

River Authority Plan Is Opposed

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ters be extended over a period of 100 or 200 years.

Revealing his attitude in one part of his address through the point of asking questions, Mr. Straus said "Why now should the reclamation laws not be amended with respect to purely recreational features of a reservoir so that these benefits are achieved without saddling the expense of the vacationist or the nature lover at the reclamation reservoirs on the local water users—as required by present law? The answer, of course, is that such action is due. The bureau of the budget and the president have already approved a proposal by reclamation to have recreational benefits allocated as non-reimbursable national benefits, thus lifting this fiscal burden from the backs of irrigationists.

"Why, for an example of inconsistency, should the United States charge western power users three per cent interest for investments in developing the power of rivers right in our country here while the same United States lends billions of dollars at less than two

per cent to countries all over the world for the same and other purposes thousands of miles from our homes? I am satisfied that our reclamation power interest rate should be lowered to at least two per cent. We are discriminating against ourselves and must continue to do so under the present laws until you change them.

"Why should we insist, as the law now does, that water users return all allotted costs of construction in 40 to 50 years for dams, reservoirs, and canals with a proven useful life of 100 to 200 years, or, for all we know, thousands of years?

"The last congress started a re-examination of the reclamation laws. The undertaking will be resumed by the next congress. Now is the time to liberalize the reclamation laws. Our ability to discharge the tasks we have undertaken in great measure rests on further development of the ever-revolving reclamation laws that are both our legal foundation and our actual ceiling."

Mr. Straus declared that after demobilization was started the bureau awarded \$2,000,000 in construction contracts. The awards rose in the first quarter of this calendar year to \$34,000,000 and in the second quarter of this year to

\$70,600,000.

"This meant \$105,000,000 in new reclamation work driven under contract in the first six months of this year—a figure of which your new commissioner was and is particularly proud," Mr. Straus said.

The speaker then discussed the necessity of President Truman invoking a limit of \$85,000,000 on the reclamation construction program for a 12-month period with a similar ceiling for the succeeding 12 months.

"Reclamation development is the one type of federal public works which must pay for itself in hard cash," Mr. Straus said. "The United States money put into reclamation is not money just spent. It is a conservative form of investment. I am just selfish enough to want my money well and wisely invested and I don't know any form of federal spending that approaches in secure fundamental values the irrigation water and power works of the west."

NU-ACRES

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gallant and family of Goodrich, Idaho were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Smit. Fred and Gary Gallant have been staying at the Smit home while Mr. Gallant was serving on a jury in Boise.

Cecil and Margaret Evans and Curtis and Alice Fry attended a P.T.A. meeting at Fruitland. The hot lunch program, in which everyone in the community is interested, was discussed. A committee for investigating the hot lunch program was organized with Mrs. Roy Shaw, Dorothy Groves, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Alice Fry as members. They are to visit the Ontario schools to learn how they handle the lunch program and to investi-

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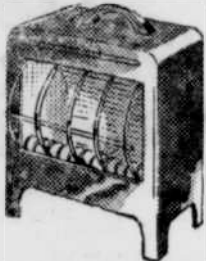
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Two Vets Open Summer Theater

Two Washington, D. C., radio announcers, both World War II veterans, have used a Veterans Administration-approved loan to reopen a summer theater at nearby Olney, Md. The rural theater had been closed since the early days of gasoline rationing. Glenn Taylor (taking up the current attraction, right) and Redge Allen split a 14-hour working day between announcing duties and theater work. Expenses gobbled up most of the first year's take, but both are optimistic about the future. "We didn't expect to make a killing this season," Allen said, "but wait until next summer." Taylor (left) and Allen convey their leading lady, Miss Rosemary Murphy, in for morning rehearsal in the center photo. In the lower picture, Miss Mimi Norton takes her cue from Director Tony Randall, former member of the Army Signal Corps, as Jack Salamance, veteran and member of the permanent company, looks on.—Veterans Administration Photos.



gate the possibilities of room in the grade school for a lunch room. After the business discussion, games were played and refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have a new granddaughter in Salt Lake City. Her mother is Mrs. Sammy Phillips.

Little by little, information on the doings planned by the Nu-Acres community are being reported. "It" is to be held at Parma, that everyone is invited and that benefits from "It" are to go toward a community Grange building for Nu-Acres.

Frank Preston is suffering from pneumonia.

The Do-More 4-H club sponsored a treasure hunt October 11. Besides treasure, there was a weiner roast and punch to keep everyone happy. Those present at the home of Paul Thompson were Jimmie and Wayne Durrington. Mrs. Samuels Terrel and Veda Samuels, Richard, Roger, Larry, and Mary Jo Jenkins, Beulah Stout, Phyllis and Evelyn Evans, Kenneth Keck, Jacolyn and Barbara Orcutt, of Alta Connor, and Horace and Mrs.

Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Stam of Nyssa called on Mr. and Mrs. George Smit Sunday.

SNELLS ATTEND LIVESTOCK SHOW

Governor and Mrs. Earl Snell were honor guests on governor's day at the Pacific International Live Stock show Tuesday, October 8, at which time they made a complete tour of the entire show visiting all exhibits.

Arriving early in the afternoon Governor Snell headed for the 4-H Clubs headquarters where he discussed at considerable length the work that is now being developed by youthful farmers, and with a great deal of pride displayed his honorary membership in the Future Farmers of America. Snell, having been raised on a farm in Eastern Oregon, has a real understanding of the farmers viewpoint, problems and ambitions.

After walking through miles of extensive and elaborate exhibits of produce, fruits, vegetables, products of Oregon forests, fish from the streams and viewing the finest of

live stock, registered and pedigreed, Governor Snell remarked, "It is a rare privilege to be a citizen of the State of Oregon, with its vast resources and its diversity of activities in timber, live stock, agriculture, industry and many related pursuits."

Governor and Mrs. Snell were also guests of T. B. Wilcox, president of the Live Stock show at the evening program and horse show.

WILLIS FRY NAMED TO COLLEGE OFFICE

COLLEGE OF IDAHO, Oct. 17 (SPECIAL)

Election of officers of the 46-47 classes of the College of Idaho were held during the last week. Key offices were won by students of nine Idaho communities and one Oregon city. Voting and campaign-

ing were unusually spirited. Willis Fry of Nyssa, Oregon was selected as the treasurer of the sophomore class. Other officers of that class include Bud Tarleton, president, Wendell Shirley Epperson, vice president, Jerome, and Donnell Horgan, secretary, Pocatello.

Here from Nampa—
Mr. and Mrs. William Potter and children, Betty, Bill and Barbara, of Nampa were week-end visitors at the Ken Renstrom home.

Visit in Caldwell—
Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman were Caldwell business visitors Tuesday.

Visits Brother—
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