

# Reclamation Chief Seeks More Federal Investment

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—The president of the National Reclamation Assn. (NRA) Wednesday called for greater federal investment in reclamation to increase national wealth so as to help finance missile-space demands.

President Guy C. Jackson Jr., Anahuac, Tex., said in his annual report:

"Project crop yields and taxation yields show how we can increase the wealth and revenues necessary to support our defense expenditures, our outlay for ad-

ventures into space, and all the burdensome costs of this and future decades."

Jackson spoke at an afternoon session after the delegates heard Gov. Price Daniel of Texas at the opening luncheon of the 27th annual convention.

Jackson took as his theme "too big for our ditches."

He raised the possibility the county may be incurring responsibilities and needs faster than it is providing the resource development, and particularly reclamation developments, needed to sustain them.

To support his argument he cited many statistics on population and production growth, including a quadrupling of the gross national product since 1940.

By contrast the area served by federal reclamation projects has increased only about three million

acres in 17 years, or an average of about 175,000 acres per year.

"This is less than one-fifth of the acreage taken away each year for highways, airports, suburbs and the like," he continued.

"Reclamation appropriations in 1957 amounted to only 1-228th of the military expenditure, and only 1-347th of the government's total expenditures. They amounted to less than 1-2,000th of the gross national income.

"I say that is not enough. . . . Reclamation is a major form of basic resource development. Since it simultaneously improves not one but both fundamental resources, water and land, reclamation may well be the most concentrated and productive of all forms of resource development."

He pointed to the Yakima Project area in Washington as an example. The federal investment

there thus far of about 44 million dollars, most of it to be repaid by the water users, has already yielded more than 200 million dollars in federal income taxes alone from production of about a billion dollars worth of crops.

There are still some 17 million acres in the 17 western states that could be feasibly irrigated under current laws, he said, and added: "Every day that such land remains undeveloped constitutes a huge economic waste to the entire nation. How can we afford such waste? How can we afford not to push ahead with our reclamation programs just as fast and hard as we do with our armament and missile programs?"

Jackson also opposed creation of wilderness areas in the West which would prevent putting all useable land and water to their fullest use.

# Warning Given Poachers; Coed Has Title To Moon

GUNTOWN, Miss. (AP)—Every time they launch a missile into space, pretty Charlene Majers worries about her property.

She owns the moon. Yes, sir.

At least, the U.S. Reclamation Bureau recognizes her legal claim.

On Oct. 14, 1959 Mrs. Katie Hopkins Majers filed her daughter's notice at Tupelo, Miss., after the proper legal investigation.

It states Miss Majers' position

with admirable clarity: "I, Charlene Majers, am hereby placing claim on the planet moon and shall defend said title against any persons or nations that might attack."

The acquisition fulfilled Charlene's childhood ambition.

She isn't the only planet owner in the family. Her cousin, Mitchell Herring, now serving in the Marine Corps, owns the planet Mars. Whether the corps is cogni-

zant of this is not known.

Charlene is a ecology major at Mississippi State University at Starkville and looks forward to the day she may visit her heavenly domain.

However, she has not yet figured exactly how she would defend the moon against attackers or poachers.

No matter. For the legal time being, her claim stands staunch.

A fellow in Knoxville, Tenn., who

tried to add the moon to his possessions a couple years ago found that Charlene had got there before him.

The Reclamation Bureau turned his application back.

CONSERVATION CONVENTION

BAKER (AP)—The Oregon Assn. of Soil Conservation Districts will open its annual two-day convention here Thursday.

# Couple Plans New Eatery

DUNSMUIR — Construction of a \$100,000 restaurant at Oaklo Motel, North Dunsmuir, is being contemplated for next summer by Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan Jones, owners.

Jones said he has asked Robert Fitch Smith, Florida architect, to submit plans similar to Arthur Maisei's, internationally famous Miami restaurant. Adaptation of the plans to fit the hillside site will then be done by a local architect, Jones said.

The restaurant, planned to seat 400, will be a two-story building with the lower floor devoted to lounging and recreational use. It will be of glass construction on the two sides facing Mt. Shasta and Mt. Bradley.

Construction plans hinge on freeway development plans in North Dunsmuir, Jones said. He also said he was undecided on whether or not he would lease the restaurant or supervise it himself. Jones, who entered the motel business 10 years ago, now has 37 deluxe units. His new venture will provide the area with an eating establishment ranking with any in the nation, Jones said.

HOLMES SPEECH SET

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—Gov. Robert Holmes is scheduled to speak today to a meeting of AFL-CIO leaders from throughout the West.

The meeting, designed to find ways of better informing union members of labor goals, opened Tuesday.

It is directed by John Connors, the AFL-CIO education chief.

EXCEEDS SPEED LIMIT

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP)—Municipal Judge Clark Olmsted agreed with William Van Dusen when the 70-year-old motorist said he forgot his glasses while driving because he was excited.

The judge suspended a \$25 fine after Van Dusen told him his wife was expecting their seventh child. Van Dusen said he and his wife, Maxine, 30, have six children fanning in age from one to 12 years.

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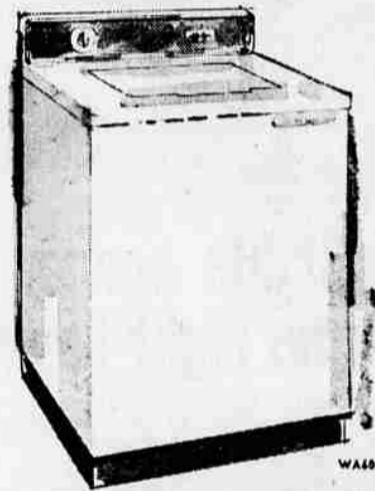
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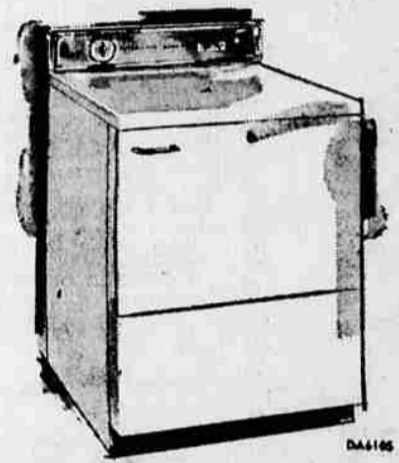
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