

War And Politics Get Blame For Shortages Of Water In Many Parts Of United States

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—The war and politics were blamed here for the nation's widespread water shortages.

Such was the view expressed by several experts attending the American Water Works association convention which is trying to help American cities get all the pure water they need.

Summing up a widely held opinion midway of the five-day meeting, Harry E. Jordan of New York, association secretary, put it this way in an interview:

"Actually, as will be explained many times at the convention, there is intrinsically no long range water shortage. The real shortage is in the facilities for bringing water to the people."

"The major cause of this situation was the war," he said. "Wa-

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ter works projects suffered during the war years, because required materials were hard to get or could not be obtained at all. The country's whole effort naturally was directed toward production and uses of material demanded for victory in the field.

"But another factor in our failure to keep water supply abreast the growth of population lies in administrative faults and neglect at local levels. Here we find that administrative officials all too often do not press for the development of water works programs which have been recommended by engineers. Why is that so? Well, no doubt because the programs aren't considered politically expedient."

"So far as the war-imposed curtailments are concerned," he went on, "we can only work hard to make up lost ground as fast as possible."

"Last year \$207,000,000 was spent on new construction. It is not enough. We need to increase that figure by another \$100,000,000 a year for the next ten years."

"The urgency of the problem is indicated by the fact that more and more Americans are moving to the cities. This accelerating transition from rural to urban living makes it increasingly necessary for us to put our national water systems in proper order—and that means looking carefully to the future."

"Too many people seem to overlook the obvious—that water is not like coal or like a commodity turned out of a factory. You don't dig it, and you don't make it. You get it in God's good time. And if you are smart you take care of it when it comes. You develop supplies beyond normal requirements against the seasons when rainfall and snow are skimpy."

Urging that "the water works be

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taken out of politics," Jordan and other experts suggested the creation of non-political authorities, which would be held responsible for both water supply and sewage disposal systems, and would be comparable to port authorities and bridge authorities.

Tenmile

By Mrs. Julia Breitenbucher
Mr. and Mrs. A. Ison visited Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sypher and girls at their home at Langlois, Ore. Sunday.

Jim Barnes of Dillard, Charley Seigel, and Howard Erbe went to the coast for a two-day fishing trip last week. They fished in Tenmile lake, but reported poor luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rife of Philomath, Ore., were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Rife's brother, Howard Hardenbrook, Harold Seigel returned Sunday from Monroe, where he visited his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Howard of Silverton, Ore., visited Howard's mother, Mrs. Della Howard, one day last week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Crete Carnall, Mrs. Victor Howard's mother, who resided here for several years. Mrs. Carnall now lives at Eagle Point, Ore.

The Porter Creek lumber mill recently made several new improvements. These include a new burner, trim saws and a new planer mill. On Tuesday, May 16, a night shift was started. The mill now employs approximately 50 men. It is owned by Al Stevinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Breitenbucher and children of Gaylor, Ore. were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDaniel Sunday evening.

Edward and Walter Petersen of Brockway and Mrs. Byrd Smith visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Breitenbucher Sunday evening.

TOP HONOR FOR NEGRO
NEW YORK, — (AP)—The late Charles H. Houston, a Constitutional lawyer, was announced as the winner of the 35th Spingarn medal for outstanding achievement by a Negro American.

The announcement was made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Houston, chairman of the NAACP National Legal committee, died of a heart ailment in Washington, D. C., April 22. He was 54.

Melrose

By MRS. NETTIE WOODRUFF
Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor of Olympia, Wash. are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. Falden. The McGregors formerly resided in West Melrose.

Mrs. Etta Ward, former Melrose resident now living in Portland, is visiting friends and her brother, D. C. Livingston, at Glide.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller of Chehalis, Wash. recently visited Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Scmidt, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Preschern. They left Thursday for a two-week visit in Arizona.

Cleave Smith recently sold his 20-acre tract in West Melrose to a family from California. Betty Sheldon is convalescing at her home in West Melrose, following several days at Mercy hospital, where she received medical care for a dislocated shoulder.

A Fordson tractor turned over on Ed Moon recently, pinning him for three hours. The rest of the family was away at the time. He was not injured.

Mrs. L. L. Chitwood and son, Harold, shopped in Eugene Saturday.

Miss Ruby Matthews returned home Thursday from a week's vacation to points in California. She accompanied Mrs. Margorie Wellman and two children to Los Angeles, then flew back.

The Melrose Grange will sponsor a public card party at the hall Saturday evening, June 10, with pinocle, 500 and canasta to be played. Prizes will be given for high and low scores.

All of the new Melrose bridge is open to travel now. However, more work will be done later when the gravel approaches settle.

Mrs. Geneva Beck and son of Alaska are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fritz.

Johnny and Billy Hagen are staying with Mrs. Clyde Kenyon while their mother is in Philadelphia, where she was called by the illness of her father.

Ed Reece and sons Ted and Roger and Chris Wolff, Joe Strikling and Norvel and Keith Conn left early Sunday morning for a day of fishing on Coos river.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hagen from Salinas, Calif. visited Thursday and Friday with the latter's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delco Graves, and with Hagen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hagen.

Mrs. George Showers returned home Thursday from a two-weeks' visit with relatives in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson of Portland were weekend guests of Mrs. Johnson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Luteen.

Broiler type chickens range in live weight from 1½ to 3 pounds.

By J. R. Williams

Dillard PTA Names Officers

The Dillard PTA, under the direction of the president, Mrs. Margaret McCord, brought two successful years of activity to a close Friday night, May 19, at the schoolhouse. The officers elected to serve for the coming year were installed by the principal, Harry Krug. They were: Mrs. Ruby Jones, president; Marvin Covey, first vice-president; Mrs. Marge Packer, second vice-president; Mrs. Margaret McCord, secretary. Corsages were presented to the outgoing and incoming officers by Mrs. Jo Leshner.

During the business session Marvin Covey, fifth grade teacher, gave a short talk on the Boy Scouts group that the school sponsors. It was voted to give them the ten dollars necessary to procure their charter. Mrs. McCord gave the annual report for the past year. The PTA purchased a movie projector for the school, contributed to the national PTA building fund, contributed to the elementary school teacher scholarship fund, sponsored three youth organizations. She presented the new pictures that were purchased for each room and two large ones for the auditorium with the funds raised at the recent exhibition held at the school. Plans were made to have them framed by the last day of school.

Krug presented the outgoing president with the past president's pin. He announced that the eighth grade graduation would be Friday night, June 2, in the auditorium. Room count was made by Mrs. Aleta Simms, with Mrs. Merriman's eighth grade winning.

The program, presented under the direction of Mrs. Packer, featured two dances by students from Mrs. Ulah Rhoden's school: "Lavender Blue" by Pamela Laurance, accompanied by Marvin Covey; "A Bouquet for You" by Joan Thiel, Myrna Martsters, Arlene Horton and Joan Miller. Following the dances, Walter Meacham, executive secretary of Old Oregon Trail, Inc., affiliated with American Pioneer Trains Assn., presented interesting slides of the 2,000 mile trails and "story spots." He brought these to the school at the

WRONG CROP

TOPEKA, Kas. — (AP) — City clerk Ed Jones has a fine radish crop. In fact, his lawn is dotted by thousands of radishes. Those seeds he sowed this spring definitely weren't clover and blue grass.

special request of Mrs. Ulah Winston for the benefit of those studying Oregon's history, traditions and ideals.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by the eighth grade room mother, Mrs. Clea Callahan, and her assistants.

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