

Lush Warner Valley Development Plan Expected to Proceed as Proposed

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Lakeview, Ore., June 9—(U.P.) Agricultural development of the lush Warner valley in Lake county will probably proceed as proposed, with sportsmen satisfied that waterfowl nesting in the area won't be disturbed, it appeared today after members of the state land board and sportsmen from all parts of Oregon got together in the area.

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Boy Scouts Found Safe After Boat Trip

AUGURN, Cal., June 9—(U.P.)—Four Sacramento Boy Scouts, missing for more than 20 hours on a life-raft ride down the American river, were found safe today six miles south of here.

They were discovered by a search posse led by Placer county Sheriff E. J. Kenison, who said the boys had abandoned their raft and were walking along the river. They had traveled about 23 miles from Weimar, Cal., where they took to the river yesterday, Kenison said.

The youths, all members of Sacramento Explorer Scout Troop 2024, were David Sommers, 17, Clarence D. Gallagher, Jr., 17, Walter Lester Cox Jr., and William Riter Jr., 19, of Portland, Ore., a house guest of Gallagher.

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all hands agreed. The question was: How much of the area could be reclaimed for agriculture without disturbing the geese and the ducks?

Sportsmen Agree
Well, 8,000 acres just north of Crump lake can be reclaimed, and the sportsmen agreed it would not hinder, but might even help the lush nesting areas to the north—just before you get to Hart lake.

The land board members—Gov. Douglas McKay, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson—went into the area Wednesday with a caravan of sportsmen and of ranchers who farm nearby areas and who are interested in what will happen to their water rights if the proposed reclamation project comes off.

E. T. Pierce, clerk of the land board, explained that the dike, which would drain the 8,000 acres for which a lease already is contemplated, would extend from the north shore of Crump lake in a southeasterly direction for some eight miles, actually, the straight-line distance of the dike would be about 2 1/4 miles, but it would be built roughly in the form of a crescent, which would make the greater length necessary.

Would Plant Grain

The man who has the lease under consideration would plant grain for the first three or four years—probably oats or barley—then convert the entire 8,000 acres to meadow. Grass in the valley grows prolifically, hay crops are phenomenal. The first years of the grain crops are what caused conservation and misgivings among sportsmen and some farmers, at the start. They said the steady wind that whips through the valley, would lift the crop right off the ground and take a lot of valuable top soil along with it. That's what some ranchers said. Sportsmen feared the ducks and geese—oblivious to the fact they might be trespassing on some man's crop—would get into the grain fields, and devour so much of the crop that the operators would seek state permission to destroy the birds.

But the men interested in the development of the 8,000 acres said they were convinced the crop would not blow away. They pointed to the fact that frost settles in the area involved—and that means dead air. No wind. Where the winds blow, the frost doesn't linger. They also felt that damage to grain would be minimum, until grass could be planted in the area, then there'd be no work as far as the birds were concerned.

No Bad Effect
After a visit to the scene, where the men left their cars and footed it over rocks in rattlesnake hillsides, sportsmen and farmers agreed that the 8,000 acres probably would be reclaimed without bad effect for anybody. And why the reclamation? Well, the money from the state's share of the crops—one-fourth of the net—will go into the state school fund. Several head of cattle graze in areas

of the valley already in meadow, and it would be the aim eventually to put cattle on the 8,000 acres of planned meadow.

No, the 8,000 acres is okay. That's ironed out. But the land board, or some of the men in it, feel that more acres could be reclaimed, particularly the area of the Petrie swamp.

Sportsmen objected to that on the field trip Wednesday. They feared any such development might persuade the birds to go elsewhere for their nesting. Men who argued for further reclamation in the area, said the birds could go across the narrows and nest on the other side. Men who argued against further reclamation said you might have a hard time convincing the birds they should move to the other side. They've been nesting there since before the white men first saw the area. And some sportsmen said they didn't think the waterfowl would consider it in order to give up their squatter's rights, or nesting rights.

All Arguments Heard
At any rate, the land board members heard the arguments on all sides, but made no decision on the spot. Gov. McKay left soon after the field trip for Klamath Falls, where he flew to San Francisco for a meeting of the intergovernmental relations committee.

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Phoenix Club Elects Mark Norton Leader

Phoenix, June 9—Mark Norton was elected president of the Phoenix Community club and Youth Center at the regular annual election of officers June 6 at the Community building. Fred Kuest, vice-president; Marie Furry, secretary; Mabel Bourne, treasurer; and Cecil Norris, correspondent.

New members on the board of directors are A. C. Lewis and Johnny Klassen, replacing two retiring members. A meeting of old and new officers and the new directors is called for Monday, June 12, at the home of Mark Norton, to formulate further plans for the club.

A covered dish dinner preceded

ed the meeting and was well attended. A few sets of square dancing were enjoyed before movies shown by Mrs. Fred Hagren of the May festival, snowcat operations at Crater Lake and others of the fair at San Francisco.

Membership tickets for 1950 are now available and can be procured by contacting club officers.

Another dance will be held at the new building Saturday night, June 10, with music again by Connie Connors and his band. The building is cool and the floor in good shape.

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TRAINING PAYS

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BERLIN—Near the famous Brandenburg Gate, U. P. correspondent John B. McDermott interviews British M.P.'s, on jeep patrol along the route of the threatened march of 300,000 Communists into the city's western sector.



AT THE SOURCE OF THE NEWS



WASHINGTON—Lyle C. Wilson, chief of the United Press bureau in the capital, discusses with White House press secretary Charles G. Ross, right, a message on taxes from President Truman.



NEW YORK—Between rounds of a workout in Stillman's Gym, middleweight contender Steve Belloise cocks his left for what Leo H. Petersen, U. P. sports editor, hopes is merely a playful punch at him.



TAIPEI, Formosa—During a visit to the military hospital, marking her first public appearance since returning from the U. S., Mrs. Chiang Kai-Shek grants an exclusive interview to Arthur Goul, of United Press.

LONDON—Veteran U. P. correspondent Harold Guard interviews Seretse Khama, whose marriage to an Englishwoman brought a threat by the British Government of banishment from his Bamangwato tribe.



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FRANKFURT, Germany—Out on ball after U. S. authorities jailed her for spying for the Russians, Regina Rowlands tells her story to U. P. correspondents Walter G. Rundle, center, and Jack Meehan.



HOLLYWOOD—In an exclusive interview, Humphrey Bogart states his views on pandas and other night-club fauna to U. P.'s correspondent in the screen capital, Virginia MacPherson.



RIO DE JANEIRO—At the South American conference of U. S. ambassadors, Thomas R. Curran, United Press vice-president for South America, talks with U. S. Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, Edward G. Miller, right. Seated at the left is Herschel V. Johnson, American ambassador to Brazil.



TOKYO—Russian member of the Allied Council for Japan, Lt. Gen. Kusma Derzavanko, refusing to listen to American charges of Soviet failure to repatriate thousands of Japanese, walks out of a council meeting. To get a statement by the general, U. P.'s Ernest Hobrecht goes along with him.



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