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Umatilla Rapids Dam

Senator Charles L. McNary has again introduced the Umatilla Rapids bill in Congress, and Senator Champ Clark of Idaho has reintroduced the companion bill for construction of four dams on the Snake from Pasco to Lewiston. This means that our Northwest senators are alert as to post war development of the Columbia.

In addition to the old objectives for improving this great waterways which have been presented to the government for so many years, are now the more pressing needs for more electrical power, and the great need that will follow the end of the war for employment of men now on defense work and in the army. By the time that the Umatilla dam can be constructed in four or five years the installation of power units at Grand Coulee and Bonneville will be complete, and the power in use. The Reclamation bureau is also laying plans for use of much power to lift water from Grand Coulee 300 feet to the 1,200,000 acres of the Columbia basin irrigation project and the distribution of that power to the new towns and farms of that large area.

The same uses will be made of power from the Umatilla Rapids. Not many years ago the efforts to lift water for irrigation proved uneconomical because of the costs. Gravity flow into canals was the only method that proved successful. Recent years have witnessed a great change. Immense dams built by the government have produced cheap power, and the land in the west has been greatly improved. In this new order power from the Umatilla Rapids can be used to pump water onto a quarter of a million acres in Horse Heaven country, west of Hermiston, to the dry acreages east of here adjoining the wheat fields, and south on the Teel project. All these possibilities are well within the lap of the future.

When the war is over from ten to fifteen million men and women will be without jobs, and employment must be provided for well in advance of their return to normal life, or we will find ourselves in worse condition than in the deep depression days. The Umatilla dam project is ready to begin construction tomorrow as to all surveys and preliminary work, and only awaits a measure to provide the funds. It is for these reasons that our senators are on guard and we may be assured that when the proper time comes the Umatilla Rapids dam will be one of the first public works to be approved by Congress.

ECHO NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. W. H. Cray

A tractor school for the benefit of farmers of this locality is to start next Monday and continue through February 27. Arrangement has been made by federal officials to use the Berry service station shop rooms for the purpose. Any farmer may bring his tractor and make needed repairs or check-up without cost to him. Muri Berry will act as instructor and supervise the work and the owner will learn how to repair and service his machine, being out only his own time and the cost of any parts needed. The school will open at 9:00 a. m. Monday and continue until 4:00 p. m. daily during the week. Farmers desiring to participate in this school may sign up with Mr. Berry.

Miss Margaret Ann Brinker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brinker of Freewater, and Blair Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bowman of Echo, were married at Pendleton Friday. Mr. Bowman was home on furlough from Ft. Mead, Maryland, where he has been taking a course in medical unit work. He returned to Maryland Tuesday and expects to be assigned to overseas duty soon. Mrs. Bowman, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Ramos Jr. in Echo, will live with her parents at Freewater for the present.

Mrs. Luther Hindman, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harold Liesegang for several weeks, returned Sunday to her home in Elgin.

Floyd Daniels of The Meadows district was called to Portland Monday by news of the death of his son Eddie who was killed in an accident. Eddie Daniels was a member of the navy air force. Funeral services were held at Portland Tuesday afternoon.

Echo high school Cougars defeated Ione 45 to 23 Tuesday evening, finishing their conference schedule with 12 wins and no losses, winning for the first time in their history an undisputed claim to the Little Wheat league title. The Cougars made a total of 559 points during the series to 222 for their opponents, an average of 46.5 points per game. The Little Wheat league is composed of high school teams from Echo, Umatilla, Ione, Lexington, Stanfield, Boardman and Irrigon. Echo's nearest rival, Umatilla, lost three games in the series. Each Cougar proved himself a scoring threat with Walt Bromell making 170 points in the season, followed by Dallman with 93 points. Other players on the Echo squad are Luciani, Reese, Bill Correa, Joe Correa, Robertson, Esselstyn, Penney and Meachan. The team is coached by M. E. Larive, superintendent of Echo schools.

Lester Pearson, former Echo man, is visiting relatives and friends in Echo and Stanfield this week on a 12 day furlough from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was inducted into the service in August at Spokane. He is serving in the ground forces, headquarters flight and at present is acting as postmaster at the barracks. He expects to be assigned to foreign duty after his furlough.

Mrs. Myrtle Hess, Mrs. Art Williams and son Roger, and Mrs. Edward Hess and daughter Beverly of Pendleton spent Wednesday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrews Jr.

Mrs. Pete Berg of Hermiston, Mrs. Roy Conser and Mrs. J. J. Chisholm of Walla Walla were called to Lakeport, Calif. by the serious illness of their father, S. W. Wattenburger, brother of A. E. Wattenburger of Butter Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers, who were occupying one of the Bard cottages, moved to Wapato, Wash. Saturday and the Hidey family moved into the cottage Sunday.

Ray Tolar, accompanied by his son Mickey, took a truck load of cattle to Portland and returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Brown returned Tuesday from Payette, Idaho, after visiting their son who is to be inducted into the armed service soon.

Fred Andrews Sr. who has been on the sick list for some time, is now able to be out and drive his car. A change in Union Pacific train time effective Monday gives Echo better service than heretofore. East-bound train No. 26 leaves here at 2:27 p. m., permitting an afternoon shopping trip to Pendleton, returning on No. 25 which arrives here at 11:32 p. m. The night service to Portland is also better, train No. 25 leaving at 11:32 p. m. and arriving at Portland at 6:30 a. m. There is no afternoon train to Portland since the change. Anyone going east on No. 18 may take No. 3 eastbound at Echo at 10:36 p. m. and transfer at Pendleton to the fast train.

Registration for fuel oil was completed at Echo Wednesday after three days afternoon and evening sessions at the school house. High school students, under supervision of Supt. Larive, received the applications which are forwarded to the rationing board and allotments of oil will be determined later.

Captain Troy D. Walker, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrews Sr., has gone to Salem to take charge of personnel in the state selective service headquarters.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. C. D. Whitney

On the local gym floor last Tuesday night Umatilla defeated the high school and Irrigon defeated Umatilla in the grade school game. It was Irrigon's last basketball game this year. It was also a try-out game for the new system the State Board of Physical Education is planning for the coming year. When a person makes a foul he goes out of the game for two minutes and his team plays with only the number of men there are out on the floor.

Mrs. Wiley Benefiel left for Ocean-side, Ore., last Tuesday night to visit her sister, Mrs. Harry Cooper for a few days before returning to her work at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Amis spent several days this past week in Portland.

Mrs. Ben Netter of Portland is vis-

iting her mother, Mrs. Clarence Amis. Mrs. Stella Doll and family moved into one of Mrs. Suddarth's houses. Mrs. Suddarth has rented the Pete Berg place for the coming year.

Marion Pierce spent a few days in Portland visiting his wife who is in the hospital there. He states she is very much improved. He also visited his brother and family there.

Mrs. Marguerite Houghton has begun work at the Ordnance Depot. Miss Agnes Caldwell and Mrs. C. D. Whitney and children spent last Saturday in Umatilla visiting Mrs. Stella Rathke and family.

The roads are much better than they were. The school buses and cars were having a hard time getting over them the past week.

Irrigon high school had to postpone their play until this Friday night because the lights went off at 6:47 and didn't go back on again until 9:30 Friday night.

Three student nurses from St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton were here Thursday afternoon to talk to the junior and senior girls in case any of them were interested in the field of nursing.

Ladd Sherman has purchased a '37 Chevrolet sedan.

Miss Lois Williams of Hermiston is staying at the Ora Thompson home.

Lester Sikes is just getting over a case of pneumonia. He was very sick for a week.

Vernon Amis of Pilot Rock is visiting his father and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Amis.

The construction work at Irrigon is getting along very nicely. Glenn O'Brien has finished his new house. The J. A. Shouns have put a new coat of paint on their house and C. D. Whitney has finished his 20x48 chicken house.

Mrs. Grider and son Marion of Pendleton were Sunday visitors of the Henry Millers.

Mrs. Harry Smith's daughter Joy from Kennewick is visiting her and other relatives here. Joy's husband is in the armed forces.

A navy training plane from the Pasco Naval base was forced down Monday night 2 1/2 miles west of Irrigon. LeRoy Minnick and Roy Fredrickson helped the two sailor occupants guard it until Tuesday morning. They returned it to the base.

Mrs. Roy Minnick and children Luella and LeRoy, Mrs. Henry Miller and children Shirley and Eunice and Roy Fredrickson motored to Pendleton Tuesday.

Fuel rationing is being carried on at the school house Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Juanita Volle enjoyed a horseback ride over the hills half way to Lexington Monday.

The days are getting so nice, the high school students just can't resist playing hockey any longer even if the six weeks tests are coming up next week.

Frank Rider was called to Heppner Saturday for a physical examination. Bill Volle went to Heppner Tuesday for his physical examination.

BOARDMAN NEWS

Mrs. Margaret Thorpe

Mrs. Henry Phelps started working at the U. O. D. this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hardwicke of Weldon, Colo., left for The Dalles after spending two weeks at the Henry Phelps home. Mrs. Hardwicke and Mrs. Phelps are sisters. Mr. Hardwicke is a telegrapher and will work at The Dalles.

Buster Rands came home from Boise Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur Allen went to Huntington Thursday to spend a few days with Mr. Allen who is working. Mr. Allen expects to take over the Castle section soon and Bill Lilly will go to Imbler, unless other changes are made.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie and sons motored to Pendleton Tuesday.

Each room held a valentine party at school Friday. Several mothers and pre-school children attended the first and second grade party.

The annual Mother-Daughter party was held at the school house Friday night. The cafeteria was full of small tables decorated with white candles and placecards of red hearts on white lace. The program consisted

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of several speeches and vocal numbers.

The bus took the Boardman Yellow Jackets and several students to Stanfield Friday night where the local boys played a victorious game.

Effie Bullack went to Pendleton Wednesday where she will visit her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Macken are spending a few days in Boardman. Edgar is in the navy stationed at Pasco.

Mrs. Surrell spent a few days in Hood River visiting relatives.

A principals meeting was held at Boardman Friday in regard to fuel rationing. Those attending were T. H. Burton, Lexington; Ladd Sherman, Irrigon; Mrs. Nance, Ione; Lucy Rodgers and George Corwin, Heppner; and Francis Harter, Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melcher went to Yakima Wednesday to visit relatives.

The three high school teachers attending a teachers conference on physical education at Pendleton were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Harter and Beverly, Mrs. Doris Colter and Mrs. Bouey, and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe.

The Gorphams are now operating a magazine counter in a corner of the store. Most every kind of magazine may be obtained there.

Flossie Coats spent the week end in town with her mother.

Mrs. J. K. Walpole attended the Ladies Aid meeting in Umatilla Tuesday.

The trains have changed schedules this week. The east bound train will be due at 1:37 p. m. and the west

bound train will be due at 12:25 a.m.

Mrs. Mefford and Mrs. Vernon Root and son came from Athena to spend the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller and Mrs. Bill Lilly went to Heppner Monday.

Russell Miller got a load of grain at Stanfield Saturday and a load at Lexington Monday for the Grange.

A high school in Hazelton, Pa., started a tin can collection contest between rooms and wound up the week with 29,000 cans.



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