

# Foes of Middle Snake Dams Voice Opinions For FPC at Pendleton

Pendleton — (U.P.) — The Federal Power commission hearing on the application of a group of Northwest power companies to build Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams on the Middle Snake river opened its second day here today with opponents of the proposal taking the stand.

Lyle R. Wolf, attorney for the National Hells Canyon association, said he expected to present between 15 and 20 witnesses today who will offer testimony opposing the granting of licenses to the private power companies. Other Side Heard Yesterday's opening day testimony was limited to testimony in favor of granting the federal licenses. Allan A. Smith, Portland attorney representing the four utility groups proposing the construction, called some 40 witnesses to speak in behalf of granting the licenses.

## Other Side Heard

Arthur G. Hicks, assistant attorney general for Oregon, announced the state of Oregon will reserve its testimony until the hearings are reconvened in Washington, D.C. on July 24. In an opening statement yesterday, Smith said: "No other major hydroelectric project or combination of projects has the necessary preliminary work of engineering, negotiating and financing completed to the point where a prompt issuance of a license would permit getting a substantial block of new power on the line to avert a shortage by 1960."

## Back Stairs: Special Hook-Up for Ike

By RICHARD E. MOONEY United Press Correspondent Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at Walter Reed Army Medical Center: President Eisenhower got a special radio hook-up in his hospital because he didn't want to hear the announcements and "pop" songs which are part of the fare on regular stations and Walter Reed's own small WRAH. The hospital has 1000 pink plastic speakers — round and thin, a little larger than a silver dollar — which a patient can slip under his pillow. There are enough for each patient to have his own, with a choice of four stations — WRAH (between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.) and three of Washington's commercial stations. Mr. Eisenhower gets a special program of music piped directly into his room, courtesy of WGMS, "Washington's good music station."

## Madras Girl Drowns In Irrigation Pond

Madras — (U.P.) — An irrigation pond claimed the life of a 12-year-old girl near here yesterday when a raft she and two other children were playing on capsized. Drowned was Beverly Ames, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin G. Ames, Madras area farmers. Officers said that the girl was playing on the raft with Bob Townsend, 9, and his sister, Rita, 8. When about 15 feet from shore the raft capsized and spilled the children in about six feet of water. The accident occurred about 4:45 p.m. on the Earl Watson farm about four miles north of here near highway 97.

## HOW DO YOU DO?

Waterbury, Conn. — (U.P.) — William E. Sullivan, who lives on Sylvan ave. here and works in New Haven, and Irving King, who lives on Sylvan ave. in New Haven and works here, finally met. Their cars collided.

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# Oregon Cities Win National JC Awards

Kansas City — (U.P.) — Portland, Astoria and Pendleton, Ore., were honored with awards today at the National Junior Chamber of Commerce convention here.

Portland won first places in cities of its division in youth welfare, project of the year, public safety and public school welfare. Portland was third in aviation, sports activities, trade promotion and traffic safety.

Astoria was second in cities of its class in civic improvement and in project of the year and third in printed publications.

Pendleton won a first place for public affairs.

# Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — One of the most talked about television shows in this area never will be seen by the rest of the country because the star, Oscar Levant, has two reasons for keeping it local.

"If it went network they'd make me go to New York and I can't travel farther than Culver City. I'm a shut in," the witty pianist said in his usual deadpan fashion. "Besides," he added, "I never could get my old table back at LePavillon."

Thus Levant's program will remain a popular item only for local residents. On the panel show Oscar interviews composers, but the audience is more interested in collecting his ad libs. On Bing Crosby's "Hi Tor": "It's like the legend of Sleepy Hollow — very sleepy and very hollow."

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"On my first show," said Oscar, "I didn't say 'charming' or 'delightful' to the guests in one hour and 20 minutes. I defy anyone in the history of TV to match that statement!"

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# On The Side

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

The most popular comedy character in the French drama is the deceived husband. He is usually depicted as a pompous personage preoccupied with business and golf, and with no talent or inclination for participating in those romantic interludes which women find so necessary to complete their contentment. This type of comic character is becoming increasingly popular in this country. Feminine theatergoers view such portrayals with unrestrained enthusiasm. They shriek with delight at the deceived husband's discomfiture or at any wisecracks voiced at the poor wretch's expense. As a charter member of the Husbands Protective association I view this situation with alarm. An example of the type of play I have in mind

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is that hilarious hit titled "fallen angels." This deals with the antics of a pair of golf widows during the absence of their spouses. In a way it recalls that show of the yesteryear called "The Cradle Snatchers." Incidentally, in that play Humphrey Bogart played the part of a Latin type gigolo.

## Please Note

When Errol Flynn and Bette Davis were co-starred in "Elizabeth and Essex" they quarreled considerably during the making of the film. Errol now reveals that one of the major causes of these quarrels was that Bette loves garlic and insisted upon consuming same at lunch. This made the playing of love scenes with her very trying in the afternoon.

## Asides

The traditional Malay wedding oath is, "Thee I take for my wife in the long journey of life" . . . The fortune is made of a man who can figure out a dog repellent for use by postmen. The number of mail carriers bitten by dogs has recently shown an alarming increase.

## Horses and Women

The average Italian believes woman's place is in the home. Most of his countrywomen agree with him. After marriage, the girls give up their jobs. Most of the girls in the working group are unmarried.

## Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Why is that section of Hollywood where so many night clubs are located called "The Sunset Strip"? A. The name has no connection with the night clubs. It is a strip of land that, while in the heart of Hollywood, is officially county territory and therefore comes under the jurisdiction of the sheriff's office.

## Births

A bit of surprising statistical information is that Sweden leads the European countries in the matter of illegitimate births. One birth in every 10 in Sweden is illegitimate. In France, it is one in 12. In Britain, one in 20. In Italy, one in 30.

## Young Winner

Lester Piggot, the great English jockey, comes from a long line of race riders. Some of his ancestors were jockeys 200 years ago. Lester won his first race when he was 12. A reporter congratulated him upon having entered the winners circle at such an early age. Lester replied, "Oh, that's nothing. My grandfather won his first race when he was 9."

## Among the Married

Does your wife always vote the same as you do? I note it said nine out of 10 women vote the same ticket as their husbands. That I doubt. I know quite a few women who are not in agreement with the political views of their husbands. Even to the point of belonging to a different political party. I also have noted it claimed that in the case of a male candidate against a female that

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# Five-State Alert Ordered for Robber

Minneapolis, Minn. — (U.P.) — FBI agents today ordered a five-state alert for the man in the gray flannel suit who single-handedly robbed a suburban bank of \$17,500.

The nonchalant bandit, waving a .45 caliber revolver, strolled into the Park Plaza state bank in the busy shopping center of St. Louis Park Monday.

A teller, Mrs. Phyllis Kakach, laughed in disbelief when he ordered her to place money on the counter.

But the gunman snapped "I mean business," and calmly proceeded to stuff the money into a canvas bag.

He kept seven employees and a customer at bay and escaped in a getaway car which was found abandoned in an alley a mile away. There was no trace of his movements from then on.

## A LOGICAL DEDUCTION

Inglewood, Calif. — (U.P.) — Parakeet lover Enos H. Davis complained today that some early "worm" got 18 of his birds from a back yard cage. Some of the birds couldn't fly, so he's sure they were stolen, Davis told police.

women "will always vote for the man." That I don't believe either. Women legislators are bound to have the interests of women and children much in mind. They go all out in battling for their own sex. Women voters realize that and a good feminine candidate will get their votes.

# Major Shipyard Strike Threatens West Coast Ports

Portland — (U.P.) — A major shipyard workers strike at Portland and other points on the West Coast was threatened today as officials announced that a stalemate has been reached in negotiations designed to head off the walkout.

A strike could go into effect Sunday at midnight unless an agreement is reached before that time. Negotiations are being held between the AFL-CIO Pacific Metals Trade Council and the Shipbuilders Association of the Pacific. The across-the-board pay raise with employers countering with an offer of nine cents.

## Serious Stalemate

Bill Way, president of the Portland Metal Trades Council, said last night that a "serious stalemate" had been reached in the negotiations.

About 3000 Portland shipyard employees and an estimated 10,000 on the Pacific Coast would be affected by a walkout.

Present scale is \$2.29 an hour which the union seeks to have raised to \$2.50 in a master shipbuilding agreement for the West Coast.

Locally, a tieup would halt construction on two luxury Matson navigation ships.

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# DOG HATES POINTERS

New York — (U.P.) — Patrolman Mario De Lauro, 29, said Mrs. Ida Pickett of Brooklyn was quite pleasant when he gave her a ticket for going the wrong way on a one-way street — but her dog wasn't. After De Lauro gave her the summons, Mrs. Pickett asked the policeman how to get to Pennsylvania station. When he pointed out the direction the dog bit his finger.

Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — Circuit Judge William Shaughnessy ruled Monday that youngsters may continue to ride rocket ships and hobby horses as long as their parents have dime to put in the rides. He said the rides are not in a class with illegal pin-ball machines even if they do operate from a coin slot.

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