

# Sentinel

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## Rogue River Dams Still In The Air

A letter from D. H. Barber, president of the Preserve the Rogue association, to members of that organization, states that though a new report on the Rogue project has been promised for some months now, so far no report has come through. This is the projects which would involve the construction of high dams in the main stream of the Rogue river by the Reclamation Service of the Interior Department, and which is being contested by coast interests and sportsmen's and wild life organizations on the coast and all over the country on the

grounds of the threatened destruction of the salmon and steelhead runs of the Rogue river, as well as its cost far in excess of the benefits that would accrue from it.

Mr. Barber states that there is no reliable word as to why the report is being held up, but that there seems to be a persistent rumor that the Interior Department has bureaus which have been and probably still are against the proposed plans A and B, and that it is seriously considering some solution other than a high dam on the main river. Also the opposi-

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**JOINS BIEGGER'S STAFF**—Harold Kosko of Portland recently joined the sales staff of the Biegger Furniture company. He is in charge of the General Electric appliance department. Mr. and Mrs. Kosko have two sons, one of whom graduated in June from Oregon State college.

tion that has been aroused against the project as proposed, may be having an effect, though possibly the delay may be part of a plan to lull the opposition until such time as the Department is ready to act.

It develops that many of the land owners of the Rogue basin, as they become better informed as to the implications of plans A and B, are opposed to the project, owing to its excessive cost, and many of them are joining the association in opposition. Many of these are convinced that all the irrigation water they need can be obtained by some other plan to be worked out that would be far less costly and would not ruin the Rogue river for the fishing interests. They are being brought to realize that the organizations opposing the proposed dams are not opposed to irrigation in any way, but are convinced, as they are, that this can be provided at a much lower cost to those who will eventually have to pay it.

To many, such a plan must overcome several of the most important objections to the present plan: It must cost far less than \$435 an acre (\$653 if interest is added), so that it will not cost the landowner an exorbitant amount, not will it raid the treasury for \$6,000,000 or more as Plan A does. Also, if electricity is produced as a by-product, it must be at a price comparable to costs of private companies, which pay taxes and have other costs which the Government does not have. It is shown that at the present time the California Oregon Power company is producing electricity at a cost of less than 3.0 mills per kwh, while that produced under the proposed Plan A, according to the Reclamation Service's own figures, would cost nearly 4.2 mills, and anyone who has checked on the costs of government projects knows that its estimates are almost invariably around 50 per cent under the actual costs. This additional cost probably would not be charged up to consumers of electricity but it would have to come from somewhere, probably from the national treasury, which means the taxpayers' pockets.

As to relative costs of public and private power projects, it is shown that the California Oregon Power company, which is building

extensive generating plants on the upper Umpqua (which by the way are so located as not to interfere with fish propagation) is spending \$26,300,000 on those plants, which, when completed, will have an installed capacity of 145,000 kwh. Plan A of the Reclamation's Rogue River project on the other hand estimates the cost of its power plant at \$33,271,000 with an installed capacity of 92,250 kwh. Thus for nearly \$6,000,000 less cost the private company will get 50 per cent more installed capacity than Reclamation expects to get under Plan A. And this, remember, is the Reclamation's own estimate. It will cost more.

Notwithstanding that the Reclamation's plans now seem at a standstill, the Preserve the Rogue association plans to keep up an active fight against the proposed uneconomic proposal of the Reclamation Service and is anxious to

get more members and more finances, as both are needed to bring the fight to a successful conclusion.

—From Curry County Reporter

### Briner Buys Bendix Laundry

The Bendix Self Service Laundry was sold last week by Mrs. Harriet Bibby to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Briner of Sheldon, Mo. Mrs. Bibby had owned and operated the laundry for the past year.

The laundry business is no new enterprise for Mr. and Mrs. Briner since he had operated a cleaning and laundry route in Coquille before moving to Missouri.

Briner established and owned the Cow Bell Dairy at one time in Coquille. It is now a thriving business there. He had operated

a grocery store in Sheldon for the past four years.

Briner is a member of the American Legion and served as commander of the American Legion Post in Sheldon, Mo.

—From Myrtle Creek Mail

### Fairview Land Exchanged

Another land exchange in the Fairview grazing area has been

completed. Eugene A. Dooley, McKinley route, Coquille, has received patent No. 1129117 issued by the patent office as a result of an O. & C. land exchange application. District Forester Youngblood reported this morning that Mr. Dooley received title to 160 acres designated as the S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Section 9, T. 28 S., R. 12 W. The BLM received equal value of land in the Daniels Creek area.

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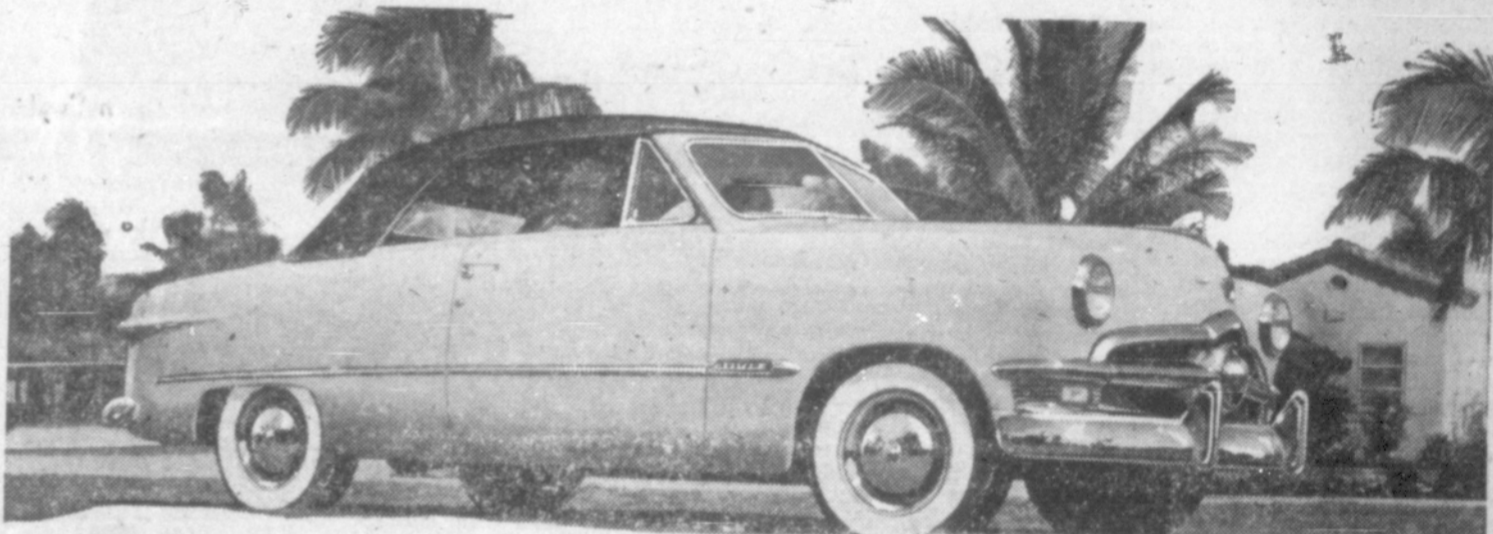
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