

**LEXINGTON NEWS**

**Work Progressing on Water System**

By MARGARET SCOTT

The Federal Works Agency signs have been erected by Jacobson and Jensen, contractors. This is another step in the program to complete the new Lexington water system and as soon as the weather permits the work will be completed.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Lorraine Kraemer of Rivzville and Ralph Phillips of Lexington. They were married Thursday, January 18, at Lewiston, Idaho.

Mrs. Art Hunt and daughter Shirley have been confined to their home by flu.

The Ladies Aid society held their regular meeting last Wednesday in the Congregational church. An election of officers was held with the following persons elected: Frances McMillan, president; Maude Pointer, vice president; Mary Edwards, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rice returned home Sunday evening from an extended trip which took them into 23 states.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore are guests at the Ralph Scott home.

Mrs. Harvey Bauman and Mrs. Grace Turner are spending a few days in Portland.

Word has been received that James Pointer of Yamhill is in a Portland hospital suffering from a spider bite.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker and Mrs. Julia Cypert spent Friday at the home of Tom Barnett.

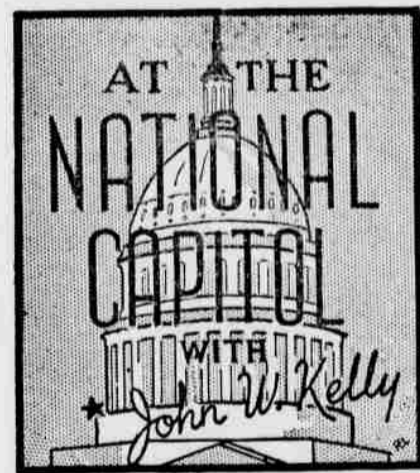
Cliff Daugherty received word this week that his parents' home and furnishings at Deer Park, Wash., were completely demolished by fire. His brother Claire and family, who have spent the past five weeks there, returned to their home here over the week end, but will return to Deer Park in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Callie Duncan returned home Monday from Wamic where they were called by the serious illness of Mr. Duncan's father.

The Merry Thimblers held their Thursday meeting at the home of Laverne Henderson. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at the home of Helen Breshears with Doris Klinger as hostess.

The Girls League and the Odd Fellows are planning a benefit dance for Erma Scott at the Lexington grange hall, February 3. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner and Lou Broadley returned home Tuesday from Portland accompanied by Kenneth Warner who has served out his time in the U. S. navy. Their other son, Vernon, remained in Carlton to work with Wayne McMillan. S. G. McMillan, who accompanied Warners to the valley, plans to remain for awhile.



Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—They are attempting to keep it a secret, but inside fact is that so many industries are nibbling for Bonneville power that Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator for the project, is afraid the industrial development of the Pacific northwest will be obstructed unless Congress votes money for more generators at the plant and sufficient funds to expedite Grand Coulee to the point of power production.

Negotiations in every instance are being conducted in secret. Eastern firms have suddenly become aware of cheap power in the Columbia basin and they are anxious to "beat the other fellows" (their competitors) to it. Only point that is causing delay in signing tenta-

tive contracts is the local markets. The eastern concerns are in the heart of the heavily populated area of America, which means large and immediate markets.

No less than seven different factories, all in the same line, are displaying keen interest in the possibilities of the far west, and at least one of these will sign for power. Important mid-west newspapers are denouncing Bonneville, accusing it of taking industries, such as Aluminum Company of America, when the concerns "might have" located in the Chicago area (where there is no such cheap power, by the way).

Because of the disagreement between Washington senators, Bone and Schwollenbach, chairman of the senate committee on appropriations has requested Oregon's McNary to appear before the committee and make whatever argument is necessary for an appropriation for Grand Coulee for the fiscal year 1941. The senior senator for Washington, Homer T. Bone, has been unable to return to congress since the session opened and the junior senator, Lewis B. Schwollenbach, on the verge of being named to the federal bench, doesn't expect to be in the national capital when the Grand Coulee item is reached by the committee.

Senator McNary will ask that funds be made available to install three generators at Grand Coulee (105,000 k.w. each) as the plan has been to advance Coulee that far by 1942, thus furnishing power to pump water on the first section to be irrigated.

Even though Secretary Hull may persist in his refusal to open negotiations for renewal of the trade agreement denounced by him, it is not believe commerce between the two countries will be halted on January 26. Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, with presidential approval, can withhold the imposing of penalties pending a rearrangement of relations between the two nations. This would not disturb existing tariff schedules but would permit continuance of normal trade free from the higher duties, such as are now levied on German goods. Japan is and for some time has been America's third best customer and in 1938 brought \$2 here for every American dollar spent in Japan.

The raw silk which is imported from Japan to the value of \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000 annually is processed here into a value of more than \$500,000,000 retail. It furnishes direct and indirect employment to at least 400,000 people and utilizes some \$200,000,000 of machinery. Japan consumes yearly 40 percent more cotton than is produced in the state of Oklahoma, giving work to several additional hundred thousand. With the unemployment rolls still high—with shipping adversely affected by the neutrality law—the administration can hardly afford to toss away this trade.

New York interests are considering the purchase of mineral properties in Oregon and Washington; gypsum in the former and tungsten in the latter. A representative of the owners has been in the national capital consulting war department officials, as gypsum and tungsten are classified as strategic minerals by the war resources board.

Statisticians state that government payments to farmers for parity and adjusted payments on account of soil conservation average \$21 to every person living on a farm or \$97 per farm in 1939. The government contributed 8.9 percent in addition to the cash income of farmers. Figures are for the national average; some northwest farmers received more, others less.

Only California will receive more forest highway funds than Oregon. The allocation to Oregon is \$1,171,758, in addition to which will be \$455,336 for truck trails in the forest. Washington's share is \$599,310 for the forest highways and \$312,678 for truck trails. For trails alone Idaho will receive \$514,961 and \$893,720 for forest highways. These funds will not have to be matched by the states.

Memorizing safety rules is not enough—you have to practice them.

**Bank Ends Year in Strong Position**

The Federal Land Bank of Spokane ended 1939 in the strongest position in its 23-year history, President E. M. Ehrhardt told W. Vawter Parker of Heppner, in a letter received by Parker this week. Parker is secretary-treasurer of six National Farm Loan associations which are stockholders in the land bank, and which make and service land bank loans in Grant, Harney and Morrow counties. These associations have 365 members. In addition, Parker's office services 208 land bank commissioner loans made through the land bank.

Highlights of the land bank's accomplishments reported by President Ehrhardt were the addition of \$1,220,839 to the bank's legal reserves during the year; the return of \$1,000,000 to the United States government by retirement of government-owned stock, and the sale of \$3,081,257 worth of real estate.

Borrowers from the bank reduced their indebtedness \$2,481,629 during the year. "Debt reduction is wholesome and desirable," President Ehrhardt said, "inasmuch as the main objective of the Farm Credit Administration is to help farmers help themselves get out of debt."

The land sales figure covers the return of 1,156 farm and 186 parts of farms to private ownership, with approximately one-third of the sales being made to tenants. Sales were \$2,186,645 greater than the value of property acquired by the bank during the year.

While there was some increase in overdue payments from farmers during 1939, mainly due to unsatisfactory prices, changes in the bank's collection procedure, President Ehrhardt said, "will eventually have the effect of reducing delinquency, as

well as rendering better service to worthy borrowers and reducing ultimate losses. It is our hope that with better prices for farm products substantial improvement will be recorded during the ensuing year.

As of December 31, the land bank had outstanding loans totaling \$101,278,987 in the twelfth Farm Credit district—Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. During 1939 it retired all of its short-term notes amounting to \$2,000,000, and in addition, retired \$824,300 of its outstanding bonds.

The land bank, President Ehrhardt pointed out, does not loan government money, but funds obtained by selling bonds to investors. These bonds are not guaranteed by the government either as to principal or interest.

**IRRIGON NEWS**

**Well Being Drilled on Grider Place**

By MRS. W. C. ISOM

Mr. Beebe of Stanfield is drilling a well for Walter Grider.

Mrs. Jack Browning was called to Centralia, Wash., last Friday by the serious illness of her father. Her son Bobbie Waters accompanied her on the trip.

Earl Leach is employed at Wallula, Wash. His wife and son are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith arrived home from California last Friday.

Mrs. Batie Rand and two sons, Herbert and David, have been ill the past week with the flu.

Mrs. Don Kenny entertained the members of the Pep club at her home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Allen from Umatilla visited the Hugh Grimm family Sunday.

**Attendance Rise Noted at E. O. C. E.**

A total of 314 students are enrolled for the winter term at the Eastern Oregon College of Education in La Grande, which is an increase of 19.8 percent over the 62 enrolled in the winter term a year ago.

There are 137 students enrolled in the regular lower division university or junior college course and 177 in the elementary school teacher training course. Eleven are transfer students from other colleges who have elected to attend E. O. C. E.

For the first time in the history of the college, the number of men and women students are equal, with exactly 157 men and 157 women.

Of the total registration 173 are first year students, 121 second year students, 18 third year students, and two who are college graduates taking the teacher training course.

**OSC Pharmacy School Gets High Rating**

Oregon State College.—The school of pharmacy here has just been announced as one of 54 institutions in the United States accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. This newly formed accrediting agency is sponsored by three national pharmacy organizations, some of which formerly conducted individual accrediting.

Of 70 colleges of pharmacy in the United States, 62 applied for inspection, but only 54 met the rigid requirements. Dr. Adolph Ziefle, dean of the school here, was informed. The O. S. C. school of pharmacy has maintained Class A rating since its establishment in 1898. Since that time, 750 students have been graduated.

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