

OLD AGE PENSION IN EFFECT IN 1934

Salem—The state board of control Monday sent a letter to Attorney-General Van Winkle requesting him to approve a form of application for persons applying for relief under the old age pension law enacted by the last legislature. The law becomes effective January 1, 1934.

The law provides that all applications shall be filed with the county courts and later be audited by the board of control. The county must stand the expense of the payment of pensions.

BROGAN-BAKER SURVEY BEGINS

L. J. FOSTER OF RECLAMATION BUREAU WILL PROCEED WITH SURVEY.

L. J. Foster, engineer of the reclamation service, visited Malheur and Baker counties this week preparatory to starting work on the survey of the Baker-Brogan irrigation project in the Burnt river vicinity. Foster left yesterday for Denver but will return within ten days.

Foster stated the survey will be started in September and will require from four to six weeks work. After it is completed, Foster will report on the feasibility of bringing flood waters from Burnt river for an additional supply for lands of the Orchards Water company at Brogan.

Drilling equipment now at Agency Valley, where investigations are under way on the North Fork dam site of the Vale project, will be used on the Baker-Brogan survey.

ROCKVILLE VISITORS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. William Leake and daughter were in town Tuesday from their hay ranch at Rockville. They report a splendid hay crop in the Rockville and Jordan Valley section. School will start early in September at Rockville with Miss Ethel Whillock of Spray again instructing. The Leakes also reported that Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cunningham and children of Rockville are motoring to Portland this week to make a visit with relatives.

MINSTREL AT JORDAN VALLEY

Jordan Valley—The music club of McDermitt with Mrs. Archie Meyer director will repeat the highly successful minstrel "Bad Black Babies" in Jordan Valley Saturday night, August 26. A dance will follow the minstrel. John Urlezaga has been making arrangements here.

IDAHO POWER CO. ADOPTS NRA CODE

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Idaho Power Company, the NRA code for the power industry, which had been submitted to and approved by General Johnson August 11, was adopted and made effective for all operations of the company. Already the office employees have been placed on a forty hour week, subject to the provisions of the Code. All other employees of the Company will come within the Code just as soon as additional employees can be secured and trained for those branches of its service requiring special technical and skilled knowledge. Under the Code the Company has until March 1, 1934, to secure and complete the training of employees for certain branches of its service.

"The electric light and power industry of the United States is squarely behind the President and the NRA. The Idaho Power Company, in adopting this Code of the electric light and power industry, is doing its part in helping in this recovery program," said J. C. Baldrige, division manager at Payette.

The immediate effect of the adoption of this Code will be the employment of some 25 additional people. When the hours for other classes of employees have been further reduced this number will be further increased to 40 or 50 additional employees. Additional cost for salaries and wages will be around \$55,000 a year. At the present time the Idaho Power Company has a total of 440 employees and its total payroll for 1932 was \$800,000. However, for some time past, due to a slackening of business, many of its employees have been working forty hours or less per week. This has made it possible to keep a larger number of employees on the payroll.

POSTPONE TRAIL PICNIC

For the reason that Big Bend park hall could not be secured for Sunday, Oregon Trail Sunday School will postpone the annual picnic until Sunday, September 3. The picnic was first planned for this coming Sunday.

TRUCK FEES IN TANGLE

JUDGE SAYS RULING DOES NOT EFFECT FEES BUT REGULATIONS.

Salem—Fears that the ruling by Circuit Judge Lewelling in the truck litigation might jeopardize the state highway fund, it now appears, were groundless.

Judge Lewelling made it clear that his opinion does not effect in any way fees imposed upon trucks and busses by the act of 1933.

"The question of fees was not before me for consideration," Judge Lewelling declared. "My ruling affects only the attempt to impose upon contract carriers the multitudinous regulations which are imposed upon common carriers."

The opinion in question was handed down in the suit filed by A. C. Anderson, a contract carrier, and restrains Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, from attempting to impose upon contract carriers regulations set up by the legislative act.

While the full effect of the court ruling will not be known definitely until the decree of the court is handed down some time next week, Judge Lewelling explained that his ruling strikes only at the attempt on the part of the

legislature to load so-called contract carriers down with impractical requirements such as the filing of a good faith bond, filing of contracts, schedule of minimum fees and much other data with the utilities commissioner.

BUY VALE PROJECT FARMS

Herbert Cole of Vale sold 80 acres on the east bench of the Vale project to Andrew H. Mefford of Caldwell. Mefford expects to move onto his new tract next fall. Oscar Martin and son Verne, of Jordan Valley, have purchased 240 acres on the east bench north of the Cole lands. They will take possession soon.

BOULDER PARTY MAKES GOOD TIME

Big Bend—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peck, Jr., of Boulder City, Nev., surprised Big Bend relatives by arriving Wednesday noon for a week's visit. They made the trip in their Chevrolet in a day and a half, traveling from Boulder City to Twin Falls, about 800 miles the first day. They report the temperature at to dam to have been 137 degrees in the shade recently. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott and Mrs. Carl Wood also of Boulder who are visiting their parents in the Bend.



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