

Old and New Meet—Trains of yesterday and today come together on a railroad trestle near Keddie station in Plumas county, Calif., during ceremonies commemorating the driving of the final spike in the Western Pacific Railroad in 1909. A ruby-studded spike was driven in the same position as the final spike to symbolize the railroad's 40th anniversary. The trains are, left to right: "The Jupiter," old wood-burning engine once used on the Virginia and Truckee Railroad; the ultra-modern California Zephyr, and the "Old 94," the engine that hauled the first passenger train over the line. (Acme Telephoto)

AT SUGGESTION OF TRUMAN

Congress May Consider New Scale for Family-Size Farm

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL

Washington, Nov. 7 (AP)—Congress probably will be asked next year to write a new description of the "family-size" farm.

That seems to be the reclamation bureau to be the import of President Truman's comment in vetoing the bill to waive the excess land provisions of the reclamation law for part of Colorado's San Luis Valley project.

Mr. Truman said Congress should consider amending the law "so as to authorize appropriate adjustments in maximum acreages, where necessary, under carefully worked out standards, which could be applied not only to the San Luis Valley project but also to other projects in which some adjustments may be warranted."

"I think the language of the President's veto message indicates Congress must set up new, specific standards to meet new conditions we are encountering in the west," said E. D. Eaton, assistant director of the bureau's operations and maintenance branch.

When the reclamation law was enacted in 1902, it provided that no settler could own more than 160 acres, or a husband and wife more than 320 acres of irrigable land. Detailed studies had fixed that area as sufficient for the support of a farm family on public lands then considered susceptible of irrigation development.

Congress has waived that provision for only three projects: The Truckee river storage and Humboldt projects in Nevada and the Colorado Big Thompson in Colorado. It has refused several times to expand the farm unit measure on other projects.

There has been opposition to expansion of the farm unit from congressmen from reclamation states and protest from reclamation leaders throughout the west.

The federal money used for project construction is advanced to the irrigation district under a contract for repayment, without interest. The fear among reclamationists is that any abandonment of the "family size" farm idea would arouse opposition from the east and south, which would wipe out the interest-free advantage reclamation now enjoys.

But the type of reclamation project has changed in recent years. Much of the better class of irrigable land is already under water. On the newer projects, there is likely to be considerable land suitable for hay and pasture, rather than truck garden and orchards.

The yield can be improved by irrigation but it takes more acreage to support a family. Hence the demand for new "family farm" standards.

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FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS OF '49

Figure Oregon Farm Receipts At \$19.8 Millions Over 1948

Washington, Nov. 7 (AP)—Cash receipts from farm marketings for the first nine months of this year in Washington and Oregon are estimated to total \$615,065,000.

The bureau of agricultural economics, in its latest analysis of farmers' income, placed the Washington total for the nine months at \$378,578,000 and that for Oregon at \$236,487,000.

The Washington figure compared to \$363,653,000 for the same period and the Oregon total to \$257,701,000.

The bureau said livestock and products brought the Washington farmers \$136,151,000 this year compared to \$147,012,000 last year.

Crops brought them \$242,427,000 this year compared to \$216,641,000 last year.

In Oregon livestock cash receipts brought the farmers \$106,183,000 this year compared to \$117,843,000 last year. Crops brought the Oregon farmer \$120,304,000 this year compared to \$139,858,000 last year.

The bureau said that cash receipts may be down, moderately, in 1950 for both crops and livestock.

"They are likely to show some decline for nearly all commodity groups," it said, "although receipts from fruit may hold fairly well to the 1949 level."

Show of Mums Dated Tuesday

The Oak Grove Garden club will stage its chrysanthemum show, Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Oak Grove Grange hall.

All exhibitors are requested to have their entries in by 12 o'clock, for judging. The show will be open to the public from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. There will be an Oriental division with arrangements carrying out the Oriental design, in containers and accessories.

Division I—Large disbudded mums.

Division II—Not disbudded mums.

Division III—Arrangements of chrysanthemums used in the home.

Division IV—Potted chrysanthemums.

Division V—Small arrangements.

Division VI—Other Flowers and Shrubs.

Anyone wishing to enter exhibits is invited to do so.

Three Act Comedy Pleases Woodburn

Woodburn — The three act comedy "Look Who's Here" was successfully presented Friday night at the high school auditorium by members of the Woodburn Business and Professional Women's club and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience. The cast was letter-perfect in lines and action and much credit is due Mrs. Don Bell, the director, for the splendid performance.

A 30 minute concert of band music was given by the high school band directed by Ralph McKenzie preceding the play and there were also numbers between acts.

Members of the cast included Mrs. Bell, Kenneth Thompson, Eugene Stoller, Mrs. O. J. Adkinson, Mrs. John Dickson, Mrs. Walter S. Scarborough Sr., Mrs. Walter Miller, Mrs. Lufe S. Peterson and Donnie Bell. Special mention is due Mrs. Adkinson as the servant girl and Mrs. Dickson as the aunt who arrives unexpectedly, and who furnish most of the comedy.

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Newcomers Sought In Woodburn Census

Woodburn—Newcomers to the Woodburn school district since October 25, 1948, who have not been contacted in connection with the current school census are asked to get in touch with Frank Proctor, district clerk, in order that the census may be completed by November 10.

The official tabulation should include all who have passed their fourth birthday but not their 20th birthday on October 25 of this year. However, this year all children under 20 years of age will be included in the census as the data is needed for future enrollments, and for the use of the county health department.

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One of the houses recently purchased by Lloyd Cochran on North Getchell street is being raised, new sills added and the whole house redecorated. Royal Cochran plans to move from the farm west of town to the house on the corner, fronting on Getchell street.

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Mehama Woman Tells About Trailer Trip

Stayton—Women of the Church of Christ met at the home of Mrs. Ira Kirsch at Mehama when Mrs. Paul Kirsch told of her travels across the United States by trailer. Thirty-five attended the meeting.

The members made plans to clean the church and lay a new carpet on the platform in November at a date to be announced later. Donations of clothing for the Ozark Mission in

Arkansas and the McKinley Indian Mission in Washington, will be sent away soon. A shower of canned foods and jellies for the Turner Memorial home will be delivered soon.

Mrs. Ben Basl will be hostess for the next meeting of the group, Thursday, November, 17.

Sheep Ranchers Meet

Portland, Nov. 7 (AP)—Sheep ranchers of the state opened their 54th annual convention today. Victor Johnson, Pendleton, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers association, said the two day meeting will take up major problems confronting the industry.

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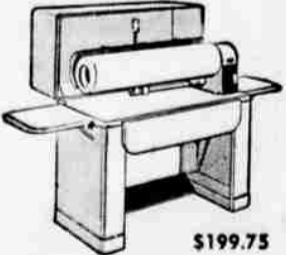
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