

## KLAMATH RIVER DIVERSION PLAN CONSIDERED ANEW

Yreka, Cal., Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Engineers of the U. S. bureau of reclamation have indicated informal discussions with Siskiyou county farmers that the bureau is considering diverting water from the Klamath river into the Sacramento river, it was reported today.

M. V. Maxwell, Siskiyou county farm advisor, said the engineers were arranging for a public hearing on the proposal project in Klamath Falls, Ore., within the next few weeks. Maxwell in turn said he will call a meeting of farmers at Montague, Cal., to discuss the plan prior to the Klamath Falls meeting.

**Talked Before**  
Maxwell and Roy E. Swigert, secretary of the Montague Irrigation district, believed that the proposal may be a revival of the so-called old Marshall Plan, whereby a canal was to have been dug between the Klamath and Sacramento, for irrigation purposes.

The abandoned canal route extended along the foothills skirting Willow and Bogus creeks and Goose Nest mountain. A new proposal would re-route the canal around the foothills of Mt. Shasta and then into the Sacramento river near Weed. The reported plan, unconfirmed by any official government source, entailed a gravity flow of Klamath waters into the Sacramento along the east side of the Siskiyou mountain divide. This water then presumably would be diverted into the lake created by Shasta dam as part of the power resources of the central valley water project.

**Copeo Opposes**  
O. G. Steele, vice-president of the California Oregon Power company announcing that his firm would fight any plan to divert Klamath river waters from their present course, said an alternative plan may be under consideration by the bureau.

Topography indicated, he said, that a feasible route for a Klamath-Sacramento canal would be through the Lookout country directly to the Pit river, thence emptying into the Sacramento. Steele said diversion of water from the Upper Klamath would "reduce the power output of all installations served by the California Oregon Power company, which derives power from Copeo lake near the California-Oregon border."

### Posthumous Honor For Sgt. Mitchell, Family Is Notified

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mitchell of South Pacific highway, Grants Pass, have received word from the war department of a posthumous award of a second oak leaf cluster to the air medal, for their son, S/Sgt. Mark A. Mitchell, killed in action in southwest Pacific area October 26, 1943.

The citation reads: "For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight to . . . on 11 October 1943. Sgt. Mitchell was assistant radio operator of a B-24 which raided this enemy harbor. Disregarding possibility of anti-aircraft fire from shipping and shore batteries, the pilot descended to minimum altitude, and the crew skip-bombed an enemy vessel. Two direct hits resulted, causing the ship to burst into flames, and as the B-24 departed the fire was enveloping adjacent vessels. The courage and devotion displayed by Sgt. Mitchell on this mission are worthy of commendation."

The Mitchells have received also for their son besides the two oak leaf clusters and the air medal, the purple heart, the silver star, a citation of honor signed by Gen. H. H. Arnold, and a presidential gold star citation.

Sgt. Mitchell attended school in Grants Pass and graduated from Klamath Falls Union high school in 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell recently moved back to Grants Pass from Oakland, Calif. The family is known in Medford.

### DEPOSITS VAST

New York, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Total deposits of Chase National Bank will exceed \$7,000,000,000 before the war is over, Chairman Winthrop Aldrich told the annual meeting of stockholders today.

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## An Island Universe

By J. Hugh Pruett  
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"How far can one see with this telescope?" is often asked by observatory visitors. Let us counter with, "How far can one see without optical instruments of any kind—excepting a pair of good eyes?"

Along the earth's surface we may observe hills, mountain ranges and snow peaks at distances of 10, 50, 100 or more miles, depending upon the clarity of the lower air. The stratosphere balloon, Explorer II, reaching 13.7 miles altitude in its ascent from Rapid City, South Dakota, on November 11, 1935, enabled its passengers to see 330 miles in every direction. Even the curvature of the earth was evident.

When looking into the sky, we see the moon a few hundred thousand miles away; the sun and planets, millions of miles. But the fixed stars send their light to us across the immense space of trillions of miles. If our eyes are good they will receive light from "far beyond the stars," entirely past quadrillions and from quintillions of miles of almost eternity. At this time of year around 7 p. m. there is almost directly overhead an object that is four quintillion miles from us. This object is so inconceivably far away that its light, traveling 186,000 miles a second, is just now reaching us

after 700,000 years of flight across an immensity of night and nothingness.

This is the great Andromeda galaxy, another immense star system far outside our own galaxy of billions of stars, and sometimes called an island universe. If the air is very clear and you are well shielded from artificial lights, you should see this far away wonder, which will appear as a very small and faint hazy patch, about like the head of an indistinct comet. This is the most distant object your unaided eye can see.

Until 20 years ago the Andromeda galaxy and numerous other similar objects were thought to be members of our own star-system. Although it looked like a nebula, the spectroscopic showed its light was that of stars. The huge 100-inch Mt. Wilson telescope and modern photography finally resolved it into millions of the tiniest of pin-points of stars. Recent methods of space-measurement reveal its real distance. Look for this at your first opportunity. Its reality is overwhelming!

**WEATHER**  
Northern California—Cloudy today, tonight and Thursday with light rains along coast north of San Francisco and over Siskiyou mountains. Little temperature change.

Closing time for Sunday 100 Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

## Lt. Curtis Hopkins In Mediterranean Bombardment Unit

15th AAF in Italy—Second Lt. Curtis E. Hopkins, 21, of route 2, Medford, Ore., has been assigned to the oldest heavy bombardment group in the Mediterranean theater of operations. He is a bombardier on a 15th air force Flying Fortress.

Lt. Hopkins, a graduate of Medford high school, was a student at the University of Montana when he enlisted in the air forces on December 4, 1942. He won his wings and commission at Deming, New Mexico, on June 1 of this year.

The organization to which he has been assigned has flown more than 400 combat missions, bombing enemy installations in almost every axis-dominated country in Europe from bases in England, North Africa, Russia and Italy.

Lt. Hopkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hopkins, Sr., reside at route 2, box 228.

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