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## BIG WATER IS YET TO COME IN COLUMBIA RIVER

### City, Irrigation District Reported Close To Deal June 5th is Earliest in Seven Yrs.

#### 102 To Get Diplomas Thursday

A list of 102 students of Kennewick Senior High school was announced yesterday by Principal T. H. Bennett for graduation at Commencement exercises at the high school auditorium on Thursday night.

First graduation event for the senior students will be the baccalaureate service at the auditorium at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Commencement program will open with the procession, "Pomp and Circumstance," played by Karin Kahl and Naomi Payne. Rev. M. C. Kauth of Bethlehem Lutheran church will give the invocation. David Dickerson will give the welcome. The salutatory will be delivered by Mary Ellen Block. Her subject will be "The Fountain of Youth." The valedictory will be by Leona Luvaas and her subject will be "Studying the Road Map."

The program will include "Hills of Home," a vocal solo by LeRoy Spitzer; "Ave Maria," (Schubert) by Robert Hunsley with accompaniment by Naomi Payne.

The Commencement address entitled "Your Investment in the Future," will be delivered by Dr. Charles D. Armstrong of Whitman college. Principal Bennett will present the awards and also the class for graduation. Diplomas will be presented by Supt. E. S. Black. The Recessional will be played by Miss Kahl and Miss Payne.

Students listed for graduation: Beverly Kay Anderson, Donna (Continued on Page 8)

#### Grapejuice

BY ROLFE TUVE

#### CRITICISM

One of the chief indoor and outdoor sports in Kennewick these days is criticism of the city council. I indulge in the activity myself from time to time. Generally, the principle of criticizing government bodies and griping about what they do or fail to do is a healthy condition and helps to express the peoples' desires, thereby speeding solution to many problems.

#### HOWEVER

There is a but and a however in the case of the present city council. In January Kennewick instituted a new city council and a mayor. Three councilmen and the mayor were brand new members and one councilman had served only a very short time. Perhaps no governing body of any subdivision of our country went into office facing such a terrific volume of work and as many seemingly insurmountable problems as did this council.

#### WORK

It is easy for us sidewalk engineers to point to many shortcomings and failures on the part of our local government. But there is no question that they are all working with vigor and thought toward solution of the toughest that face them. In a great many instances slow-ups are not of their design but due to shortcomings in other places. In spite of that, tremendous progress has been made. If you don't believe it, just go back and study the dozen or so ordinances that have been passed since the first of the year and visit the council a few times. You'll get an eye-opener.

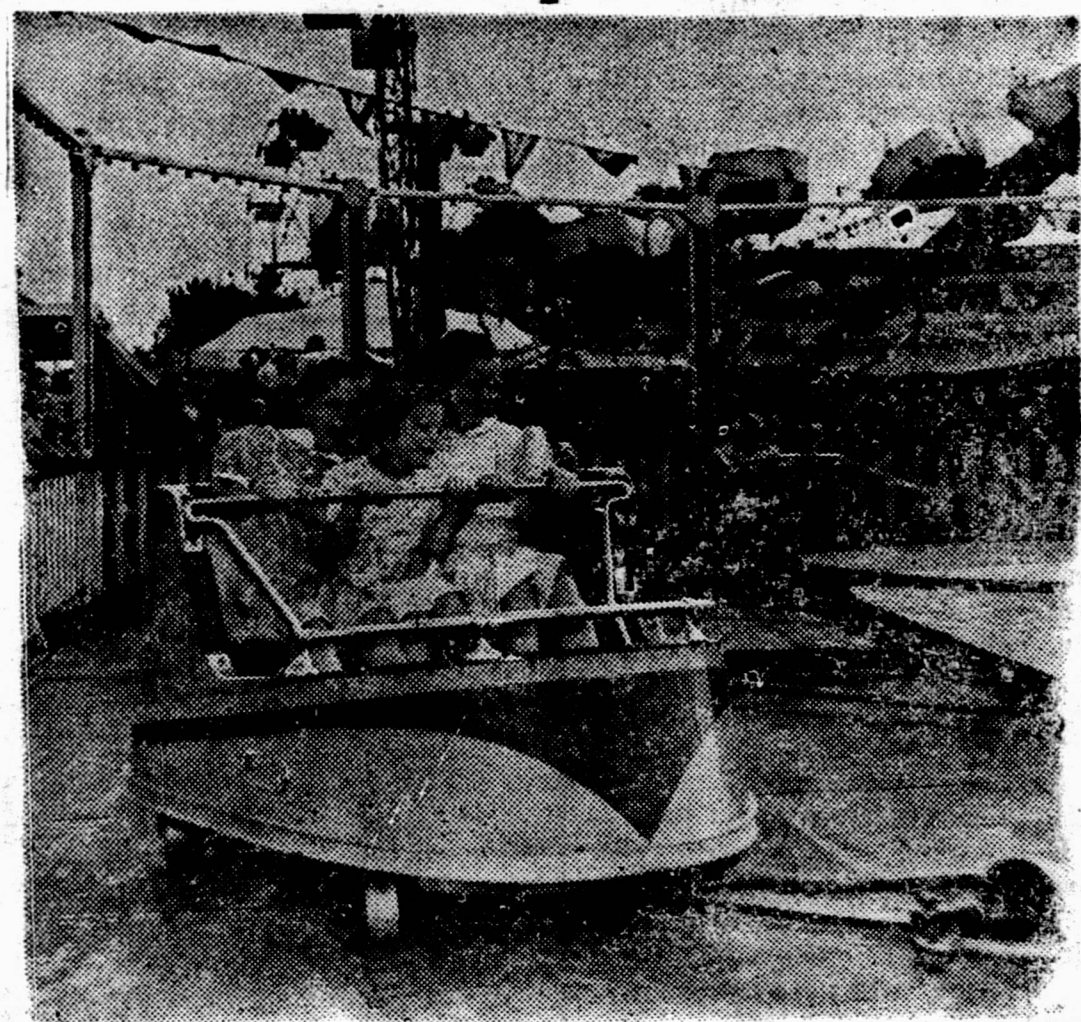
#### CONTINUE

Certainly I urge every citizen to continue with criticism and suggestion. That's what makes democracy work. But before you go into a tantrum give a little consideration to what is being accomplished and remember that councilmen don't draw enough pay to buy gasoline for their cars. I doubt if any eight men in the community could do much better than the present group.

#### SINANCE

Probably any question could be answered in relation to city affairs. (Continued on Page 8)

#### It Will Be Kids Day at Carnival ...



Kiddies day will be observed Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1 p. m. at the Kennewick side of the bridge show grounds where the Meeker Shows, the largest traveling carnival in the Northwest, are holding sway. All rides and shows will be 9 cents to children and free gate admission to children who visit the Meeker Shows, which is sponsored by the Kennewick Memorial Swimming Pool Fund. The Meeker Shows will close their engagement after the Saturday night performance.

### New Plan Hatched for Development of Power

By JOE MORIN

#### Bunch Will Team With Malchow to Fight Disasters

Fred Bunch, Sr., member of the city council, will team with Fire Chief Herb Malchow in case of flood or other disaster.

Bunch and Malchow were appointed by Mayor Urban Keolker in a special disaster organization meeting Monday night to have charge of fire control and public safety in the organization which the mayor, city superintendent, and council have been working to perfect since the new officials took office several months ago.

Prior to the meeting, Keolker had appointed other councilmen (Continued on Page 8)

#### Says Socialized Medicine to Cost

"Don't ever get the idea that the so-called 'socialized medicine' is going to be free," Dr. Joseph Greenwell of Pasco told Kennewick Kiwanis Tuesday at their regular luncheon.

Dr. Greenwell was guest speaker of the club. He spoke to the point against the socialistic plans which he said are now being formulated by governmental divisions. Comparing actual with estimated costs of the experiment now under way in England, he said present estimates here now were that it would cost all wage earners at least four per cent of their pay, with another four per cent coming from employers.

Far more costly, greatly lessened efficiency and governmental bureaucracy, socialized medicine, he said, was an experiment that this country should ponder well before adopting.

### Battle Over CVA Gets Under Way; More Later

The word battle which has been going on between CVA advocates and those opposed reached a high point locally at the regular meeting of the Pasco chamber of commerce Monday noon.

While CVA proponents were advertising nationwide radio broadcasts to explain that method of developing the northwest's power resources, the first of a series of local events bearing on the CVA had first place on the Pasco chamber program.

Ralph Rodgers, Pasco attorney charged that the CVA measure

Washington Staff Correspondent

Washington, D. C.—In view of the increasing difficulty of getting enough funds for the Northwest to meet its growing power shortage there is growing sentiment among certain of the region's representatives to raise public works money by selling federal bonds to the investing public.

The receipts from these sales would be kept in a national public works pool from which funds for specific projects would be allocated according to long range planning schedules, spokesmen for the idea say.

Ideally Northwestern public works planners would like to have some dependable source of funds which could "firm up" the flow of capital into projects and the utilities business, the same groups add.

Some engineers claim that up to 25 per cent of the total cost of construction could be saved (Continued on Page 5)

#### Grape Men Meet With Welch Man

Several representative growers from the Pasco Kennewick area met Tuesday night at the Highland Community hall at the invitation of the Farm Bureau with R. T. Ryan, executive vice president of the Welch Grape Juice company, to learn of plans for building a Welch plant in the valley.

They heard that Welch is preparing to present the details of a plan soon. Ryan said he expects to return to the valley in a few weeks to meet with interested growers.

### Minimum is Set As Price For System

The city council and Kennewick Irrigation district were reported close to reaching an agreement on the sale of the water system yesterday.

What figure had been set as a minimum price for the system could not be learned, but E. H. Brand, manager of the district, said a minimum price had been set.

City officials indicated that the price was one on which a deal could be worked out.

But whether the council agrees or not, there are the bond companies to be satisfied. If the price and all other conditions of the sale are not satisfactory, the bond buyers can halt the deal by announcing that they won't buy the bonds the city will have to issue.

Brand said the district would continue to operate the system until in October regardless of the sale since that is the end of a fiscal period for the district.

Brand said water supply was more plentiful from the system and that cooler weather had cut down use. He said curtailment of water use for irrigation would have to remain in effect.

The city and Pacific Power & Light company have agreed on a sale of that system to the city and the intention of the city council is to combine this with the KID system.

### Chest X-ray to Be Here 9 Days

The chest X-ray unit, here last year during the county fair, will arrive in Kennewick Friday for a nine-day stand in the city and vicinity. Any person may have his chest X-ray'd free and a report will be sent to him later covering the results.

In Kennewick, the hours will be from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. and from 3 p. m. to 7 p. m. In districts outside the city, hours will vary. Here is the schedule:

Friday, May 20, Ray's Grocery, Mrs. Carl Nyborg in charge.

Saturday, May 21, AA Grocery (11 a. m. to 5 p. m.) Mrs. E. S. Pahl in charge.

Tuesday, May 24, AA Grocery in Modern Homes, Mrs. Harold Bauer in charge.

Wednesday, May 25, Parkway housing project, Mrs. J. C. Pratt.

Thursday, May 26, Plymouth (3 p. m. to 8 p. m.) Mrs. E. N. Lockwood.

Friday, May 27, Alongside Penney's store, Mrs. R. K. Safford.

Saturday, May 28, at Penney's Mrs. Harry Owens.

Wednesday, June 1, Neuman's Goodie Good Bakery, Columbia Avenue, Mrs. James Dickinson.

Thursday, June 2, Bakery, Mrs. M. Simmelink.

### Real Estate Tax Delinquent 1st

C. W. Nessly, county treasurer, said this week that the first-half of real estate taxes, drainage and irrigation assessments become delinquent on June 1. The full amount of the 1949 personal tax becomes delinquent June 1, unless one half is paid. Personal property taxes of less than \$10 must be paid in full on June 1. Interest at the rate of 10 per cent is charged on all delinquent taxes.

### Attention of Wheat Men Called to Point

All who wish to apply for a wheat acreage allotment in 1950, but who have grown no wheat for harvest in 1947, 48, or 49, must make application for the allotment they desire in writing prior to June 1, 1949, Benton County Agricultural Conservation announced Tuesday.

The deadline date of May 1 for ACP practice payment sign-up has been extended to June 1, 1949, A. J. Thompson, chairman, said.

#### Hospital Men Smile Confidently ...



Those smiles the men above are wearing came just after all present pledged their best efforts towards raising of that \$300,000 fund to build a district hospital in Kennewick. They are commissioners of the hospital district. Left to right, J. R. Ayers, Chairman Glen Felton, and Francis Ludlow, with Page Carter, appointed by the commissioners as director of the hospital project, standing.

### Bateman Bldg. to Be Hospital Headquarters

Hospital authorities announced last night that arrangements had been made for the establishment of a headquarters office for the Kennewick District Hospital Fund drive in the new Bateman building on Kennewick Avenue.

The office will serve as the central working point for the activities that will go into making the \$300,000 drive for a modern hospital for the community a success, said A. C. Amon, who is in charge of the campaign.

Plans for the erection of the hospital will be completed at this office.

Organization plans to conduct the drive to raise the necessary \$300,000 are now underway. Amon said that the full force of the drive (Continued on Page 8)

### Confirm Woehler For Postmaster

Postmaster Walter Woehler yesterday received word from Senator Warren G. Magnuson in Washington, D. C., that he had been confirmed as permanent postmaster.

Magnuson wrote Woehler: It is a distinct honor and very gratifying to me to be able to advise you that upon my motion in the United States Senate today, you were unanimously confirmed as permanent postmaster of Kennewick. Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for the future."

Woehler had been serving as acting postmaster, having been appointed to fill the position following the resignation of Roger Records. Woehler's name had been sent to the senate for confirmation by President Truman.

Woehler is the first permanent postmaster Kennewick has had since Frank H. Lincoln resigned on January 15, 1946. Records, who succeeded Lincoln, also held the office only as acting postmaster.

### Where Are Stoplights? Answer Coming Today

"Where are the traffic lights?" That question opened the regular weekly meeting of the Kennewick chamber of commerce at the Christian church dining hall last Thursday noon.

The question was directed to City Superintendent R. C. Rector by the Chamber's President Gene Spaulding, who followed up with the announcement that this was "I. Q. Day" for Rector who would try to answer all questions directed at him.

Traffic lights remained the dominating subject throughout the meeting, and before it was over, the chamber had voted to invite engineer Doyle of the state highway department to come to Kennewick, attend today's meeting at the church, and explain what can be done about stoplights at several corners where the state highways intersect the city streets.



A. C. AMON

Heads Hospital Drive

### Cool Days Ease Water Situation

Cool days for Kennewick early this week meant not only more comfort but a let-up in the water shortage which struck the city during the hot spell.

City Superintendent Rector said the restrictions on using P.P. & L. water for sprinkling lawns had been removed temporarily but he said the ban may have to be restored if there is another prolonged hot weather period. He said persons connected with the Kennewick Irrigation District water system should continue to use water sparingly and not for irrigation purposes.

Rector said city officials appreciated the "fine cooperation" of the people of Kennewick during the hot weather. He said when an earnest plea was made through the press to cut down on use of water, practically everybody cooperated.

Officials and others who have watched the waters of the Columbia river through many years, during which there have been frequent high peaks and few devastating floods, were anything except optimistic this week over the prospects of averting disaster this year.

But that there is a chance of escaping damaging high water was still held to. That much still depends on the weather the next two weeks was the phrase that left doubt in some minds but hope in others.

One thing the records proved was that the big water hasn't come yet. At the Port of Pasco, where the records of high water marks are kept, June 5 was shown as the earliest date of a crest being reached here in the Columbia. All other years the dates were later. Last year and the year before it was June 12.

Scott Roff, manager of the port, gave out these figures on crests in the past seven years:

In 1942, on June 17; 1943, on June 21; 1944, June 18; in 1945, June 8; 1946, June 5; 1947, June 12; 1948, June 12.

Last year's high was 345.20 feet above sea level. Yesterday it was 335.3. This was higher than it had been all week. Starting Sunday with 334.5, the river rose steadily but slowly every day. On Monday it reached 35. Tuesday 335.20. Roff said it was natural in the past for the river to go down some at this time.

The highest yesterday was still only a little more than nine feet below the crest of last June 12.

Farther down the Columbia, flood conditions were just about reached because of more streams flowing into the section farther west. Between Kennewick and Portland, these include the Snake, the Willamette, the John Day and others.

It was reported less water was being let in at Grand Coulee dam than was being let out. The amount of water flowing through the dam yesterday was far below the maximum amount last year on June 12, it was said.

Police and flood disaster organizations at Portland were alerted. In Kennewick and Pasco, steps were taken to be ready if the water starts overflowing the Columbia banks. Most observers said there was no danger for a week or maybe more.

### 'Market Avenue' Is Turned Down

The Avenue C group of business men who want the name of that street changed to "Market Avenue," went down to defeat again at a city council meeting Tuesday night.

After presenting a new petition, which, said Fred Bunch, Sr., only pro member of the council, included names of 80 percent of the property owners along the street, a vote was taken on a motion to make the name "Market Avenue," but it lost for the change of a second.

"Well, I guess we'll have to take it to the courts," said councilman Bunch, who contended that since the new name was desired by a great majority of the people down there, it was not democratic to disregard the petition. The city planning commission had voted to change the ordinance from Columbia avenue back to the name Avenue C. But the delegation said they had been instructed to stick for "Market Avenue." Speaking for the change (Continued on Page 8)

### The Weather

May 11	87	44	0
May 12	97	53	0
May 13	89	60	0
May 14	87	60	.01
May 15	80	62	0
May 16	81	53	0
May 17	67	45	0

M. H. Kershaw, Observer.