

### Writer Gives Account of Recent Trip To Development Areas in Washington

By MRS. WILSON WITT

My husband, Wilson, and I spent a recent weekend near Mesa, Wash., where we visited the Ivan Smith and John Thompson families. We were formerly all neighbors in Marshall, County, Kansas.

The two families are homesteading land. The Smiths have been there a year and three months. They are homesteading 140 acres which they have cleared of sagebrush, leveled and planted to 50 acres of beans last year. This year they have 115 acres under cultivation—70 in beans and the balance in corn and mint. They moved into a new home in March.

The Thompsons are homesteading 200 acres. They moved to their ranch last year and have cleared 40 acres of land and are planting it to beans. That is the allotted amount the first year following land clearing. Irrigation water is from the Columbia river. We accompanied the Smith family to Connell on Friday evening to attend high school graduation exercises for their son, Douglas.

**Improvements Made**  
The new section now has black-top roads, milk and bread make deliveries twice a week and a bookmobile calls at the homes to encourage reading habits. A total of 90 acres has recently been purchased on which will be erected a new sugar factory.

Together with the Thompsons, we rode the ferry boat across the Columbia river on Sunday afternoon. From there we went to Ephrata where we took a guided tour of the Priest Rapids development under construction by Grant County Public Utility district.

It is a very large structure, extending 20 feet below the water level on the Columbia, located 24 miles below Vantage and 200 miles downstream from Grand Coulee dam.

The dam is a reinforced concrete and earthfill structure and its overall length is 10,138 feet. The contractor was permitted 1900 calendar days from July 9, 1956, to complete the job. Official dedication was held June 2 of this year.

**Rapids Named After Indians**  
The name Priest Rapids is derived from the ancient religious leaders of the Wanapum Indians or River People. For untold centuries the Wanapums lived along the shores of the Columbia, from Pasco to Vantage with their main winter camp at Priest Rapids.

At one time their tribe numbered 2500, but today only four members of the band survive. They are Frank Buck, Rex Buck, Harry Wyena and Bobby Tomanawash. The first three are employed by the utility district at Priest Rapids dam and live on the west side of the river in houses provided by the district. The latter is now in the U. S. Army.

**Treaty Never Signed**  
This group of Indians never fought the whites, so never signed a treaty. The district fenced in their burial grounds and set aside another location for their 10g house used for religious ceremonies.

Indian legends tell of the time when "the air was filled with fire and ashes" and another relates "how water overran the land." Still another tells how "the wind came with talons that tore the earth and crushed the forgetful ones."

The Wanapums were very fair in their attitude toward building of the dam. They realize that progress is inevitable and they did not attempt to halt construction in any way.

**Chesneys Have Reunion**  
A family reunion was held last Thursday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kohl in Nyssa. Present were Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Chesney, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daudt and family of Jordan Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Larson of New Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chesney of Hayward, Calif. This was the first time the family had been together in 11 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chesney left Friday morning for a visit in Twin Falls and will then return to their home at Hayward.

Monday, June 11, marked the 57th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans. A family dinner was given for them.

### MAUDIE'S PAYETTE

**VISIT IN DANFORD HOME**  
Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Muus and daughter of McVie, N.D., were recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. K. A. Danford and family.

### YOUNG MUSICIAN TO PLAY AT ORGAN SOCIETY MEETING

Clinton Selover, young chord organist who has been playing about a year, will present the program for a no-host meeting of Treasure Valley Organ society at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at the Moore hotel in Ontario.

Announcement of the meeting has been made by Walter Lehr, president of the society.

The young musician is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Selover of Payette and began his studies under Mrs. Grant Jones. He played for the Boise Organ society a year ago, after having only seven lessons.

Plans for a summer picnic will be discussed at the Thursday meeting. All area residents interested are invited to attend.

### Club Ladies Hold Come-as-You-Are Party June 13

By Mrs. Frank Byers

OREGON TRAIL—Merry Matrons club met June 13 at the home of Gladys Byers with 14 members and one guest, Lillian Lundy, in attendance.

As a fund-raising project the members came as they were dressed when contacted by the social committee Wednesday morning or paid a fine. Peggy Brown received the prize. In a drawing Lillian Lundy had the lucky number and received an award.

Games were played with Della Holmes and Alice Holmes receiving prizes. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Della Holmes and Lorena Gressley.

Next meeting will be June 27 with Mrs. Ewen Chard as hostess. New officers for the next six months will be elected at this time.

Susan Hartley accompanied her grandparents, the Sam Hartleys, to Salt Lake City last week.

**Returns Home from Hospital**  
W. P. Hendricks spent several days last week under observation at Malheur Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoefer of Moscow, Idaho, spent from Tuesday to Friday morning with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Adams. They were moving to Old Hickory, Tenn., near Nashville, where he has employment with

DuPont company. He recently was graduated from University of Idaho at Moscow.

Mr. and Mrs. Alme Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Leavitt and the Bob Holmes family were Sunday callers at the W. P. Hendricks home.

Honoring Mrs. Frank Byers on her birthday anniversary Sunday, she and her husband were dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Alice Holmes.

The Mark Hartleys visited Sunday at the Damon Savage and the Sam Hartley homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams and the Wilson Winters had a picnic Sunday. Mrs. Wayne Adams and chil-

### PICNIC AT CHERRY CREEK

Messrs. and Mmes. Owen Gann, Ben Storm, Walt Looney, John Reeves and Bob Zigenbine picnicked Sunday at Cherry Creek park and fished on Owyhee lake.

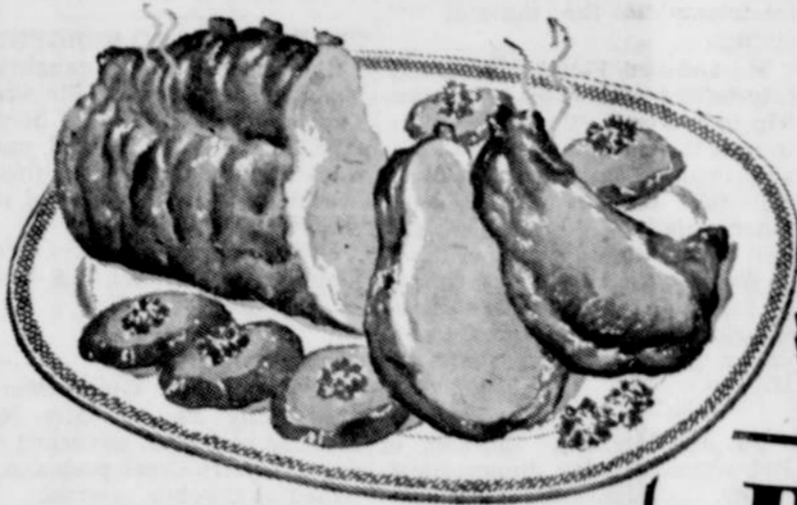
dren of Craigmont, Idaho, are visiting at the Alfred Adams home while Wayne attends National Guard camp.

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