

California Water Bill May Be Biggest Boon To Ranch Lands In History Of West

By United Press International
Probably the biggest boon to California farming in the state's history is well on its way.

This would be the state's giant water development program given final passage in the assembly Wednesday, June 17, and sent to the governor's desk for his certain signature.

Basically, the bill calls for a bond issue of 1 1/4 billion dollars to build the Feather River Project and start others. It also includes plans for draining bad water out of the San Joaquin Valley.

What it means to California farmers is irrigation water—lots of it.

The State Department of Water Resources says the Feather River

Project will be shipping 3 1/2 million acre feet of water south by 1965. Of this total, 55 per cent or 1,824,000 acre feet of water will go for irrigation.

The San Joaquin Valley will get 66 per cent of the irrigation water. The department estimates this will be 1,225,000 acre feet of water, about as much as southern California will be getting for all uses.

These other breakdowns on Feather River water were made available by the department:

Southern California will be using nine per cent of its water for agriculture, amounting to 110,000 acre feet a year.

Of the water used in the service area of the North Bay aqueduct, 75 per cent or 157,000-acre feet a year will be used for farming.

In the South Bay aqueduct area, four per cent of the 10,000-acre feet a year will go into agriculture.

And in the Feather River service area in the Sacramento Valley, all of its Feather River water—77,000 acre feet a year, will go for farming.

Several amendments to the Brown administration's water program were offered, but all were beaten down by heavy votes. One of these was by Lloyd Lowrey of Ramsey.

He proposed an acreage limitation be added to the bill. He said he did not want to set a definite acreage limit at 100 acres as in federal law. He specified each farmer would get enough water to irrigate a farm of sufficient size to support an average family.

SHORT-CUT

ST. PAUL, Minn. (UPI)—A housewife with four beds to make every day can save more than 11 miles a year if she adopts an improved method of bed-making.

Mrs. Marian Melrose, of the University of Minnesota Extension Service, pointed out that 40 feet of walking can be saved by starting at the head of the bed, completing one side, then going across to the other side and working from the bottom to the top of the bed.

Naish Victim Of Dialectic Materialism

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Actor J. Carroll Naish, an Irishman who has spent 30 years specializing in dialect roles — from Italian to Chinese—laments that he has yet to play a part with a brogue.

"I've never played an Irishman because no casting director thinks I look like one," said the 59-year-old performer, whose real name is Carroll Patrick Naish.

Naish, a product of New York City's upper East Side is small, has a swarthy complexion, dark curly hair and a mustache. At present, he is television's Chinese detective, Charlie Chan.

"I became adept at dialects when I was a kid," he said, "because in my neighborhood there were Italians and Irish and Jews all mixed up. All the mamas thought I belonged to their own nationality because I could sing in any of their languages."

"It was easy because I was a singer. I started as a song-plugger when I was 12. We used to get paid \$2 a performance to go to vaudeville houses, get up in a box seat and sing new songs. That's how they sold them in those days."

As a stage, screen radio and TV actor, Naish has played—among many character parts — Arabs, Mexicans, Poles, Italians, gauchos, Russians, Hindus, Frenchmen and Japanese.

He thinks the movies, radio and TV have lost a great deal of warmth and humanity because there are so few dialect comedies these days.

"People are too sensitive," he said. "They forget that basically we are all immigrants. It's like losing the thing that belongs to this country and makes us what we are. After all, we are the cradle of democracy."

"The trouble is that a lot of bad writers burlesqued the nationalities too much. But some of the good writers did things like the wonderful old radio shows — my own 'Luigi' and 'Abie's Irish Rose.' They were stories of brotherly love underneath. They could be loved by any nationality."

"There's great humor in dialect. For instance, recently I was in Dublin and I met a great big Irishman named Morris Goldberg who spoke with the thickest brogue you ever heard. What could be more wonderful?"

Naish said he feels the theater's greatest need is for plays with more human warmth.

"There's no heart nowadays," he said. "They just want to put in seductions and neuroses. It's not like going to the theater anymore. It's like going to an asylum."

AF Playing Game Of Jacks

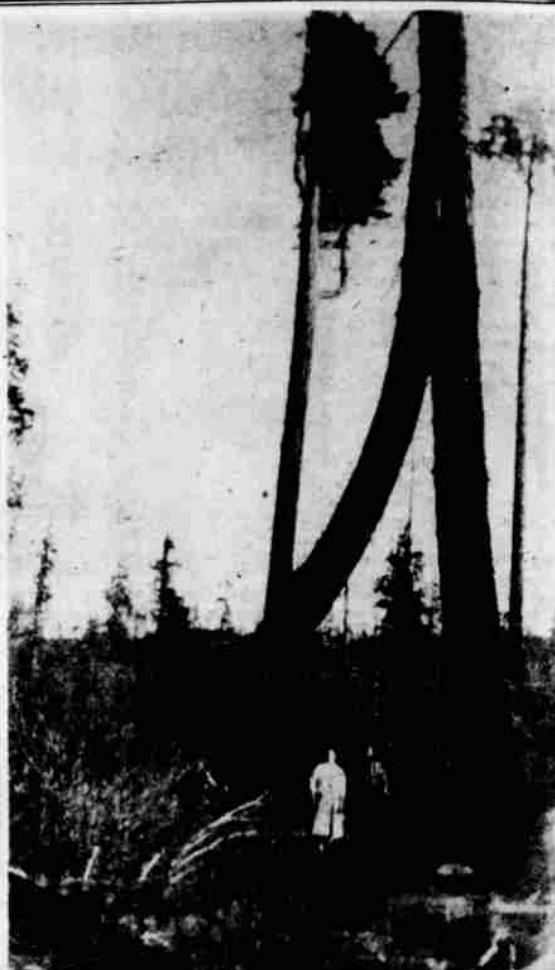
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI)—If a general had walked in, he would have been surprised.

On the floor were colonels, majors and captains—playing jacks. The Air Force believes a variation of the children's game, called mat jacks, has recreational value. The high-ranking officers, attending a world conference of Air Force recreation officers, wanted to see for themselves.

The game was "invented" by Leo F. Milan of Denver, Colorado, who is working on a doctorate in recreation at Florida State University here.

It comes complete with a three-by-five-foot canvas mat, to keep the players off dirty floors. For added interest, a circle is provided in the center and cut into numbered slices like a pie.

The rules for mat jacks are standardized and eliminate a lot of the pure luck of the children's game, making it more a matter of skill—as the officers found out on bended knees. And mat jacks may be played in singles or doubles.



THE TEAMSTERS TREE is the caption given this photo sent in by Joseph B. Hall of Shady Cove, Oregon. He says in his note to the paper: "I am enclosing a snapshot of the teamsters tree. It grew a few miles south of Prospect in Jackson County along the highway to Butte Falls. I named it because of the perfect graft. It reminds me of Paul Bunyan and the year of the Big Wind. No doubt Pea Soup Shorty placed the prop to keep it standing. Nothing like this could happen outside the State of Jefferson. Douglas fir, mind you, a reminder of the forest that grew hereabouts. Persons (in the picture) are T. R. Hall and Alice Hall. T. R. upset the tall ones around here once but refused to spoil this picture. The trees are dead now."

County Agent Reports Farm News Briefed From The County Agent Radio Programs

By WALT JENDRZEJEWSKI

For aphid control in seed potato fields, early application of Systox sprays can't be beat. At 1/2 lb. of technical material per acre, Systox gives lasting aphid control. Systox is very toxic and must be handled with care.

Systox also called Demeton is a system of insecticide which is absorbed by plants to make plant sap toxic to aphids over an extended period.

It must be applied early when all plants have emerged and when plant height averages around four inches.

Aphids have been numerous all spring. Expect peach aphids to infest potato fields very early this season.

When aphid populations are not controlled, excessive spreads of virus diseases occur.

Early and thorough roguing to remove diseased plants is as necessary as ever to grow good seed. Systox spray to control aphids merely reduces early season virus spread which ordinarily occurs before diseased plants can be identified and removed.

Intelligent use of irrigation water now can buy you a piece of that million dollar rain we haven't had all spring.

Many potato fields coming up now need water as soon as they can be furrowed out. Good moisture can reduce possible frost damage as well as make up for the 10 days to two weeks of growth

lost by this spring's delayed plantings.

Decision to irrigate grain should be based on your estimate of moisture conditions in your soil two or three weeks from today rather than present moisture conditions.

There's no decision really. Now is the time to irrigate. While grain is jointing. Not after it has headed. Irrigation then can lay it flat on the ground.

Warmer weather recently is putting fast growth on alfalfa and clover. Cold weather and repeated frosts earlier brought on a great deal of disease trouble in hay and seed fields.

Serious stem blight observed in some alfalfa was encouraged by frost. Blight has not damaged crowns or roots but destroyed much of the early stem growth. Blight damage in one field of fall seeded winter peas thinned stands so much that the field was plowed and seeded to grain.

Maleic hydrazide spray applied last fall by the experiment station to growing potato vines again successfully prevented sprouting in tuber samples recently checked.

MH40 sprays are being used in some areas to prevent sprouting of potatoes grown for chip manufacture.

Sprouting is a marketing problem in late crop table stock shipped to market after March 1. Sprouting in the late crop encourages the trade to change to spring grown crops.

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