

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The U.S. department of agriculture wound up its current land-purchasing program this week with the purchase of 3,027,000 pounds for about \$367,000. Since the start of the program on October 22, the department has bought a total of 61,560,000 pounds of land for \$7,313,000.

Other purchases by the agriculture department this week included 112,125 pounds of dried whole egg solids for \$119,000. Since the egg purchase program began early this year, the department has bought 8,732,625 pounds of dried whole egg solids for \$8,965,000.

What will be done with it? Well, presumably, this 70-odd million pounds of land and dried eggs will be added to the already large food surpluses stashed away in the warehouses and so will HANG OVER THE LARD AND EGG MARKETS OF THE FUTURE LIKE A DARK THUNDERCLOUD.

As a result, the next time the supply of lard and eggs gets a little short this surplus will presumably come onto the market and will PREVENT THE UP IN PRICE THAT NORMALLY OCCURS WHEN DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY.

That, I'm afraid, will be about the long and the short of it.

Let's turn now to a more cheerful subject.

In 1959, the estimated income from agriculture in the Upper Klamath Basin of Oregon and California reached a total of \$39,679,014. This compares with a Basin total of \$31,967,609 in 1958 and \$32,979,794 in 1957. The 1959 total was the third highest in the Basin's history, being exceeded only by 1951 and 1952.

The all-time high was in 1952, when the Basin's agricultural income reached a total of \$44,015,784. That was back before the time when land taken out of the so-called basic crops began to be put into the Basin's specialty crops, such as brewing barley, small seeds, etc.—a type of competition that has hurt our markets.

What gave Basin agriculture its big up in income in 1959? The answer to that is interesting. IT WAS HAY AND POTATOES. Hay accounted for approximately two million dollars of the 1959 up over 1958 and potatoes for about six million dollars.

How come? The answer to that is VERY interesting.

In 1959, for whatever reason, hay and potatoes were in relatively short supply over the country as a whole.

So— As a result of the operation of the natural law of supply and demand— THE PRICE OF BOTHI HAY AND POTATOES ROSE. Both were in relatively good supply in the Klamath Basin and so the Basin's hay and potato producers were enabled to cash in.

That's the story in a nutshell.

In conclusion— Suppose that in 1959 a huge subsidy-induced SURPLUS of hay and potatoes had been stashed away in the nation's barns and storage warehouses . . . to hang like a dark thundercloud over the hay and potato markets.

In that event, there would have been NO UP IN PRICE FOR THE KLAMATH BASIN GROWERS, because the subsidy-induced surplus would have come out of the barns and the warehouses to swamp the market.

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River Claims Local Airman

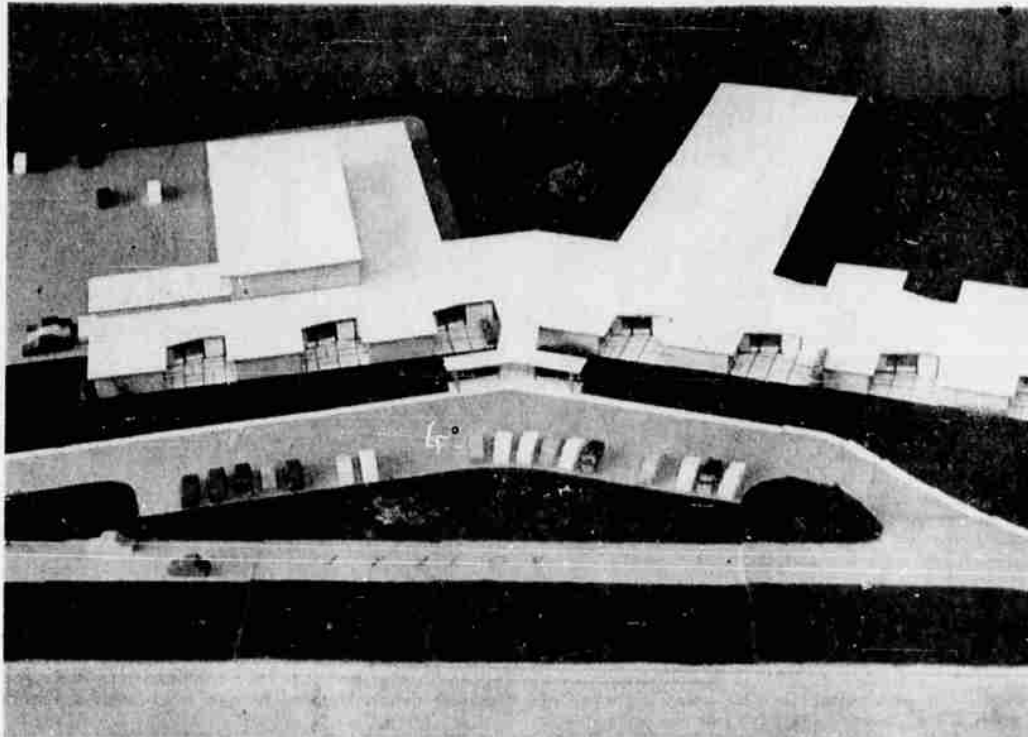
A young model-boat enthusiast drowned late Saturday afternoon after swimming out into the frigid waters of Lost River in an attempt to correct a malfunction in a radio-controlled boat.

He was Benjamin Lowell Weaver, 24-year old Kingsley Field Airman 1-C, stationed with the 40th Cannon Squadron and who lived at 1404 Nimitz with his wife and their three children.

The accident occurred near the bridge and Crystal Springs Road. Witnesses, who were unable to reach Weaver in time to save him, said that he reached the boat and gave it a push toward shore.

Then he turned and apparently was seized by a bad case of chills or cramps, they said, and he went under before help could arrive.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Marie, 25; Kathleen Marie, 4; Brenda Elaine, 3; Benjamin Edward, one and a half; a mother in Wichita, Kansas and a father in Broken, Oklahoma.



LUCILE O'NEILL Elementary School is shown by this architect's model. Bids will be opened by School District No. 1 at 7:30 p.m. on May 16 for construction of six standard classrooms with an additive alternative of four classrooms (shown as the first five window bays from left to right in the picture). The model shows the ultimate structure which will consist of 20 classrooms.

Morrison, Howard and Starbuck, Williams Building, are architects for the school. It is being named for Mrs. V. E. O'Neill, former KUHS teacher, longtime school board member and member of the State Board of Education for seven years until 1958 and then for two years a member of the state interim committee on education.

Bid Opening For School Set May 16

Final approval was given last week to the plans and specifications prepared by Morrison, Howard and Starbuck, architects, for the Lucile O'Neill Elementary School to be located at Eberlein and Avalon streets.

The board of directors of School District No. 1 set 7:30 p.m. on May 16 for the opening of bids for a contract for construction of six standard classrooms with an additive alternative of four classrooms as an additive alternate.

Mrs. Hagan A. Moore, chairman of the school district directors, commented on the final plans:

"Located in a lumber-producing area, the school board was anxious to have as much native material used in the school building as possible," she stated.

Economical Building "The board insisted on an economical building, consistent with space demands, safety and original cost versus maintenance cost. Therefore, we requested the architects to submit complete cost studies for various construction methods and materials reflecting maintenance expenses, together with original cost."

"After a great deal of discussion and study, it was considered opinion of the board that the Lucile O'Neill Elementary School be designed basically as a wood frame structure, using materials manufactured locally or within the state, to the extent possible consistent with economy. Most of the decisions were made at the time of the board's approval of the architects' preliminary design. The plans and specifications were then prepared by the architects in compliance with the board's instructions," Mrs. Moore stated.

The Lucile O'Neill Elementary School is designed structurally as a wood building with interior walls and wood studs with gypsum board surfaces for fire protection. Corridors and cafeteria are also provided with a prefabricated timbered hardwood wainscot to lower maintenance costs in these areas, Mrs. Moore pointed out.

Roofs are constructed with two, three and four-inch wood planks, insulated above, supported by glued laminated wood beams and columns to provide a finished ceiling that is economical and still considered fire-protected due to the thickness of the wood used. This eliminated the conventional plastered ceiling and attic space, resulting in a lower cost.

Exterior Walls Exterior walls are insulated wood frame with wood sheathing.

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Final Meeting Stated Monday

The final meeting for the school year of the Klamath Union High School Parents and Patrons organization will be Monday, April 18, at 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

During the meeting, a panel of speakers will discuss the new KUHS budget to be voted May 2. They are Mrs. Margaret Sheridan, chairman of the school board of education; Dr. James Noel, chairman of the budget committee; Willard McKinny, high school principal, and Harold Ashley, clerk of the city elementary and union high school districts.

Jack Kennitzer, incoming president, and other new officers will be installed.

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Weather Tornadoes Slash Midwest Tearing Building Roofs

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Some cloudiness today, clearing tonight. Warmer late Sunday. High today 63-67; low tonight 29-34.
High yesterday 63
Low last night 31

Northern California — Fair Sunday but some cloudiness in the extreme northern portion late today. Warmer. Not so windy.

Kidnapers Sought

PARIS (UPI) — Police vowed Saturday that they will track down the kidnapers of Erick Peugeot before their success inspires other French gangsters to attempt "American style" abductions.

Tornadoes swept across farms in eastern Kansas, northwestern Missouri and eastern Iowa.

Carl Mammel, 41, Waterloo, Iowa, was killed by a tornado which tipped a heavy truck trailer on top of his auto at a gasoline service station near Waterloo.

A few miles south, near Tracer, Iowa, winds of about 50 miles per hour ripped the boxes of two freight cars off their wheels. The damaged cars dragged 36 other freight cars off the tracks on a Chicago & North Western branch line.

Near Enid, Okla., motorist Richard Stecker, 23, reported a trailer picked up his auto and carried it 10 feet before dropping him back on the highway.

Two funnel clouds were reported over Blackwell and Ponca City in north central Oklahoma, and a newsman in Tulsa reported seeing wind gusts overturn autos in the streets.

Police and fire department cars, their sirens screeching sped along streets in Kansas City Saturday evening, alerting residents to a possible tornado threat. However, nothing developed in Kansas City, although tornadoes were in evidence southwest of the city in Kansas and in the northwest corner of Missouri.

One tornado, moving northeastward, damaged about six farms a few miles southeast of Ottawa, Kan., about 45 miles southwest of Kansas City.

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The answer came back last month from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Space Task Group, Langley Field, Va.

John A. Powers of the NASA's affairs officer, wrote Robert:

"The astronauts asked me to tell you that they all feel you do need arithmetic, not only for future space work, but for any field that you may enter.

"They feel that young men such as yourself should study hard and learn all you can so that some day when you are a grown man you will be qualified to assume a position of responsibility."

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Warmer Temp Saves Man

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Two masked men came within 20 degrees of killing Albert Reeves, 24. They entered a bait store, tied Reeves and shut him up in a big freezer. He was rescued 4 1/2 hours later by J. C. Baker, owner of the firm, and taken to a hospital for frostbite treatment.

"He was lucky," Baker said. "The freezer they put him in has a constant temperature of zero. The adjoining freezer is kept at 20 below. He wouldn't have lasted 20 minutes in that one."

Police said Friday's attack on Reeves might have