funds to Be Used; Elimination of Ditch Through Bend Planned

Redmond, Oct. 13.—The Central Oregon Irrigation district will begin on November 1 a considerable improvement project on the North canal, according to work plans approved by directors last week. The project is to be carried out as a unit of the \$79,000 blanket WPA project approved last year, and will use \$25,958 in WPA funds.

Some of the improvement work on the two-mile canal sector was done last year. Work to be begun this fall, as explained by Olaf E. Anderson, C. O. I. superintendent, includes straightening and enlarging the channel, and smoothing the surface with hand placed rock paving, instead of the timber previously used.

The improvement job will give the North canal much better hydraulic values, making it possible to maintain a better head of water, Anderson said. He said it is doubtful if sufficient men will be available to complete the unit this year, but the project will be carried as far as possible during the months when the canals are not in use. Most of the work involved is hand labor.

Elimination of the use of the old Pilot Butte canal through the city of Bend would be the result of a second project which Anderson is now setting up, and which he hopes to get under way this fall. It calls for the enlargement of lateral A-2 of the Central Oregon canal so as to carry water to the Pilot Butte canal. This would make it unnecessary to use that part of the old canal which traverses Bend.

Other maintenance work to be done on the C. O. I. system this winter includes the reconstruction of the Terrebonne stone pipe. This will be begun sometime during November.

Anderson said the C. O. I. district has on hand sufficient timber, iron, and cement to last through construction and maintenance work planned for this winter. The district has been given the priority rating of A-10, the same given telephone companies, power systems, and the like, but so far it has not been necessary to use it.

IWA Committee To Be Chosen

Election of a negotiations committee representing the International Woodworkers of America will be held for Shevlin-Hixon employees on Wednesday, October 15, in the union hall, it was announced today. Polls are to be open from 2 p. m. until 5 p. m., to enable the night shift to vote, and from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. for the day shift. New members wishing to vote may be initiated Wednesday.

Names on the ballot, with three to be elected, are those of Marion Watson, Virgil Stone, John Garcke, Fred McDaniel, Carroll Shipley, D. W. Mulcare and Roy Thompson.

Only mill employees who are members of the union will be eligible to vote.

Driving Class Held at Redmond

Redmond, Oct. 13.—Enrollment in the seven weeks' course in safe driving now being conducted in Redmond under the auspices of the secretary of state is still open, Chauncey Del French, instructor, has announced. Students over 15 years of age, or adults who want to learn to drive or improve their driving, may enroll at the high school.

Students now registered for the course had their first driving lesson Friday. Twelve are enrolled and several more have indicated they will take the course, the instructor said. Classes are held each Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the high school, and the next class will be Friday, October 17, even though school is closed for potato harvest this week.

Those now enrolled in the class are Mrs. George H. Brewster, Don Hanks, Eugene Miller, Cathleen Cooper, Donna Jo Short, Ruth Stovall, Ivan Ivanovich, Jack Patterson, Jack Moe, Lillie Perrin, Ruby Carlos, and Veva McCain.

Army of India May Face Nazis

Simla, India, Oct. 11 (Delayed).—With the German armies advancing more deeply into Russia, a formidable defense of manpower, military equipment and fortifications is being assembled on India's northwestern frontier and her outlying bulwarks in the Middle East and Malaya.

Because the Middle East continues to appear a certain German ally battlefield, it seems doubly important that the Indian army should attempt to prevent the Germans from capturing the Caucasus. It is popularly believed that if Germany cracks Russia's southern defense or attempts an out-flanking movement by advancing through Turkey, Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's Indian armies would be joined by the Middle East forces of Lieut. Gen. C. J. E. Auchinleck and they would move into the Caucasus line.

India's army already numbers more than 750,000 and is rapidly approaching 1,000,000. Officials say more than 100,000 are stationed at distant frontiers. Recruiting is progressing at about 50,000 monthly, although many more than that will be enlisted as equipment becomes available.

IWA Splits on Move to Bar Reds

Everett, Wash., Oct. 13 (AP).—The International Woodworkers of America (IWA) split today at its fifth annual convention over a proposal to bar communists, fascists and nazis from membership. The constitutional committee came in with a divided report, and the convention sent the question back for further deliberation.

A majority report signed by Chairman D. C. King, Raymond, Wash., of the committee proposed that the issue be referred to the rank and file at the forthcoming election. A minority report presented by Matt Savola of Rhinelander, Wis., contended the communist party still had legal status in this country.

A school of agronomy to be operated along American lines is being constructed in the Brazilian state of Bahia.

British Claim Nazis Slowed Up

London, Oct. 13 (AP).—Authoritative British informants said today that the German drive on Moscow had definitely slowed and that it might be halted short of Moscow by the Germans themselves if not by the stout resistance of the Russians.

It was apparent, informants said, that the Russians were moving reserves up to the central front.

Whether the German drive on Moscow had been slowed by the Russians or by the necessity for the Germans to repair machines and consolidate gains, informants were not sure.

If the drive had slowed because rear areas must be cleaned up, they said, it might well be a week, two weeks or even three weeks before an attempt was made to start another advance.

It was suggested that the Germans intended at first to push through straight to Moscow but that they had found the Russian resistance—as in previous drives—more determined than they had expected.

Informants said there was no news of a big German army massed northwest of Moscow which had been reported ready to start a drive on the capital through Rzhev if Adolf Hitler gave the word.

Authoritative informants reported that the German thrusts on the central front appeared now to be making only slight progress.

They said, however, that very severe fighting continued and that the Germans were still trying to wipe out Russians trapped behind their advanced lines.

Many Apply for Welding Class

The large number of applicants for the night class in welding taught at Bend high school as a part of the national defense free training course has brought from Coordinator Eugene V. Clarke the suggestion that a day class in welding be held if the demand is sufficient. A minimum of 20 men is required to start a class, he stated.

The expected arrival of seven new welding machines this week will make it possible for a daytime class if enough men enroll, said Clarke. The day class will have no effect at all on the night course, he added.

Students will have six hours of instruction daily and will do welding practice until they are capable of passing the standard shipbuilders' test.

in other words

by JOHN CLINTON

Out here in the West we practically wallow in the midst of plenty of oil. You'd think that western gasoline rationing would be about as imminent as a coal shortage in Newcastle, war or no war.

But we folks out here do face possible gasoline shortage or rationing. Not because there's a lack of oil, but because there aren't enough tankers.

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So I asked the boss what Union Oil was doing about it. And, as seems to be the policy of Union—they're doing plenty. In the first place, they're securing every barrel, truck and tank car they can get their hands on.

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Twelve Thousand Miles Through Soviet Russia

By Marvin Klemme

Member of the Staff of the State Land Board

(Continued From Saturday)

Russia's army appeared to me to be among the best fed, best clothed and best equipped in all Europe. I saw a large part of their army on maneuvers between Kiev and the Polish border just a few days before war was declared. They had motorcycles, armored cars and tanks rambling all over the country. Russia's great weakness, as it appeared to me, was in their transportation system, lack of roads and faulty equipment.

This has apparently proved to be the case in their present war

with Germany. While the Russians have without question fought bravely, it has been the vastness of the country and the difficulty of transportation of the men and equipment that has caused the Germans the most trouble.

There is no question in my mind but what Hitler merely "beat Stalin to the draw." Russia's leaders had hoped that all of Europe and possibly America would fight itself out and leave everyone weak, bankrupt, tired of war and ready for revolution. In the meantime they were rapidly becoming much stronger, as it shown by the vast

amounts of war supplies which they have accumulated. Then at the right moment when Europe was all down and out, and with the help of the communistic or revolutionary elements in the various countries, they would sweep over all of Europe. Had this plan worked out, it is doubtful if there would have been any force in Europe strong enough to have stopped them.

The fact of the matter is that they haven't been stopped, yet. Even if the Russian armies are destroyed or driven far to the east, their ideas may go marching on. If and when Germany "cracks" there is a good chance that "communism" or some kindred ideology may sweep a war-torn, bankrupt Europe. America could hardly afford to finance and police such a vast area indefinitely, for in doing so we might catch the same disease.

(The End)

Arrests Made By Local Police

Four arrests on intoxication charges were made over the week-end by officers, police records show. John E. Michaels, Holger P. Christopherson, Frazier Sparks and Marvin W. Alt were all arrested Saturday night on charges of being intoxicated in public places.

Ronald E. Prater was cited to appear in municipal court on a charge of operating his automobile at a speed of 40 miles an hour on Franklin avenue between Sismore and East First, on October 11.

The accused men are to appear in municipal court this evening.

Despite the growing competition of rail and motor traffic in Egypt navigation has increased so much on the Nile river that the govern-

ment has found it necessary to regulate it.



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