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TWO THOUSAND VOICES-"SCHOOL'S OUT!

Consolidated Builders, Inc.

GRAND COULEE

DAM

Mason City, Wn.>>

A substantial part of the , citizenry of the Grand Coulee dam area is taking a vacation--

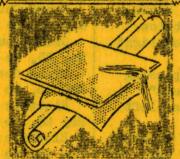
Two thousand attending the schools of the area will have found their school term ended by tomorrow.

Tonight (Thursday) Mason City high school's largest graduating class (17) will receive di plomas. Last night 46 were graduated from Grand Coulee high school.

As the curtain lowers upon the classes of '39, it signals the termination of the fourth year of an educational development that has received recognition in a state whose educational standards are second to none in the nation. Only four years ago communities hastily erected one-room buildings to get the educational program wedged. These at first could not keep pace with communities which

MASON CITY HIGH SCHOOL

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TONICHT (Thursday), June 1, CBI gymnasium Commencement address by the Rev. Charles E.McAllister, dean of the Cathedral of of St. John the Evangelist, Spokane



mushroomed into existence, spread, finally to adopt the semblance of permanent towns. In keeping with the increased population, modernization in communities and the need for the best in educational practice, the schools expanded facilities and programs to conform to recent developments in the field of education.

Four districts with nine schools find representation among damsite communities. These are Grant county district 55 (five schools), Okanogan county district 79 (two schools), Douglas county district 123 (one school) and part of the Nespolem district at Elmerton (one school). District 55 is under the supervision of Supt. W. J. Harmon at Grand Coulee high school. Districts 79 and 123, with separate schools boards, are operated together as the Coulee Dam Public schools under the superintendency of J. W. Stansfield.

GRAND COULEE HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement exercises were conducted last night in Grand Coulee high school gymnasium by members of the class of '39, with Alpha Bailey delivering the valedictory and Bruce Sushard the selucatory.

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	OM ACCIDENT REPORTS
"I was helping do welding work and re	
ceived arc flash burns in both eyes."	STORE RATES WITH BIG CITIES
(A welder's helper).	IN NATION WIDE CONTEST
(WHERE WERE THE GOGGLES?)	Mason City stores' recent window display
	of "Clothing of Tomorrow" placed ninth in
"I jumped off a form about five feet."	a contest which included the big cities in
(Severe sprain right ankle).	the nation. A cash prize was received this
(USE THE LADDER OR CLIMB DOWN WHENEVER	week from the sponsors, Hart Schaffner &
POSSIBLE. DO NOT JUMP:)	Marx. Roy O. Jacobson designed and ar-
	ranged the display.
"I was working in a lower block and	Other prize winners were in such cities
someone threw a pump over a form and it	as Chicago, Salt Lake City, San Francisco,
hit me on the back of the left hand."	Dayton and Buffalo.
(WHENEVER YOU THROW ANYTHING OVER A	The window designs tied in with the
	New York fair's "world of tomorrow."
FORM, ALWAYS LOOK BELOW BEFORE AND WHILE	NOW TOTA LETT'S WOLTO OF COMOLLOM.
YOU THROW. TO DO THAT WILL PREVENT SIM-	PODN
ILAR ACCIDENTS).	BORN at Mason City hospital
	May 28, to Mr. and Mrs. William V. Miller,
"I was climbing up the face of the	Osborne, a daughter.
dam and slipped and sprained my left foot."	May 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Evans,
" I was going up a ladder and I	Electric City, a son.
slipped and fell between 10 and 15 feet."	May 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Ole L. Kvernenes,
" I slipped and fell off a catwalk	Grand Coulee, a daughter.
onto concrete about six feet below."	May 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Murray,
(Fractured left wrist and injured right	Grand Coulee, a son.
elbow).	May 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B.Carland,
"I slipped off a form when passing	Grand Coulee, a son.
another man and fell about 10 feet."	May 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Allan,
(Fractured left wrist, abrasions left	Electric City, a daughter.
forehead and right thigh).	May 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Phillips,
("I SLIPPED"THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF	Electric City, a son.
SERIOUS INJURY. SURPRISING HOW MANY OF	May 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph W.Pachosa,
THE "I SLIPPED" AFFAIRS END UP WITH A	Grand Coulee, a daughter.
RELEASE FROM THE HOSPITAL A COUPLE OF	May 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell J.Swanson,
MONTHS LATER.	Coulee Dam, a daughter.
(WATCH OUT FOR SMOOTH, WET SURFACES!	May 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Ward,
KEEP A HAND-HOLD WHEREVER POSSIBLE.)	Grand Coulee, a daughter.
And Ball Inc. In the second se	May 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Triplett,
McDonald Construction company of Se-	Grand Coulee a son.
attle on its bid of \$94,000 was awarded	May 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon J. Haase,
the contract of building the main build-	Hartline, a son.
ing of the Leavenworth fish hatchery.	May 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew D. Carl,
Norris Brothers of Burlington will	Grand Coulee, a son.
take the job for the diversion canal and	May 17, to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Trapp,
rearing ponds for \$258,296.	Delano, a son.
The second second second second second second second with the	May 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Willis T.Davisson,
Scots Fisherman (to wife): "Weel, Mag-	Delano, a son.
gie, the wind's gone frae west to sooth.	and the set of the set
Noo ye can hae the change o' air the doc-	Marriage is like the telephone. One
tor ordered."	
tor druered."	sometimes gets the wrong party.
ALL MACONG INTUTTION TO CRADE THE STATE THE STATE AND THE	
ALL MASONS INVITED TO SPADE	Final committee reports on Visitation
& MAUL MEETING- north wing,	banquetPlans discussed for annual stag
YA My mess hall, tonight (Thursday,	party and for joint picnicNo-host plate
June 1), 8 p.m.	luncheon will be served New Spade &
	Maul pins ready.

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May it never be

said of you that your

thoughtlessness

was responsible

for another's

INJURY!

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Valedictory-James Stover Salutatory-Dave Morgan

Graduates--Betty Belding, John Bickford, Juanita Brown, Virgil Butler, Warren Cox, Jeannette DeCamp, Robert DeCamp; Ann Dysart, Warren Hall, William Hall, Louella Hayes, Robert Ludwig, James Miner, Jr., David Morgan, Fern Parker, Valeria Smola, James Stover.

Baccalaureate services were held last Sunday with the Rev. D.E. Peterson, pastor of the Mason City Community church, conducting the services.

Significant in the history of Mason City high school, which serves the two communities of Mason City and Coulee Dam, is its acceptance into the Northwest Association of Secondary schools in 1938. This is particularly interesting with recollection of a pioneering-day housing structure which originally was a pipe shop, then a city hall, finally a school building. It was supplanted nearly one year ago by the new air-conditioned high school.

Membership in the association of secondary schools permits high school graduates or transfers to attend any state college or university or public high school in the land without entrance examinations or loss of credits. Ordinarily only large and permanent schools can meet

the requirements for membership in thorough and expansive programs and facilities. Mason City high school had a total enrollment of 84 for the past year (190 in the grades).

The Coulee Dam public school system is composed of two districts. On the west (Douglas county)side of the river the Bureau of Reclamation constructed a permanent school building which educates grades from four to eight inclusive. On the east (Okanogan county) side CBI last year built the new primary building, high school and gymnasium. (Cont. oh Page 5)

GRAND COULEE HIGH (Continued from Page 1)

Baccalaureate services were in charge of Father A. Farrelly, pastor of the Grand Coulce and Mason City Catholic churches, May 28.

Diplomas were awarded to:

Alpha Bailey, Helen Brown, Geneva Boyd, Charmein Caplinger, Eloise Clem, June Gehrke, Dolores Gemmill, Doreen Hagerty, Claudia Henley, Marjorie Kinnune, Hazel Koehler, Irma Macy, Dorothy McMillin, Holace Perry, Gladys Platt, Marguerite Schroder, Marjorie Smith, Dorothy Taylor, Darline Thurmond, Marjorie Whitehall; Alura Winnett, Ruth Sayler; Laura Wells; Nina Rossman, Walter Barr, Frank Blake, Howard Brado, Bruce Bushard, Vernon Cupp; Leo Gardner, James Green, Benny Henderson, Earl Jones, Philip Kimball, Robert Lindquist, William Miller, William Nichols, Edward Niemeyer, Ross Russell, Earl Terpening, William Wanser, Mark Wilkerson, Leonard Walters, George Gallinger, Don LaFaunce, Wallace LaFreniere.

Four years ago, with the clusters of homes increasing daily, the community of Grand Coulee hastily erected a one-room school. This simple and educational pioneer building was soon followed in 1935 by construction of the first unit of eight classrooms for the present Grand Coulee building. The second unit of 23 rooms was added in 1936. Last winter the

new gymnasium was built.

he principal building for district 55 has carried 1029 students as too tal enrollment for the past year, 327 of which were in high school. The teaching staff consists of 30 instructors; seven of these are in high school. The total enrollment for the entire district has been 1593, an increase of 260 over the previous ywar.

Other schools in district 55 are: Electric City, grade school with (Continued on Page 5)



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MASON CITY HIGH Construction of the gymnasium a year ago stimulated a wide variety of athletics, together with other high school and civic affairs, including productive results in vocal expression through convenient and adequate stage facilities. Preparations have already been made to give further attention to music, both vocal and instrumental, and to dramatics next fall.

In athletics Mason City high school turned in its most noteworthy season. The basketball team took the Okanogan county title and placed second in the district play-off in which Grand Coulee high took first place. The tennis team met its first defeats in four years when it was nosed out by duplicate scores of 3 to 2 in each of its last two meets with Wenatchee in May. The baseball team has broken even.

he high school faculty consists of Miss Angelyn Howells, Miss Mabel Youngberg, David Mahrt, Gailord Nelson and Mr. Stansfield. The grade school, in order from the first grade: Miss Marie Lenhart, Miss Chloe Dungan, Miss Josie Beyersdorf, Miss Leona Johnson, Miss Gladys Hughes, Lester Inch (sixth and seventh grades) and A. H. Irwin. Miss Ruth Markhus is secretary of the school system.

hree are leaving. Miss Youngberg will be replaced by Miss Helen Kohler of Seattle. Miss Lenhart, to be married, will give place to Miss Lorraine Nylund of Seattle and Miss Hughes' return to school has resulted in the hiring of Mrs. Priscilla Carmichael of Tacoma.

Boards of education: District 79(Mason City)--J.J. Walsh, Donald O. Nelson, R. E. Dycus; District 123 (Coulee Dam)--E.L. Green, Mrs. O.E. Boggess, C.E. Benjamin.

ELMERTON

Vacation began last week for 130 pupils in the Elmerton grade school. Three teachers taught grades one to five.

The three-room school is a part of the Nespelem district attended by all higher grades, including high school, with bus service provided.

School board: John F. Michaud, L.A.Gray, Mrs. Louis Prince. GRAND COULEE HIGH 275 pupils, six teachers; Osborne, grade school with 163 pupils, four teachers; Grand Coulee, first, second and third grades, 93 pupils, two teachers; Delano, first and second grades, 133 pupils, three teachers.

Of unusual interest to the state has been the athletic record of Grand Coulee high school for the past year. With no gymnasium facilities until the season was over, the basketball team took county and district titles and then placed sixth in the state tournament in Seattle. The football squad went unbeaten. In baseball the Tigers took first in northwestern Grant county and placed fourth in the district meet at Wenatchee. Members of the track team participated in the state interscholastic meet at Washington State college last Saturday.

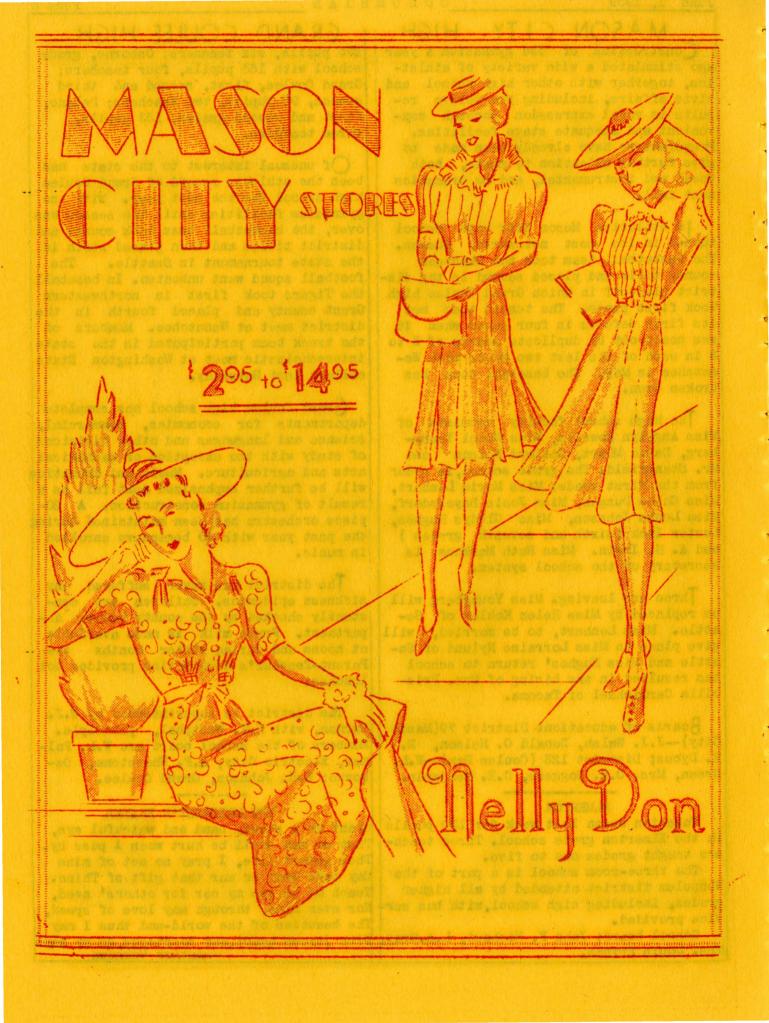
(grand Coulee high school has complete departments for economics, commercial, science and languages and other divisions of study with the exception of mechanical arts and agriculture. Music and dramatics will be further emphasized next fail as a result of gymnasium construction. A 20piece orchestra has been maintained during the past year with 60 beginners enrolled in music.

The district has never suffered any sickness epidemics. Children are constantly checked by the county health department. Fresh milk is made available at noons and during winter months the Parent-Teacher's association provides hot lunches.

The district is superintended by W.J. Harmon, with H.T. Westphal, principle. Members of the school board are W.L. Palmer, Electric City; A.F. Whetstone, Osborne; E.H. Johnson, Grand Coulee.

THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Grant me a steady hand and watchful eye, That no man shall be hurt when I pass by. Thou gavest life, I pray no act of mine May take away or mar that gift of Thine. Teach me to use my car for others' need, Nor ever miss, through any love of speed, The beauties of the world-and thus I may With joyous heart, and courteous, go my way. --Author Unknown





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NEVER TAKE

CHANCES OF

ANY KIND:

The sound of tin cans last week must have indicated that two months of postponed wedding are over for Elmerton's CLAUDE NEWELL.....

And to think that marks on the physiognomen, visage or face of WALT McKINNY, JR. have been passed off as automobile accidents.....

CHUCK WEIL, touted ace hurler of the entire damsite, turned in his first job in the USBR softball league. After two innings Chuck looked at the sky: when the showers didn't come to him, he went to them. Twenty runs had worn out the home plate.....

HAL CONLON, after a long-term courtship, signed a long-term contract....

Ditto RUDY BEGLAN

BILL BUTLER found a further reason for having lived. At Buffalo lake last week he fished a thoroughly exhausted fisherman from the water....

REMEMBER THE DANGER OF WATER. IT SEEMS TO BE AN ANNUAL CUSTOM FOR WATERS OF THE REGION TO CLAIM AT LEAST ONE LIFE!

CHARLES FEITERLEY saw himself in pulp. He didn't buy up the entire edition of a Sunday issue, but the doubting relatives can learn he was awarded a new Buick after having sold 70 cars in 60 days....

MICKEY DAVIS climbed out on top in the financial guesses as to the peak concrete for the 25th....

O.MIKKELSON was financially happier by the sad thing that brought the score of the Spokane Silver Loaf and all-star softball game....

ROY CHITTICK'S singing roles in male quartettes and duets are slated to get mixed. A "secret elopement" will result in a mixed duet by Chittick-Lenhart (Marie)

The missus headed for a Minnesota vacation. JOHNNIE GRAHEK was either sad or happy that night....."Never again."

REGARDLESS OF HOW TOUGH THE TASK, THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY TO DO IT EFFICIENT-LY AND SAFELY.

BILL MILLIKAN caught a glance last Sunday when he shouted, "Hit Princet"

MRS. R. JENSEN got the hubby of not many weeks back to the dam site.



by a "feebul" foreman

An' the boss sez no wunder you got sech a long spine with a vacyum in your head an' lead in your pants.

He told the toorist lady no he didnt pour that 20,564 yards all by hisself, he had some help..

I explains to this taxi dancer that 20,564 yards would cover a city lot 111 feet deep an' she sez yeah but if you pored it solid they woodn't be no rooms in it.

The bridge turnemint now bein over, Mamma sez I kin maybe have a clean shirt this week.

He wuz wrong about his head bein tuffer'n a hard hat. The Legion had charge of the funeral.

He cut my throat an' I cut hisn. The company lost 30 grand on the deal, but I finally run him off.

It wuzn't much of a job, so he didn't try very hard. It jest never got enny bigger.

Feelin' romantical I ast Mamma does she remember when I swore I'd dig ditches for her an' she sez yeah I allus did hev more ambition than ability.

Better to be inspected when suspected than to be dissected when infected.

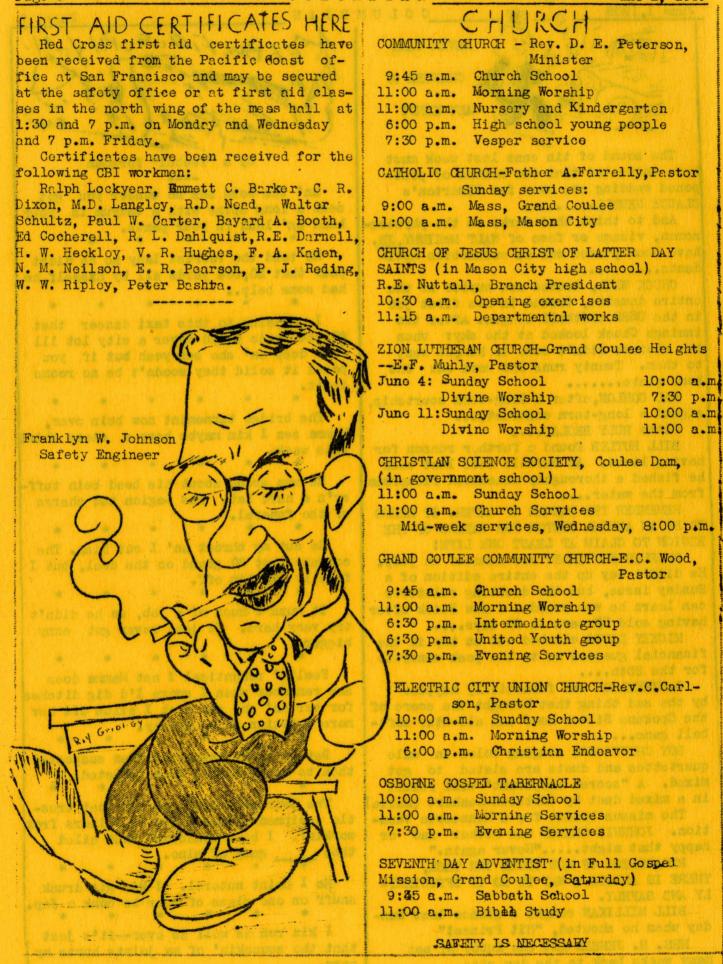
The toorist feller sea all that trestle equipment keeps a lot of fellers from workin'. I been wonderin' whut ailed thet _____ gang of mino.

No I haint nuteral. I kin git drunk enuff on one glass of beer to conk a Jap.

I kin run as well as ever--it's jest that the squeekin' of my joints hurts my ears.

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GOLFERS.

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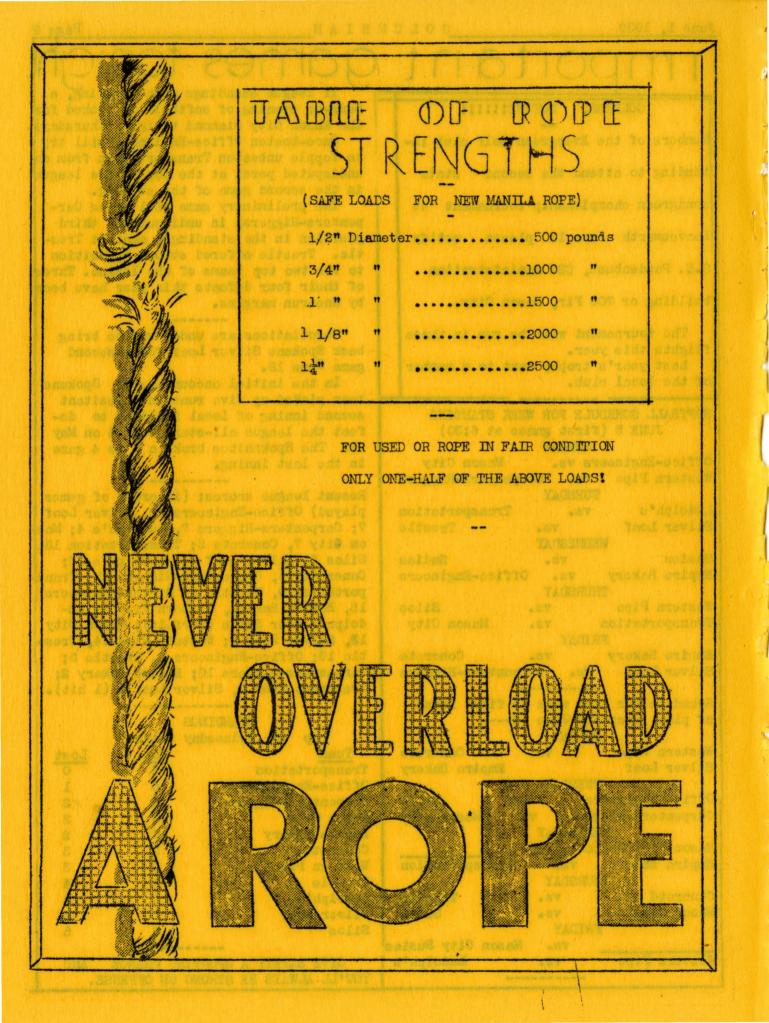
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ortal 1es If league standings mean anything, a bang-up evening of softball is booked for NOTICE!!!!! the Mason City diamond tonight (Thursday). Once-beaten Office-Engineers will try Members of the Evergreen Golf club into topple unbeaten Transportation from an undisputed perch at the top of the league tending to attend the second state in the second game of the evening. sandgreen championship tournament at The preliminary game will bring Carpenters-Riggers, in undisputed third Leavenworth June 11 please notify position in the standings, against Trestle. Trestle offered strong opposition S.E. Paudenbush. CBI Administration to the two top teams of the league. Three of their four defeats this year have been building or 700 Fir. Mason City. by one-run margins. Negotiations are under way to bring back Spokane Silver Loaf for a second game June 18. In the initial encounter, the Spokane team picked up five runs in a hesitant second inning of local fielding to defeat the league all-stars 7 to 4 on May 21. The Spokanites broke a 5 to 4 game in the last inning. Mason City Recent league scores: (in order of games Transportation played) Office-Engineers 10, Silver Loaf Trestle 7; Carpenters-Riggers 7, Ludolph's 4; Mas-VS. on City 7, Concrete 5; Transportation 18. Silos 2; Silver Loaf 11, Ludolph's 10; vs. Sadies Concrete 16; Carpenters-Riggers 15; Trans-Office-Engineers portation 9, Trestle 5; Office-Engineers Silos 15, Empire Bakery, Western Pipe 4; Lu-VS. VS. Mason City dolph's over Silos (forfeit): Mason City 13. Silver Loaf 1; Western Pipe 14. Trestle 13; Office-Engineers 6, Trestle 5; Concrete VS. Carpenters-Riggers 10; Empire Bakery 2; Transportation 8, Silver Loaf 0 (1 hit). STANDINGS (up to Wednesday night) Concrete Team Won Empire Bakery Transportation 6 Office-Engineers 5 VS. Silos Carpenters-Riggers 4 VS. Mason City Mason City 3 Empire Bakery 3 VS. Concrete 3 Transportation 2 Western Pipe 2 Trestle Trestle 2 VS. Ludolph's Silos 1 VS. Silver Loaf Silos 0

The tournament will be run in three flights this year. Last year's trophy went to a member of the local club.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR WEEK STARTING JUNE 5 (first games at 6:30) MONDAY Office-Engineers vs. Western Pipe vs. Carpenters-Riggers TUESDAY Ludolph's VS. Silver Loaf WEDNESDAY Susies Empire Bakery VS. THURSDAY Western Pipe Transportation FRIDAY Empire Bakery Silver Loaf vs. Carpenters-Riggers Schedule for last week in first round of play, starting June 12----MONDAY Western Pipe vs. Silver Loaf TUESDAY Office-Engineers Carpenters-Riggers WEDNESDAY Mason City Susies Empire Bakery vs. THURSDAY Concretd Mason City FRIDAY Mason City Susies vs. Western Pipe vs. Ludolph's ----

GIVE SAFETY A SPORTING CHANCE AND YOU'LL ALWAYS BE STRONG ON OFFENSE.



COLUMBIAN June 1, 1939 Page 11 The practice of throwing or shoveling waste material over the upstream face of the dam has reached dangerous proportions the past few days. Men working on the trash racks or using the catwalks between the structures are not protected in any way from this material. Several have received injuries, fortunately not yet of a serious nature, from rocks, pieces of concrete, drain tile and scrap lumber. If you MUST throw anything over the side, use extreme caution. Be sure that a fellow worker is not directly below! All travelers over the highway above t RECORD-BREAKING CONCRETE PLACEMENT the west end of the dam are soon to see (24-hour day) a change for from 1400-1500 feet of road Date: May 25 Crews are ready to start to work cut-Amount: 20,560 cubic yards ting the grade of the highway from four Shifts: graveyard, 6724; day, 6844; swing, to six feet. 6992. Drillers are to proceed along the out-Number of mixers: eight 4-yard. side half, after which the strip will be paved. Work will then proceed to the FOR SALE Eight new tents and three tents and inner half. Traffic will be protectively bulkheaded off from the drilling area. The highway is to be cut to the elevaframes remain to be sold by the CBI tion of the top of the dam. On completion the section of paved road camp office. will be 28 feet from shoulder to shoulder There are an in the same and the same subscription of the instead of about 20 as now. Effective today, field employees of the USBR will work a 53-day week. Concrete yard FURTHER REMINDER LAST DANCE ---No. 2.000.000 is Patients planning to visit the hospital are The Spade & to go into the again reminded of the advisability of se-Maul and Agnes Gehr dam within the man club dance Satcuring appointments. urday night, June next day or two. for CBI. 3. at the govern-Because the practice of having appointments was instituted to facilitate service, those ment school house Grand Coulce with appointments must be given preference. will be the last dam today reaches This is not discrimination: appointments are for the aseason. 347 feet above open to every one. the lowest point Advice is selof bedrock. The dom welcome. Those Avoid unnecessary waiting by securing YOUR maximum point is appointment whenever you plan to visit the who need it most. 153 feet above hospital. like it least. the downstream el---Johnson 10.5 evation of water. Closure gates will soon return -- if The two guesses of Charlie Osborne in the river starts its drop. the engineer's Floodstakes were both the Recent cool and even chilly temperaclosest of 93 as far as the present eletures down to 50 degrees have been acvation of the river is concerned. His companied by a comparatively static elwere 965.9 and 968.8. evation of the river. However, in spite of cool weather an WATER SAFETY PROGRAM .84 foot rise brought yesterday's eleva-Anyone interested in the American Red tion to 966.8. a high for the year up to that time. The rise is also the high-Cross water safety program and wishing instruction in swimming and life saving est for any recent 24-hour period. may register at the safety office or the It may indicate that the river is ito main guard office. Classes will be held jump up instead of taper off now. at Seaton Lake (below Elmorton) by competent Red Cross instructors and Examiners

