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DEPARTMENT

MASON-WALSH-ATKINSON-KIER CO.
BUILDERS OF COULEE DAM

MASON CITY
WASHINGTON

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Safety Engineer

July 3, 1936

—SPIRIT OF '76 ECHOS AT DAM SITE—

The spirit of 160 years ago returns tomorrow. Perhaps not quite the same spirit as of '76, but reminiscent of the same.

Except for necessary maintenance, work on the Grand Coulee dam is at a standstill from 8 a.m. July 4 until the same time the following day.

Saturday night at 8:30 two barges upstream from the highway bridge are scheduled to have a part to play.

From one anchored in the river R. L. Wheeler, Mason City fire department chief, will be in charge of the skyward "cannonading" of a fireworks display of large Roman candles, rockets, pinwheels, and other colorful flares. Fireworks, bought by the MWAK, arrived Tuesday.

From the second barge the Mason City band will officiate if a sufficient number of members remain at the dam site.

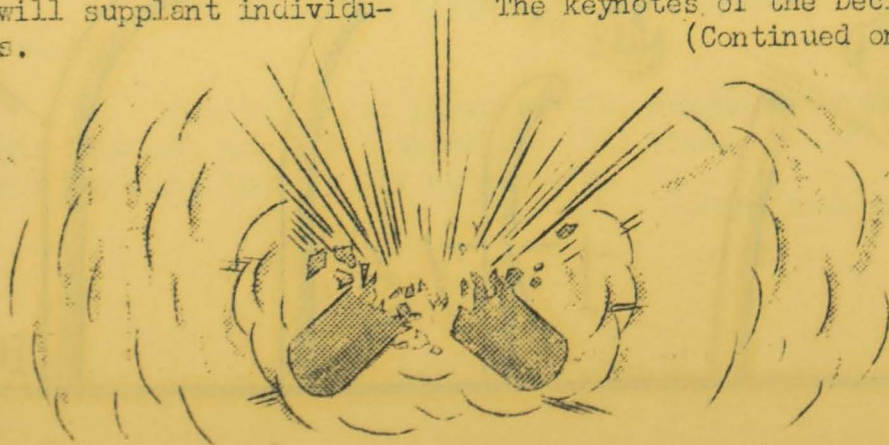
Statements issued by both the Bureau of Reclamation and the MWAK company prohibit the use of firecrackers and fireworks in Mason City and Government Camp. This prohibition is a protective measure. The river display will supplant individual use of fireworks.

Varied and spirited activity on July 4, nationally observed as Independence day, found its prediction in a statement by John Adams. This was a reference to July 2, but equally applicable to July 4.

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epocha in the history of America....It ought to be commemorated, as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with show, games, sports, bells, bonfires, and illumination, from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore."

Adam's reference was to the adoption of a resolution for independence from England by the Congress of the American colonies. The adoption of the Declaration of Independence occurred July 4 and was signed by John Hancock as president and Charles Thompson as secretary.

The keynotes of the Declaration are
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FREEDOM



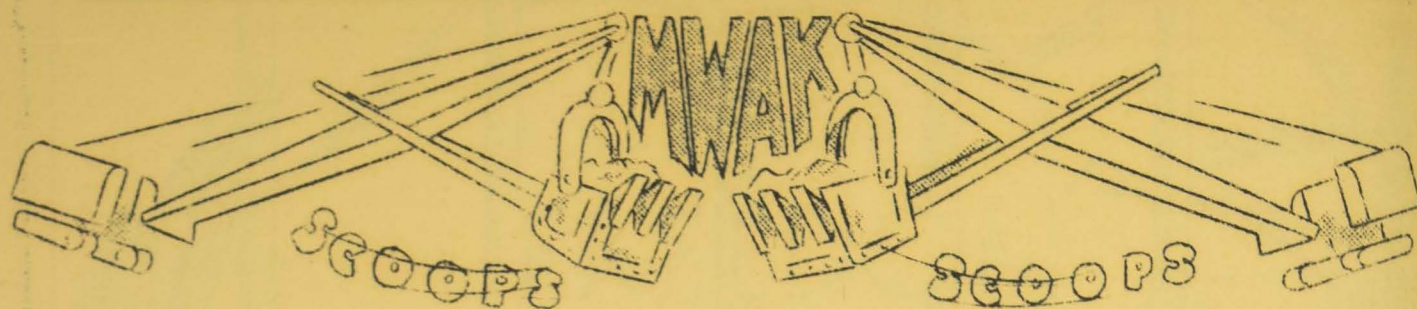
1776

LINDMAN

TRAFFIC COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt keep "safety first" ever before thee.
2. Thou shalt not make of thyself a dangerous nuisance, nor the likeness of anyone that grabbeth the road beside and the road ahead and cutteth in and out of line. Thou shalt beware of such and slow up for him and look out for him.
3. Thou shalt not take the laws of the state in vain, for the cop and the judge will not hold him guiltless that taketh the laws in vain.
4. Remember thy brakes and tires, and take curves slowly.
5. Honor the red lights and the green lights, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not stop abruptly.
8. Thou shalt not steal---past a street car, loading and unloading.
9. Thou shalt not flash big lights against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not shove it---thy neighbor's car, nor his fenders, nor his bumpers, nor his locks, nor his glass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

--The Safe Driver.



He was teeing off. Three foursomes were waiting for him. His first powerful stroke missed the ball completely. The crowd winced in polite silence. Four times he swung and missed. The members of the crowd averted their eyes. The hapless player was not unaware of this embarrassment. With a reassuring smile he faced them. "Tough course," he said, and shook his head cheerfully as he addressed the ball once more.

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DUMB EGG: A man who will pay two bucks for a box of candy so he can hold his girl's hand all evening, when he could have had a manicure for six bits.

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"Good morning," said Doc to the concrete vibrator operator's wife, "did you take your husband's temperature as I told you?"

"Yes, doctor, I borrowed a barometer and placed it on his chest; it said 'very dry,' so I went and bought him a pint of beer an' he's gone back to work."

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YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESS
RIDING CONCRETE BUCKETS

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"I ordered a dozen oranges from you today, she said sharply, "and you sent me only 11. How was that?"

"Well, ma'am," explained the grocer, "one of them was so bad that I took the liberty of throwing it away for you."

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"Do you want an attorney to defend you?"

"No, but I could use a couple of good witnesses."

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THEN THERE WAS THE ABSENT MINDED PROFESSOR WHO KISSED HIS PRETTIEST STUDENT AND GAVE A LESSON ASSIGNMENT TO HIS WIFE.

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"Does his wife play on her mandolin as much as she did before they were married?"

"No, she spends most of her time now picking on her husband."

Even the best of specialists often fall down in their diagnoses.

"Ah," said the doctor, looking into one eye, "it is easy for me to see what is the matter with you! This is not merely eye trouble; it is an affection of the nervous system. There are all the signs of liver trouble, of fatty degeneration of the heart, of a bad blood supply. The only thing I can recommend is--"

"Here, here!" cried the patient. "Isn't it about time you looked into the other eye? That's my glass one, you know."

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Headline in Seattle P.-I.:

SCHOOL BOARD WILL TRY KISSING TEACHER

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Captain: "Why did you fail to salute me yesterday?"

Rookie: "I am very sorry, sir; I did not see you."

Captain: "Good. I was afraid you were mad at me."

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CEMENT BURN PROSPECTS--
YOU'VE GOT PROTECTIVE CREAM!

USE IT!

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"You say he's very sure of himself."

"Is he? Why, he always does the crossword puzzles with a pen."

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THIS PRODUCTION FOR USE SCHEME IS AS OLD AS THE HILLS. THE MOONSHINERS HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THAT SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.

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When the colored couple were being married by the clergyman and the words "Love, honor and obey" were spoken, the bridegroom interrupted: "Read that again, suh. Read it once mo' so's de lady kin get de full solemnity ob de meanin'. I'se been married befoh."

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HOW TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL CITIZEN: Work hard, save, be good, and marry some rich man's daughter.

INDEPENDENCE

(Continued from Page 1)

both new and old. The self-evident truths contained are often reflected by the average workman on the dam as he considers his own life and that of others. The truths, in some instances, were more philosophically stated long before by Locke and Hume, English philosophers. The same truths were contained in the older English Bill of Rights, a kind of foundation for the American Constitution and the continuing policies of the United States.

The Declaration has three parts:

(1) Announcement of political principles for all mankind---"self-evident truths," such as, "That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed."

(2) A list of 27 grievances, partly directed to illegal acts, but most of them charging the British government with unjustly increasing powers till then accepted as legal.

(3) The ringing statement that "These United States are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States."

The colonist of 1775 days and the Revolutionary war can often be seen in the human being today, for it has always been evident that many a man's belief will turn over night.

The battle of Bunker Hill had no connection with a desire for independence. George Washington, the states, and Congress denied any desire for independence. Then the tide suddenly turned.

The first public convention suggesting independence was the vote of local conventions at Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, May, 1775. In January of the following year appeared the wider and more effective arsenal of arguments in Thomas Paine's Common Sense, in which he said, "The birth day of a new world is at hand, and a race

of men are to receive their freedom."

The power of the press, the radio, and other means today of fusing and focalizing public interest saw a counterpart in Revolutionary days. Throughout 1776 "Independence!" became the standard bearer of the American cause.

The Declaration, drawn by Jefferson, and slightly amended by Adams and Franklin, had been presented to Congress on June 28. Before that, June 7, Richard Henry Lee had introduced a resolution declaring "that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

The resolution, seconded by John Adams, came up again on June 10, when a committee of five, headed by Jefferson, was appointed with instructions to embody the spirit and purpose of the resolution in a declaration of independence.

The Declaration was adopted substantially as prepared by Jefferson, the two most significant and important changes being the elimination of Jefferson's arraignment of the British people and of King George in his encouraging and fostering of slave trade, branded by Jefferson "An Execrable Commerce."

The 58 signers and their families were labeled as traitors by King George and rewards of \$2500 were offered for their apprehension.

In brief, that is the story lying behind the barges in the river, the fireworks, the suspension of work on the Grand Coulee dam, throughout the nation. Even at best, the public mind tends to lose sight in the celebrations of today the significances of another day. The more adult nation of July 4, 1936, began its growth July 4, 1776.

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LIFE MEANS ATTENTION TO SAFE HABITS

MASON CITY THEATRE

THE GUSTY, RED BLOODED, ROMANTIC TALE OF A YOUNG
ADVENTURER WHO ROAMED THE BROAD HIGHWAY.

Douglas
FAIRBANKS Jr.
ELISSA LANDI

THE
Amateur Gentleman



FRI. SAT.

HE LIVED FOR LOVE
THEN FOR HATE!



Warner

BAXTER

Robin Hood
OF
EL DORADO

SUN.
MON.
TUES.

CHILD BARELY ESCAPES AUTO DEATH

A tragedy was narrowly averted last Saturday morning when a child about seven was struck by an automobile. Luckily she escaped injury. The case demands a change because repetition of the same circumstances may bring disaster next time. And the occasions for the disaster are altogether too common.

THE DRIVER OF THE AUTOMOBILE BACKED FROM A PARKING SPACE TO THE LEFT ACROSS ROOSEVELT AVENUE TO AVOID DRIVING TO THE CORNER TO MAKE A U TURN OR TO CONTINUE AROUND THE BLOCK.

This practice of backing an automobile across the street is illegal, and police can issue tickets for such misbehavior. If that not uncommon backing to the left by automobiles does not stop, drastic measures will be taken. **TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS MUST STOP!**

Not only automobile drivers, but pedestrians can play a part. Now that school is out, they should make it more a point than ever to cross Roosevelt avenue--or any avenue--at corners, because children are following the example of adults. If a person's own safety means little to him, the least he can do is to be unselfish enough to remember that by setting a good example he may be saving somebody from injury or death.

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NOT TWINS, BUT NEARLY

Necessary machine shop expansion caused the beginning Monday of an 18x30-foot shed for copper grout stop bending on the west side of the machine shop and alongside the first grout stop bending shop only recently completed.

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THE UPRIVER PUMP HOUSE FOR MASON CITY water supply is on its way downhill. The house with its three pumps is moved by a hand winch on an incline according to the elevation of the river. Twenty feet along the incline means a change of five feet in elevation. Seven moves along the incline meant 140 feet or a rise of 35 feet between low water and high.

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Twice the answer of simple mathematics, but compressed air scholars decided that 32 one-inch pipes are equal to one four-inch pipe.

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The rattles of a Rattlesnake have indeed been seen. Three snakes have recently been killed along the gravel plant system below Brett pit and two in Mason City.

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TURN TO EAST TRESTLE APPROACH

Work resumed Monday on the timber approach from the east side upstream trestle to the east mixing plant. This timbered way will conduct concrete-carrying machine from the mix along the trestle.

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ADD TO EAST DRILLING

Three steel sharpening shops for jack-hammer bits hold a widely separated front. One across from the former David Ryan office near the cement silos has two sharpeners for west pump house drilling. The second, near block 39, had three sharpeners in use Monday. The third now finds its scene set for the east abutment near the mixing plant, with two sharpeners planned for use. This means increased drilling on the east abutment.

First consideration for the third shop was to place it inside the rock cleft behind the eastmix. The question of increased heat, however, sent a dragline and shovel to work behind the east high trestle Monday to provide a scene for the shop.

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THE VAPOR OF ONE GALLON OF GAS HAS THE EXPLOSIVE POWER OF ABOUT 96 POUNDS OF DYNAMITE.

COMING!



Eli Rice

AND HIS

ORCHESTRA

MAMMOTH

RIM ROCK FLOOR SHOW

JULY 9TH



CHURCH

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Father A. Farrelly, pastor
On Sunday, July 5, mass will be said in
Grand Coulee at 8 a.m. and in St. Bene-
dict's church, Mason City, at 10 a.m., fol-
lowed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacra-
ment. Confessions will be heard Saturday
evening and before mass Sunday.

Arrangements have been made to give re-
ligious instructions to the children daily
for a period of two weeks or more beginn-
ing July 6. Classes for children in Mason
City, Government Camp and Elmerston will be
held in St. Benedict's church from 9 a.m.
until 12 a.m. each day. Children from
Grand Coulee and surrounding towns will
meet for classes in the church in Grand
Coulee each afternoon from 1 p.m. until
4 p.m. Mr. Austin, a theological student,
arrives this week to assist Father A. Far-
relly in conducting the classes.

COMMUNITY CHURCH—The Rev. W.W.Sloan, pastor
9:45 a.m. Church school.

11:00 a.m. Morning worship: sermon top-
ic, "What Is Sin?"

8:00 p.m. The fourth of a series of sev-
en great Bible characters entitled.
"David."

The second week of daily vacation church
for boys and girls of the community will
begin Monday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY
SAINTS**—Sunday School in the Mas-
on City high school building at 10:30 a.m.

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NOT EXACTLY DEEP SEA DIVING BUT DIVING,
just the same, that's what was done for
the north valve through the east cofferdam,
blocked by a rock at the time of flooding
the east pit. One gate for one of the 36-
inch pipes through the cofferdam has been
left open to keep east pit water as low
as the river.

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**A DREAM ON THE JOB CAN MEAN
NO MORE DREAMS, NO JOB**

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The recent change in meal schedule at
the mess hall included the extension of
the regular breakfast from 6 to 9:30 in-
stead of 9.

SPORTS

**THE MASON CITY BEAVERS MUST SHOW THEIR
TEETH** this week-end as they play a return
engagement with the Lewiston Indians on
the Fourth of July, Saturday, at Lewiston.
The next day, also away from home, they
will seek to strangle the Coeur d'Alene
club away from home for the third time
this year.

Last Sunday the locals ran into trouble
when the Indians bunched six runs in
the second inning against Lloyd. Aubert-
tin, with an injured hip from the Spo-
kane games a week before, replaced Lloyd
and held the Tribe scoreless for the last
three innings. He retired in the ninth
with two down. Bob Fiske, who started
with Cleveland this year, replaced Frost
after the seventh and the Beavers collect-
ed three of their five runs. Each team
registered 12 hits, but Lewiston's sent
11 men across the plate. Fulgham and Ev-
ans made three hits out of four times at
bat.

Following the slack of activity by oth-
er baseball teams of the area, discussion
centers about the formation of a twilight
softball league of numerous teams compa-
rable to that of last year.

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ANY CHANCE OF INFECTION?

ALL SKIN CONTAINS GERMS. NOT ALL ARE
DANGEROUS.

BUT A SINGLE MICROBE IN ONE DAY CAN
INCREASE IN NUMBER TO AS MANY AS 15,000,-
000,000,000.



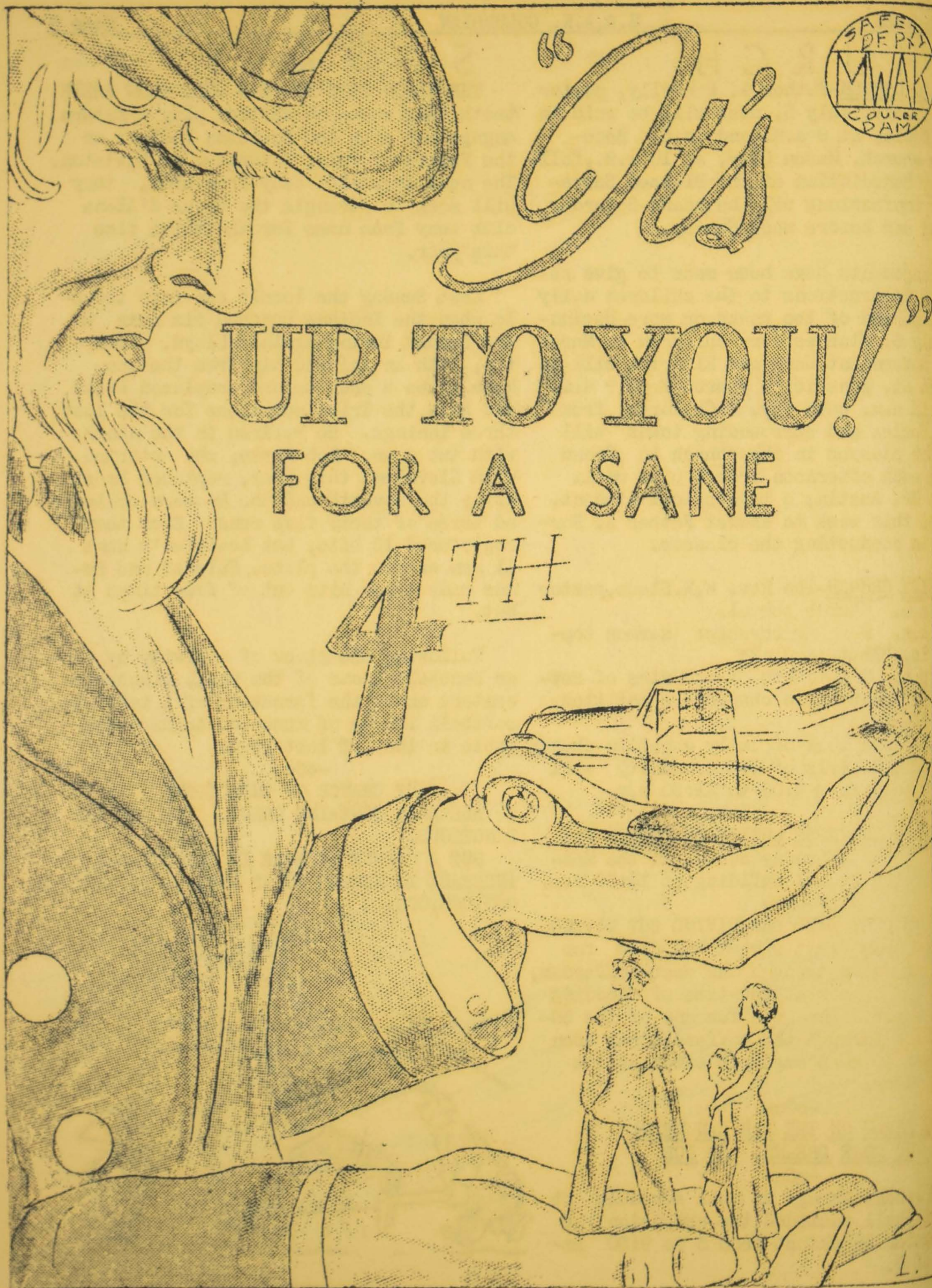


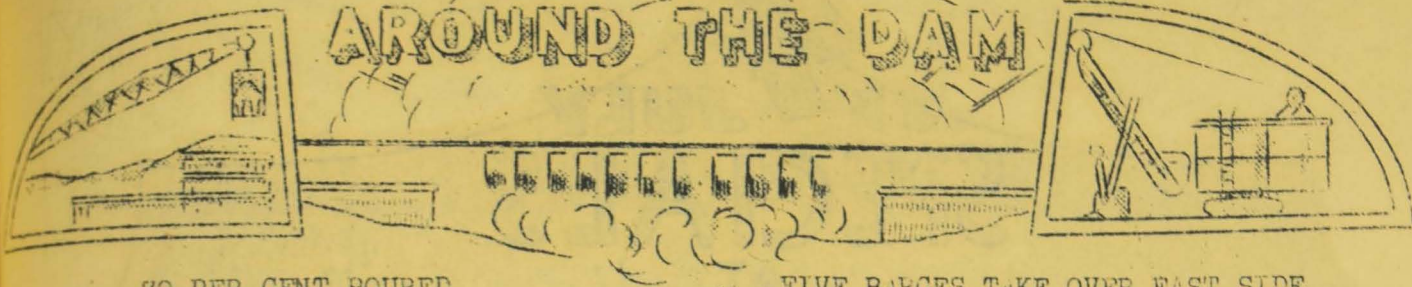
“It’s

UP TO YOU!”

FOR A SANE

4TH





70 PER CENT POURED

Averaging 6570 yards daily, the west-side turned out 197,117 yards of concrete for the month of June. This brings a total of 713,260 yards poured by July 1. The daily average is 125 yards below the diversion plan schedule of June 18. The total is 60 per cent of the concrete for the west side. A new record in concrete pouring was set June 26 with 7938 yards. The change in diversion plans reduced the date of Nov. 30 to Oct. 1.

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WANT \$25?

To the person guessing the nearest to the weight of a salmon on display in the Mason City recreation hall will be awarded \$25. The salmon was caught off the Washington coast and sent to Mason City by W. Arnold Hanger, who also will make the donation of \$25. Employees of the recreation hall are ineligible to guess. The salmon will be weighed only after the contest closes at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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FIRST-AID CLASSES RESUME MONDAY IN THE OLD TIME OFFICE WEST OF THE MACHINE SHOP, IN THE SAME BUILDING AS THE SAFETY DEPARTMENT.

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PREPARE FOR WEST EXCAVATION

A 5-yard shovel crossed the west cofferdam to the south end to help clean up the area for excavation of remaining earth at the south end for later river diversion. The shovel will soon be used to scoop out a place for a feeder and conveyor.

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Twelve-yard trucks began the job of dumping 200,000 yards of riprap onto the west slide Sunday night. First placement of riprap from the top haul road occurred Tuesday night. Riprap will hold in any possible further slides from level 1020 to 1100.

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SEVERE SUNBURN--IS DANGEROUS

FIVE BARGES TAKE OVER EAST SIDE

Because the river remained stubborn enough to slow down to a daily drop as low as little more than one inch, the east side pumps continued to rest. By Thursday only the three 36-inch gates through the cofferdam had been opened.

A 16x30-foot barge contains the two small pumps. The 16x60-foot barge, capable of supporting from 30 to 35 tons, awaits the three pumps of 20 tons. The three new pumps, with a head from 90 to 105 feet, had arrived by Wednesday. Two new barges, 16x30, are completed to support water pipes. A 16x36 for incidental use is under construction. Twelve hundred feet of 24-inch pipe, 480 of 16, and 2000 of 10 are available for use.

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June 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wald of Grand Coulee, a son.

June 22, to Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Newman of Delano, a son.

June 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caillouette of Delano, a daughter.

June 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Little of Coulee Center, a son.

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TAKE NO CHANCES WITH ANY FIREWORKS-- FOURTH OF JULY ACCIDENTS ARE TOO NUMEROUS

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STRUCTURAL STEEL WORKERS HAVE TURNED to rapid erection of the first of six bents remaining for the two west side trestles, three for each or about 150 feet. Erection of these will complete the 1320 and 1220 feet for the upstream and downstream steel structures.

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Excavation to the north of the Government Camp telephone office provides the scene for the Coulee Dam post office.

OF JULY
SPECIALS

AT
COULEE TRADING CO

½ HAMS 29¢ #

LARGE SLICE OF HAM 15¢ EACH

(SWIFTS PREMIUM) FRANKS (ARMOURS STAR) 22¢ #

COLORED FRYERS 35¢ #

FRESH KILLED RABBITS 30¢ #

WE CARRY A VERY LARGE
ASSORTMENT OF COLD MEATS
& LUNCHEON LOAVES FOR
THE HOLIDAYS

MEAT DEPT