

THE BIG JOB

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Work has started again on the Townsite stores.

Basic and McNeil expeditors--the gents who who are supposed to get materials to the project when materials can't be "got" -- have been burning the wires to Washington these days. Reason: a national freezing of all building supplies. The freezing order held up work on the stores, the addition to the school, houses at Gabbs. BUT--expeditors here, assisted by DPC men east and west and Senator Pat McCarran in Washington talked fast enough to get allocations of materials for the needed construction here and at the mine. Lots of folks wondered why work started on the second apartment house for women while work on the stores was halted. Answer: Because at that time materials were available for the start of work on the apartments and not for completion of the stores. Rather than lay crews off, McNeil began on the apartments. BUT--stores materials are now here, work on the stores is again under way--and Shorty Kimball, McNeil builder deluxe, will finish the job pronto. You can count on that. The school addition materials are also unfrozen and work will start at once.

CHAIN GANG BUSY OUTFIT

Bill Burke, Basic timechecker, says it's so cold at night crews handling chain on the project have to add a lot of links when they come to work in the morning. And then take them out when the sun rises along towards noon. Bill says last July he threw a chain on the ground, heard a rattle behind him a few minutes later, turned around and darned if the chain wasn't crawling into the shade.

HOSPITAL PROCEDURE CLARIFIED

In response to a carload of queries, Dr. F. E. Clough, Chief Surgeon, has issued a statement of policy in respect to the new BMI Hospital. Said the Doctor:

"It is the plan of BMI management in the future to adopt a pay-deduction program for employees for hospital and medical service with provision made also for the care of employees' dependents.

"In the meantime employees sustaining injuries during employment will receive these services without charge.

"With the exception of those hurt while working, everyone will pay for medical care and hospitalization.

"Hospital rates are from \$5 to \$6 a day. The operating room and delivery room fee is

\$15. X-ray and laboratory service fees conform to accepted standards. Service by a doctor for a patient who calls at the hospital costs \$2. The charge for house visits by doctors is \$3 in the daytime and \$5 at night. Rates for operations are reasonable and conform to accepted standards."

HEAT IN SCHOOL

There's heat in the school now--thanks to quick action by new management. Original plans for installation of big furnaces was delayed by non-delivery. So individual oil heaters were purchased and installed by McNeil men on the double-quick. There are four heaters in the Auditorium now--which will please Monday night devotees of bridge, pinocle, checkers and what have you.

SWING SHIFT GETS UP A SWEAT

A flock of swing shifters opened the recreation season for night-hawks at the School Aud last Wednesday, playing Badminton until dawn near 4 a.m. Paul Wilson, guard, lost four pounds.

CALLING ALL MASONS

Basic Masonic Club invites all Masons to attend Charter Night program in Room 11 at the school, Monday, Dec. 7 at 7:30. Entertainment and refreshments.

WILL ORGANIZE RED CROSS HERE

Calling all persons in Basic Townsite, the Trailer Camp and Pittman who are interested in work of the American Red Cross!

Mrs. F. E. Clough and Mrs. F. O. Case, both experienced in the work, have called a meeting for the purpose of launching a Red Cross organization in this area.

TIME: Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Room No. 11 at Basic Townsite school.

There is an important and interesting job to be done here, which only the Red Cross can accomplish. Your attendance is earnestly solicited.

FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Preliminary steps toward the formation of a Civilian Defense organization in Townsite and Trailer Camp were taken Sunday at a meeting of community group representatives at the school.

J. T. Crawford of auditing was named temporary chairman. Mrs. Robert Fitkin was selected as temporary secretary. At a meeting scheduled for Thursday night temporary organization of block leaders was slated.

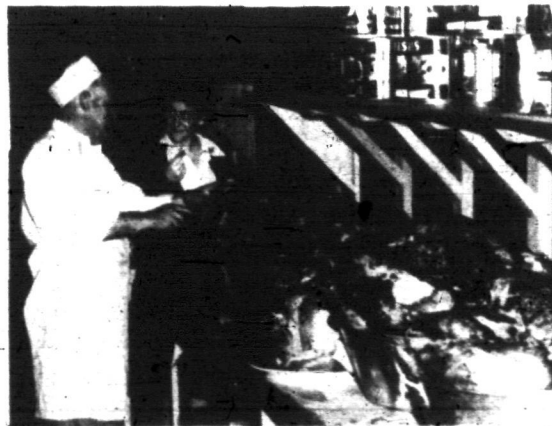
THANKSGIVING DAY AT ANDERSONS'



JOE, JAKE AND FRED ARE ALL SET--Meet the three musketeers of the beer department at Andersons. It's Thanksgiving Day afternoon and the boys are ready for the just-before-Turkey rush. They are Joe Kean, Jake Edwards and Fred Bowser.



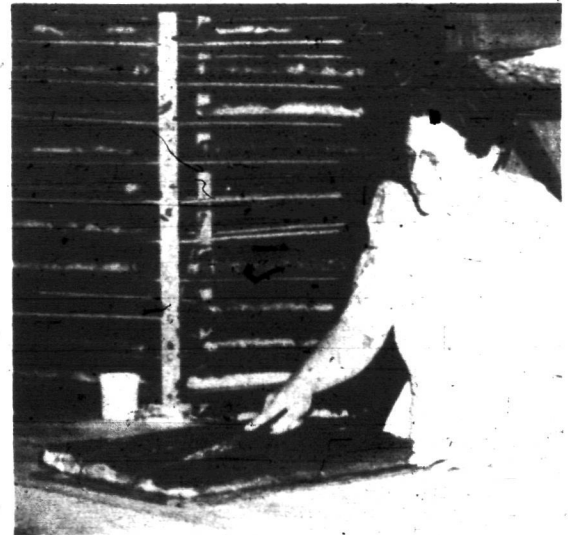
TWO OTHER BOYS GET READY--As Turkey fumes waft through the kitchen Zeke Thompson and Happy Burch, McNeil bricklayers--and good ones--whet their appetites with a scuttle of suds. Why not? Zeke's from St. Louis and Happy's from Chicago.



TON AND A HALF OF TURK--Mrs. Bob Hall, Basic Industrial Relations receptionist, takes a lesson from Meat Chef Jimmie Carr. It took 3,000 pounds of Turkey to feed the gang at the camp. It took almost that much for Mrs. Hall to satisfy her husband. He weighs around 230 - just about what he weighed when, as an all-American tackle for U.S.C. he caught the long pass in the last minute which set up the placekick which beat Notre Dame, 16 to 14. Remember? Bob is an investigator here now.



700 PIES--COUNT 'Em--700--Mrs. Virginia Overman, Employee Training Division, holds up one of the 700 apple pies which went the way of all pastry in the big dining room. At right is Gus Kramer, pie chef; at left Bill Carson, Vice-president in charge of putting in filler.



It took Mrs. Mary Hilgenhorst dog-goned near all day just to cut the chocolate cakes for the boys. The Thanksgiving feast cost just the same as all other meals--50 cents for all you could eat.

WHAT'S COOKIN'

(All Programs at School Unless Otherwise Slated)

SATURDAY, DEC. 5-2 p.m. Movies for kids. 10 cents.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6 Church services; Community, L.D.S.; Catholic as per announced schedules.

MONDAY, DEC. 7 --Bridge, Pinochle, Checkers, Chess, Chinese Checkers, Dominoes, Cribbage. Arts and Crafts.

TUESDAY, DEC. 8 - Square dancing. Instruction at 7:15. Regular hoe-down, 8 to 11.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9 - Badminton, 7 to 10:30. Adults. Arts and Crafts.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10 - Movies 7 and 9 p.m.