

Natural Gas Line Suggestion Made

Washington—UPI—The Justice Department has recommended to the Federal Power Commission that Pacific Northwest Pipeline Co. be set up as a separate corporation and be allowed to build the Rock Springs pipeline from Wyoming to California.

The recommendation was made in a petition filed with the FPC, which is considering applications to serve the California natural gas market directly from Wyoming and from Texas.

The Justice department has fought a merger between El Paso Natural Gas Co. and the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Co. in the courts. It told the FPC that operation of the Rock Springs line by Northwest alone would better serve both California and the Pacific Northwest.

Shipping Union Ratifies Contract

Long Beach, Calif.—UPI—The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union has overwhelmingly ratified a new 44½-month West Coast contract with the Pacific Maritime Association. Announcement of the ratification by union officials officially ended a strike against West Coast shipping firms which had tied up 50 flag ships before President Kennedy intervened.

The West Coast vote was 1,629 for ratification and 213 against. The Sailors Union of the Pacific and Marine Firemen previously accepted a new agreement with the association.



SADNESS SETTLED—Youthful residents of Camanche, Calif., play in the "downtown" area where sadness has settled, for this is its last summer. Engineers are building the \$33 million Camanche dam on the Mokelumne river a

few miles away and when it is completed sometime next year, the town will be under 30 feet of water. Founded in the early 1850s, Camanche was a leading gold rush town. (UPI)

Residents of Doomed California Town Recall Glorious Days of Another Era

Camanche, Calif.—UPI—The doomed town of Camanche came to life for one last time this week.

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Mokelumne river. When it is completed sometime next year, the town will be under 30 feet of water.

Some 450 friends and visitors joined the 50 remaining

residents in a "last dinner" which turned into a party reminiscent of Camanche's most glorious days as a leading California gold town.

Once again the community east of Lodi, echoed to youthful, playful voices and the joking of oldsters. Again almost a dozen saloons were operating, indoors and out.

Note of Sadness

But amidst the gaiety there was a distinct note of sadness which grew as the evening progressed. For the residents, many of them in their 70s and 80s, couldn't forget that next year the town will no longer exist.

"We'll miss it here," said Beula Scates, the last postmistress. "It's a peaceful place. Maybe, when the water comes we can come back and look at an island sticking up and say 'I used to live right there.'"

A century ago a visitor to Camanche would have seen hundreds of Chinese laborers walking up and down Main st., making way only for an occasional horse race. The Wells Fargo stage might have been loading some of the \$15,000 in gold dust shipped weekly to the San Joaquin Valley.

Booming in 1860s
In the 1860s the community boasted four grocery stores, two clothing shops, two blacksmith shops, a meat market, two hotels, two drug stores and 17 saloons.

Today it consists only of a bar, a general merchandise store with gasoline pumps, a post office, a school, closed in 1957 when it got down to six pupils, and an old Catholic church.

Disasters took their toll. Fire struck Camanche in 1873, destroyed 30 houses and caused \$15,000 damage. A cloudburst followed, inundating most of the community. It never grew back to its former size.

Only two dwellings on Main st., date later than 1865. The population over the years has decreased from a peak of about 1,500 to its present 50.

"I'd rather see the place flooded out than go the way of Lancha Plana or Poverty Bar," said Andrew Cavagnaro, 61, a native. The two nearby towns he mentioned are nothing but ruins now.

Gold Rapidly Exhausted
The easy-to-find gold in the region was exhausted rapidly. Then came the Chinese, who worked for almost nothing, to dig gold ore out of the rocky ground.

"Most of the people who made money left," according to Paul Lewis, local historian. "They didn't settle down. However, there were some who were never able to go back east. Some left sweethearts who didn't wait. They never went back home. They died in the county hospitals."

Even today, gold is more than a memory in Camanche. The surrounding land contains low grade ore, but with the

USS McGinty, Crew Assume Reserve Status

Portland—UPI—The USS McGinty, a Portland-based destroyer escort, and its 160-man crew returned to reserve status here Wednesday.

The vessel sailed back to Portland last month after being on active duty in the Pacific since the Berlin crisis. The ship was decommissioned at an official ceremony.

BECOMES PRESIDENT

Monmouth—UPI—Dr. Leonard W. Rice took over here Wednesday as president of Oregon College of Education.

Team Process Said Necessary For Productivity

New York—UPI—Two business leaders agree that what U.S. industry faces today in coping with possible future tariff cuts is a need for increased productivity to meet changed operating conditions. They think the task won't be easy.

Writing in the August issue of Production Magazine, Ladd Plumley, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and Francis J. Trecker, president of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association, were alike in saying that government could play a part in effecting greater productivity of industry in general.

Productivity Defined

Plumley defines productivity as the value produced by a quantity of productive resources. Trecker says it is a correlation of constant material, economic and social progressions resulting in the betterment of the nation's standard of living.

Trecker, head of an association whose members are in a highly competitive world market struggle, contends that only with government, business and labor functioning as a team can costs be brought down and prices reduced.

Encouragement Urged

In explaining the team process to achieve greater productivity, Trecker wrote that government "should encourage business expansion through enlightened fiscal, tax and regulatory actions. Business should constantly reduce its produce prices by applying continuing advancements in technology. Labor should receive its benefits,

not through the rapid pyramiding of ever increasing wage structures, but rather through the constant reduction in costs of all products and services."

Plumley, who has voiced

his views before various government bodies, said that perhaps the most important single step government could take to aid increasing productivity would be revision and simplification of the tax code.

JAYNE WALKS OUT

Hollywood—UPI—Jayne Mansfield and husband Mickey Hargitay separated Wednesday, but attorneys said the blonde actress did not plan to seek a divorce at this time.



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