

## Collections Top Investments in Reclamation Work

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States has spent \$2,600,000,000 for projects during the 50-year history of the reclamation program and has collected \$4,000,000,000 in federal taxes from them, Reclamation Commissioner W. A. Dexeimer said today.

In addition, he said, the government has been repaid almost \$600,000,000 of the construction cost through sale of hydroelectric power and through receipts from project water users.

**Repayment Small**  
Repayment of construction costs still is comparatively small in proportion to costs, Dexeimer said, because most of the projects have been in use only 10 or 15 years.

Repayment is flowing into the treasury at a rate of about \$60,000,000 a year, Dexeimer said, and will increase gradually as more projects are completed.

Tax and repayment income from major projects like the Columbia basin, Colorado-Big Thompson, Missouri basin and others will not be felt for many years, he said. That will be when these areas are fully developed in terms of irrigation, service institutions, processing, manufacturing and other activities which follow development of resources.

In addition to having brought into the treasury about 35 per cent more money than the government invested in the projects, Dexeimer said, reclamation contributes to the national economy in various ways.

Sugar cane has been cultivated only about 500 years.



Typical Monterey coast scene is pictured above in a reproduction of one of the new all-color photos being given away at Standard Oil Company of California outlets this summer. Fifteen views, suitable for framing, are being distributed

by the company in a program to encourage travel to the beauty spots of the West. Each scene is described in text on the reverse. Photo above was taken by Hollywood cameraman Frank Tanner. Text is by columnist Stanton DelaLanae.

## Longest Arch Bridge In World Opens Soon

Tokyo—(U.P.)—The longest arch bridge in the world, the Inoura Narrows bridge spanning the mouth of Omura Bay at Nagasaki, will open for traffic soon.

The Omura Narrows, separating the towns of Inoura and Seto, are 40 meters deep, with a current flowing at about nine knots. Because of this it is not possible to even build a scaffold in the narrows to assemble an arch.

Japanese engineers stretched a half arch from the coast on both sides. The two halves met in the middle of the narrows—an operation requiring the highest degree of precision in all aspects of the construction work.

The bridge is 7.5 meters wide and 316.26 in length. Its central span is supported by a fixed steel arch of braced ribs 216 meters long. The arch span weighs 1,759.52 tons.

The span length of this arch ranks third in the world for a fixed steel arch. The longest is the 289.6-meter rainbow bridge spanning the Niagara Falls. The second is the Henry Hudson Bridge, of 243.8 meters, in New York City.

The rarely used cantilever tie-back system was adopted for the construction of the arch. The system was required because conditions rendered the usual scaffolding for the construction work impossible.

The construction work was executed with a total budget of \$1,530,000.

Although there are four varieties of frozen cooked potatoes on the market, 85 per cent of all frozen cooked potatoes is processed as French fried potatoes.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

## Traffic Deaths 2,700 for April

Chicago—(U.P.)—The National Safety Council said today there were 2700 traffic deaths for April, the second consecutive month that the total has risen.

It was about four per cent higher than the number for April of 1954, and was the first time deaths have gone up two months in a row since the nation began a downward trend in highway deaths in September, 1953.

For the first four months of the year there were 10,480, about the same as for the first four months in 1954, but on a mileage basis this year is better than last, the council said. Travel was up six per cent for three months for which gasoline consumption figures are available, and deaths were down one per cent.

Of 513 cities reporting for April, 361 had perfect records. The three largest were Oklahoma City, Worcester, Mass., and Salt Lake City. At the end of four months, 222 cities had perfect records, the largest being Hartford, Conn., Berkeley, Calif., and Lynn, Mass.

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## Caution Urged in Aiding Stutterers

Dayton, O.—(U.P.)—A speech expert says that parents of children who stutter should be careful in trying to help the youngsters.

Too much effort can make the situation worse, according to Cletus Fisher, executive director of the Dayton Hearing and Speech Society.

Stutterers make up one of the largest groups of handicapped persons, with about seven of every 1,000 persons affected to some degree.

"Stutterers are not born, they're made," Fisher said. "It seems that stuttering is the result of an emotional problem."

"The average child of two to five makes 45 repetitions per 1,000 words. That is normal. It does not make him a stutterer."

"But many families can't let the youngster grow out of it normally. They try to do something about it. They'll tell the child to slow down, breathe deeply, or repeat what he has said."

"As a result, the child gets so self-conscious about what he is saying and how he is saying it that he is straining practically

## Mexico To Oregon Horseback Ride Set

Culver City, Calif.—(U.P.)—Lewis Crank, president of Equestrian Trails, said today the Riding and Trail Club will conduct a Mexico to Oregon horseback ride beginning June 6.

Crank said more than 100 members of the Los Angeles club would convene at Tecate, Mex., to begin the 1500 mile ride, tentatively scheduled to last 60 days.

all the time. Consequently he stutters."

Fisher said that therapy for stutterers is mostly a self-help program for both children and parents. Once parents learn stuttering is a matter of tensions, not mentality, the pressure on the children are reduced and stuttering decreases.

When company's coming, fix a fancy fruit cup by cutting grapefruit in two, sectioning out grapefruit, removing membranes with scissors and fluting edges using kitchen shears. Combine any favored fruits remembering that canned cling peach slices go well with grapefruit sections, bananas, pineapple, etcetera.

## Ex-Luftwaffe Ace Helping To Keep U.S. Planes Flying

Ft. Knox, Ky.—(U.P.)—An Army private here who shot down Allied planes for the Luftwaffe during World War II now is helping to keep U.S. Air Force planes flying.

Pvt. George Kozmon, a former lieutenant in the Hungarian Royal Air Force, has crammed a lifetime of adventure into the 10 years that saw him change from an officer of the Axis forces to an American enlisted man.

A mechanic here, he still is technically a "security risk" because he has relatives behind the Iron Curtain in Communist Hungary. Under Army regulations he must serve out his two years as a private because of this classification.

Before he was drafted, however, he was offered a first lieutenant's commission in the U.S. Air Force, which he refused because it would have meant four more years in uniform.

Kozmon, who flew one of the first German-made jet planes against the Allies in World War II, is getting a little tired of military uniforms. He hopes to exchange the current olive drab for that of a commercial airlines pilot when he is discharged.

In the closing days of World War II, Kozmon was shot down by the Russians and imprisoned. He escaped and made his way to Germany, where he was captured by the U.S. Third Armored Division in 1945.

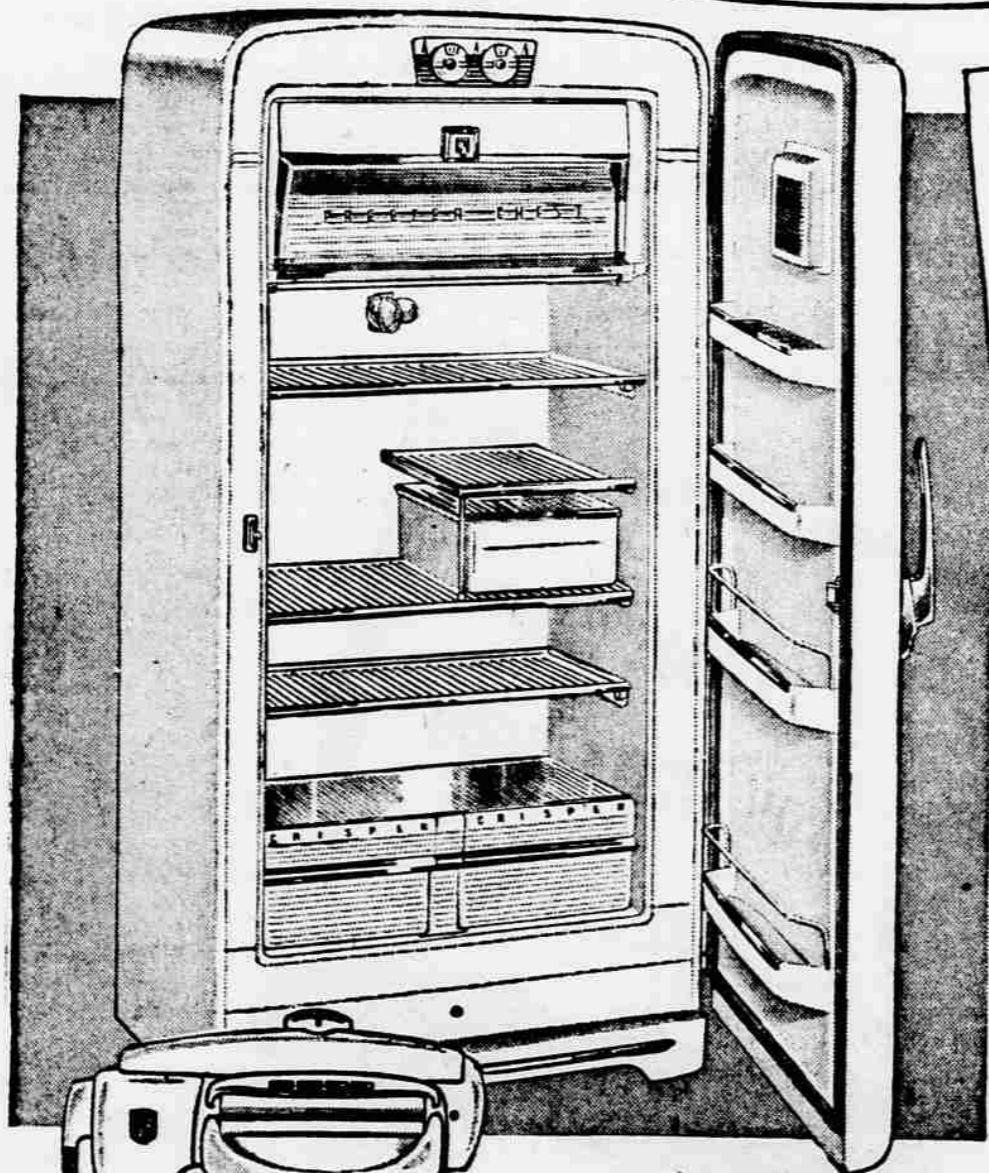
When he was freed at war's end, he married his childhood sweetheart who was a nurse in Berlin. He and his wife then moved to West Germany, where Kozmon worked as an electrical engineer. He and his wife came to the United States under an immigration quota in 1952, and he enrolled in electrical engineering at Cleveland's Fenn College.

He was promptly drafted and put back in uniform, but, thanks to this military service, he is now a naturalized citizen. And air enthusiast since he took up glider flying in Hungary as a boy of eight, Kozmon tinkers with planes here and flies occasionally.

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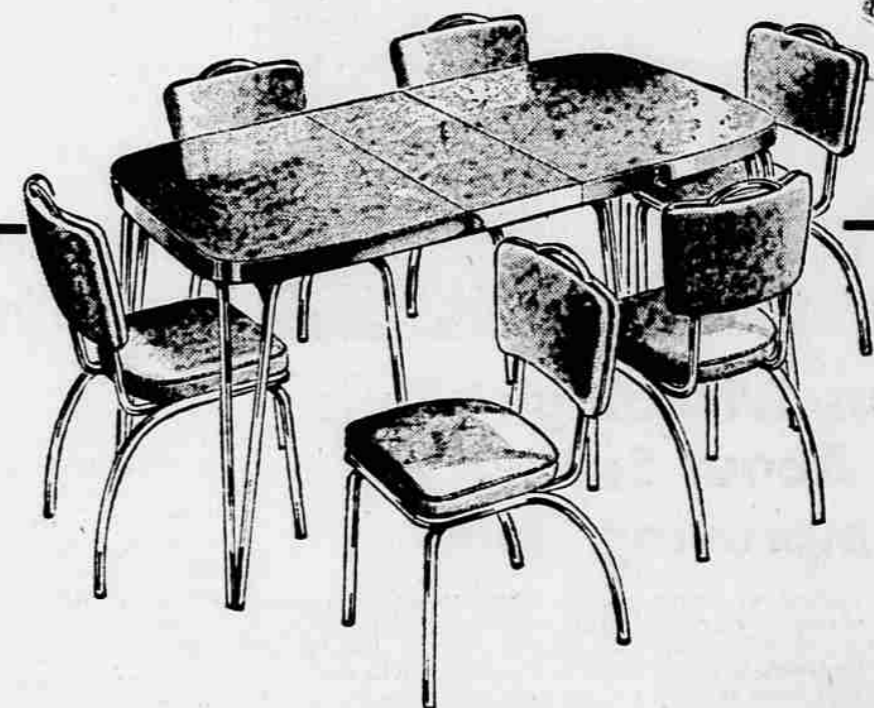


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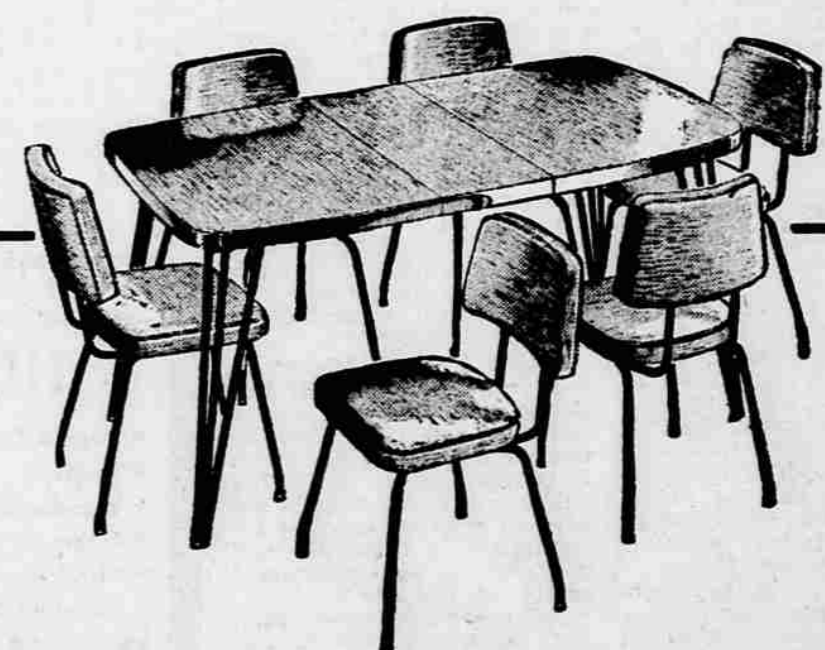
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