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## Tools of War Reconverted for Dam Construction

Barrage balloon winches, life rafts, anti-aircraft searchlight generator units, and other wartime materials are being put to use in peacetime construction work at Grand Coulee Dam, the Bureau of Reclamation announced today.

J. H. Jabbusch, purchasing agent revealed that the Bureau has purchased 200 life rafts from the Maritime Commission for building catwalks to a floating drydock for spillway construction work at the dam. These rafts, declared obsolete by the Commission, are in good condition and prove ideal for building floating walkways for workmen, Jabbusch said.

The barrage balloon winches, used in Seattle as part of the new work of defenses for the Boeing Aircraft Company plants and other vital installations, also are to be used in connection with the

spillway work. These winches will be altered slightly and converted to hoist metal, wood, and similar supplies. They originally cost \$2,000, but were acquired by the Bureau for \$150 each.

Other wartime surplus equipment purchased by the Bureau includes three concrete pumping machines which are to be employed in building the pumping plant for the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project and in installing new hydroelectric generators, gasoline-driven generators for portable lighting plants, eight air compressors which will be used in operating jackhammers, and several water pumps which are to be utilized for small pumping jobs at the dam. Repair and maintenance shops at the dam are being equipped with wrenches, saws, screwdrivers, and similar small tools which were ordered originally by war agencies.

Jabbusch said the purchase of surplus property at only a fraction of the original cost will help the Bureau keep construction expenses to a minimum and will save war agencies storage expenses.

## Low-Cost Apparel Wash Machines To Be Available

It is of particular interest to farm families that more low-cost clothing will be turned out by manufacturers this fall than at any time during the past 18 months.

Furthermore, according to Mr. Harvey Guertin, District Director of the OPA, farm families and other consumers have the assurance of Price Administrator Chester Boyles that controlling clothing prices is one of the most important parts of OPA's postwar job.

"Clothing manufacturers are having some difficulty in turning out as much low-priced clothing as they normally would because of a temporary shortage of low-cost materials," Mr. Guertin explained. "The end of the war and cuts in the needs of the armed forces will make more low-priced apparel fabrics available to clothing manufacturers, but it will take time to get more clothes for civilians into production and to get them out to the stores where farmers and others can buy them," he said.

"More higher quality work clothes will also be found in stores in the next several months," Mr. Guertin said. "Recent and future cutbacks in military requirements for such fabrics as twills, drills, jeans, moleskins and cottonades are expected to make large quantities of high quality materials available to work clothes manufacturers. Consumers may pay more for those higher quality work clothes because of the higher cost of the material, but the prices will be in line with March 1942 prices for garments of comparable cost," the OPA official explained. "The OPA recently took action on pricing of this material which will hasten production of the work clothes," Mr. Guertin said.

"The OPA is also working hard to get more clothing tagged with the proper retail dollar-and-cents prices, so shoppers can readily determine what the correct price is."

"We will extend this method of pricing over a wide range of mens', womens' and childrens' clothing made of rayon and wool," Mr. Guertin said. "Most children's wear made of cotton and good part of the cotton apparel produced for adults already are under the dollar-and-cents pricing," he explained.

**FRESH APPLES**  
Ceiling prices for fresh apples grown in California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington were increased four cents a bushel, and ceiling prices on apples grown in other states were increased seven cents a bushel beginning October 1. The increases are necessary because more recent crop reports indicate a further reduction in apple yields compared with earlier estimates of losses by damage from spring frosts.

**SHIRT TAILS LONGER**

War-time restrictions which required manufacturers to limit the length of shirt-tails, eliminate pleats, and take other fabric saving measures in styling shirts and pajamas have been lifted. Manufacturers prices on these "unsimplified" garments will be the same as they were in March 1942.

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Retail prices also will be kept at or close to 1942 prices.

Consumers will begin to find household washing machines and ironers in the stores this fall and winter at pre-war prices, Harvey Guertin, District Director of the Office of Price Administration said today in a statement announcing the official issuance of reconversion pricing rules for the manufacturers, distributors and dealers of these products.

Every machine will be tagged with its retail dollar-and-cents ceiling, Guertin added, and this tag must stay on the machine until it is delivered into the buyers' hands.

To make sure that inexpensive machines are available to families with limited incomes, OPA is encouraging manufacturers to make approximately the same proportion of low-priced models that they produced before the war. The Spokane district is in Zone 3 where retail prices will range from \$39.95 to \$199.95.

## Parkview Homes

Ruth Pederson is substituting at the nursery for Mrs. Eva Harper who is enjoying a week's vacation at home while her son, Kenneth, of the Air forces is home on furlough.

Michael Graham celebrated his fourth birthday at the nursery on Thursday. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed by about thirty-five little friends.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Lambert of the Park View Homes on October 2. Dr. and Mrs. D. V. Poling of Oregon State visited their daughter, Miss Helen of the Park View Homes and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poling of Monroe Street over the week-end.

Lt. (jg.) and Mrs. Alex J. Wakefield moved to Mt. Clemens, Michigan on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. H. McMannis and family left Park View Homes last Thursday to make their home in Richland.

Lt. (jg.) and Mrs. George Bally moved to Grangeville, Idaho last Friday.

The Community Building welcomed 794 people the last week in September and a grand total of 2503 people for the month of September.

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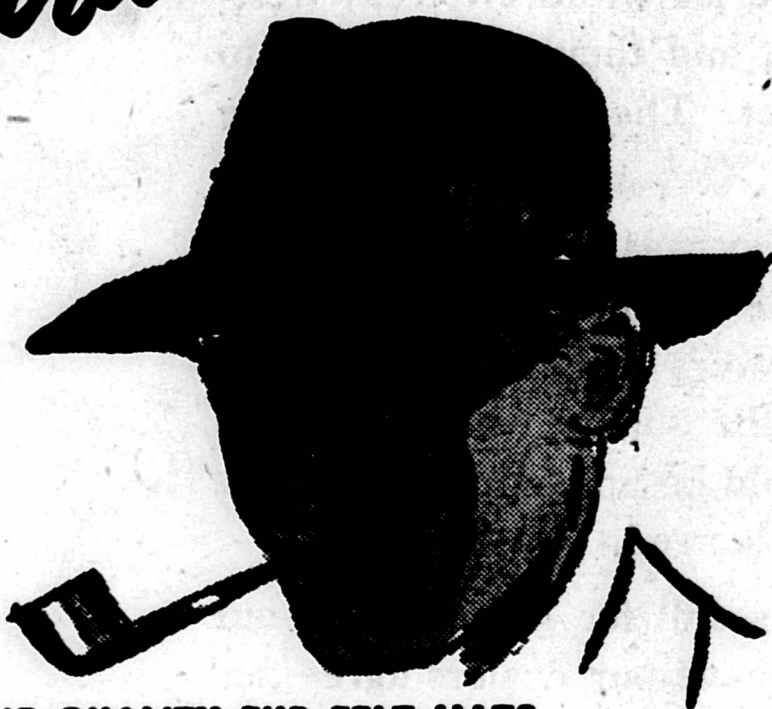
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