

# RECLAMATION SURVEY SHOWS HEAVY COSTS

NEW YORK CITY, June 13.—A survey of Uncle Sam's "Reclamation Bureau," which is preparing to spend \$227,000,000 on dams, dykes, ditches and drainage canals, has just been completed by Owen P. White, for Collier's Weekly. He finds that the projects under way in the Reclamation Bureau are likely to prove a heavy burden upon the federal pocketbook, with small likelihood of any adequate return to anybody.

The past history of the Reclamation Bureau, as summarized by White, shows that after the Bureau had been in existence for 22 years and had completed 28 projects, its results had been as follows:

1. The actual cost of the projects had exceeded the estimated cost, authorized by congress, by about fifty million dollars.
2. The actual acreage reclaimed (1,692,000) was less by 1,263,000 acres than the estimates had called for, thus making the error here almost equal to the accomplishment.
3. That of this 1,692,000 acres reclaimed only 1,202,000 were actually being irrigated.
4. That of the construction cost of \$141,787,000 only 11 per cent had been repaid, although eighteen of the projects had been receiving water for fifteen years.
5. That the farmers were 33 per cent behind in their payment of operating costs, and were also delinquent to the tune of \$180,000 in their payments for water.
6. That the actual cost to lands receiving water was \$117 per acre as against an estimated cost of \$30. A vital error against the farmer of more than three hundred per cent.
7. That out of 31,000 settlers on the projects 3,000 had filed applications for relief.
8. That relatively few of the original farmers were still on the land. Having gone broke they had moved away.
9. That from everywhere there was a general demand for an extension of time in which to make payments to the government.

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### Court House Records

**TUESDAY**

**Divorce Suits Filed**

Elsa A. Weger filed suit for a divorce from Ray R. Weger. Couple married at Medford in 1932, according to the complaint. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks for the custody of two minor children.

**Other Suits Filed**

California Oregon Power company versus H. C. Dimock, et al. Plaintiff asks that defendants be ordered to set forth the nature of their claims on certain described property; also that plaintiff's title be quieted against claims of the defendants.

V. C. Havillan versus city of Klamath Falls, et al. Amount involved, \$360, the alleged value of five horses.

Agostino Zamboni versus Elmer C. Lemler, et al. Amount involved, \$1390.

J. N. Bramhall versus E. F. Hankins. Amount involved \$300 and \$50 damages.

**Justice of Peace Court**

Frank Bridgewater pleaded guilty to charge reckless driving. He was fined \$25 and was committed to jail on failure to pay.

London police got excited recently by a false report that Dillinger was over there. Wait, he isn't through with the United States yet.

Twenty-five of President Roosevelt's 49 advisors, says the famous editor, Gene Howe, are "yes" men. Still, he won't deny that they're all "know" men.

## Feature



Bob Burns, who teamed with Will Rogers in "Mr. Skitch," will be one of the feature comedians of the Gilmore Circus on the Pelican theatre stage Monday.

The entire cast of the famous Gilmore Circus, will appear on the stage at the Pelican theatre, Monday at matinee and evening shows.

Soda Pop, played by Bob Burns, has one of the leading roles. He is known to theatre goers throughout the land, as well as to radio fans, having appeared in vaudeville with the famous "Barzooka," a horn of his own invention. He has also played in motion pictures with Will Rogers in "Young As You Feel" and the "Connecticut Yankee."

Others in the cast are Jack Clifford in his 1911 Ford, tin badge and goatee, as the sheriff; Aunt Addie; Cliff Clark; Wiley Oats; the Gilmorettes and the Three Gilmore Clowns.

## City Defendant In Damage Suit

A damage suit was filed against the city of Klamath Falls, Mayor Mahoney, individual members of the city council, the Klamath Falls Garbage Collection, Inc., and W. T. Lee by V. C. Havillan, Tuesday.

Havillan charged five of his horses, valued at \$360 were permitted to eat poisonous food at the city dump ground at the negligence of the defendants.

## School Board Men Are Not Opposed

C. W. Thomas is the only candidate to member of the city elementary school board, to be elected at the annual meeting June 18. Thomas is the incumbent.

In the county unit election, Harry Wilson is the only candidate for southern zone director, and Henry Simon, incumbent, will run without opposition in the central zone. This election also will be held on June 18.

Jupiter is the largest known planet.

## ANNUAL OUTING SET FOR SUNDAY

LAKEVIEW, Ore.—The third annual convention of the Order of the Antelope which will be held at the "Blue Sky Hotel" on Hart mountain this coming week, is expected to draw a larger crowd than ever before. Guests are expected this year from throughout California, Oregon and Washington. This annual event which is sponsored by the Lakeview Twenty-Three club and the Lake County Chamber of Commerce has done considerably to advertise the scenic and recreational attractions of south central Oregon.

The outing party will leave early Sunday morning and will visit the wilderness area along the Oregon-California boundary east of New Pine creek and will then drive down past the beaver dams through Big valley and on into south Warner valley. A picnic lunch will be served en route at Crump lake. A barbecued beef, sour dough biscuits and other cow camp delicacies will be waiting the party when it arrives at the old soldiers camping grounds on Hart mountain. An unusually fine program has been outlined for the camp fire meeting on Sunday evening. Dr. Warren D. Smith of the University of Oregon will give a talk on the geology of south central Oregon. Dr. L. E. Greenman also of the university, who is an authority on the prehistoric writings on the rocks of eastern Oregon and western Nevada, will speak upon that subject; Stanley Jewett of Portland, of the biological survey, will give a descriptive talk about the birds and mammals of the Hart mountain area. Warren Pierson, the yodelling cowboy, will also be on the program. Warren was endorsed time and again when he sang in Portland a year ago when Lake county presented the program for the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

The tent footprints of the party will be initiated into the Order of the Antelope by a degree team consisting of Ned Harlan, chairman of the state milk control board; William Tugman, editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, and Ed Turnbull of Eugene.

## Farmers Urged to Use NRS Workmen

Nelson Reed, manager of the National Re-employment service here, urged Tuesday that farmers make use of the NRS facilities in employing help for the hay harvest, slated to get under way in the next two weeks. A large registration of laboring men is on the NRS books and can be made available for farm work.

Reed said employment conditions are not quite so good as they were a month ago. There has been some restriction of lumber operations.

Railroad employment, on the other hand, is reported better than for some time, due to the strike conditions that have tied up water shipping service.

In the old days a horse would run away and hit a pedestrian. Now motorists first hit pedestrians and then run away.

## Young Astor Writes Apology and Receives Fateful Ring

NEW YORK, June 13. (AP)—Young John Jacob Astor has his ring back—the \$100,000 22-carat diamond he gave Eileen Gillespie, society girl, his former fiancée.

In exchange for the ring, said Miss Gillespie's parents, the 21-year-old Astor, one of the world's richest young men, delivered a written apology for "his language to their daughter" and retracted "threats concerning her and her family."

With the ring, said the Gillespies, was returned "every other article received by Miss Gillespie from Mr. Astor except those of a perishable nature which unfortunately could not be returned."

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## Driver Sentenced After Auto Crash On Merrill Road

Frank Bridgewater, saw filler at Mt. Shasta City, Cal., was committed to the county jail Tuesday on failure to pay a \$25 fine after pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

Bridgewater was taken into custody after allegedly making a false report his car had been stolen.

About 9 p. m., Monday, the sheriff's office received a telephone call from Bridgewater at the hotel. He said his car had been stolen at Dorris.

About the same time, the sheriff received a call from Merrill that an automobile had been wrecked at the Lost river bridge, this side of Merrill. The deputy sheriff at Merrill said that someone overheard the driver remark that "he didn't care, the car was stolen anyway." The man, the deputy reported, had caught a ride to Klamath Falls.

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## Strong Earthquake Recorded in Italy

GENOVA, Italy, June 13. (AP)—Strong earth tremors shook Genova for a brief period this morning. Inhabitants were badly frightened but there were no casualties or damage.

The farmer was contacted and told the officers he had left his passenger at the hotel from which Low had received the stolen car report. The sheriff "put two and two together," went to the hotel and arrested Bridgewater.

## PLAYED OUT!

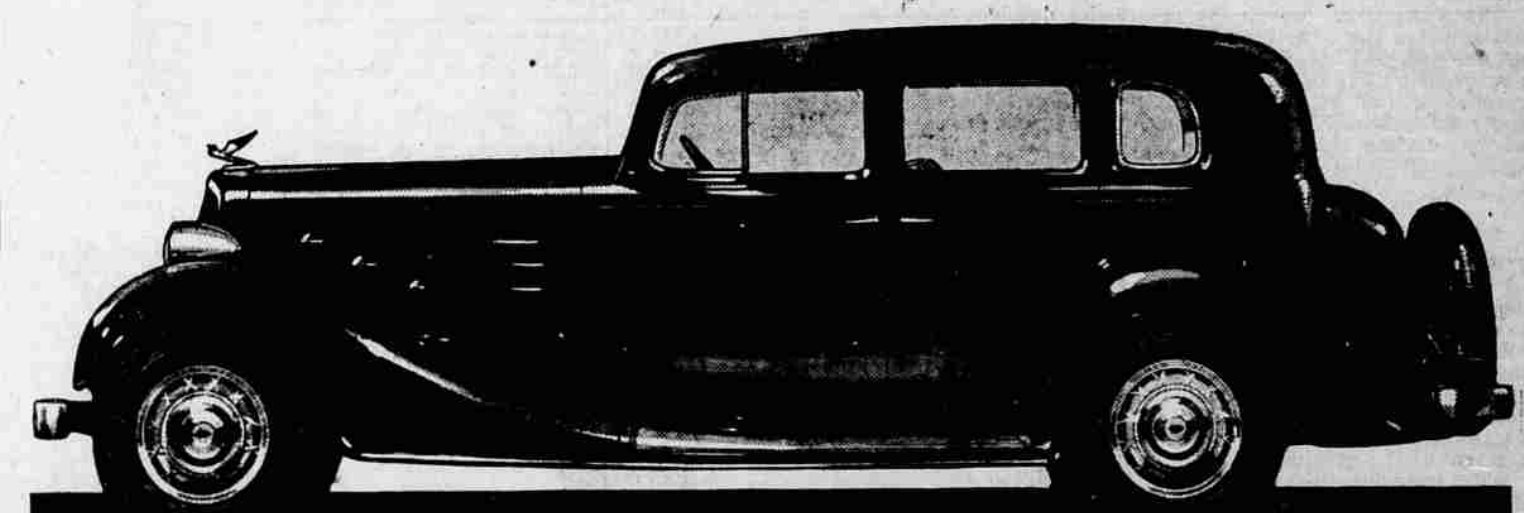


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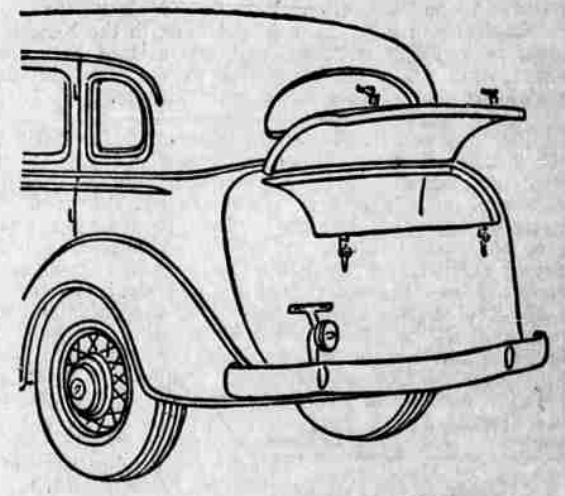
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