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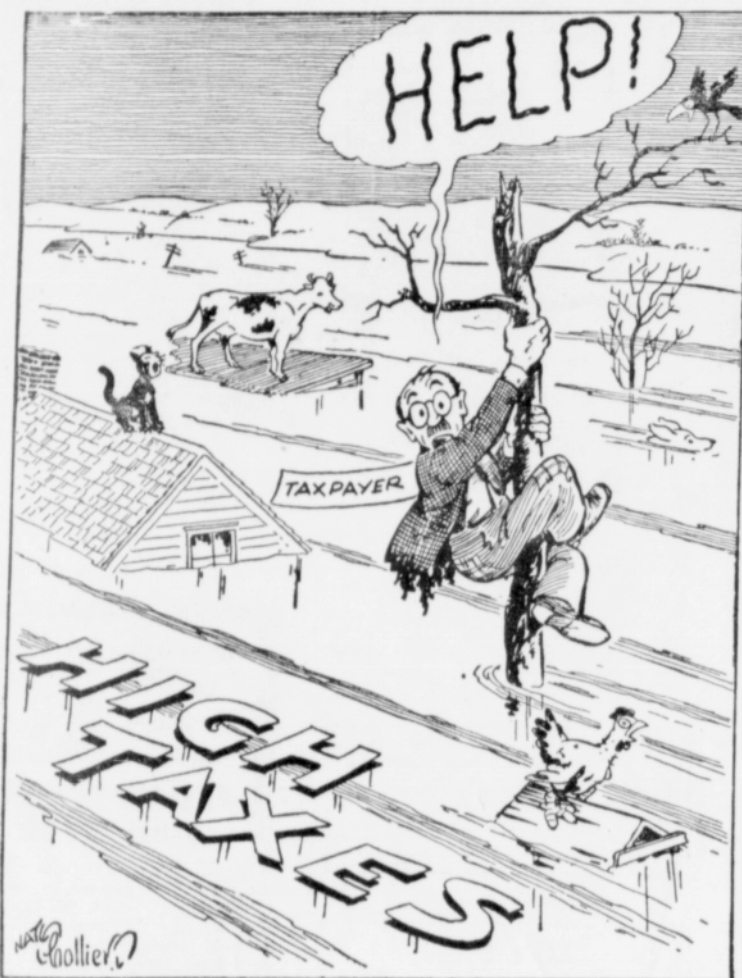
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By COLLIER



Surprise Party Held For David Looper

A surprise birthday party was given for David Looper at his home last Monday night. Games were played and he received many worthwhile gifts.

A light buffet supper was served to the following guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaufman, Mrs. Helen Ulrich, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Floyd, Freeling and Phil Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yandell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dunham, Miss Millicent Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Looper, Sr., Mrs. Melvin Steward and Laurence, and George Stanley of Gasquet.

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Irrigation Report On Rogue Basin

The Bureau of Reclamation report on the development of the water resources of the Rogue River Basin is a comprehensive report of what uses can be made of these resources and the cost of such construction, if deemed desirable by the people in the basin. The bureau makes no recommendation as to what should or should not be done. The people of the Valley will have a hearing on June 8th, at which time they may declare themselves for or against either or none of the plans. It is necessary, therefore, for all interested parties to study the report and get as sound an idea of what is being proposed as possible. Debates are encouraged to that end.

A fear has been expressed that acceptance of these plans would involve a Valley Authority like the Tennessee Valley set up. The Bureau of Reclamation was organized in 1902 and since that time has operated successfully in every Western state without setting up that type of authority. The bureau developed the Klamath Basin project, the Deschutes, the Vale Owyhee in Oregon. Many districts in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Utah, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California and no where have they used the Authority idea. The National Reclamation Association which speaks for most of the irrigation in the West has always opposed Valley Authorities, as has the Oregon Reclamation Congress. Your own local Rogue Valley Irrigation Association is on record as opposing the Palley Authority idea and so informed the Oregon delegation when the Columbia Valley Authority bill was proposed in Congress.

POWER COSTS

It has been stated that the Government proposes to sell its power from the developed plants at about twice the present price private utilities are selling for. The Oregon Public Utility Commission reports for 1945-46 give the average rates for power in the state as 15.7 mills, whereas the proposed production rate of the Bureau plan A is 4.2 mills. The average Oregon resale power is quoted at 10.4 mills and the California Oregon Power company rate 7.6 mills sale to municipal distribution systems. The fact that fifty years operation and maintenance, interest at approximately 3 per cent, and replacement over fifty years have added into the Bureau's production rate, has been largely overlooked. (See page 35 of the Report)

A study of unit costs of tributary storage shown in the report clearly indicates that no further irrigation can be had in the valley unless through connection with dual purpose structures.

The Oregon Electric Utilities manufactured in 1946 1,144,875,593 KWH and sold 2,318,189,315 KWH. The difference being somewhat greater than the production and is power imported to the state from other neighboring states, Washington, Idaho and California. A casual reading of recent news accounts should show a demand for more power exists. Mills have to close down, work short shifts and contend with "dim outs" and low voltage in much of the Pacific West due to shortage of power. The present power development will not keep pace with the growth of the West as is definitely shown by recent history.

This should answer a few questions upon which information is necessary.

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Girl Scout Activities, Emily Kellert Announces Another Leaders Meeting

Emily Kellert, district chairman announced another leaders meeting of Scouting will be held May 6th from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. in the Ladies Auxiliary room of the American Legion hall Cave Junction, for leaders, assistant leaders, committee members and any one interested in Girl Scouting.

There is need for more leaders. Another Brownie Scout Troop is off to a flying start under the leadership of Frances Cook in Kerby, and Assistant Leader Marjorie Logan of Cave Junction. The I. O. O. F. is sponsoring this troop which meets Tuesday afternoon in their hall with Committee Members Clarence Wallace, Irene Cribb and Ruth Terrill.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP ADDS NEW MEMBERS

Girl Scout Troop No. 1 spent most of the time at their last meeting assisting new members with tenderfoot and second class ranks.

Helen York, reporter, announced the following as new members. Mae Bowerman, Bonny Allen, Treve Allen, Janice Burnette and Carol Burr.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3 ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Mrs. A. M. Carson and Mrs. Dorothy Nicholson, leaders of Girl Scout Troop No. 3, entertained their troop committee and



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sponsor with a dinner in their honor at Mildred's Coffee shop in Kerby.

Tables were decorated attractively for the occasion and favors were given. Later the group met at the home of Mrs. Carson to make future plans regarding the troop.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore, Jr., of Kerby, Tuesday, April 20, at 3:30 a.m. a baby girl, weight 7 lbs. 9 ounces.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hinds of Cave Junction, Sunday, April 11, at 5:35 a.m., a baby boy, weight 7 lbs. 3 ozs.

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