

Boulder Dam Is Repaying Costs

The Colorado river, its neck in the yoke of Boulder Dam, on June 1 settled into the harness for the long pull at its job of repaying, with interest, the cost of the project which tamed it.

No longer the wild bull river of the west, the Colorado is in her harness as a useful and powerful force to serve citizens over a vast area and do its master's bidding. The effect of the regulated Colorado river on the southwest will be tremendous, since reliable water supplies now are provided for deserts and firm power for industrial centers.

Boulder is the greatest power source in the world and Lake Mead behind the dam is the greatest man-made body of water in the world. The lake is now over one hundred miles long and still growing.

June 1, the Boulder Dam power plant began production of firm power, and from this date forward its gigantic generators will never be idle. Under contracts now in force for the sale of this power, the full cost of Boulder Dam, the power house and appurtenant structures will be repaid to the United States in fifty years with interest at four percent. Also a surplus will be built up for use in making further improvements along the Colorado river.

The Boulder Dam power plant, under the supervision of Director Ralph Lowry, who also is the Bureau of Reclamation construction engineer, has been in operation since September, 1936, but not until now has the government been in a position to guarantee continuous firm power and levy the full rate of 1.63 mills per kilowatt hour for this power. Until June 1 the cities of Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, California, the power purchase contractors who are now buying, had been paying half a mill per kilowatt hour, the secondary power rate.

Many Cars Pass Electric Eyes

CARSON CITY, Nev. June 7. — The two electric eye beam instruments in the Las Vegas district clicked away at a speedy pace and counted over 34,000 cars during the week of May 24th to May 30th, inclusive, according to detailed reports which reached headquarters and were made public by officials of the highway department today.

The two counting instruments are placed at strategic locations just outside of Las Vegas, one on the Boulder Dam route, the other just west of the city on the Los Angeles route.

During the peak hours of the day, on both instruments, the count showed that an average of eight cars per minute flashed through the electric beam and made the instrument record another number.

While these instruments are in daily use in that district, department officials showed great interest at the large number of automobiles passing those given points within the week just preceding the Mem-

orial Day holiday.

On U. S. 91, on the Boulder City highway, the count for the week was as follows: Monday, 1359; Tuesday, 1327; Wednesday, 1503; Thursday, 1380; Friday, 1432; Saturday, 2610; Sunday, 5804; with a total reading of 15,423 cars.

On U. S. 91 on the Los Angeles highway the count for the week showed the following: Monday, 2278; Tuesday, 1925; Wednesday, 1974; Thursday, 1846; Friday, 1641; Saturday, 3515; Sunday, 5539, with a total of 18,718 cars.

The record indicates that there were more cars passing the electric beam on the Los Angeles route than on the Boulder Dam route which, highway department officials said,

is a reverse of the regular situation.

Traffic records for the week on the two stations show the peak of traffic passed the recording instruments between 11:00 o'clock in the morning and 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, while the highest number recorded for any one hour was made on the Boulder City route on Sunday, May 30th, when 426 cars passed the given point between noon and one o'clock.

EXPLAINED

Listening to the output of some of the cowboy musicians of the great open spaces, one does not wonder that the buffalo disappeared.—Minneapolis Journal.

Fernley Young People Missing

Nevada and California authorities have been requested to join in a search for Carl Lewis, 17, and his sister, Ruth Mabel, 18, missing the past six weeks. It was believed that the brother and sister left for Las Angeles to visit relatives, but they have not been seen at their destination, and have not communicated with their mother, Mrs. Doris Dellamadena of Fernley.

Karl Lewis, of Oakland, father of the missing boy and girl, has instituted a search for his children.

In The WEEK'S NEWS

TIME OUT—Gary Cooper takes a rest on the fender of his new car during the shooting of "Souls at Sea," on the Paramount lot in Hollywood. The car is a Desert Sand De Soto, quite in keeping with his western roles in "The Plainsman" and other pictures.



STILL THE CHAMPION—Denny Shute, defending Professional Golfers Association champion, with the cup presented to him for his victory in the final round of the P.G.A. Tourney.



INDUSTRY'S ANSWER—U. S. Senator George L. Berry (right) of Tennessee, former Co-ordinator for Industrial Co-operation views the new R-1 tire with which the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company is meeting the challenge of the New Deal to produce basic commodities under improved labor conditions without raising prices.



SEEKS STOP TO RISING COSTS—Representative John Paul Kvale of Minnesota challenged industry to meet the President's proposal for minimum wages and maximum hours without customary price increases. Otherwise, he says, efforts to maintain restored prosperity will fall short.



NEW PRIME MINISTER—Neville Chamberlain, who has succeeded Stanley Baldwin as Premier of England, Chamberlain's family has been distinguished in public service. His predecessor becomes an Earl.



STRIKE CLASH IN CHICAGO—Six were killed and scores of police and strikers injured when a riot occurred outside the gates of strike-bound Illinois steel plants. Here casualties are being picked up from the battleground.