

Lower Klamath Reclamation Project Construction Is Outlined in Interior Report

The first feature to be constructed on the Modoc division of the Klamath project in Oregon and California will be a tunnel to carry pumped water from Tule lake to Lower Klamath lake, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced recently in awarding a contract for the work.

J. A. Terteling and Sons of Boise, Idaho, submitted the successful bid of \$172,000, which was the lowest of 17 proposals received and opened by the bureau of reclamation at its Klamath, Ore., office on September 27, 1940.

The contract covers the construction of a concrete-lined, horseshoe-type tunnel, 7000 feet long with a diameter of 5 feet 9 inches, involving the excavation of 24,350 cubic yards of material and the use of 3100 cubic yards of concrete in tunnel lining, in addition to furnishing and installing steel tunnel sup-

ports and other work. All of the work must be completed within 500 days.

The bureau of reclamation and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service, worked out jointly a plan for the construction of this new division of the project, called the Modoc unit. This unit will improve certain conditions that have developed on the Klamath project. The project operations have resulted in the unwatering or draining of Lower Klamath lake, which is separated from Tule lake by a range of hills. The portion of this lake bed lying in California has been found to be unsuitable for general farming purposes because of soils and alkali conditions. The prevailing westerly winds collect the dust from this dry lake bed with the result that portions of the project are subjected frequently to dust storms that cause considerable distress. The flooding of this lake for abridal refuge and the irrigation of border lands will eliminate this dust nuisance which endangers the health and well-being of the settlers. The Tule lake sump has been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service as a bird refuge but fluctuating water surfaces of Tule lake are unsatisfactory for propagation and the stagnant waters cause botulism. Heavy rainfall has increased the flow into Tule lake sump to the extent that dikes have broken and much property and even the safety of the homesteaders on the Klamath reclamation project are endangered.

This tunnel, the first and most important construction feature of the Modoc division, will carry excess water pumped from Tule lake through the ridge of hills into Lower Klamath lake basin. About 50,000 acre feet of water will be pumped annually. About 15,000 acre feet of this pumped water will be used to irrigate some 11,000 acres of land in the basin area for pasture and crops. The balance of about 35,000 acre feet will restore the water area in Lower Klamath lake and establish a wildlife refuge of about 17,000 acres which will be of great strategic importance in the Pacific flyway. The restoring of water in Lower Klamath lake will also prevent recurrent dust storms which plague the surrounding agricultural and urban areas. In pumping water from Tule lake the water area in the lake will be maintained at a uniform level, thus protecting from being flooded about 20,000 acres of highly productive land around Tule lake which have been farmed for several years.

Additional construction fea-

Upset Winner



—May King
C. L. Langslet, who apparently has won the county treasurer race over the veteran George P. Taylor. Langslet came late into the campaign after his uncle, Otto Langslet, had withdrawn as democratic nominee. C. L. Langslet was nominated by the county democratic central committee to take his uncle's place.

SCHOOL DISPLAY SHOWS ART WORK

An art exhibit that is not only interesting but shows exceptional work in several different fields of art by the school children of the county is displayed in the auditorium of the Fremont school for the remainder of the week, arranged by Mrs. Vera Dyrud, Fremont art instructor and chairman of the school exhibit.

The two central objects of interest that immediately meet the eye in the large room are the comical wood-carved figures made by students at the Pelican school and a brightly colored frieze design painted with poster paint by George Long and Billy Wilson, Fremont students.

The quantity and variety of the display does not allow individual mention of each picture but the work from each school has been arranged in groups and in such a manner that it is easily viewed. An added attraction is a flower arrangement by Mrs. E. D. Lamb, authority on this form of art.

In addition to the wood carvings, the display from Pelican school includes a group of plaster of Paris masks and exceptionally fine charcoal drawings; in the Fremont section is an excellent linoleum block of Lincoln by George Long. Fresco work in all-over designs is Fairview's outstanding contribution; scenes in pencil and colored chalk are from Mills school.

An unusual exhibit of spray crayon work is submitted by Conger school and some fine ink and pencil drawings from Roosevelt. In the display from the Klamath Union high school are pencil work and water colors that are outstanding. Cut-paper work and poster paint pictures make a colorful exhibit from Riverside school.

Water colors and colored charts are displayed by Algoma school and an interesting group of boats in crayon work from Modoc Point.

This exhibit is in observance of National Art week.

tures of this new division will consist of a pumping plant to supply the tunnel, which will be composed of three units with a combined capacity of 150 feet per second, and three other pumping plants, as well as dikes, spillways, canals and drains.

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