

Ickes Blamed For Current USBR Slash

WASHINGTON, April 24—Blame for the current controversy over reclamation funds was laid by Senator Dworshak (R-Idaho) on former Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and his successor, J. A. Krug.

The interior department's construction funds for 1947-48 have been cut by the house appropriations committee from a request of \$295,420,420 to a proposed \$156,538,813.

The house reclamation subcommittee is trying to work out a policy for allocating power revenues to land development.

No Cooperation

He said there has been "little disposition" on the part of the interior department to cooperate with the legislative and appropriations committees of congress in planning "sound development" of water and power resources.

"To illustrate, Ickes, in August, 1945, submitted contracts to water districts in the Columbia basin requiring reclamation repayments of only \$65 an acre on land which the interior department estimated would cost \$420 an acre to reclaim."

"I contended then, and I still feel, that this action was setting a pattern for all future repayment negotiations, despite the fact that settlers on comparable projects are paying much more to liquidate their indebtedness."

High School Has Print Day

GILCHRIST, April 24 — Friday, April 11, was a very important day to all the students of Gilchrist high school who celebrated the coming of spring with a Print Day. All the girls wore bright print dresses while the boys wore Levis and print shirts or tee-shirts. There was a king and queen chosen from the students. They were chosen for personal appearance, personality, and school spirit.

The evening's activity was a Print Day dance sponsored by the Grizzlies. The crowning of King George I (George Posey) and Queen Mert (Myrtle Mericle) took place after the students had enjoyed some time of dancing in the decorated gym.

The dancing was interrupted for a time and all the students heartily joined in rushing to the cafeteria for refreshments of sandwiches, salad and lemonade.

The first Print Day dance of Gilchrist high will be remembered as another successful event enjoyed in the high school year of '46 and '47.

Blind Minister To Hold Services

GILCHRIST, April 24—The Rev. Robert Means, blind minister who held meetings at the Gilchrist Methodist church last fall, arrived Friday night from Kansas to hold meetings for two weeks at the Crescent Baptist church. Rev. Means made his first appearance at the pollock dinner, Saturday evening and will stay at the Leonard McCaw home. Special meetings were begun on Monday and will be held for two weeks. Rev. Means will stay for six weeks and then go back to his family.

The Camp Fire girls of Shewlin, under the direction of Mrs. Mike Chamberlen have been working industriously on the cancer drive. Contributions have been received from residents of Shewlin and students of Gilchrist high school.

MISS OREGON

MEDFORD, April 24 (AP)—The Medford Junior chamber of commerce will enter a candidate in the "Miss Oregon" contest at Seaside, July 25-27, Dick House, president, said today.

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Unit Uses Earth As Source Of Heat For Modern Homes

SPOKANE, Wash., April 24 (AP)—A "revolutionary" new device, which heats the home in winter, using the earth as a source of heat, and cools it in summer by sending heat from the house into the earth, was described today for delegates to the fifth annual convention of the Rural Electric Cooperative association.

Marvin Smith, vice president of the Muncie Gear Works, Muncie, Ind., said the device was "basically nothing more than the ordinary household refrigerator unit." As installed in a basement, he said, it is about the size of a pop bottle cooler.

Hundreds are in operation, Smith said, from coast to coast and in foreign countries.

He said it consists of three circuits:

(1) A closed-pipe water circuit which runs down into a drilled well

or into the ground to sufficient depth to reach a year-around constant temperature. The circulated water picks up heat from the earth and delivers it to the unit for use in heating or takes heat away from the unit for cooling and puts it into the earth.

(2) A refrigerator circuit which can either step up the temperature of the heat brought to the surface or reduce the temperature of the house.

(3) An air duct system which transports heat to or from the house. Smith said the device provides moisture control and filters the air. Another advantage, he said, is that it eliminates dust and ashes and removes risk of fire or asphyxiation.

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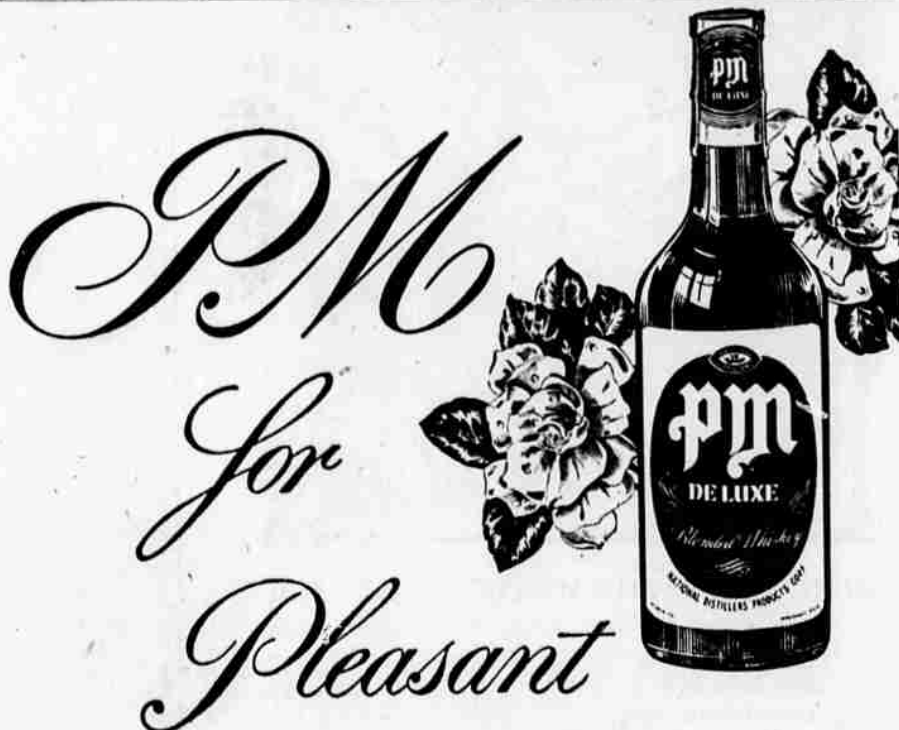
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