

Secretary Dedicates Great Owyhee Dam

SCENES SHIFT ON OWYHEE PROJECT; NEW WORK BEGINS

TERTELING BEGINS FIRST CANAL CONSTRUCTION WHILE LAST JOB AT GREAT DAM IS UNDER WAY.

Scenes are shifting on the Owyhee project. Construction of the dam has exhausted the supply of gravel in the great bed located at Dunaway running from the highway east to the river. However, the gravel deposit on the west side of the road will be sufficient to fill the requirements of the tunnel contractors who are purchasing gravel for concrete lining from the General Construction company. Equipment for excavating gravel will be moved across the road tomorrow and during that period power will be shut down on the line from the Colony to the dam.

Dismantle Dam Equipment

Today the cabin in the center of the great cableway across the dam is not occupied. A few months ago one man operated controls in the cabin which directed the tail tower, also the lowering, hoisting and placing of concrete in the huge bucket suspended from the cable. Soon the tower, cableway and even the mixing plant will be dismantled.

The General Construction company has retained a crew of about twenty men who have begun the last job on the dam, the plugging of the 22-foot diversion tunnel. A gate will be installed in front of the opening to shut out the waters of the river while work is in progress. A cofferdam will protect the outlet end. The upstream opening will be permanently plugged with concrete while the outlet end will form a part of the spillway, connecting with the ring gate spillway chute. Ben Cook and his assistant Al Lewis are in charge of the work.

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JUNIORS LOSE TO BAKER NINE

BURNS PROTESTS LA GRANDE VICTORY IN LEGION JUNIOR TOURNAMENT.

Nyssa-Ontario juniors were eliminated by Baker in the American Legion district baseball tournament in La Grande Saturday and Baker lost to Burns, which sent a strong entry this year.

In the finals, La Grande claimed the long end of a 3 to 2 score over the protest of Burns. The dispute arose over a decision at home plate in the ninth inning. Burns was batting, had scored two runs and had runners on second and third with two out. The pitcher's throw was missed by the catcher, due to the umpire ruled, to the ball having hit the batter who he claimed struck at the ball. He ruled the ball dead and refused to let the man who scored from third to have the run. Burns protested vigorously, calling it a "home town" decision. If counted, the run would have tied the score. The protest will be decided by Spec Keene, had of Legion baseball in Oregon.

Nyssa boys of the local line-up, who played at La Grande, were Freddie Spencer, pitcher; Calvin Wilson, right field; Dean Johnston, center field. Ontario entries were: Baird, Taylor, Andrews, Tscheu, Walker, Bierman and Robinson.

PARENTS SEEK SON

Richard Galloway, rancher of Vale, was here this week searching for his son James, 15, who left home Saturday. It is believed the boy might have gone toward Huston, Idaho. He had been restless because he could not find work. Shortly after he was missed by his parents, word came that a job was awaiting him in Huston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smiley of Apple Valley were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. DeGroff.

Pomona Grange Meets At Arock For First Time

The July meeting of Pomona grange will convene at Arock in Jordan Valley, Saturday. This will be the first Pomona meeting at Arock since that grange was organized about two years ago. W. W. Deal, Idaho state grange master, Mrs. Deal, Chas. Wieklander, state deputy from LaGrande and P. F. Weikal, county deputy will attend, according to Mrs. Karl Norvall, Pomona lecturer.

Mrs. Chas. Murphy, Arock lecturer, will have charge of additional entertainment. Wm. Wiley is master at Arock, Mrs. W. S. Bruce, chairman of the home economics club, County Agent R. G. Larsen plans to accompany the delegation to Arock.

OPERATION IS FATAL FOR 18- YEAR OLD YOUTH

Donald Hoover, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hoover of Klamath Falls, formerly of Nyssa, died June 30, following a brief illness of peritonitis, the result of a major operation. Funeral services were held the following Saturday and interment was in Linkville cemetery at Klamath Falls. The young man had taken a leading part in school affairs and his death is widely mourned. In addition to his parents he is survived by one sister Mrs. Lorene McCullum and three brothers Dale, Floyd and Everett, all of Klamath Falls.

HUGH BRADY IS CANDIDATE FOR STATE COMMANDER

With favor Nyssa legionnaires received the announcement Saturday of Hugh E. Brady, district vice commander of the Oregon American Legion that he is a candidate for the position of state departmental commander. Mr. Brady first made his candidacy public at his home post in La Grande Friday night. He is an attorney there, is serving his third term as a member of the state executive committee of the American Legion and formerly was commander for eastern Oregon.

NEWBILL OPENS SECOND HALF BALL MINUS NYSSA NINE

When Catcher "Bud" Long went into the hills to trap and others of the Nyssa team decided that baseball weather was over for the season, the ranks of the home team were depleted. As a result Nyssa did not sign up for second half baseball, nor did Nampa for they lost Charlie Newbill. Entries are Ontario, Caldwell, Boise and Emmett.

In the opener last Sunday, Caldwell, with Newbill in the box, lost to Ontario 3 to 2. Soper chucked for Ontario. Newbill's support was wobbly, the Idaho boys chalking up five errors. The crowd was small. Hits were divided at three for Caldwell, four for Ontario.

Boise trimmed Emmett 2 to 0.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DELEGATION GOES TO LAKE MEETING

Nyssa Epworth League of the Methodist Community Church sent a delegation of seventeen to the Wallowa lake institute this week. Ten girls accompanied the Vale delegation in charge of Mrs. E. G. Guley, chaperon. They were Laura and Daisy Whipple, Pauline and Ruth Wolfe, Olive Hunter, Bessie Hatfield, Emerald Hardin, Lula Erwin, Helen Miller and Martha Rae Stephens, the last two from Apple Valley. Mrs. Green Campbell and daughters accompanied Rev. and Mrs. Walter Bach while Howard Foster and Wesley Newton made the trip on motorcycle.

Substituting for Rev. Josie J. Bach at the morning service here, a delegation from the Nazarene college in Nampa will conduct the church session.

MRS. BARRETT TO ENTERTAIN CLUB

Mrs. F. B. Schlapkohl's division of the Nyssa Civic club entertained with a pleasant meeting yesterday on the lawn of the Boydell home. Mrs. J. J. Sarazin presided during the business hour, when plans for the flower show in September were outlined.

Jolly entertainment followed. In a leaf guessing contest, Mrs. Dick Groot and Mrs. Eddie Powell tied for the prize, Mrs. Groot winning on the draw. Mrs. F. P. Greene and Mrs. C. L. McCoy gave a yellow cab stunt. Other humorous skits were given by Mrs. George Stacey, Mrs. Dick Tensen and daughter Betty, Mrs. C. W. Reberger, Mrs. Sidney Burdige and Mrs. E. B. Butler, Jr., served refreshments at the close.

Mrs. C. W. Barrett invited the club to hold its August meeting at her gardens near town.

GAS WELL NEAR HERE MAY BE REAL PRODUCER

COMMERCIAL FLOW BELIEVED BROUGHT IN AT UNITED DE- VELOPMENT WELL BEYOND "Y"; U. S. INSPECTOR AWAITED.

The gas well on the S. D. Dorman ranch beyond the "Y" on the John Day highway blew in last week and the driller C. D. Murfield announced that volume of gas produced 250 pounds pressure. An output of between two and 6,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily is estimated. A report from the well yesterday indicated that the United Development company, owner of the well, had capped the well and will await arrival of a United States geological survey inspector to determine capacity and value of the strike.

Murfield said that for the first time since gas exploration in this region had been undertaken, a well of promising capacity had been capped before the "blow" permitted the hole to bridge itself.

Product of the well is a colorless, odorless gas, which flows from the sands underlying blue shale, from a depth of about 1800 feet. Drilling went into the sand only two feet. Murfield said. The well is cased within four feet of the bottom of the hole. Yesterday it was planned to ground the casing on the well bottom and thereby eliminate any possibility of damage to the well when it is permitted to "blow" for final capacity tests and for increasing the production.

Gas has been flowing from the well for some time. The Yellowstone Cut-off visitors were taken to the well a week ago Sunday to observe a flaming gas jet.

Gas from the well had sufficient power force Saturday when passed through a 2-inch pipe to tear a linen handkerchief in two when George Merritt, Ontario hotel man, tried to collect solids from the stream flowing from the outlet pipe.

The well is about nine miles from Nyssa.

PORTLAND, BOISE SEND DELEGATIONS TO DAM DEDICATION

Portland and Boise sent large delegations to Owyhee Dam dedication Sunday. From Portland came L. C. Newlands and Harvey Knappenberg, of the Oregon Portland Cement company, an Oregon industry that delivered to the dam \$500,000 worth of barrel concrete from the plant at Lime.

Others from Portland were W. G. Ide, former manager of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce; J. C. Ainsworth, of the United States National bank of Portland. Amos Burg, noted writer and explorer, who has announced that he will write an article on Owyhee dam for the National Geographic; Mr. May, author of the new geography of Oregon; W. D. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Sims, of the Universal News Reel Corporation; Judge Kelly, chief justice of the Oregon supreme court and representative of Governor Meier; O. Laugaard, city engineer of Portland and representative of Mayor Baker.

Others from the western part of the state were Dr. W. L. Powers, secretary of the Oregon Reclamation congress; Wilfred Allen, director, from Grants Pass; and E. Bert Hall, president of the Shasta Wonderland association. Ex-Governor Walter Pierce of La Grande and Ex-Governor H. C. Baldridge of Idaho attended.

With the Boise delegation came Mrs. William E. Borah, wife of the Idaho senator.

The Idaho Statesman, Boise; The Journal and Oregonian of Portland were represented. The Standard Oil company provided loud speakers and the program was broadcasted over KPXD.

PAID WELFARE WORKER FAVORED

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ONTARIO TIES NAMPA; PLAYER INJURED SUNDAY

After dashing in with Nampa's lone tally in a postponed Idaho-Oregon league game at Boise Sunday, P. Tiller, Nampa shortstop, caught the cleat at the edge of the home rubber, fell over the Boise catcher and fractured his left leg above the knee. Unable to settle down after the accident, Nampa gave Boise an easy win 6 to 1. Duff made a home run.

The win for Boise left Nampa and Ontario tied for first place. Nyssa comes next in line.

P. Tiller is a brother of Wm. Tiller, who recently returned to Nampa from this community.

OWYHEE WORKMAN HURT

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FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN WINDS ITS WAY TO OWYHEE

A passenger train wound its way through the hills Sunday. It crept beyond the green valleys, through the desert sage and to the upper reaches of the Owyhee canyon. Rabbits paid no heed for the monstrous engine had passed to and from the dam since 1928.

The Sunday Special of the General Construction company left Dunaway, loaded to the "guards," at 11 a. m. It could not accommodate all the crowd. Some turned back while many others formed a steady stream of cars over the narrow road. The Special arrived at the dam a little after 1 p. m., making a run of 30 miles in 120 minutes.

Arrival of the Special at the dam was greeted by a cheering crowd, numbering almost as many people as the bulging train.

REBEKAH LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL INSTALLATION

Mrs. A. V. Cook, district deputy president of the Rebekah lodge, installed new officers of Yellow Rose chapter of Nyssa Thursday night. Officers are: Mrs. Ike Boren, noble grand; Mrs. B. Burns, vice-grand; Mrs. Frank Leuck, secretary; Mrs. John Forbes, treasurer; Mrs. Will Beam, right support to noble grand; Mrs. Mary Felton, left support; Myra Clendenning, warden; Mrs. Cook, conductor; Mrs. Lon Root, right support to vice grand; Mrs. Emma Duncan, left support; Mrs. N. H. Pinkerton, inside guardian; Mrs. J. R. Hunter, outside guardian; Mrs. Mattie Clendenning, past noble grand; musician, Mrs. Robert Martin; Mrs. Tom Johnson, chaplain.

After the ceremony, Mrs. Boren, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Cook served a dainty lunch. A large crowd attended.

PACK RAT RIDES FROM CONNOLLY IN CAR ENGINE

A workman from T. E. Connolly tunnel camp had a passenger when he drove into Nyssa yesterday, a passenger who rode on top of the engine. The passenger, a pack rat about six inches long, was sitting in a new nest on top of the engine when Dave Dugger, service station operator, opened the hood of the car to look at the oil. The rat jumped into the pan, where he remained till Dugger found his gun and shot him.

Dugger says he isn't afraid of mice but he doesn't care for rats. On inspection he found that the rat's nest was made of grass. The rat had even carried a supply of bread to the nest for future use.

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JULY RAIN BRINGS COOL WEATHER

While the middle west is sizzling under a July heat wave, Malheur county has been enjoying rain and cool weather. An unusually heavy rain for this season of the year fell Tuesday. It was followed by a chill which lingered yesterday. Return to normal July weather was forecast for today but the weather bureau said there was little reason to believe that Oregon would be blistered by the heat wave which is moving eastward.

BONUS ARMY VETERAN DIES; WIFE IS HERE

MRS. CARL EREXSON RECEIVES WORD OF HUSBAND'S DEATH IN WASHINGTON; BURIAL AT HIS OLD HOME IN IOWA.

Leaving his wife in Montana to look for work, Carl Erexson, 34, World war veteran, after several months of futile searching for a job, decided to try his luck with the thousands of other veterans who were marching on Washington with demands that they be given the bonus.

That was in May, Mrs. Erexson found her husband was formerly employed at Owyhee Dam and she thought he might return here. She heard nothing from her husband but thought he might have joined the bonus army. However, no word came from the camp in Washington.

Monday, her husband's silence was explained in a brief telegram from his mother who lives in Bufton, Iowa. Erexson died in the bonus army camp in Washington after a brief illness of pneumonia. He received his ticket home from Washington—the government sending his body to Bufton, where he was buried with military honors.

Mrs. Erexson and her 16-year old son are in Nyssa. Donald M. Graham, district commander of the American Legion, has been assisting Mrs. Erexson in getting in touch with relatives.

On the day when Mrs. Erexson received the telegram here, the bonus army was beating a retreat from Washington hundreds of veterans accepting their ticket home provided by the government. Walter W. Waters and other leaders remained, however, with remnants of the army, to continue their plea for the bonus.

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Several speakers read the honor roll of those connected with the successful promotion of the Owyhee project. Mention went to C. C. Hunt, Dr. J. J. Sarazin, Frank T. Morgan, Mr. Van Petten and Nicholas J. Sinnott, late congressman from this district, who was instrumental in securing the first large appropriations.

Sinnott Tribute Made

Marshall N. Dana, editor of The Oregon Journal of Portland, always a welcome guest, gave a dedicatory oration. He paid tribute to Congressman Sinnott and suggested that a plaque bearing his name be placed on the dam.

Concluding the program Engineer Banks made a splendid instructive talk, giving a description of the dam, ring gate spillway, reservoir, irrigation system and tunnels. Then the entrance to the interior of the dam was thrown open and the elevator began a big day's work. Hundreds of people rode in the first elevator ever installed in an irrigation dam.

The General Construction company served a lunch for about 200 special guests and officials at the mess hall. On behalf of the Vale-Owyhee Land Settlement association, R. D. Lytle thanked the company. While the banquet was in progress, others at the celebration patronized the stands provided by Ernest C. Wilson and Dewey Ray of Nyssa.

An enjoyable note in the afternoon was music by the Ontario band. Boy Scouts of Nyssa with employees at Owyhee camp, directed the crowd. The event was staged very successfully and much credit is due the committee in charge which included: Frank T. Morgan, Dr. J. J. Sarazin, C. C. Hunt, E. L. Morton and S. D. Goshert of Nyssa, R. Lytle, Leo Schmidt and H. G. Kennard of Vale, C. H. Oxman of Jamieson, J. D. Fairman of Harper, J. D. Billingsley and H. C. Boyer of Ontario, Engineer Banks and C. A. Betts of Owyhee Dam and officers of the General Construction company.

DAM ELEVATOR COST \$10,000

In addition to being the highest dam in the world, Owyhee dam is the only one in the world with galleries served by an elevator.

The elevator played an important part in the dedication of the dam Sunday, transporting about 800 people up and down during the two hours of the program in its first day of service. Others at the dam traversed 417 steps which also provide passageway from the lowest gallery to the fifth gallery near the top of the dam structure.

Although the elevator is listed with standing room for only 25 persons, forty crowded the carriage on most of the trips Sunday. The elevator will transport 9000 pounds of weight. To the side of the hatchway is a little space where a ladder extends along its entire height of 270 feet. A steel spiral stairway runs from the top landing to the top of the dam.

The elevator, purchased from Montgomery Elevator company of Moline, Ill., cost approximately \$10,000. It is made of copper bearing steel and after installation was painted lead gray. Brackets for the guide rail were installed every six feet, for extra safety precaution, while in a building the usual distance between brackets is 12 feet. Pilotron tubes control the lift. Neil T. Marks supervised the installation, completing the work this week after a period of about two months.

Engineer F. A. Banks expressed himself as well pleased with installation of the elevator.

GOOD WILL BANQUET

Portland representatives of the Security Owners Association of New York gave a good will banquet at the Moore hotel in Ontario last Saturday night for Dr. Elwood Mead and the irrigation districts of Malheur county. E. Bert Hall, Oregon president, was toastmaster. Dr. Mead made an entertaining talk. Guests from Owyhee Dam were Engineer F. A. Banks and C. A. Betta, from Nyssa Engineer F. B. Schlapkohl, C. C. Hunt, Dr. J. J. Sarazin, Frank T. Morgan and Attorney E. M. Blodgett. The purpose of the association is the stabilizing of bonds.