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KLAMATH AND HELLS CANYON

Down in Klamath county, we learn from Deb Addison's column in the Herald and News, a situation is developing rather like that on the Snake river in connection with the proposed Hells Canyon program. The facts were brought out in a radio program in which three participated, among others, A. N. Murray, of the Bureau of Reclamation, and John Boyle, general manager of the California and Oregon Power Co. Each, the Bureau on one side and Copco on the other, wants to build a power plant at a site on the Klamath river. Addison reported Boyle as stating that "the Bureau wanted to do exactly what Copco had been planning on and trying to get the right to do for 20 years, using the same amount of water, in about the same places... the same amount of water that Copco's using now."

(That last bit we take to mean that Copco already has a plant upstream from the site referred to and wants to use the water from it farther down.)
 We gather from the Addison report that the dedication of the water to use at the new site will not jeopardize reclamation and in that fact the situation differs from that on the Snake. Idaho interests fear that the demand for water at Hells Canyon will limit their irrigation and they do not trust the words in the Hells Canyon bills (H.R. 5748 and S. 2812) that define the irrigation rights.
 Senator Morse, by the way, expressed himself in that three-hour speech on the Hells Canyon bill as perfectly satisfied with that wording. Morse, however, is not an Idaho irrigator.
 It did not appear in the Addison column who has the next move. The issue seems clear just as at Hells Canyon. Shall a government bureau or private enterprise make the investment?

TWO CENTENNIALS

There are to be several reclamation celebrations this summer. The Bureau of Reclamation will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the enactment of the first federal reclamation law, Arizona-plans festivities, in Washington the first delivery of water to the Columbia basin project will be celebrated and special events in North Dakota, Colorado and Wyoming are being planned in connection with reclamation development. All these are getting publicity but another of unusual significance here in Oregon has hardly been noted.
 We refer to the centennial of reclamation in Oregon to be celebrated in Medford in October. It was in that vicinity, in Jackson county, that water was first diverted for irrigation and the Oregon Reclamation Congress will direct a part of the program of its annual meeting to the observance and the memorializing of that event.
 Incidentally, now in 1952 Jackson county is 100 years old. These events need a press agent.

The proposed federal budget shows more than \$17,000,000 in salaries for press agents for various departments and agencies of government. The figure does not include such things as stationery, office equipment and general overhead. The paper waste in such activities we have commented on many times although government would doubtless call it use. Most newspapers, we think, will agree that it is possible to get along quite satisfactorily without the "news" releases through which Washington publicity men seek to glorify the government activities of which they are a part. Here should be a fine place to start cost cutting.

In the political game, President Truman pitched a curve to General Eisenhower when he told the press that the favored presidential candidate is at liberty to return from Europe "any time he deems it safe and proper." Low and outside. Best bet today is that Ike will get a base on balls and that he will come home in November.

Annual Frolics Plans Progress

POWELL BUTTE, March 21—Charles Minson, chairman of the general committee of the Powell Butte Farmers' Club for the 18th annual Spring Frolics of the farm group, reported yesterday that intensive work has been launched for making the 1952 party, scheduled for a hangar of the Redmond airport Saturday evening, April 5, one of the largest ever held. The annual dance and country store of the farmers' club is expected to attract attendance from all communities of Central Oregon and outside points.
 The annual Spring Frolics came into being for the purpose of raising funds for meritorious civic undertakings throughout Crook and Deschutes counties. Since the frolics were launched the farmers' organization has

raised and disbursed around \$11,000 for promotion of various enterprises of general community welfare. In 1948 it contributed \$500 as a memorial to the late Jerry Heston, called the father of the Farmers' club, to the Pioneer Memorial hospital at Prineville. A like sum was contributed to the St. Charles Memorial Hospital at Bend. It plans this year on contributing \$500 to a community hospital being erected at Redmond.
 The annual parties of the Farmers' club are rotated between Prineville, Bend and Redmond. That of 1951 was held at Bend.

Minerals once thought worthless are suddenly becoming vital to our economy.

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Parties Expected to Hammer at Non-Voters; Only About Half of U. S. Adults Go to Polls

WASHINGTON, March 21 (CQ)—"Register and Vote!"
 The nation's 97 million potential voters will hear that cry dozens of times between now and November. But, despite the importance of the outcome, results of past elections indicate that nearly half of those over 21 will not vote in November, according to Congressional Quarterly.

Some cannot, others can but will not. Regardless of the reasons, the fact that so many will not participate in the decisions at the polls is a source of general concern, shared by both major political parties. With primaries already begun and to occur frequently until the big general election in November, the Democrats and Republicans have at least one thought in common: Get Americans to the polls.

Both parties want a handsome turnout in the 1952 elections, and both are mapping get-out-the-vote campaigns. These were markedly successful in their first test. After vigorous campaigning in New Hampshire, a total of 129,066 votes were cast in Republican and Democratic primaries—a record for Presidential primaries in that state. Both the Republicans, with 92,225 voting, and the Democrats with 36,841 went far over pre-election estimates.

Nation-Wide Drives
 In the next few months, the major political organizations will carry their appeals for maximum voter participation into every state. President Truman and Vice President Alben W. Barkley will make get-out-the-vote appeals while campaigning for the Democratic Party.

The Republicans will resume their schools of politics—successfully launched in 1950—to train GOP workers, mainly volunteers. Some of these even will be pressed into service as "baby sitters" while mothers go to the polls on election day.

Stimulation of election interest by another means—through legislation—has been proposed in numerous bills introduced in the present Congress. Among such proposals is legislation backed by the Montana Congressional delegation that would give everyone a half-holiday to vote on election day.

Sen. Blair Moody (D Mich.) and Rep. Arthur G. Klein (D N.Y.) would give all citizens the vote at 18. (Georgia residents already have this right.) Believing that a man who is not too young to fight is not too young to vote, Rep. Edwin Arthur Hall (R N.Y.) would remove for servicemen all age limitations on voting.

"Light" Voters
 But President Truman, Congress, and the major parties have a big job ahead if they are to get "stay-at-homes" to the polls on election day.

In the last Presidential election year—1948—only 52 per cent of the 93,704,000 Americans 21 years of age or over voted in the contest between Mr. Truman and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. Voter participation in 1948 was lower than it was in 1944 and 1940.

In the 1948 general election, 49 per cent of the nation's adults voted in Congressional races and 48 per cent in Senate races. This vote was higher than the 1950 vote, when only 42 per cent of the 96,833,000 potential voters balloted in electing Representatives and 44 per cent voted in the Senate races.

Voter turnout is lower in primary elections except in the South where the primaries are decisive. "The American is a 'light' voter

in comparison to the voters of totalitarian countries like Russia and democratic countries like Australia, Belgium and the Netherlands where non-voters are penalized. Voting is 95-99 per cent of adult population in these countries. Even with 85 per cent illiteracy, India had a 60 per cent turnout of voters in its first national election which ended last month.

Study Asked
 Rep. Jacob K. Javits (R N.Y.) wants to establish a bipartisan commission to study why so many Americans don't vote. An analysis made by the Library of Congress of the reasons given by 600 non-voters for their failure to vote points up some problems.

The non-voters said they don't know enough about the candidates; it's "tweedledum and tweedledee"—no choice is given voters by the parties; registering and voting are too difficult. Some are barred by

legal restrictions, others complained of corruption, or listed other reasons.

Some non-voters said they would be more inclined to vote under one or more of the following conditions: If unbiased, concise information were available on candidates and issues, if better promotion methods were used, if voting were compulsory, and if tax exemptions were allowed for voting. Several million adults living in this country cannot vote: Aliens, convicts and the insane. Negroes are discouraged from voting in parts of the South.

Women apparently have never been as interested as men in voting. However, there are now nearly 2 million more women than men 21 years or older, according to the 1950 census.

And women may outvote men this year for the first time in the nation's history.

Services Planned By Local Church

Rev. Raymond Wilder of Port Angeles, Wash., is in Bend to assist Rev. Dean C. Polindexter and members of First Methodist Church with special Lenten services. He will address Methodists of Central Oregon at a service tonight at 7:30 at the local church, and will speak at a youth rally Saturday evening, at the morning service Sunday, and evenings next week through Friday.

The local church is cooperating in the United Evangelistic Mission sponsored jointly by Methodist congregations of Oregon, Washington and Idaho during the week of March 23-28. Each cooperating church will have in its pulpit a guest pastor who will preach Sunday morning and each following evening through Friday.

In addition to his work in the pulpit, Rev. Wilder will instruct 24 teams of laymen who will call on non-members to invite them into the fellowship of the congregation.

FIRE CONTROLLED

POWELL BUTTE, March 21—A bucket brigade of neighbors and arrival of equipment from the Prineville fire department Tuesday evening prevented flames from a burning woodshed and storage room from spreading to the adjoining Powell Butte store of Shelburn Ayres, just opposite the Powell Butte grade school on U. S. highway 126. The damage of the fire, the cause of which was not determined, was negligible, Ayres reported.

MORE IRON CURTAIN?

LOS ANGELES, March 21—Adrian E. Gory, CARE mission chief in Japan and Korea, expressed the fear here Friday that Russia may pull the iron curtain over Japan by underselling the United States.

"An evidence of this danger are the recent sales to Japanese industry of Russian coal and oil for less than one-third the American prices," Gory said.

Gory and his wife are here on six-weeks leave from the Orient.

Mid-Oregon Man Gets Purple Heart

WITH THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION IN JAPAN, March 21—Capt. Milton Holliday of Warm Springs, Ore., was recently awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while fighting in Korea with the 1st Cavalry Division.

The decoration was conferred on Holliday in Japan where the division is now stationed.

He was wounded on October 3, 1951, near Yonchon, Korea, while a member of the 5th Cavalry Regiment.

Bend's Yesterdays

(From The Bulletin Files)
FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
 (Friday, March 21, 1907)

A few Bend people were caught by the recent additions to the forest reserves. A homestead which W. B. Sellers had filed on in the Silver Lake country has been taken into the federal reserve.

A Cornett stage line driver who was recently discharged, got on a "bender" Saturday night and shot up the neighborhood in the vicinity of the new bank building.

Extension of the telephone line into Sisters will be completed this week. The local exchange will be in the Alex Smith store.

OPENING PLANNED

PRINEVILLE, March 21—With Friday, March 28, set as the date of the event, merchants of Prineville are now engaged in intensive preparations for their annual spring opening. The dominating feature of the opening will be the offering of merchandise values to shoppers of central Oregon as far to the west as Warm Springs Indian reservation and the lumber and resort town of Sisters to points in the steek ranch districts of Wheeler county on the east. It was declared by Floyd Satterlee, chairman of the committee arranging for the special day.

Bulletin Classifieds bring results

Home Nursing Classes Set

In response to numerous requests, the Deschutes County Red Cross chapter will sponsor a new series of duplicate afternoon and evening classes in home nursing. It was announced today by Mrs. Ross Farnham, home nursing chairman. The new course will start the third week in April, and registration should be completed at the Red Cross office without delay, it was announced.

Only the first 12 applicants for each of the classes will be accepted, it was announced. Mrs. Oscar Larson will be the instructor.

The classes will hold two-hour sessions twice weekly, until seven lessons for each group are completed.

The afternoon class will meet Monday and Wednesday afternoons, beginning April 14. The evening class will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings, beginning April 15. Class sessions will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Red Cross office.

Current courses will be completed March 31 and April 1, respectively.

HEARING SET

MADRAS, March 21—Acting on petition presented from all parts of the rural area, the Jefferson county court has set Wednesday, April 9, as the date for a hearing on establishing a rural fire protection district which will cover virtually the entire 50,000 acres of the North Unit Irrigation district. A preponderance of sentiment favoring the proposed district indicates that opposition will be negligible, and it is expected that the court will then set a date for an election on the proposition. It is proposed to establish fire fighting equipment for the rural areas at both Madras and Culver.

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