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Homestead, Bonneville Program Hit

By WALLACE MYERS

According to the Associated Press, The House Appropriations Committee in Washington today recommended to Congress two actions of major importance to the Klamath Basin:

1) A recommendation that no funds be given the Reclamation Bureau for new construction work on the Klamath Project;

2) A recommendation that work be stopped as soon as possible on the Bonneville power line from Redmond to Klamath Falls.

E. L. Stephens, the Reclamation Bureau's Klamath Project manager, informed of the House committee's action by this reporter, said elimination of the construction funds would mean delaying of the homesteading on the project ordered several months ago by Reclamation chiefs in Washington.

Stephens explained that extensive work was necessary on the 6,600 acres to be opened before homesteading could be done. The project timetable called for the probable completion of the additional work in time for homesteading next year. If Congress honors the House committee's recommendation the homesteading will be indefinitely delayed.

In answer to a Herald and News query, the Washington A.P. bureau said it had been advised that the House committee recommended only stoppage of the new construction funds; that there was no recommendation for curtailing ordinary operation and maintenance funds for the Klamath Project.

Stephens said loss of the construction funds could mean the loss of some 15 or 20 Reclamation employees on the project. He said there were at least that many employees here concerned with new construction.

NO COMPETITION

In connection with curtailment of the Bonneville power line under construction from Redmond to Klamath Falls, the House said the Interior Department should quit competing with private enterprise in the power field.

The Redmond-Klamath Falls line has now been erected to a point about 33 miles south of Bend, leaving something over 100 miles of line yet to be put up. The right-of-way has been obtained for the line all the way to Klamath Falls.

A large amount of accessory equipment, such as huge transformers, are stored here and at Chiloquin.

The Bonneville stoppage, coupled with this committee's advisory, immediately raises the question of the California Oregon Power Company's long fight for permission to develop hydroelectric power in the Klamath River Canyon. Copco's final brief in support of this application was filed last October and since then the Federal Power Commission has been mulling over the issue.

The House committee, of course, did not confine its specific recommendations to the two mentioned here. Other Reclamation projects which would suffer large cuts are the Roza and Kennewick works and the big Columbia Basin project.

Deep cuts were made in fund requests for many federal transmission lines and power plants.

Ford Wins Economy Run

SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP)—A Ford Mainliner six received the sweepstakes award for the 1953 Mobilgas economy run in ceremonies at this Idaho ski resort Thursday.

The winning car was one of 25 which swept across the finish line here Wednesday after a 1,200-mile run from Los Angeles.

The Ford averaged 56.7023 miles per gallon—the figure on which the awards are based. Its actual performance was 27.0335 miles per gallon.

The class winners were: Class A (low price standard and overdrive)—Ford Mainliner six.

Class B (low price, automatic drive)—Hudson Jet.

Class C (low medium standard and overdrive)—Dodge V-8.

Class D (low medium automatic drive)—Studebaker Land Cruiser.

Class E (upper medium standard and overdrive)—Nash Ambassador.

Class F (upper medium automatic drive)—Nash Ambassador Custom.

Class G (high price automatic drive)—Lincoln Capri.

Special lightweight class—Henry J Corsair Four.

Average miles per gallon for the 25 cars competing was 22.3869. They averaged 44.117 miles per hour over the course which covered four states. The automobiles were allowed 27 hours 15 minutes driving time to make the trip. Five of them crossed the finish line with less than a minute to spare.

Highest Bid On Lodgepole Made

BEND (AP)—A high bid of \$7.20 a thousand feet was made by the Leonard Lundgren Lumber Co. for lodgepole pine in the area north-east of Paulina Prairie.

The Bureau of Land Management office here said Thursday it was the highest price ever offered here for that species.

In the same sale Lundgren bought another tract for \$6. Combined price was \$15,267. Part of the timber is in Harney County and part in Lake County.

Committee Asks End Of Indian Curb

WASHINGTON (AP)—Early separation of qualified Indian tribes from the "burden" of federal supervision and control was recommended Thursday by the House Appropriations Committee.

In a report to Congress, recommending that the Bureau of Indian Affairs be given \$3,369,000 for the year beginning July 1, the committee said it is "convinced that a number of Indian tribes and communities are ready for complete separation from control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs."

It said it understood that steps have been taken looking toward complete elimination of the bureau's program in California and expressed the hope that the objective can be reached during the next year.

"Obviously," it continued, "the Klamath tribe of Indians in Oregon is also ready for complete separation. . . . Of the total amount programmed for the Klamath Agency in 1952, \$1,991,000 is being supplied by the tribal treasury and only \$149,000 is being provided from appropriated funds. The tribal treasury funds pay for 27 of the 113 federal employees assigned to the agency."

"There seems to be absolutely no reason why this agency should not be operated entirely as a tribal function, or be eliminated. It would appear that appropriations for this reservation and for the salary of other federal employees involved with Klamath Indian affairs are a complete waste of taxpayer dollars."

O & C Access Roads Asked

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee Thursday recommended that Congress appropriate two million dollars for access road construction in the Oregon and California railroad grant lands.

In its report to Congress, the committee said the funds are re-imposed to the treasury out of receipts from the sale of O&C timber before the receipts are distributed to Western Oregon counties.

The road money is contained in the budget for the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management.

Weather

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THE MUFFIN EXHIBIT at the Four-H Fair this morning attracted Mrs. E. F. Langer, 2936 Bisbee and Mrs. Fred Wolfrum, 4305 Allamont Drive.

Youths Tell Terrible Tale Of Wreck In Persian Sea

KUWAIT, Persian Gulf (AP)—"It was 40 days before the women died."

"After that, one by one, the men died, and their bodies were pushed overboard."

"The last man to die was the skipper. We were too weak to push his body overboard, and it remained in the launch."

This was the conclusion of the harrowing story told here Thursday by two youths picked up after drifting in a disabled motor launch for 73 days in the Indian Ocean.

The eight others who perished, one by one, of hunger and thirst included two women and the father of one of the boys.

The Italian Tanker Montalegno picked up the two survivors, Selby Corrat, 15, and Antoine Vidot, 20, on April 14, two and a half months after their launch, the Marie Jeanne, broke down Feb. 1 only a few miles from its home port in the Seychelles Islands. They had drifted more than 600 miles.

The tanker landed Selby and Antoine, terribly weakened by hunger, thirst and exposure, here Wednesday night.

At the beginning of their ordeal, the youths said, there were about 66 pounds of fruit and three gallons of water aboard the Marie Jeanne.

"It lasted about a week," they recounted. "Perhaps the women had more than their share, but when it was gone, there was nothing but a little rain to help our thirst."

"We caught six sea birds by hand, but they only teased out empty stomachs."

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Reds May Step Up Return Of Wounded Allied POWs

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

PANMUNJOM (AP)—The Communists said today they would free more disabled Allied prisoners—a startling reversal of their earlier insistence on releasing only 600.

They did not say how many more, nor their nationalities. But they did promise to return all sick and wounded Allied troops in North Korean stockades as well as those captured recently.

The unexpected move apparently stalled off a possible U. N. protest that the Reds were holding back some disabled captives.

Allied prisoners exchanged in four days have said many more seriously sick and wounded were left behind in North Korea.

Gen. Mark Clark, U. N. commander, said he was gratified that the Communists "in response to repeated requests from the U. N. Command, have agreed to return . . . all UNC personnel in this category."

Some of the recently wounded prisoners came back Thursday, pale and unrecognizable. The day's total was 14 Americans, 5 Australians, 6 Colombians and 75 South Koreans.

Forty more Americans are due Friday, 50 are 4 British, 4 Turks, 1 Hollander, 1 Canadian and 50 South Koreans.

As Thursday's group returned, the gifts of war thundered just outside this neutral center where full-scale armistice negotiations resume Saturday.

Some wounds were fresh and still unhealed—Marines from the battle of the Panmunjom outposts earlier this month and Colombians caught in the Red onslaught over Old Baldy a few days before.

The first eight patients were chafy-faced, some obviously in pain.

They were rushed to doctors for first aid and later to hospitals for full medical care.

One uncertain Marine tugged at the arm of an American lieutenant as his litter was passed from a Red ambulance.

"No foolin', lieutenant, is this really change-change?"

"No foolin'," answered the officer.

One happy Colombian climbed through a back window of a Communist ambulance without waiting for the door to be opened.

The 14 Americans brought the total of U. S. troops returned to 79. The 40 promised for Friday would make a total of 119, just one short of the 120 promised originally by the Reds. However, the new Red move could raise that figure.

In four days of exchange, the Communists have returned 400 Allied troops—the majority South Korean—and the U. N. has returned 2,000 Communists, including all 700 Chinese scheduled to go home.

The Red offer to return more U. N. troops came at a special liaison officers meeting called by the U. N. amid speculation the Allies would demand more prisoners after hearing reports about those still in camps.

It came against a background of mushrooming charges that 1,500 Allied prisoners died of hunger and lack of medical attention, of clubbings and bayonetings and death marches along icy roads.

When the Communists first announced they would return about 600 disabled Allied prisoners, the UNC called the figure "incredibly small" and asked for a recount.

North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee San Cho said several times that the figures had been rechecked and that 600 was all.

But at this liaison meeting Lee told Allied truce delegate Rear Adm. John C. Daniel:

"I would like to inform your side that the sick and injured captured personnel whom our side is repatriating at this time include not only all the sick and injured captured personnel held in prisoner of war camps of our side but also those captured recently by our side at the front."

"Therefore the number of personnel to be repatriated by our side is more than the estimated figure which your side has been previously informed. As to the exact figure . . . your side will be informed daily according to the agreement of both sides."

The meeting lasted only four minutes.

At Munasan, both Daniel and Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, senior United Nations truce delegate, expressed pleasure.

Daniel commented: "We would be glad if we only got back one more than they said they would give us but we would like to get them all back."

Algoma Flood Tops Old Road

A sudden wind and rain squall late yesterday sent Algoma flood waters splashing across old U.S. Highway 97, littering sections of the road with small debris.

At Municipal Airport, the Civil Aeronautics Administration reported gusts reaching 55 mph.

Depth of the flooded area between the Algoma cutoff and old 97 is holding about the same as the past few days, with water only inches from old 97's asphalt surface.

Meanwhile, water seeping beneath the old highway continues to flood fields between old 97 and the mountains.

It Doesn't Make Sense Anywhere

MEDFORD (AP)—James Mowbray was accused of violating a city ordinance by allowing his dog to run at large in the spring gardening season.

Mowbray said he was innocent by reason of insanity.

"Anyone having a dog in Medford under the present dog control ordinance is crazy," he said.

That sounded sane to Judge Warren Lesage in police court. So he convicted Mowbray, then suspended a \$5 fine.

Youngsters Admit Looting Home Of Woman Here; Fur Coat, Figures Taken

from San Francisco preparatory to Mrs. Bienoff and a partner opening a wholesale business here. The Walnut Street house is to be rebuilt into a modern business structure to house the wholesale business to be known as Hogan and Kenney.

County Juvenile Officer Francis Mathews, working with City Detective Bud Adkins, said today the fur coat and a few of the figurines had been recovered. Mathews said he had asked parents of the boys to assist in recovering more of the loot.

Mathews said the fur coat, a South American weasel, was recovered from a clothes closet at the home of one of the boys.

Hen Pheasant Takes Over In Police Office

Attention City Police night force:

This may come as a surprise to you but Sgt. Odell Olson wasn't at all happy this morning about your leaving that lovely young lady locked in his office all night.

Oh, she was a fetching looking dish, right enough, but my, how noisy.

First thing the sergeant did this morning was call Moore Park and ask for someone to hurry down to headquarters and get the wayward hen pheasant.

The night cops got the bird after it had unsuccessfully tried to barge in on a Community Chest meeting at the Chamber of Commerce last night. When the police nabbed the fine bird, she was stalking about the Court-house lawn and didn't seem to mind being confined in the sergeant's neat office.

But Sgt. Olson minded; matter of fact you could (but shouldn't have) heard him minding it for quite a distance.



JOPE HOLBROOK, county extension agent in the 4-H work, and Carolyn Fleet, acting as secretary at the fair, were snapped this morning looking over the dress exhibits. This one was made by Ann Wolfrum from Altamont community.



Mrs. PAUL PATTERSON—wife of Oregon's Governor, is to attend sessions of the 28th American Association University Women opening here today. Mrs. Patterson will be at the buffet supper at Reames Golf and Country Club. (See story Pages 8-9)

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Proceeding chapter of these tales. I told of crossing over the southern Kansas — the old oil and airplanes and the old alfalfa and sugar, sugar. I'd say into southern Missouri. Then I got shut out into a discussion of the fact in the U.S.A. state lines are imaginary things, shown on maps, but otherwise totally unobtainable.

meant to add that when one goes over from that part of Missouri into the big point. The hanging way of life changes, changes sharply. The change occurs in a matter of a few miles.

is heavily agricultural—of the Wichita area, where and apples and manufacture of various other kinds have been the region into a miniature. The Ozarks are dominated by agriculture also. I think difference can perhaps be detected by describing the Kansas Ozarks as a tractor economy, the Ozarks as a mule economy. I use a single mule or a horse to a farm implement of kind-and, believe me, they have implements of all kinds. It's a machinery salesman's life. The way across the Missouri River, I didn't see a single tractor.

is this I did see: typical Ozarks hill farm, with typical Ozarks hill farm house. These roof there projected and NOT a lightning rod but a television aerial, with all the radio and television sets in a reception in a hilly country nearly remote from the telephone station.

the foreground the farmer was holding a little patch of ground a pair of mules hitched to a plow. He was holding one handle with one hand and the other hand he held the plow. Perhaps, for the benefit of younger generation, I'd better say that "lines" are long leather straps with which one guides a team of mules or oxen. In lieu of a wheel and a plow a sharp yank, to a stump or a rock. He was far away to be heard, but I saw his mouth working as he moved his mule and by drawing early personal experience and reconstruct the words he probably said.

should add that the words I'm putting here, they are mine, however, in handling a lot of mules, which animals are usually unresponsive and uncooperative when spoken to in terms available in parlor conversation.

rate, the farmer was getting his spring plowing done. I can't be surprised if his wife is sitting in the kitchen watching the TV screen.

afraid this modern progress, which television is the latest invention, may ruin the way of life of the Ozarks and the Smokies and the other mountain regions back here where the haven't so far caught up with present.

first thing anyone knows, farmer will be buying himself a tractor so he can get his plowing done quicker so he can get to the house sooner to watch television.

are changes are showing up the rolls steadily from the west to the east. Back in western Kansas, where the plains break from the high plateau of east Colorado, a dry gulch was still an arroyo. (Western Kansans must remember, was split open back in the early days of the Santa Fe trail, and was subjected to a strong Spanish influence.)

back here, such names as Coon

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Plane Lost In Cascades, Four Aboard

SEATTLE (AP)—A C-46 with four crew members believed to be aboard vanished over the Cascade Mountains early Thursday on the last leg of a flight here from the east coast.

The big twin-engine transport was flying to Seattle without passengers to pick up soldiers arriving from the Orient on two Navy transports. The plane was flying for American Air Transport, Inc., a non-schedule line of Miami, Fla.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration reported the plane's last radio report was over Easton, on the east side of the Cascades, at 12:47 a. m. The pilot reported that he expected to pick up the Seattle radio beam within 15 minutes. There never was any report of trouble. There were heavy clouds and rain over the Cascades at the time.

Easton is about 80 miles south-east of Seattle, at the east side of Snoqualmie Pass.

There appeared a slim possibility that only two might be aboard: Capt. J. H. Patterson, the airline president, said in Miami that two of the four pilots might have left the plane at Cheyenne, Wyo., to stand by to take over on the return flight to the east. No trace of them could be found in Cheyenne, however.

Heavy clouds over the Cascades hampered the search during the morning. The Coast Guard reported its search plane had to turn back.

US Men Held In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—The U. S. embassy said Thursday five U. S. citizens connected with Texas cotton firms are being held under house arrest by Argentine authorities in Resistencia, Northern Argentina.

The men were seized by a squad of 15 to 20 plainclothesmen Monday night. They were held in prison for 24 hours and then permitted to return to their homes and hotel but under house detention.

They are being investigated for presumed violation of Argentina national security, the embassy added, but Argentine authorities declined to say what illegal acts they are suspected of carrying out.

The five are Jesse A. Root, Argentine manager for the Anderson Clayton and Co., Houston, Tex. cotton brokers; E. R. Connolly and G. E. Turbeville, both of the company's Houston office; James A. Griffin, in charge of a ginning operation for the company in Northern Argentina; and Walter Stindt, also in the cotton business at Houston.

KILLED

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (AP)—Security forces killed eight Communist guerrillas—one a woman—in three jungle battles Wednesday. Three more rebels surrendered.

Youngsters Admit Looting Home Of Woman Here; Fur Coat, Figures Taken

Four pre-teenage boys have admitted to authorities here raiding a private home and removing an estimated \$2,000 in loot. The youngsters, ranging in age from 8 to 11, implicated two other boys in the same age bracket.

Victim of the looting was Mrs. Kenney Bienoff, owner of the small house at 729 Walnut. Mrs. Bienoff, who also maintains homes in Seattle and San Francisco, was in San Francisco at the time of the robbery.

Removed from the Walnut Street house, according to Mrs. Bienoff, were a \$450 fur coat and a large number of china figurines and novelties. The china figurines, packed in cartons, had been shipped here