

# Rockwell's Irrigation Bill Stalled

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WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—It's been a long time since the Rockwell bill got into the news but it's still too early to forget it completely.

The measure was written by the house reclamation subcommittee, of which Rep. Rockwell (R-Colo.) is chairman, to establish a formula for use of revenue from the reclamation bureau's power projects in helping to pay costs of irrigation construction.

The committee worked about three years to get what its members thought was a workable bill.

Then the house amended it almost out of recognition and passed it.

It now lies dormant in the senate interior affairs subcommittee.

But Rockwell says it is not dead, by any means. He expects it will be revised and passed at this session of congress.

Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) says the senate reclamation subcommittee will take it up if the house shows a disposition to compromise on a workable bill.

Meantime, a bill by Rep. D'Ewart (D-Mont.) to authorize the reclamation bureau to make rental contracts for use of water on its projects has come out for house consideration. It was a part of the original Rockwell bill, and was split off for easier handling of the two matters.

D'Ewart says there were objections by "California members" to passage of his bill by unanimous consent and he will now ask the rules committee to chart the measure for house debate as soon as possible.

"It is an integral part of the reclamation program," he said in an interview. "This and the Rockwell bill should be considered together by the senate committee."

"They really coordinate each other and are necessary to make the basic reclamation law meet present day conditions."

**Rental Plan**

The rental plan, Interior Secretary Krug told the committee, is needed for California and Missouri basin projects.

It was approved by congress and the president recently for the Provo river project in Utah to take care of costs which have risen beyond the

## Outstanding Speaker



Bob Hooker, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hooker, 1218 Pacific Terrace, was judged the outstanding speaker in a group of Klamath Union high school speech students by the Klamath Falls Toastmasters club. Bob received the Toastmasters trophy in the annual contest.

## Grads To Get Navy Chance

John Marsh, local navy recruiter, announced today that a limited number of college graduates are being offered the opportunity of being commissioned as ensigns in naval aviation this spring and of receiving flight training.

Men interested are asked to write amount which the water users had contracted to pay.

Receipts from the rentals are to be applied to construction costs until the amount repayable to the government has been reduced to the contract figure.

to the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection board, Artie building, Seattle 4, Wash.

This is a career program in which college men with degrees who are between the ages of 18 and 25 will be taken into the navy as commissioned officers.

Flight training will be at Pensacola, Fla., frequently referred to as the "Annapolis of the Air." This will take from 18 to 24 months after which the officer-pilots will join regular naval aviation units, shore-based and on carriers. Minimum starting pay is quoted at \$290 a month.

For further information on this program see your local navy recruiter in the post office building, Klamath Falls, Ore.

It Pays to Use the Want-Ads!

# Truman Asks Leaders To Pass Education Aid Bill Boost Minimum Wage

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—President Truman today asked democratic congressional leaders to press for passage at this congress session of federal aid to education and a minimum wage boost to 75 cents an hour.

The president's request was made at a White House conference lasting more than an hour.

The senate has passed legislation for \$300,000,000 annual federal aid to the states for schools. The house has not acted.

There has been no action in either senate or house on minimum wage legislation. The present wage-hour law fixes the minimum wage at 40 cents an hour for workers who come under the law's coverage.

Senator Lucas of Illinois and Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, assistant democratic leaders in the senate and house respectively, told reporters after the White House meeting that the president "is tremendously interested in legislation raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents."

**Difficult Job**

Lucas said that it was the opinion of most of the legislators at the meeting that it will be rather difficult to get the minimum wage legislation passed at this session since "we democrats are in the minority."

Lucas said the education measure is "bottled up in a house committee."

(It is in the house labor committee.)

"The president is hopeful that the republican majority will act to get this bill to the house floor," Lucas added.

Lucas said that the question of sending up a message on labor legislation was not discussed. The president's views on both the measures have been outlined in messages and statements, he commented.

Snap-catches were invented in the early 1890s.

## Bank Robber Gets 25 Years

PORTLAND, May 25 (AP)—Henry Clay Tollett, 53, Bakersfield, Calif., has been sentenced to 25 years in prison on his plea of guilty to a charge of participating in the Oakland, Ore., bank holdup last May.

He previously had been sentenced in California to two life terms for robbery and habitual crime.

Judge Calaude McCulloch did not impose a sentence in Tollett's plea of guilty to charges of sharing in the \$57,000 holdup of the Sweet Home bank holdup last August.

Two others involved in the hold-up await trial. Sam Scribner, 30, Bakersfield, who argued his own defense before one jury that failed to reach a verdict, will face retrial June 22. Henry Clay Green, 27, Tulsa, who has pleaded innocent in the Sweet Home robbery faces trial June 15.

## Yreka Queen



Miss Inez Marin of Hill, Calif., who is a candidate for Golden West Girl of 1948 who will rule as Queen over the Yreka Gold Rush Days to be held June 24 through 27.

## Barbara Logue To Be Rose Queen

PORTLAND, May 25 (AP)—Barbara Logue, a black curly-head not quite 5 feet 2 inches tall, will be queen of Portland's Rose Festival this year.

The 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Logue was elected from among the festival princesses by a secret committee Saturday night. She is a Longview native, whose family moved here 10 years ago.

# FHA Still Operating

The government's power to insure home loans through the Federal Housing Administration has by no means lapsed on account of the failure of congress to extend title VI of the National Housing act beyond April 30, 1948, according to Folger Johnson, state director, FHA. He said that recent publicity, which has credited delay of the congress to extend this title of the act with having brought FHA mortgage insurance to a temporary halt on May 1, is erroneous.

Deferred legislation has served to stop loan commitments only under title VI. Expiration of this title in no way limits the FHA in its insurance of property improvement loans under title I and loans on new and existing housing under title II. Thousands of loans under these titles, which normally comprise the bulk of FHA business, are now being insured monthly by FHA as heretofore.

## Mailmen To Ask 40-Hour Week

HILLSBORO, May 25 (AP)—Oregon mailmen intend to press for a 40-hour week.

The Oregon convention of the Na-

tional Association of Letter carriers voted here over the week-end to cut work hours that in some cases now go as high as 80, officials said. They also asked salary increases and return to a pre-war basis for delivery service.

Harry Palmer, Tillamook, was elected president; Ed Hitchins, Corvallis, vice president; Ronald Brown, Eugene, secretary; and Ivan Hadley, Albany, treasurer.

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