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

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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 Bleber 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 's Pump
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The new power line's main ob-ective is a well from which a dismounted old automobile en-

dismounted old automobile engine is now pumping water to irrigate 90 acres of alfalfa on Milton E. 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 strats with a total thickness of 33 feet. It yields about 400 gallons a minute under confinuous pumping. A deep-well turbine having a capacity of 500 gallons a minute on a 50-foot lift is installed in the well.

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

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Andrew Babcock, who is past
86 but by no means retired, is
planning to put down a well to
frigate his large truck garden.
Lester Babcock will use electric
power to pump water for his
stock. Murven Babcock said that
as soon as the line can be extende d halfa mile to his dairy
ranch be will install an electric
steriliser for milk bottles and
other conveniences will be
brought to the several Babcock
homes.

The Bebooks and the power company are collaborating on building the new transmission line. The Babcook men dug the post holes and were expecting a P. G. and E. motorised 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 Babcook 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.

The Babcock experiment in irrigation by pumping is being watched with interest here, as there are many thousands of acres of fertile agricultural land in Big Valley that cannot be watered by gravity flow from check-dam reservoirs in the streams, howelofore the only method of irrigation in the valley. Wells sunk 200 to 300 feet in a number of localities have tapped copious supplies of water rising within a few feet of the level of the valley floor, giving reason to believe that large areas now useless for lack of moisture can be irrigated from underground water resources if economical power for pumping can be obtained.

# MIDLAND

MIDLAND, Ore.—Among those from Midland who visited at Dia-

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 Conners and Maxine Lundgren.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burber 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 ratitesnake 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. Cody, H. Dryden, G. Hewitt, Joan and Shirley Eschle, A. Cheyne, Frank Stewart, and rhe honor guest, Mrs. Weed

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Mr. and Mrs. Burt Byers were host and hostess at a family remained forcher-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. State and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. St. Burnett. Those enjoying the evening were Mr. and Mrs. St. Burnett and Mrs. St. Burnett and Mrs. St. Burnett and Mrs. St. Burnett and Mrs. St. L. Burnett and family. Donald Byers, Walter Son, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hooper.

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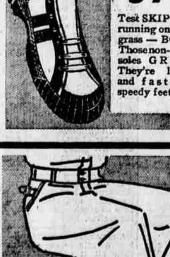
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