



**TAKING A COFFEE BREAK** at their regular Monday night drill period were these cooks of Battery D, 732nd AAA Battalion. The Klamath Falls National Guardsmen are staging "Operation Manpower" this week to recruit 62 new members for batteries D and B of Klamath Falls. The cooks are, left to right, Corporal Mervin Koozer, PFC Dick Abraham and PFC Ernest Childers. The two batteries soon will be equipped with the new electronically controlled 75mm "Skysweeper" anti-aircraft gun. Battery D is commanded by Capt. Forrest Alter, Battery B by 1st Lt. Leonard Springer. Any interested recruit, or veteran, may obtain further information by calling the National Guard office at the Klamath Falls airport.

### Home Extension

MALIN

By Mrs. Ernest Gray

Malin Home Extension Unit met in the community hall in the park on Tuesday, January 3. The leaders Elsie Quinn and Lucile Gray demonstrated "Care of the Hair." Part of the meeting was devoted to selection of the next year's programs presented by Mildred Rajnus. Hostesses, Ann Laboda, Lorraine Shell and Etta Johnson served refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mildred Rajnus with Mrs. Rajnus and Mildred Dobry to lead the project, "Bread and Rolls From Sweet Dough." This will be an all-day meeting. Watch for details at a later date.

LANGELL VALLEY

By Mrs. Robert Seater

"Care of the Hair" was the project for the January 4 meeting of the Langell Valley Home Extension Unit held at the home of Mrs. Robert Seater. There was a short business meeting in the morning after which the project leaders, Mrs. Mike Dearborn and Mrs. Robert Seater stressed the importance of beautiful hair, explained types of hair structure and types of hair. Proper care of the hair and scalp and the need for frequent brushing were discussed. Luncheon was served by Mrs. Ted Schmidt, Mrs. Charlie Schmidt and Mrs. Seater to 15 members. Hair styles most becoming to the members present were studied during the afternoon. The next meeting will be February 1 at the home of Mrs. Luther Noole. The project will be "Rolls and Bread From Sweet Dough." Anyone interested is invited to attend.



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### Army Supports Dam Proposals

PORTLAND (AP) — Division Army Engineers are going to stick with their recommendation for a 265-foot-high reservoir at the proposed John Day Dam. They were told last fall by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors either to go back to original plans for a maximum 292-foot reservoir or to find other flood storage space. Spokesmen said here Tuesday that engineers have reviewed the situation and have prepared another report saying ample flood storage space is available upstream. It will be taken up by the board in Washington, D. C., Jan. 19. The original plan for a maximum 292-foot-high reservoir was cut back after residents along the Columbia River protested industrial sites would be flooded. But when the board received the 265-foot recommendation it said flood control storage was needed urgently and directed division engineers to make a review. The revised report says there are such upstream storage sites as Priest Rapids on the Columbia in Washington and Brownlee and Pleasant Valley on the middle Snake.

## Safety Education For Children Urged

PORTLAND (AP) — As a child killer, polio has for years struck terror into the hearts of thousands of anxious mothers and fathers. They have contributed millions of dollars to stamp it out and the road to success has at last been achieved with the perfection of the new Salk vaccine. Yet accidents claimed 31 times as many children's lives as polio in Oregon in 1954 and there is no vaccine which can provide automatic immunization. Worse, none ever can be found. The only hope, says the executive secretary of the Governor's Committee on Home Safety, is through education—hammering home day in and day out the need for caution, good example and perseverance. It's a slow process, this vaccination by education, but Miss Janice Westaby, committee executive secretary and home safety consultant for the State Board of Health, finds that five years of effort has brought some gratifying, if not spectacular, results. In four years Oregon has improved its home accidental death rate from the ninth worst in the nation to the 26th. The 333 home accidental deaths in 1950 had been reduced to 240 in 1954. Recently the State Board of Health was awarded a certificate of commendation from the Home Safety Conference of the National Safety Council "in recognition of exceptional public service in the prevention of home accidents during 1954-55." Oregon's was only one of 48 granted in the nation from among 600 competing for the honors. It was the sad showing in 1950 that led the then Gov. Douglas McKay to call a meeting of representatives of 29 health, medical, school and civic groups. He asked them as a committee to develop a program to cut down on accidents at home. One of the committee's first undertakings was to sponsor a survey in Josephine County, selected as a representative unit, to find out where accidents occurred and why. The next thing was to try to remedy hazardous situations. For example, the survey—conducted with the aid of the Josephine County Safety Council, the county medical society, schools and health and fire departments—showed that the yard was the most dangerous area around the home, particularly in rural areas. Broken glass, axes, tin cans, ladders, and lumber were found to cause the accidents. So the Josephine County Chamber of Commerce launched a cleanup campaign to eliminate these hazards and many more that could bring injury and death. Classes for baby sitters were started for seventh and eighth graders to teach them how to better care for their future charges. Firemen told them what to do in emergencies. Physicians and nurses taught them child care. Recreation experts schooled them in ways of entertaining children. Upon completion of the courses, which extended over a three-year period, the Governor's Committee issued them certificates of competence. The Josephine survey showed the second most dangerous place for accidents around the home is the kitchen. Home extension agents began a series of instructions on kitchen

to keep accident charts on a voluntary basis." An example of this interest was the Southern Oregon Child Safety Conference at Ashland last March, which attracted 120 representatives from Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Douglas counties. One direct result of the conference was the formation of the Roseburg Safety Council. In 1952, 187 Oregon children from birth through 14 years old died in accidents, 94 of them at home, Miss Westaby said. By 1953 this had been cut to 171, with 70 dead in home accidents. In 1954, the latest figures available, accidents claimed the lives of 150 children, 64 of them at home. Top killers in home accidents were burns, principally from playing with matches. Second was poisonings, such as overdoses of sleeping pills and drinking kitchen ammonia and kerosene. Third was deaths by loaded firearms. Parent education to protect their children is the only remedy for such fatalities, Miss Westaby says. Industries, too, are taking a greater interest in the home accident field, the health consultant says. Safety directors are finding that workmen lose more time because of home and highway accidents than they do in on-the-job mishaps. F. N. Jacob of the Willamette Lumber Co., Springfield, is conducting a study in this field and Merle Cashman, safety director for Crown Zellerbach Paper Co., West Linn, is consulting Miss Westaby on methods of extending the company's safety program into homes of workers. The Governor's Committee on Home Safety and the State Board of Health are hoping that the next Legislature will be sufficiently impressed to vote funds for continuation of the program. "The response to our program has been exceptional," Miss Westaby said. "We have found the public to be ignorant of the home safety problem rather than apathetic toward it. Given a chance people cooperate in the program," she said, "even going so far as

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