

BIG VALLEY TO RECEIVE POWER LINES

BIEBER, Calif.—Big Valley's first serious attempt at irrigation by pumping from a deep well put down for that purpose is prompting the construction of the first rural electric transmission line in the valley.

The line will be two miles long to begin with and will convey Pacific Gas and Electric company power from the present terminus of the company's line in Bieber to a group of farms just east of this town that are owned and operated by Andrew Babcock, a resident of this valley for more than 60 years, and his sons.

Old Engine Is Pump
The new power line's main objective is a well from which a dismantled old automobile engine is now pumping water to irrigate 90 acres of alfalfa on Milton B. Babcock's ranch. The engine is to be displaced by a 10-horsepower electric motor as soon as current can reach the well, probably next week.

The well is 280 feet deep, 8 inches in diameter, fully cased, and penetrates at various distances underground three water-bearing strata with a total thickness of 33 feet. It yields about 400 gallons a minute under continuous pumping. A deep-well turbine having a capacity of 500 gallons a minute on a 50-foot lift is installed in the well.

Milton Babcock figures that 60 days of pumping day and night will give his alfalfa the water it needs.

Many To Use Water
Andrew Babcock, who is past 80 but by no means retired, is planning to put down a well to irrigate his large truck garden. Lester Babcock will use electric power to pump water for his stock. Murray Babcock said that as soon as the line can be extended half a mile to his dairy ranch he will install an electric sterilizer for milk bottles and utensils. Electric lighting and other conveniences will be brought to the several Babcock homes.

The Babcocks and the power company are collaborating on building the new transmission line. The Babcock men dug the post holes and were expecting a P. G. and E. motorized derrick to come along this week and plant the poles. Maybe that is all the company will have to do except look the line over when it is finished, as the Babcock forces include an experienced lineman, Barnes Keene, Milton Babcock's son-in-law, who worked on construction of the P. G. and E. line into Big Valley two years ago, and an electrician, Harold Miller, grandson of Andrew Babcock.

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MIDLAND

MIDLAND, Ore.—Among those from Midland who visited at Diamond lake Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Burt Byers and son, Donald, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Burnett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stewart and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, Mrs. Arthur Stewart and daughter, Walter Connors and Maxine Lundgren.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Barber and children spent Sunday on the Klamath river.

Kenneth Bramwell is reported to be improving after an operation for appendicitis. He is confined to a local hospital.

Billy Smith has returned to his home after being confined to the Klamath Valley hospital suffering from a rattlesnake bite.

Mrs. Ray Weed was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hilbert Largent. The friends honoring Mrs. Weed were: Mesdames S. Schupp, J. E. Martin, William Burnett, Lee Davis, Burt Byers, Floyd Stewart, L. A. Eschle, Ruth Welch, Fred Stebbins, Runge, Tillie Largent, Arthur Stewart, C. R. Marple, O. Smith, Sadie McCandless, N. Bramhall, M. Coody, H. Dryden, G. Hewitt, A. Cheyne, Frank Stewart, and the honor guest, Mrs. Weed. A delightful "pot luck" dinner was served. Mrs. Weed

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and daughter, Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, Mrs. Arthur Stewart and daughter, Gloria Darlene. Entertainment was furnished by Lee Davis, comedian of Martinsburg, W. Va.

Miss Virginia Hooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hooper, of Tulelake, has returned to her home after spending several weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hooper.

FRENCH, BRITISH SPLIT OVER ARMS

LONDON, June 7. (AP)—Official quarters said today that the British government will not accept disarmament proposals made by Louis Barthou, French foreign minister in Geneva.

The government, said these sources, has instructed Captain Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal and British representative at the disarmament conference, to attempt to get the French to agree to the original suggestion relative to arms levels made by Arthur Henderson, the president of the conference.

President, Son Save Yale From Losing Oarsman

WASHINGTON, June 7. (AP)—Two Harvard men, one of them President Roosevelt and the other Franklin D. Jr., have saved Yale from looking for a new Number 4 oar for the Junior varsity crew race against the crimson this summer.

Marvin J. McIntyre, one of the president's secretaries, received a telegram from young Roosevelt yesterday saying he had just heard David Livingston, the Yale oarsman, hadn't been able to get out of going to an R. O. T. C. camp—and couldn't something be done about it. Something was done.

HATCH 27,000 EGGS
SALEM, Ore. (UP)—Twenty thousand Chinese pheasant eggs are under hens at the two state game commission farms at Eugene and Pendleton, officials announced today. About 27,000 eggs will be set by the end of the season, the largest number since operation of the farms was begun.

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