

# IRRIGATION AREAS SAVED BY FUNDS OF GOVERNMENT

### Rogue Valley Districts Put On Sound And Economical Basis By Federal Investment—Saving Is Cited.

The benefit of government investment to Jackson county is shown clearly in the refinancing which placed irrigation districts of the Rogue river valley on a sound and economical basis.

There are five irrigation districts in the valley, all of them organized under state law. The districts were carved out of lands susceptible to irrigation. It was a cooperative plan developed by the landowners themselves. They organized themselves into a district and each landowner became a stockholder in accordance with the number of acres to be irrigated.

In most instances the irrigation districts involved the impounding of water. This required the sale of bonds under the irrigation district law of the state.

State Lends Aid  
In order to stimulate the reclamation of land under these projects, the state passed a law enabling the farmers and orchardists of the district to organize and, in effect, subscribe so many acres to each district.

Bonds were issued which became a lien upon the lands of the districts. To promote sale of the bonds, the state guaranteed the interest for a period of three years, purpose of this being to help the district during the early years of the project.

All of the districts of the valley were projected at a time when construction costs were high. Some of the irrigation systems were built on a cost-plus basis.

6 Percent Bonds Issued  
Bonds bearing a 6 percent interest rate were sold and in most instances discounted to effect a ready market.

In the case of the Medford irrigation district, largest in the valley, purchase was made of the water rights of the Flah Lake Canal company, a private corporation. To cover the cost of the water rights and construction of the main canal and laterals, bonds were issued in the sum of \$1,200,000. They were long-term securities bearing 6 percent interest.

Medford district embraced about 10,000 acres and included many of the finest orchards in the valley. Under the state irrigation plan, annual assessments were made upon the lands to cover the cost of maintenance, administration, operation, interest on the bonds and amortization of the bonded debt. The assessments ran as high as \$15 an acre annually. The assessments were placed on the tax rolls and became a tax lien against the property.

Debt Burden Excessive  
The depression struck the country, economic conditions became severe and the Medford district found its debt burden impossible to carry. By 1933 the district had accumulated deferred interest payments of about \$200,000. In addition it owed the state about \$250,000 for interest paid on its account. This, together with the principal amount of the bonds, made an accumulated debt of \$1,650,000 in 1933.

After the Roosevelt administration took charge of the government in 1933, Medford irrigation district applied to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a government agency, for funds with which to carry out a refinancing plan. Tax delinquencies at that time had reached an appalling condition. General conditions were so bad that the district had defaulted on interest due the bondholders.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation agreed to assist. It sent field men and appraisers into the district, secured the bonds to be impounded and furnished funds of \$440,000 to refinance the district and discharge all of its outstanding obligations.

Savings Noted  
The district then issued bonds to the government for the sum of \$440,000. They were 33 year bonds drawing interest of 4 percent.

It will be readily seen from these figures that the government's refinancing brought the district a direct benefit of about \$1,210,000. This was a direct saving to the landowners under the district.

As a result of the refinancing, assessments have been reduced to \$8.50 an acre annually whereas previously they had run as high as \$15.

(Editor's Note—This is the first of a series of articles showing the economy and benefit of government investment in Jackson county. Another article will appear shortly.)

Two well-known persons having surnames of Aa were Peter Vander Aa, a Dutch bookseller in Leyden; and Christian Charles Henry Vander Aa, a Dutch churchman.

Increased activity in the German chemical industry has greatly reduced the number of unemployed chemists in that country, according to a report from Frankfurt-on-Main.

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## Lost River BUTTER

# DEATH COMES TO MRS. J. W. MERRITT, VALLEY PIONEER

Mrs. Jennie Elizabeth Merritt, one of the old time residents of Jackson county, passed away at a local hospital in Medford Friday evening, after a week's illness, aged 68 years. For the past several years she had been residing with her daughter at 16 Ross Court, Medford.

Mrs. Merritt was born at Clinton, Henry county, Missouri, in September, 1868, a daughter of William and Rebecca Moore. When 7 years old she came with her parents to Jacksonville, Ore., where she received her education in the public schools and spent most of her girlhood. Having graduated from the high school under the principalship of Prof. J. W. Merritt, she for several years taught school in Sams Valley.

On December 15, 1891, Genevieve E. Moore was united in marriage to John W. Merritt, who was then conducting a successful mercantile business in Central Point, Ore. Having started a similar business in Gold Hill, Ore., the family moved from Central Point to Gold Hill in 1916, where Mr. Merritt was actively engaged in business until his death in 1921. Mr. Merritt was well known as an able educator and a beloved and respected citizen of Jackson county.

Of the union was born one daughter, Esther Louise, now Mrs. Bridane L. Sanderson.

Mrs. Merritt was baptized in the Presbyterian church at Jacksonville by Father Williams and ever since her girlhood had been actively engaged in church work. She was a member of the Presbyterian church in Medford and well known as a leader of the Merritt Circle, she was a member of Nevada Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Central Point, and a member of the Past Matrons club of Nevada, chapter of Central Point and of Beames chapter of Medford.

Mrs. Merritt leaves to survive her daughter, Mrs. Bridane L. Sanderson, one grandson John Merritt Sanderson, one step-son, George J. Portland, Ore.; one step-daughter, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Robert L. Moore, of Central Point, Ore.

A woman of sterling character and steadfast in Christian belief, Mrs. Merritt leaves besides her relatives, a host of friends who will continue to keep her in reverent memory.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Perl Funeral Home at 2:30 p. m., Monday, interment in Jacksonville cemetery.

# MEDFORD BRANCH OF ZONTA FORMED; OFFICERS NAMED

Organization of a Medford branch of Zonta International, women's classified service club, was completed at a dinner meeting Friday night at the Hotel Medford, under the leadership of Miss Vera M. Fowler, of Chicago, field secretary. Membership is based on classification, members being selected from the representative business or industries of a city. The most outstanding woman in each business or profession in a city is chosen to represent that group in the club.

Zonta International was founded in 1919 in Buffalo, N. Y., and has since grown to international standing, having clubs in Sidney, Australia; Vienna, Austria; Hamburg, Germany; Stockholm, Sweden; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Honolulu, Hawaii. Medford is the third city in Oregon to be selected for inauguration of a chapter, the other two being Portland and Salem.

Miss Fowler stated that classification is the basis of the entire organization, Zonta being to women what Rotary and Kiwanis clubs are to men of the community, selective membership being maintained. Among service aims of the club, she listed: Encouragement of high ethical standards in business and the professions; improvement of legal, political, economic and professional status of women; promotion of spirit of good fellowship; work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executive women in business and professions, united in the Zonta ideal of service.

Local officers of the club are headed by Mrs. Margaret Fabrick, as president, others being Ethelwyn Hoffman, first vice-president; Mrs. Thora Smith Lawrence, second vice-president; Louise Basford, secretary; and Josephine Kirtley, treasurer. Directors are Mrs. Fabrick, Mrs. Effie Kurtz, Mrs. Hoffmann, Miss Kirtley, Miss Basford, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Maude M. Snider and Miss Phyllis A. Swearingen.

Other members are Mrs. Anita Robertson, Eve Benson, Zoe H. Hurd, Florence A. Leonard, Lura L. Lynch, Bernice Cameron, Mabel C. Mack, Stella J. Merrick, Lois G. Young, Mabel C. Conger, Blanche LeClere and Lois C. Lindsey.

The club will hold two meetings monthly, a luncheon the 4th Monday and an evening session the 2nd Monday.

# SACRED HEART ON APPROVED ROLLS STATE HOSPITALS

The American College of Surgeons has listed a list of approved hospitals in Oregon which includes the Sacred Heart hospital here. Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, associate director of the college, who has charge of the hospital standardization movement, explained the approved list in part as follows:

"The hospital standardization movement was inaugurated for the purpose of encouraging, assisting and guiding hospitals to meet certain definite requirements for the proper care of patients \* \* \* solely for the protection and benefit of the public."

Approved hospitals in Oregon are as follows: Astoria: Columbia Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital. Baker: St. Elizabeth Hospital. Corvallis: Corvallis General Hospital. Eugene: Pacific Hospital. Klamath Falls: Hillside Hospital, Klamath Valley Hospital. Medford: Sacred Heart Hospital. Ontario: Holy Rosary Hospital, Oregon City: Oregon City Hospital, Pendleton: St. Anthony's Hospital.

Portland: Dr. Robert C. Coffey Clinic and Hospital, Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children, Emanuel Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, Multnomah Hospital, Portland Sanitarium and Hospital; St. Vincent's Hospital, Burnham Hospital for Crippled Children, Veterans' Administration Hospital. Roseburg: Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Salem: Oregon State Hospital, Salem General Hospital. \*Provisionally approved.

Stated meeting, Table Rock Council No. 15, R. & S. M., Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening, October 20th, 8 p.m. Degrees, Refreshments. L. C. STEWART, Master. E. M. WILSON, Secy.

Stated meeting of Crater Lake Chapter No. 32, R.A.M., Medford Masonic Temple, October 20th, 1936, 7:30 p.m. V. A. NORRIS, H.P. E. M. WILSON, Secy.

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# LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Patrol Sale—Patrol of Zulema temple, Daughters of the Nile, will hold a rummage sale next Friday and Saturday, according to present plans.

Kiwanis Party—Kiwanians and their ladies will hold a dinner and card party at the Hotel Medford at 6:30 tomorrow evening. The club's regular weekly luncheon-meeting will be omitted tomorrow.

Rifle Practice—Members of company A and headquarters company 189th infantry, will use the outdoor rifle range all day today to complete their course in marksmanship. The period for qualifications ends October 31.

Fines Imposed—Harvey Snook and Alfred Davis, both of Medford, were fined \$25 each by City Judge Allen D. Curry yesterday on charges of reckless driving. Harvey K. Miller, visitor from California who was riding with Mr. Snook, was fined \$13 for being drunk.

Bible Class Meet—Loyal Women's Bible class of the First Christian church will meet at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the recreation hall of the church. All members were asked to be present. Visitors will be welcome, the announcement said.

Lange Here—Francis G. Lange, landscape architect of the national park service who spent the summer at Crater Lake, and Mrs. Lange arrived in Medford from the mountain resort Friday. They will remain here for a few days. Mr. Lange expects to be assigned this winter to park service headquarters in either San Francisco or Portland.

Enlist in Army—Enlistment in the United States army of the following youths was announced yesterday by Sgt. Willis E. Estep, recruiter in charge of the Medford station in city hall: Roy J. Baker of 423 Park avenue, assigned to the field artillery, Hawaiian Islands; Crandall Conner of Gold Hill, 10th field artillery, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Jack L. Lewis of Trail, 7th infantry, Vancouver barracks, Wash.; and Lawrence R. Garrison of Grants Pass, air corps, Philippine islands. Sgt. Estep said that vacancies exist for both foreign and domestic service. He stated that he is especially desirous of contacting truck drivers, chauffeurs, typists, photographers, radio mechanics, telephone operators, armorers, carpenters, sheet metal workers and welders. Schools are maintained by the army to train young men for these kinds of work, the sergeant said.

Visits Parents—C. J. Hansen, of San Francisco, spent the latter part of the week here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hansen. He continued to Portland yesterday.

Open D. A. V. Drive—A squad of Disabled American Veterans of the World War will be in action Monday calling upon merchants regarding window cards to advertise the forthcoming sale of "Forget-Me-Not," November 6, 1 and 7. Sale of the emblematic flower each year helps to carry on relief work of the ex-servicemen's organization.

Episcopal Dinner—Announcement was made yesterday of the annual dinner for members of the St. Mar's Episcopal parish, scheduled for October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the parish hall. There will be no charge and entertainment is being arranged for the evening. Anyone interested in the church is extended a cordial invitation.

I. O. O. F. Dance—Rogue river encampment No. 30, I. O. O. F., will hold a dance at the West Sixth street hall on Friday evening, October 23. The dance will follow a business meeting scheduled for 8 o'clock. Good music is promised for the event and all Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their guests are invited to attend. No admission will be charged.

Makes Inspection—E. B. Hamilton, in charge of construction for the World War veterans state aid commission, arrived here Friday to make an inspection of the repair and renovation of commission-owned residences in Medford and vicinity. The renovation is being done by a crew of 18 men under the supervision of Eugene Mosberger, the commission's superintendent of construction. Mr. Mosberger is a colonel of the Oregon national guard in command of the same organization.

Pass Navy Tests—Byron L. Allison, Jr., and Stanley Rhoads of Grants Pass were successful in passing their final examinations for enlistment in the United States navy. It was announced yesterday by Ernest M. West, recruiting officer. They have been transferred to San Diego, Cal. for

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three months of preliminary training before being assigned to actual duty. Their enlistment completed the October quota for this district. Mr. West said. He asked that qualified youths desirous of enlisting consult him at his office on the second floor of the Medford postoffice building.

# TRANSIENT HELD FOR AUTO THEFT

George H. Elliott, 26, described as a "floater" from Los Angeles, was held in county jail here last night on a charge of stealing a car owned by the Brill Sheet Metal Works on East 8th street.

The car was reported stolen from the alley at the side of the metal works about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Slightly more than an hour later city police were informed that the car, with Elliott in it, had been found in Grants Pass. Deputy Sheriff Herb Moore brought Elliott to Medford.

A car owned by Lloyd Johnson of 311 South Peach street, and stolen here on October 9, was found abandoned yesterday in a rice field near Willows, Cal. Sheriff Roy Head, of Glenn county, notified city police Lewis Calhoun, a friend who was in Willows yesterday, was to bring the car back for Mr. Johnson today.

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# CRATER OFFICES MOVED TO CITY

Executive personnel and office records, supplies and equipment of Crater lake national park will be transferred from the mountain resort tomorrow to winter headquarters in the federal building here.

In winter the executive personnel occupies the federal courtroom and offices on the second floor of the postoffice building. A problem is foreseen this year as federal court is to convene here again on December 1. Where the park personnel will go during the term of court has not yet been determined.

# TILLER-TO-TRAIL ROAD GETS FUND

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Forest roads of Oregon, many of them important parts of the state's highway system and others listed as primary links, were budgeted for \$1,195,000 by the federal bureau of public roads here.

Ten major projects were listed in the proposed expenditures for the fiscal year of 1938.

Projects listed in the federal budget included: Tiller-Trail highway, grading, \$110,000; Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, grading, surfacing and oiling, \$100,000; Cascade lakes, \$33,000.

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# Obituary

Farrell C. Skillings  
Farrell Carl Skillings aged 19 years passed away in a local hospital Friday evening from pneumonia due to exposure in the recent Bandon fire. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Skillings of Imbler, Ore. One sister resides in Washington. The body was forwarded by the Conger funeral parlors to La Grange, Ore., Saturday evening where funeral services will be held and interment made.

D. T. Gerdes  
Funeral services for Dietrick T. Gerdes have been changed, and will be held at the Perl Funeral Home Monday at 1:30. Dr. Sherman L. Divine officiating. Interment will take place in the Medford I.O.O.F. cemetery.

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