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On December 28, Paul Taylor, Engineer in charge of the Yakima Project Storage Division, will retire after nearly 40 years of continuous service with the Government on the Yakima Project. Taylor received his degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, where he specialized in the field of irrigation engineering. He began his career as a rodman on construction of the Wapato Dam in May, 1910. One year later he was assigned to the Storage Division on studies of water supply for the ultimate development of the Yakima Project. In 1919 he was given charge of operation and maintenance of the Yakima Project Storage Division, and continued in that capacity until retirement, 30 years later.

The name "Paul Taylor" has come to be synonymous with "Yakima River" because of his pioneer activity and long service in regulating the river system and the six Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs, totaling 1,063,800 acre-feet of storage capacity. The Storage Division is the primary feature making possible the irrigation of 450,000 acres in the Yakima Project. Taylor is recognized as an outstanding authority in the field of hydrology and river system management and has trained a large number of engineers, hydrographers and reservoir superintendents who have gone on into supervisory and administrative positions in the Bureau of Reclamation.

Among those who received their early training under Taylor are the following:

R. S. Calland, Assistant Regional Director, Region 2,
Sacramento, California;
D. E. Ball, former Superintendent, Yakima Project;
R. O. Crawford, retired, Superintendent of Irrigation
Sunnyside Division;
Alfred Mannick, Superintendent of Irrigation, Roza
Division;
Paul L. House, Acting Manager, Owyhee Project, Nyssa,
Oregon;
F. E. Moxlee, Hydrographer, U. S. Indian Service,
Wapato, Washington.

Taylor married Edith Foster, a daughter of a pioneer Yakima Valley family. There are five children in the Taylor family and the home address is 3811 McKinley Avenue.

Succeeding Taylor in the position of Engineer in charge of the Storage Division will be B. G. James, Office Engineer in the Yakima Project Office. James is also a career employee with the Bureau of Reclamation having started in 1914 as a surveyman on the Sunnyside Division. He continued in Government operation and maintenance work on the Sunnyside Division until 1945, when that Division was transferred to the Sunnyside Board of Control. He thereupon took one year's leave of absence from Government service to work as manager for the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District and Board of Control, assisting the new management in transferring from Government to District operation. For the past 4 years James has been employed as Office Engineer, assistant to the Superintendent in the Project Office at Yakima.

Mr. and Mrs. James reside at 223 South 17th Avenue and have a son, Galen, of Sunnyside, and a daughter, Sheila, (Mrs. George Lowry of Seattle, Washington).

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