

"Build the Basin"



TOM HORN



CHARLES WAMSTAD



CHARLIE HENDERSON
(Picture of two of tonight's panel members, Sam Anderson and Johnny Cross, were not available.)

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
President-elect Eisenhower appoints as his secretary of labor a labor leader—Martin Durkin, of the AFL—plumbers, Durkin is also a Democrat, and he supported Stevenson for the Presidency.

Senator Taft terms the appointment an "incredible" one. He says Durkin has always been a partisan Truman Democrat, who fought General Eisenhower's election and advocated repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

He adds:
"It is an affront to millions of union members and officers who have the courage to defy the edict of officials that they vote for Stevenson."

Well, it's unusual. I think we can all agree on that. It may prove to be unwise. As to that, time will tell. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof. Before passing the final judgment, we'd better wait and see how Ike's idea works out.

With very few exceptions (Hutchinson, of the carpenters, was the outstanding one), the leaders of organized labor fought Ike and supported Stevenson. If you choose to regard the labor situation as the outstanding issue of the election (I don't), I think many other issues were FAR more important in the minds of the voters. Big Labor suffered a crushing defeat.

History teaches us there are two ways to handle a crushed and beaten opponent:
1. Show him no quarter. Trample him into the bloody mud.
2. Treat him fairly so that you will win his respect and thereafter will be able to work WITH him for the betterment of ALL.

Ike, in dealing with the labor issue, obviously chose the latter course—at least to the extent of giving it a trial.

In choosing his cabinet, Ike has indicated clearly that his personal sympathies lie with private business, rather than with the political enemies of private business. One can draw no other conclusion from his choices of men to compose his cabinet.

Only in the case of his secretary of labor has he departed from this pattern. That, I think, indicates no intention on his part to surrender to unreasonable demands on the part of Big Labor.

It seems to me, it indicates a desire to work WITH labor, toward the goal of VOLUNTARY relations between employers and workers.

I'd say it is an INTELLIGENT objective.

In the past, we have seen-sawed forth between the extremes of too much power in the hands of employers and too much in the hands of labor.

Long, LONG time, too, power was held by employers. It came the Wagner act, it too much power in the hands of Big Labor. After that, the Taft-Hartley law, which attempted to take away some extreme power that had been in the hands of the Big Labor, because the DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION was opposed to the Taft-Hartley law and did everything it could to keep it from working, its results have never been too satisfactory.

I'd guess that Ike is trying for a middle ground, that he is seeking to win over the moderate elements of labor to the idea of COOPERATION.

If that can be brought about, it will strengthen our economy immensely. Anyway, let's wait and see what happens.

5-Man Panel to Scan Lease Land Situation

By WALLACE MYERS
Some of the richest farm land in the world, 21,346 acres of it right here in the Klamath County, awaits a federal decision as to its future use.

The land was reclaimed and put under irrigation by the government and is controlled by the Bureau of Reclamation.

For the past several years, it has been broken up into plots averaging about 40 acres each and leased to war veterans. The leases have been for one year periods with options for renewals. Now the Reclamation Bureau chief, Michael Strauss, has announced the leases will not be renewed for next year.

There are 155 leases affected. Thirty of them were cancelled in September because of what the Reclamation Bureau said were lease provision violations. The other 125 leases were notified a few days ago that their leases would not be renewed when they expire Dec. 31.

What is to become of the valuable crop land? What should be done with it?

The latter question is to be discussed on Build the Basin over radio station KFLW from 8 until 9 o'clock tonight. A 5-member panel, with representatives from the several groups involved in the big question, is to ponder and argue the question.

PANEL
The panel members are: Charles Wamstad, Reclamation Bureau engineer on the Klamath Project; Tom Horn, Tulake game refuge manager for the Fish and Wildlife Service; Charlie Henderson, Klamath County farm agent; Sam Anderson, a 1928 headmaster in the Tulake Basin; and Johnny Cross, World War Two veteran and one of the farmers who has been notified his lease will not be renewed.

Reclamation Bureau headquarters in Washington saw a few days ago that one of three things would probably be done with "all or part" of the land: 1) it will be released; 2) it will be homesteaded; or 3) it will be turned over to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Before considering these three possibilities, it should be noted how very valuable the land is. Based on this past growing season's market, crops off the 21,346 acres this fall had an estimated value of \$24 million. That amounts to a sizable

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November Cold, Dry

This November was a little colder and a good deal dryer than November, 1951, according to the Bureau of Reclamation's monthly weather roundup released today.

The temperature average in November, 1951, was 38.9; this November's average was 35.1; normal for November is 38.4.

This year's November precipitation was almost a full inch below normal and more than three inches under last year's unusually high figure. The November 1952 measurement was 0.78, normal is 1.71 and November 1951 showed 3.93.

Highest temperature reading on the bureau's thermometer at Municipal Airport last month was 61 and the lowest was 12. As frequently happens, however, there was wide variance between readings at the airport and in the downtown area. On the morning of Nov. 28, a reading of six was recorded downtown.

There were 18 clear days last month as compared to only 11 cloudless days the same month last year.

Ike, Taft Trace Breaks Over Labor Selection

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Ice Snarls Basin Traffic

Frank Tarr Named To City Council

A Weyerhaeuser Timber Company executive, Frank C. Tarr, last night was sworn in as a member of the Klamath Falls City Council, representing Ward 4.

He was nominated by Mayor Bob Thompson and confirmed by other members of the council.

Tarr lives at 221 Eldorado and is purchasing agent at the Weyerhaeuser plant here.

His appointment is for the balance of the present term of Darrell Miller, who has resigned and moved to Medford. The remainder of the term is just one month, until the first Monday in January.

Miller was re-elected Nov. 4 for another four-year term, but it will be up to Mayor-elect Paul Landry to make an appointment to the council position for the period between the first Monday in January and the November, 1954, general election.

REAPPOINT
Landry could reappoint Tarr, or could select another person for the job.

The principal item of business coming before the council last night was the receipt of bids to purchase \$28,319.62 worth of street improvement bonds, representing the debt incurred by the paving of Painter, Lawrence and Lowell Streets last summer.

Three financial institutions bid on the bonds, United States National Bank, First National Bank and Blythe and Company. The bids were referred to the council's finance committee for study.

A total of \$20,470 worth of building permits were approved, including two at \$8,000 each for new residences at 628 and 634 Owens.

The permits were taken out by D. W. Starkey, contractor.

CONSTRUCTION
During the month of November, according to report of Building Inspector Vern Schortgen, a total of \$1,760 worth of construction was okayed, including four new residences.

City Attorney Henry Perkins reported to the council that the city is going to get some \$4,000 less property tax money this year than it thought—because of a mistake in assessment. Some property of a sawmill was assessed as lying within the city limits, but it's outside.

Other business included approval of application for 15 liquor licenses renewals for 1953, one restaurant license, two plumbing contractor licenses and one auto wrecker license.

Today Marks Anniversary Of Use of Atomic Energy

CHICAGO (AP)—The first controlled atomic chain reaction was released 10 years ago Tuesday.

Marking the anniversary, Dr. Arthur H. Compton, who directed the fateful experiment, said "the great significance of nuclear energy" is not the atomic bomb.

It "seems to me to be as the source of useful power," Dr. Compton, chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis, told a luncheon of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.

"Here I should consider its eventual importance to mankind to be hardly less than that of fire," Dr. Compton was scientific director of the metallurgical project which created the first atomic pile at the University of Chicago during World War Two.

In direct charge of the pile experiment conducted on a squash court under the west stand of the Stagg Field stadium was Dr. Enrico Fermi. Fermi gave the reactions which put the nuclear reaction into play, and it was his slide rule which computed the confirmation that it was self-sustaining.

Compton, recalling the scene, said the power released in the first

pile test "was only half a watt—infinite in comparison with the atomic power that at Hanford, Wash., has now, for more than eight years, been heating the streams of water flowing into the Columbia River."

The Washington University chancellor, a Nobel Prize winner, said a question often asked of him is, "How could peace-loving scientists turn their skill to building such terrible weapons as atomic bombs?"

"The answer is simple," he said. "These men found themselves with the power in their hands to stop the most disastrous war in history."

Compton said that "by creating a balance of power in the post war world, a third world war has been held off that would have meant the lives of many more millions and disaster for the entire world."

"We who had the might of the atomic nucleus in our hands would have been traitors to mankind had we refused to build bombs and use them with tempered blows."

"We should now be falling in our evident duty if we did not give free men the means of maintaining their freedom."

Congressman Plans Tax Cut
WASHINGTON (AP)—An 11 per cent cut in individual income taxes and elimination of the excess profits tax on corporations will be proposed as soon as the new Congress convenes next month, Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) said today.

Reed is in line to become chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which originates all revenue measures.

His proposal calls for a reduction of slightly more than 5 per cent in individual income taxes next year and a similar reduction in 1954, for a total cut of about 11 per cent.

The 1951 tax bill raised individual rates by 10 to 11 per cent. The increase will expire automatically Dec. 31, 1953, unless Congress convenes next month, Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) said today.

Child Dies As Car Rolls Off Highway

Automobile wrecks on icy, snowy highways yesterday afternoon, last night and this morning put a dozen persons in Klamath Valley Hospital and brought about the death of one — a 3-year-old girl, Julia Anne Hopkins of Talent, Ore.

Her death runs Klamath County's 1952 traffic toll to 27.

There were literally dozens of auto accidents, many of them of minor nature, throughout the Klamath Basin as a melting snow suddenly froze last night, covering highways and streets with a coat of ice slick enough to skate on.

Most of the wreckers and tow trucks in town had repeated calls to pull in damaged cars, and Kaler's ambulance brought seven persons in to Klamath Valley Hospital from a single one-car accident last night.

EMERGENCY
None of the injured persons was considered to be hurt critically and most were released after emergency treatment or after overnight stays at the hospital. At one time last night there were 10 doctors working at the hospital.

The little Hopkins girl apparently suffered a fractured skull as the Hopkins family car, a Plymouth sedan, on the Greenpines Highway three miles west of Keno, plunged 300 feet down into the Klamath River canyon.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Hopkins of Talent. The mother, Mrs. Joy Hopkins, 22, was driving when the car skidded on the ice and went off the road, but neither she nor another child, Laurie, 4, nor a woman passenger, Mrs. Lyle Maine, 22, Hopkins, 29, was injured. Elmer Hopkins, 29, was X-rayed at the hospital for possible neck and back injuries, and was released last night.

A truck driver stopped traffic to get the victims of the wreck transported to town and the hospital, and the little girl was dead on arrival.

PRISON OFFICER
A correctional officer from San Quentin Prison, Ward R. Massey, 40, San Rafael, Calif., received a severe shoulder injury early last night when his automobile rolled over on US 97 near Warden.

Vern Hester, Salinas, 36, of Seattle, received a gashed forehead in an accident on US 97 last night.

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Open Rift May Start GOP Battle

WASHINGTON (AP)—The uneasy post-convention truce between Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert A. Taft blew up Tuesday over the Republican presidential election's selection of Martin Durkin, a Democrat and union official, to be his secretary of labor.

Taft's blast at what he termed the "incredible" appointment swept away in one moment the outward show of harmony and cooperation built up in the months since Eisenhower defeated Taft for the Republican presidential nomination.

Since the July GOP convention, one of the big questions on the

political horizon has been how Eisenhower, if elected president, would get along with the O'Hara, acknowledged to be the most influential of Republican Senators.

QUESTIONS
It is reduced now to more specific questions:
1. Will Taft fight Senate confirmation of Durkin? Taft didn't say in his statement calling Durkin "a partisan Truman Democrat" and the appointment a double-barreled affront: To Democrats who voted for Eisenhower and to union members who supported the GOP candidate despite AFL-CIO endorsement of Democratic nominee Adlai Stevenson.

The Senate's attitude usually has been that a president is entitled to have any reasonably qualified person he wants in his cabinet.

2. Is there to be an open struggle between the Taft wing of the Republican party and the elements which by and large have followed the leadership in recent years of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York?

CONTROL
By implication, Taft said the Deweyites had taken control of patronage and were responsible for Durkin's appointment.

He said in his statement that "Mr. (Herbert) Brownell... has been the key man" on cabinet appointments.

Brownell was Dewey's campaign manager in 1948 and Eisenhower

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Shooting Hours

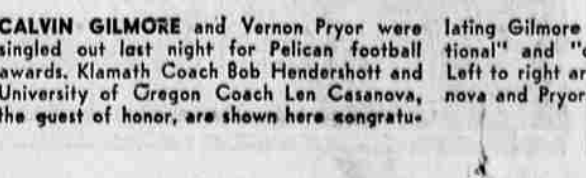
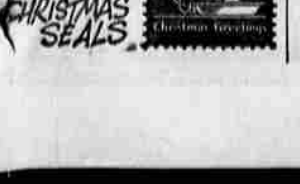
DECEMBER 3
Open 6:48 A.M.
Close 3:35 P.M.

Tule Polio Cases Better

TULELAKE—No new cases of polio have been reported in this area in the past few days and the four child victims now being treated are all showing improvement.

One of the children was taken to a Medford hospital, one was treated at a Klamath Falls hospital and the other two are being treated at home.

A report that an adult, a man, had been stricken and taken to Alameda for treatment, has not been confirmed.



CALVIN GILMORE and Vernon Pryor were singled out last night for Pelican football awards. Klamath Coach Bob Hendershott and University of Oregon Coach Len Casanova, the guest of honor, are shown here congratulating Gilmore and Pryor for "most inspirational" and "outstanding lineman" awards. Left to right are Hendershott, Gilmore, Casanova and Pryor.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California:
Cloudy with intermittent snow through Wednesday. High both days 36. Low tonight 25. High tomorrow 37. Low last night 24. Precip yesterday .05. Since Oct. 1 1.01. Normal for period 2.82.

Reuther Leads In CIO Fight

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—Walter P. Reuther seemed virtually assured today of becoming the CIO's new president after a close and bitter political battle among CIO unions.

The youthful, fiery president of the million-member Auto Workers Union shrewdly master-minded a fight for CIO convention votes and apparently was a winner over CIO Vice President Allan S. Haywood.

Reuther claimed "overwhelming victory" after the rubber and oil president of the CIO United Steelworkers, another million-member group and the core of Haywood's strength, refused to admit defeat.

McDonald maintained "everything is the same" and said the Haywood group would continue to fight all the way.

It was considered likely, however, that in the last analysis the Haywood group would support Reuther to avert any open convention split that might drive a deep wedge into CIO ranks.

At 45 the red-haired Reuther is a young man compared with many other labor leaders.

Never bashful, he has come forward with numerous "Reuther plans" to solve the nation's problems, some of which have been accepted and worked and others which never saw the light of day.

Some years ago he bicycled through Europe and Russia.

Rhee Calls All Out Drive

SEOUL (AP)—President Syngman Rhee today demanded an immediate all-out offensive to drive Chinese Reds out of North Korea.

The South Korean leader declared, "We can do so now," without the help of Japanese or Chinese Nationalist troops. And he indicated he didn't think the move would draw Russia into the conflict because the Soviet Union is not ready for a world war.

Rhee said if the Soviet Union had wanted to enter the Korean War it would have done so when Allied troops drove to the Yalu River in 1950.

"No world war can be avoided unless the leaders in the Kremlin are persuaded or are forced to believe they cannot conquer the United States," he declared.



FREMONT SCHOOL students Ernest Gentry (left), 2118 Ebelein Street, and Bren Caldwell (right), 1927 Ebelein, usually get a ride to school in one of the family cars but because of the icy streets this morning they resorted to bus and a bit of walking.