

### Top Priority Given 2 Dams By River Project Group

SALEM (AP)—The Willamette River Basin Project Committee gave first priority among basin projects for the immediate construction of Green Peter and Blue River Dams.

The action Tuesday in the form of a recommendation now goes to Congress.

Plans for the Green Peter Dam on the South Santiam River and the Blue River Dam on the McKenzie River were completed. Construction now awaits a congressional appropriation.

The next recommended priority includes funds for Hills Creek and Cougar dams on the McKenzie River.

Listed next in order of urgency were funds to initiate planning for Fall Creek Dam on the Middle Fork of the Willamette and Holley Dam on the Calapooya.

Surveys also were asked for the Yamhill Basin, the Rickreall and Luckiamute Basins in Polk County, Mary's River Basin, Thomas Basin and Horse Creek Basin. All basins reported a shortage of water and urged a speed-up of water storage facility construction.

Chairman Glenn Hogg of Polk County said his section's lack of water is acute, adding it "is almost impossible to get satisfactory underground water even for domestic use because of salt seeping in."

There are only 8,000 acres under irrigation in Polk County and all streams supplies are exhausted, Hogg said. Until storage facilities are built there can be no more irrigation in the county.

Col. Walter L. Winegar, new Portland district engineer for the Army engineers, accounted for the \$18,561,000 appropriated for basin work during the current fiscal year.

He reported the Hills Creek Dam, a \$12,220,000 project, 40 per cent complete; the Cougar Dam, a \$5,170,000 project on the South Fork of the McKenzie River, 23 per cent complete; and \$470,000 worth of bank protection work on the Willamette and principal tributaries fully completed at 134 locations for a total of some 60 miles of revetment.

### Blast Rocks Cult Building

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A tremendous explosion followed by fire roared through a religious cult building early today, killing eight persons and injuring at least two children, the fire department reported.

Some 14 children were sleeping in the building at the Fountain of the World when the blaze erupted with a roar and spread debris several hundred feet in Box Canyon in Ventura County about 20 miles northwest of here.

Sheriff's deputies and firemen expressed the belief that the explosion might have been caused by a bomb.

The building was destroyed. A brush fire was touched off by the flaming wreckage which shot through the pre-dawn darkness like walls of fire.

Firemen said the brush fire quickly spread across the dry area and blackened about 60 acres within hour. They hoped to bring it under control sometime in the morning.

Linda Lee Baker, 9, was in critical condition at Northridge Hospital and her sister, Keela, 7, was among those missing.

Sheriff's deputies said they did not yet have identities of the dead. Mrs. Dorothy Ham, who lives in the area, said she was awakened shortly before 2 a.m. p.s.t. by a loud explosion and screams from the cult center.

About 100 cult members live on the Fountain of the World grounds firemen reported. The group was said to believe in simplicity and good fellowship and members wore long robes but refused to wear shoes.

### Wife Saves Friml's Life

PALM DESERT, Calif. (UPI)—Rudolf Friml, 79, composer of such operettas as "Vagabond King" and "Rose Marie," today credited his wife with saving his life when a glass-topped table he was sitting on broke and inflicted a deep laceration on one of his legs.

"My wife saved my life," Friml said. "I was helpless after that table gave way."

The wound took 23 stitches to close.

Mrs. Kay Friml said she heard her husband's cries Tuesday in the living room of their home and found him lying amid splintered glass with blood gushing from his leg.

She quickly attempted to stop the flow of blood by twisting a towel around the leg into a crude tourniquet and then drove her husband two blocks to a doctor.

The physician, Dr. Charles B. Alexander, said the two-inch cut on the upper thigh caused by a large glass fragment barely missed severing a major artery and hitting the sciatic nerve.

### Water Supply Threatened

EUGENE (AP)—Emergency measures to combat a pollution threat to the water supply at Eugene were ordered Monday night by the city Water and Electric Board.

It authorized the purchase of a large chlorinator to be used to increase the chlorine mixture of the water.

The chlorine increase was recommended by W. H. Berkeley, assistant superintendent of the utility's water operation. The pollution threat comes from sewer drainage into the McKenzie River.

### Indian Land Changes Told

WASHINGTON (AP)—It would be easier for Indians to cut and sell their own timber under proposed changes in regulations announced by the Interior Department Tuesday.

Other proposed changes in regulations involving Indian forest lands would:

Permit any legally interested party to appeal to the Secretary of the Interior from Indian Bureau decisions on timber sales contracts.

Permit the annual cutting of timber up to a value of \$200 instead of \$100 under a permit rather than a formal contract.

About 13½ million acres of forested land on Indian reservations, primarily in the Pacific Coast, Rocky Mountain and lake states, would be affected by the proposed changes.



GENEROUS cash prizes provided by the California Oregon Power Company and the Tulelake Garden Club will go to winners in the 1958 home lighting contest sponsored by the garden club. Mrs. John Takacs, chairman, left, is demonstrating to Mrs. Chester J. Main, center, and Mrs. Eugene Smith effectiveness of native greens as door decor. Judging will be the evening of December 21.

### KF Fire Chief Comments On Condition Of School

A report by Fire Chief Roy Rowe on the condition of Riverside School in regard to fire hazards was read at Monday evening's meeting of the board of School District 1, the elementary district. Action on the report, which is being published separately by the Herald and News, was to be taken after the board has also received a report from the state fire marshal's office.

A representative of the state marshal's office was expected to be in Klamath Falls Tuesday, at which time he would make an inspection of the building, accompanied by representatives of the school board, by Superintendent A. L. Gralapp and Chief Rowe. The board's intention in postponing action until after this second report has been received is to make sure that all authorities are

satisfied with the improvements which will be made.

Other matters discussed by the District 1 board Monday included:

Refinements to be worked out in the agreement between the city and the school district regarding Conger Park.

The school safety and traffic controls program; a report from the administration and its attorneys will be submitted to the board later.

The setting up of a procedure for the handling of moneys belonging to the student bodies of the individual schools was also discussed, but final arrangements were to be worked out later.

Together with the board of District 2, the high school district,

the elementary board heard a statement that applications for participation in the insurance program of the two boards are still being received from interested agents.

The boards also agreed on a tentative date for an organization meeting of the budget committees, the date set being January 5.

The high school board discussed a proposal for purchase of two lots located across MonClaire Street from the high school grounds, between Alameda Avenue and Cross Street. It appointed a committee consisting of John Voth and James Noel to examine the proposal.

The board also approved addition of the names of two persons to the substitute teacher list:

Clarence Hill and Tom Murdock. It authorized Superintendent A. L. Gralapp to attend a meeting on school financing, in Portland December 13.

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