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SUDDENLY, REALITY

The Federal Government is preparing to expand the capacity of the hydroelectric generating equipment at Grand Coulee Dam. Some new giant generators will be needed.

Guess who has asked to be permitted to bid on the contract for manufacturing the generators? Moscow.

It didn't take a week for the administration's high-pressure salesmanship in sponsoring the new Consular Treaty with the USSR to bear fruit. This was the favored "bridge of understanding" which was to signal a new era of expanded trade and other contacts with the Soviet Union. The President's signature wasn't dry on the document before Moscow had crossed the bridge with its embarrassing proposal.

There are, of course, a number of US firms which specialize in building such giant generators. Many millions of dollars will be involved, and many thousands of man hours. Employment. If the USSR is permitted to bid on the contract, it is a foregone conclusion in US industrial and labor circles that it will successfully underbid US companies. Why? Because the USSR will be competing with higher-paid US workers. The unionized US worker makes more in a week than the Soviet worker of the same skill takes home in a month.

Both labor and management are holding their breath--and their tongues, afraid to comment publicly on this precedent-making case. They are aware that should the Administration duck the issue by restricting the bids on the contract to US firms, then it will surely be attacked for reneging on its widely heralded policy of building economic bridges to Communist Europe.

On the other hand, if it permits the USSR to bid, it opens a flood-gate which could sweep the American working man into a sea of squalor. For certain it is that the high-paid US labor force cannot compete with slave-labor in the USSR. The average pay for industrial workers in the USSR is 75 rubles, \$83.25--a month. If the USSR can bid on these turbines, what then can it not bid on? Prefabricated buildings? Wire fences? Communications equipment? Petroleum products? Where does it end?

Sooner or later, US labor leaders, and US corporate heads, are going to answer these questions in tones that Washington, and Moscow, will understand.

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DEATHS

MAUDE ESTELLE FLETCHER

Services for Mrs. Maude Estelle Fletcher were conducted Saturday morning, April 8, 1967 at Lienkaemper chapel. The Rev. R. L. Ashworth of Caldwell officiated, and interment was made in the Nyssa cemetery.

Mrs. Fletcher, who had resided in Caldwell for the past few years, succumbed last Thursday in a hospital there. She was born Dec. 11, 1895 at Emory, Texas and before going to Caldwell had resided at Spenard, Alaska.

Among survivors is a daughter, Mrs. Francis Winchester of Spenard; a granddaughter, Mrs. Anna Benedict of Nyssa; five brothers, Henry Kerr of Emory, Leroy Kerr of Dallas, Texas, Fann Kerr of Liberal, Kans., Claude Kerr of Point, Texas, Buel Kerr of Greenville, Texas. Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Esther Meyer of Gainsville, Texas; Mrs. Betty Wallace of Emory; and three great-grandsons.

IRENE J. RUSCO

Funeral rites for Mrs. Vane (Irene Josephine) Rusco were held Monday afternoon, April 10, 1967 at Peckham - Dakan chapel in Caldwell. The Rev. Mark Carmichael of the Weston, Ore., Church of the Brethren officiated and interment was made in Nevenville cemetery at Lenox, Iowa.

Mrs. Rusco succumbed last week, following an extended illness. She was born July 13, 1916 at Nevenville, grew up in Iowa and was married on Oct. 3, 1936 to Vane Rusco at Kansas City, Mo.

The family moved to Nyssa in 1952 and resided here until 1965 when they moved to Caldwell.

The deceased was employed as bookkeeper for the Merc store while living in Nyssa, and her husband served as manager for Cascade Natural Gas Corp. Mrs. Rusco was a member of the Church of the Brethren. In addition to Mr. Rusco of the home, Mrs. Rusco is survived by one son, Roger Rusco of Ft. Lewis, Wash., and a daughter, Vane Rusco of Caldwell.

Other survivors include a brother, Floyd H. Ross of St. Joseph, Mo.; five sisters, Mrs. Velma Dunn of Creston, Iowa, Mrs. Luellen Ross of Des Moines, Mrs. Mildred Goddard of Seattle, Mrs. Nellie Clark of Lenox, Iowa and Mrs. Gertrude Nelson of Conway, Iowa. Mrs. Rusco was preceded in death by two brothers, a sister and one son.

STUDENTS TAKE TRIP

On Wednesday, April 5 Mrs. Thomson's fourth grade students went on a field trip by bus to Peterson's dairy and the Ore-Ida Foods plant.

After a sack lunch in Lions Park we went to the Ore-Ida plant and there we learned how they process potatoes and onions. It was a very interesting trip.

Amy Barton and Frances Martinez

FILM TO BE SHOWN AT OWYHEE CHURCH

A film, "Without Onions," will be shown at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 16 at Owyhee Community church.

It is a color-feature from the Ken Anderson Films company, and is about the main street of teenage America.

The picture features John Washbrook, Bev Washburn, Tony Mockus and Dave Mink.

The Rev. Jack Glaze says that the film should be of special interest to teenagers and all in the area are invited to attend. He added that a free-will offering will be taken.

Missionaries To Speak To Baptist Group

The Rev. Donald Pierce, a Congo missionary for ten years will be guest speaker at 8 p.m., Monday, April 17 in the Nyssa Conservative Baptist church.

Pierce was a Congo missionary from 1950 to 1960. He also worked as a teacher at the Congo Polytechnic institute for two years. He and his wife also served as missionaries in Guam for one year and have recently pastored a church in Portland, Stout To Speak

Raymond Stout, a former Boy Scout, who received the God and Country award, highest honor in scouting, now anticipates telling the people of India about Jesus Christ.

Stout will be giving a summary of his future work in this famine stricken country at 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 18 in the Nyssa Conservative Baptist church.

Living in India will not be a completely new experience for Stout, who lived in that country with his family for a year while his father served with the United Nations. During that time, Stout attended Hindu college of Delhi university.

When he returns to India as a missionary, Stout will be working with the Conservative Baptist foreign mission society of Wheaton, Ill.

METHODIST CHURCH Activities

"An Investigation of ecumenical conspiracies by Sacred Agent 007" or "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Church" will be the 11 o'clock sermon topic Sunday, April 16 at Nyssa Methodist church.

According to the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence, the topic will deal with today's emphasis on cooperation among churches, including both blessings and dangers involved.

The Nyssa church, including choir, ushers and members, is participating in the New Life Mission program at the Ontario church this evening. The Rev. Roberto Escamilla, evangelist from the general board of evangelism, is guest preacher for the 8 o'clock services which are open to the public.

A combined choir from area churches will participate in the Friday night service, which will conclude the series. The Rev. Tom Foster, pastor of the Ontario church, extends an invitation to everyone.

A special evening program

Adrian Community Church News

A meeting of the women's association of Adrian Community church will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, April 13 at the home of Mrs. K. I. Peterson in Adrian.

Members of the church session will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the Dick Kriehg home.

Spring meeting of the Boise Presbyterial was held April 5 at First Presbyterian church in the Idaho capital city. Among those attending from this area were Mmes. Jake Borge, John Fahrbruch, M. L. Kurtz, Irvin Topliff, Wesley Piercy, Earl Winn and Marie Moore.

Theme of the meeting was "A World On The Move". A film was shown, followed by a discussion led by Mrs. Agnes Burkholder of Boise.

Morning worship service was conducted by members of the Parma church and guest speaker was Alice McGuire of San Francisco. She is western area representative for the commission on ecumenical missions and relations.

A group of area residents met Sunday afternoon at the M. L. Kurtz home to plan a written history for the church's anniversary celebration to be held the latter part of July.

Among the planning group were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Judd, Mrs. Ethel Lane of Ontario, Mrs. Bernice Tomb, Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson, the Rev. Elmer Rosenkilde and Mrs. Marie Moore.

Golden Chapter Officers Named

Members of the Golden Hour Missionary society held their annual elections last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Dwight Seward.

Newly elected officers are Pearl Martin, chairman; Leona Anderson, vice-chairman; Jean Alexander, secretary; Martha Langley, treasurer.

Re-elected officers are Rosemary Martin, study chair-

SENIOR CITIZENS MEET

It is announced that a Senior Citizens meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 14 in the basement of the Nyssa Methodist church.

Social committee chairmen are Barbara Fitzsimmons, Christmas; Martha Langley, barbeque; Evelyn Tarter and Ruth Rhoades, banquet; Janice Wilson, showers.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Seward and co-hostess Leona Anderson.

CATHOLIC WOMEN MEET

Monthly meeting of St. Brigid's altar society was held in the parish hall Tuesday evening, April 4, with President Silvie Smith presiding.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served to the ten women in attendance. Election of new officers will be held during the May meeting.

FRUITLAND GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Eldredge of Fruitland were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eldredge.

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