

Oldest Dining Room in Dam Area Closes

Government Messhall Ends Two Years of Service; Was Pioneer

The oldest eating establishment on the Hoover dam reservation ended two years of historic service this week when the Bureau of Reclamation closed the messhall at its camp in Hemenway Wash.

Fifty or more government employes still live in the camp, but they do not eat there any more, since Sunday.

Chef M. C. McKeever, for whom McKeeversville, the little colony to the north of the camp, was named, will take a brief vacation trip, returning to the project later in all probability.

Two years ago this summer, when there was nothing in the way of civilization southeast of "Four Mile," when Boulder City and the entire reservation had no building except a boatman's house at the river, the Bureau of Reclamation sent out a crew to erect a dozen tents.

They chose the site in Hemenway wash where the camp now stands. And there they erected a camp that did not blow away — tents that withstood rigors of heat, cold, storms and wind alike.

They established the camp which was so much photographed as the first vestige of activity in the dam project territory proper.

And now the camp is on the verge of being dismantled.

With about 250 employes of the Bureau of Reclamation now on the project, even the completion of many houses leaves men to live in the camp. Soon, however, it is expected the government dorm and more government homes will make it possible for all to move into Boulder City proper.

Then, and only then, the historic camp will be completely dismantled.