

### ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL by KEN McLEOD

Speaking of the well organized Congressional hearing in Redding, California last week in regards to the ambition of the Bureau of Reclamation to divert water from the Trinity River to the Sacramento in a half billion dollar boondoggle, the Redding paper announces: "Shasta and Trinity counties put up a united front this morning urging quick action for construction of the Trinity River project with a request for adequate supplies of water for the counties of origin."

This "united front" fable is a thing that always amuses me as every hearing organized by the Bureau of Reclamation and its cover screen of local boosters is managed adroitly so that the record would appear to have a "united front" even though the opposition within the community is great. The opposition, however, is handicapped because it is not organized and does not wish to come to grips with the Bureau's well trained and glib spoken boosters. Engineers look contemptuously upon the layman who attempts to express his views upon subjects they consider to be their own God given right. As a consequence the opposition lets the boomers have their way and pray that outsiders will come in and present the opposing arguments that they do not have the intestinal fortitude to get up in public and

voice. After all, one can hardly blame them, they have to live in the community and the boosters can exert pressures that might be embarrassing to local opposition since they usually control the political voice of the community.

We have been aware that there is still opposition developing in the Trinity area though that opposition has not been voiced publicly by the local paper which must present the "united front" fable by playing down any opposing arguments. Apparently there has been a question raised, in fact, a serious threat in the line of opposition, because some people in Trinity County are beginning to ask what guarantees are there that their area will have an adequate supply of water left to them after the Bureau and the citizens of Redding get it diverted to their special benefit — is Trinity to become a second Owens Valley?

The boomers have always been quick to meet these questions that pose a threat to their desire to get the good old man with the long chin whiskers to generously dig down into the Tax Payer's pocket for a few loose millions that can be spent in their community — it's a great American Game in which we all participate and then scream bloody murder about the taxes we pay.

This question of future water supply after it has been all diverted must have been quite serious because the boomers have had their big guns running around preparing the ground and calming fears the best they can. The chief leader for the Bureau's ambition stated "we do not intend to adopt a dog in the manger attitude" when he sought to allay fear that there would be nothing left for the people at home, however, I greatly doubt such histrionics, was very reassuring. I also notice that now the boomers are beginning to attempt to placate the recreational interests and promise them an "adequate" supply of water of favorable temperature.

By the time the Trinity River diversion boosters get through promising everyone that their needs will be taken care of one wonders how much water will be left for diversion. These boys have been long on promises in their attempts to beat down the arguments of the opposition and have deliberately sought to buy off the opposition by bribery out of the public purse. When Trinity started worrying about their school system which is now exceedingly inadequate and would be forced to cope with a large influx of construction workers — the answer was simple — Uncle will take care of that and build you new schools. When the people started to worry about their road system which would suffer by the project construction — Tut! Tut! my friends, good old Uncle Sam will come to your aid.

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Then when the opposition cried about the loss of tax lands by virtue of the construction of a great reservoir, that was a question which was not so easily answered, however, trust the ingenious promoter — we will just have Uncle pay the county for its lost tax revenue out of project funds. Never let it be said that the promoter can be caught without an answer so long as the public pocket is large and generous.



**ONE-MAN WHO FINDS 250 MEMBERS** for one organization, should get a merit pin. Here, Danny Peck, left, aided camp in the national Veterans of Foreign Wars, gets a pin for his labors. About 50 pins have been awarded in the entire VFW membership in the U.S. for similar accomplishments. The award is being presented by Thomas P. Campbell.

— Photo by Ferebee

## Ike Said Planning Atom Talks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Eisenhower plans an international conference of scientists to explore "the benign and peaceful uses of atomic energy," says Lewis L. Strauss.

The chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission made this disclosure last night in addressing the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. He said it is the President's intention to ask a national American scientific organization to call the meeting later this year.

No specific date was mentioned for the meeting, which would be the first convocation of its kind in the nuclear age.

Strauss, in stating its purpose, quoted the President's words: "To hasten the day when the fear of the atom will begin to disappear

from the minds of the people and the governments of the East and the West."

The AEC chairman's announcement came during his discussion of Eisenhower's Dec. 8 speech, in which the President called upon the world's atomic powers to set up an international agency to develop peaceful atomic pursuits.

The nations participating, said Eisenhower, "must, of course," include the Soviet Union, Strauss, amplifying this point during a question-answer period following his address, said the nations participating must include, under the President's plan, the three powers in the atomic energy area—

the United States, Great Britain and Russia.

"The United States proposal," said Strauss, "is not just another move in the chess game of world politics nor is it primarily a disarmament formula. It does not endanger the atomic weapons secrets of any nation that now has or may possess such secrets. It does not involve suddenly placing trust where yesterday trust could not be reposed."



### Polio Vaccine Tests Planned

PORTLAND (AP) — Salk polio vaccine for tests to be conducted next week in Marion, Lane and Multnomah counties is arriving in Oregon, the State Board of Health reported Monday.

Volunteer physicians and nurses will inoculate second graders whose parents have given written permission for the test.



### Milk Prices Reduced

PORTLAND (AP) — Milk will cost a half cent less per quart in nine Oregon counties on May 15, the State Board of Agriculture announced Monday.

The board also voted sharp reductions in cream prices—from 2 1/2 to 10 cents a pint—in an attempt to reduce surplus butterfat.

The new pricing regulations will mean that producers will get one cent less per quart as the board added a half cent to the distributor's margin.

The vote on the new price regulations was 3-2 with Fred Cockrell of Milwaukie and Lee Holliday of Klamath Falls opposing them. They argued that if the producers' price was to be cut a full cent the entire reduction should be passed on to the consumer.

The regulation affects Marion, Clackamas, Polk, Wasco, Hood River, Columbia, Washington, Yamhill and Multnomah counties.

The new prices will be: 3.8 per cent butterfat milk, 21 1/2 cents; 4.3 per cent milk, 22 1/2 cents; 5 per cent milk, 23 1/2 cents; 10 per cent milk, down 2 1/2 cents to 20 cents a pint; 20 per cent coffee cream, down 7 cents to 30 cents a pint; 32 per cent whipping cream, down 10 cents to 40 cents a pint.

### John Day Chrome Mill Plans Told

BAKER (AP) — Plans for a chrome processing mill to be in operation within 30 days were announced Monday by the Grant County Chrome Corp.

Articles of incorporation for the new firm were filed in Salem Monday by Fred J. Young, Blanche Behner and Margaret Hoskins, all of Baker. They said the firm will process chrome mined between John Day and Prairie City.

The firm, owned by Endre Norne, Hohokus, N. J., and Alwyn H. Wild and Marion Wild, both of New York City, is capitalized at \$375,000, they said.

**UNION MEETING**  
NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — Some 150 delegates and members of their families are expected for the three-day annual meeting of the Oregon State Council of AFL Carpenters and Joiners which opens here Thursday.

### Book of Verse Published

Mary Boyd Wagner, born in Yreka and raised in Klamath County, is the author of a new book of verse, "Roots", her first complete volume, printed by the Wings Press, Mill Valley, California.

Mrs. Wagner is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Edward Boyd, pioneers of Klamath County and is the sister of Mrs. Guy Hancock, 701 Pacific Terrace and Dr. W. R. Boyd, 1954 Auburn Street. The late George Nurse, founder of Linkville, was an uncle.

Mrs. Wagner, who has had a long and varied career in music and writing, is expected to visit Klamath Falls later this year. She compiled an anthology of verse in Braille for the blind while president of the American Association of Pen Women, New York City.

Many years ago Mrs. Wagner went to New York City to study school system which is now exceedingly inadequate and would be forced to cope with a large influx of construction workers — the answer was simple — Uncle will take care of that and build you new schools. When the people started to worry about their road system which would suffer by the project construction — Tut! Tut! my friends, good old Uncle Sam will come to your aid.

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