

Wide Open Spaces In America Baffle Japan War Bride

Tupelo, Miss. — (U.P.) — When Mrs. Melvin E. Bingham first arrived in this country, her husband, Sgt. Bingham had a lot of trouble explaining why there were so many unused "wide open spaces."

Tupelo's first Japanese war bride, the former Miss Yoshiko Okita of Moji, Japan, came from a country where every available inch of space is put to some use. "I thought the best way to show Pee wee (the sergeant's pet name for his wife) the country when we arrived in Seattle was to drive to Mississippi in a round-about way," Sgt. Bingham said. "I finally told her that much of the western land is unfit for anything and so it is unoccupied."

The sergeant met his bride while she was working in a snack bar in Kobe. They married last spring soon after the ban on marriage to Japanese women was lifted by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. There is a little Bingham, too, their son Charles.

The two are at present living in the home of Bingham's sister, Mrs. Lester Swindle. They will leave next month when Sgt. Bingham goes to his new post at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

It is the first visit Bingham has paid to his home town in five years. Mrs. Bingham said she "loves America" and her new-found friends haven't "given her time to get homesick" except maybe for Japanese cooking. "American food is so rich," she said. "The cooking is the only thing I miss."

Bingham said his family has taken Pee wee to their hearts. "They are all surprised at her English," he said.

Mrs. Bingham, who was taught by a Britisher, has very little accent. "But it's all Japanese when she gets mad at me," the sergeant grinned.

Heavy water, which makes up about one part in 5,000 of ordinary water, contains heavy hydrogen rather than the usual kind.

Smelt Run Disappears From Kowlitz River

Kelso — (U.P.) — The smelt run has disappeared from the Kowlitz river in southern Washington but commercial fishermen Thursday were successful in dipping some of the fish in the Kalama river.

No smelt have appeared yet in the Lewis and Sandy rivers. A week-end closure is in effect until 8 p.m. Saturday in Washington tributaries of the Columbia.

New York — (U.P.) — A Supreme Court justice has upheld the validity of Mexican divorces in New York state provided one of the parties was personally in Mexico and the other either appeared or was represented by an attorney.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy through Saturday with a few light showers of rain or snow pellets in valleys and snow in mountains. Clear, Low 28-30 tonight. High 32-35 Friday.

LOCAL DATA
Temperature, a year ago today: Highest 66; Lowest 34. Total monthly precipitation 1.19 inches. Deficiency for the month .11 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1931, 18.17 inches. Excess for the season 5.20 inches. Relative humidity 4:30 p.m. yesterday 30%; 4:30 a.m. today 70%.

Observations Taken At 4:30 A.M., 120 Meridian Time

	High	Low	Prec.
Boise	61	39	
Boston	58	34	
Chicago	45	32	
Denver	51	30	
Eureka	53	46	
Havre	58	32	
Klamath Falls	66	41	
Los Angeles	77	51	
Medford	76	48	
New York	57	38	
Omaha	48	30	
Phoenix	81	52	
Portland	65	44	
Reno	65	36	
Eugene	66	45	
Salt Lake	51	32	
San Francisco	76	51	
Seattle	58	40	
Spokane	64	47	
Washington, D.C.	60	36	
Yakima	69	44	

Tomorrow
Sunrise 5:59 a.m. Sunset 6:33 p.m.
Five-day forecast (Friday through Wednesday):
Western Oregon: Recurring showers. Cool with temperatures averaging below normal. Highs in upper 40s and low 50s. Lows in 30s.
Northern California: Few showers Friday and Saturday. Recurring rain beginning Saturday night or Sunday and continuing into Wednesday. Snow in mountains. Temperature near normal, becoming below normal Sunday to Wednesday.

Dr. Raver Urges Construction Of Proposed Hells Canyon Dam

Washington — (U.P.) — Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville power administrator, Friday urged construction of Hells Canyon dam on the Idaho-Oregon border as a project "any soundly managed American business concern" would undertake.

Raver, chief of the government's power distributing agency in the Pacific Northwest, backed the controversial project in a statement filed with a House interior subcommittee. The subcommittee is considering a bill to authorize the \$356,000,000 dam.

Opponents Heard Saturday
Witnesses favoring the project were to complete their testimony Friday, and opponents will be heard beginning Saturday.

Only isolated power and water projects have been built in the nation in the past, Raver said, and have captured only "a small part of the usefulness of a river." Hells Canyon is the next step, he argued, in an "interconnected" system which will give "multiplied" benefits in the Columbia basin.

If a business concern had a resource similar to the Snake and Columbia rivers, he said, it would be "remiss" if it didn't go ahead with Hells Canyon. **Would Help Industry**

The "low cost power" the project will produce, he contended, would help the phosphate industry in southern Idaho and would satisfy a "rapidly increasing" demand for electricity for irrigation pumping in the same area.

Idaho's senators and representatives oppose the project. One of their objections is that it would slow down irrigation and other development in Idaho.

William A. Dittmer, power manager of the BPA said power from the dam would be marketed at a rate that would promote production of fertilizer from phosphate. Idaho has nearly half of the nation's rock phosphates, he said but power rates so far have allowed production only of chemically-usable phosphates. Dittmer also submitted a letter giving details of an offer to

sell power from Hells Canyon project to the Idaho Power company. The letter said the terms were similar to those accepted by the Montana Power company for Hungry Horse project power. The Idaho company has an application for a smaller power dam at the Hells Canyon site

pending before the Federal Power commission.

Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman told the subcommittee late Thursday he did not think any settlement of the controversy with Idaho Power was possible. Under questioning by Rep. Samuel W. Yorty, D-Calif.,

LIFE PRESERVERS REJECTED

New York — (U.P.) — A shipment of 2,500 life preservers for New York's ferry boats tagged "approved—U. S. Coast Guard" was rejected by city inspectors after tests proved some of them sank within two hours. They were returned to the manufacturer.

he agreed that the company would drop its opposition if it got a contract for all of the Hells Canyon output.

But if a bill allowing such a contract were passed, he said, "I would recommend a veto."

Most Stolen Jewelry Said Underinsured

Chicago — (U.P.) — More than 50 per cent of the jewels lost or stolen so far this year were underinsured, an insurance company survey says.

"Too many people lost money replacing missing jewels," said John A. Arnold, vice president of National Retailers Mutual Insurance Co. "Their insurance paid only a portion of the replacement cost."

The hardest hit was the group that bought jewelry more than three years ago, he said.

He cited the example of a man who bought a diamond ring in 1941 for \$350 and insured it for that amount. When the ring was lost last summer, the man learned it would cost him \$1,200 to duplicate it today.

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