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Douglas County Needs Water Storage To Improve Economy, Bureau Claims

This is the last in a series of eight articles dealing with a survey of the Umpqua basin made by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to determine the county's irrigation agriculture potential. It sums up the conclusions reached by the bureau.

By BOB CLARK
News-Review Staff Writer

Without development of such multiple storage facilities as described in previous articles in this series, Douglas County's economic progress will continue to rest almost solely on what the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has called the area's already "overexpanded" timber operations and allied pursuits.

The bureau came to the conclusion, following the 1955 land classification survey upon which this series is based, that construction and use of five storage facilities in Douglas County would go far toward solving the Umpqua Basin's agriculture and flood control problems. Such facilities also would improve recreational and fish and game conditions, claims the bureau.

And, by making possible more extensive manufacture of secondary wood products through additional supplies of high-quality water, development of such projects would aid even the area's hub industry.

Root Of Problem
Uneven streamflow — high in winter and low in summer — in most of the Umpqua River and its tributaries is the root of all these problems. Under the bureau's plan, winter water would be stored in the proposed reservoirs and released during summer drought periods.

These reservoirs would store water in the South Umpqua River, Cow Creek and Lookingglass Creek areas in Southern Douglas County and in Calapoia and Elk Creeks in the northern part of the county. The bureau pointed out that only the North Umpqua River has sufficient flow in the summer to

make a high storage dam unnecessary. Storage capacity of all five of these reservoirs would be some 120,000 acre-feet. Water stored at the five potential reservoir sites could provide irrigation for 63,000 acres.

Individual, privately-owned pumping plants along the streams would be utilized to draw irrigation water in all five subdivisions. Canals from the streams to more remote irrigation areas would be required in all but the Cow Creek subdivision, in which 5,300 irrigable acres are located entirely along the stream bed.

Contains 40,000 Acres
Most extensive of the five subdivisions is the South Umpqua, containing more than 40,000 acres

of irrigable land. Some 54,000 acre-feet of water could be stored at the subdivision's Tiller site, behind a dam 190 feet high.

Here, reprinted from the Bureau of Reclamation's special evaluation report of June, 1956, are some of the bureau's conclusions relating to the Umpqua Basin study.

"There is an adequate water supply from potential storage and streamflow to supply irrigation lands under ultimate development. Tentative studies indicate the considered reservoir sites with presently determined capacities will provide flood protection to areas immediately downstream but would have little effect on areas where greatest flood damage occurs."

"Although multipurpose uses were not considered in the inventory, the potential dams could be constructed and operated to provide benefits to fish and wildlife, pollution abatement, recreational use and industrial water requirements, and some of them could produce power."

All Uses Eyed
"Preliminary data indicate that all multipurpose uses must be considered and included in the final plan to achieve feasible projects. The large population increase in the Umpqua River basin in the last 15 years has surpassed the capability of present resource development."

"The bulk of the increased population is dependent upon the lumbering industry for support; this industry is presently operating at a higher production rate than can be maintained over a long period."

And, finally, the over-all conclusion: "Expansion in irrigation development appears to be the logical basis for providing a more stable economy for the future."

Canyonville Man To Graduate From Bus Driver's School

By VIRGINIA PROCTOR

Gene Cherwin of Riddle, who operated a gravel and landscaping business in Canyonville and Riddle areas for the last few years, will graduate April 17 from the Greyhound bus drivers' training school in San Francisco where he reported March 17.

Cherwin will then be assigned a run of his own. Mrs. Cherwin plans to meet her husband in Redding, Calif., for a short vacation in California.

First Grandchild Born
First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodell was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Goodell of Manhattan Beach, Calif. The baby, a boy, was named Aaron, weighed 8 pounds, and was born March 18.

Supt. O. J. Monger attended a county school administrator's conference titled, "Inservice Education," at Roseburg last week. The South Umpqua Business and Professional Women's Club of Canyonville held its regular dinner

meeting at The Forester's Cafe. Election of officers is scheduled for the next meeting, the first Thursday of May.

One small light red cocker spaniel is resident of Canyonville's dog pound, having lost his room mate, a large black and white shepherd, when its owner redeemed him.

Dogs Destroyed
At the end of two weeks, during the dog control program in Canyonville, a total of seven dogs have been caught with five destroyed by the city when unclaimed.

Mrs. Wayne Lamb of Bridge, Ore., reported recently to be missing, possibly drowned, is the only sister of Glenn Gilmore of Glendale, a former Canyonville resident, and of Harold Gilmore of Myrtle Creek.

Mrs. Lamb attended school in Myrtle Creek and left two small children. According to family sources, high water in the river has postponed further search for the body.

Sutherlin HEC Sewing Entries Judged In May

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK

Sutherlin Home Economic Club met recently for a noon potluck dinner with eight members and one guest, Al Finklin.

Chairman Evelyn Frotscher called the meeting to order after the dinner and showed the finished quilt members had been working on, that will be put aside for some worthy cause.

A letter was read from Nelda Norris, Pomona HE chairman concerning the grange sewing contest and that Sutherlin Grange entries would be judged at the next HE meeting in May. The winner will go to Pomona Grange May 24 for the judging.

A discussion on ways of raising money was held. Eunice Haslam resigned as secretary and Mrs. Edna Powers was elected to fill the vacancy. Home Economic Clubs have been asked by the grange lecturer to plan a lecturers program for the grange and the following committee was appointed: Edna Powers, Leona Elliott and Halie Martin.

After the meeting members worked on scrap books which are being made for children's hospitals. The next HE meeting will be May 6 with Mrs. Elizabeth Gleason and Mrs. Katie Graham as hostesses.

It was also announced that the next grange meeting, April 23, would be a potluck dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bringle as hosts.

Camp Fire Girls Meet
Tanda Camp Fire Girls met last week at the Sutherlin Boy Scout Hall with five girls present, leader Mrs. Rose Chandler and assistant leader, Mrs. Jesse Brown.

The girls discussed honor sheets and symbol and memory books, also discussed a cake sale to raise money to pay their dues. One new girl is needed for this group as it has to be composed of at least six members. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Brown west of Sutherlin.

Olds West Camp Fire Girls group met after school at the home of its leader, Helen Curry, with one new girl, Barbara Treman, joining the group.

The girls enjoyed an Easter egg hunt then worked on memory books.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bollman of Albany are the parents of a son, Eric David, weight seven pounds three ounces born April 2 at Albany. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Icel Clark of Sutherlin and Jack Bollman of Winchester.

In The Armed SERVICES

Charles K. Payton, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Payton of 518 NE Wilton St., has graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

Robert C. Lingenfelter, aviation structural mechanic third class, USN, son of Cecil E. Lingenfelter of 1654 SE Hamilton St., is serving with Airborne Early Warning Squadron 11 at the North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.

PFC Russell K. Ott is scheduled to participate in "Exercise Eagle Wing," a 101st Airborne Division maneuver at Fort Campbell, Ky., April 16-30. The maneuver will involve more than 15,000 paratroopers to test effectiveness of the division under simulated combat conditions. Ott is the son of Mrs. Anna V. Ott, Winchester Bay, and Robert G. Ott, Reedsport.

Charles R. Lewis, airman, USN, son of Mrs. Ruth Lewis of Roseburg is serving with Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 114 at the Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska.

4-H Club Achievement Day Set April 28 In Glendale

By MRS. GERALD B. FOX

An Achievement Day display of 4-H club work in the Glendale area will be held April 28, at the Glendale Elementary School in conjunction with the regular April PTA meeting.

According to Mrs. Wilbur Hubler, Glendale 4-H director, there are seventeen clubs in the area, and each will participate in the display.

Clubs now holding regular meetings in Glendale include four cooking clubs, three sewing clubs, three forestry clubs, one camera club, one knitting club, one home living (decoration) club, and one health club.

The displays will be in place from 1 p.m. April 28, through the afternoon and evening. Miss Jane Gates and Frank Van Borstel, of the Douglas County Agent's office, will arrange for competent judges who will judge the clubwork materials during the afternoon.

Attend Funeral
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Littlefield and son, Bob, of Wolf Creek, attended the funeral of his father, Harvey Littlefield, at Santa Cruz, Calif., last week.

Mrs. Manuel Pires of Cow Creek, above Astoria, reports she found several patches of blooming lady slippers up Cow Creek.

Elder E. T. Larson, pastor of the Glendale Missionary Baptist Church, was hospitalized for part of last week with another severe heart attack.

Riley and Pierce Furlong of Glendale received word last week that their father, Walter Furlong, 72, had passed away from a heart attack at Board Camp, Ark. Another brother, C. C. Furlong of Springfield, joined the local men and they left for Arkansas that day for the funeral. They were joined in Bakersfield by another brother, A. C. Furlong of Compton.

The four brothers were the only immediate survivors, aside from the widow.

Arkansas Visitor
Mrs. Roy Bedford and infant son of Arkansas has arrived to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips, and her sisters, Mrs. Gifford Curry and Mrs. E. D. Jackson and their families in Glendale.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ted McPherson of Quines Creek, learned last week that their grandson, Pat Hahn, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kasper Hahn of Palmdale, Calif., had suffered a near-fatal accident that morning.

The youngster had been playing cowboy in his room. He had fastened his bathrobe belt around his neck and then had fallen, striking his head a severe blow, and, somehow, causing the belt to tighten around his throat. He was within seconds of death, according to medical attendants when his mother entered the room. Injury was so severe that the child remembers nothing, and it will be necessary for him to re-learn everything.

McPherson spent two weeks visiting with the Hahn family and left for his home here only the day before the accident.

U.S. Regrets Red Arms Purchase By Indonesia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States expressed regret Monday that Indonesia is buying communist arms to kill Indonesians who oppose communism.

The State Department commented on an announcement by Indonesia's rebel-thwarted government that three European communist nations have agreed to sell it a quantity of military equipment.

A statement by department spokesman Lincoln White said: "We regret that Indonesia turns to the communist bloc to buy arms for possible use in killing Indonesians who openly oppose the growing influence of communism in Indonesia."

Russian-built MIG jet fighters and Ilyushin bombers are reported included in the deal made by Jakarta with Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

White was asked whether the United States government for buying the communist arms or whether it blamed the communists for selling them.

"There is an element of both," White replied. He refused to comment when asked whether the United States considers Yugoslavia part of the communist bloc.

White said no arms request has come from the Indonesian rebels.

Sutherlin Rebekah Lodge Elects Assembly Delegates

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK

Sutherlin Rebekah Lodge 218 met Thursday evening with 31 members and two visitors, Mary Bark president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, was introduced and welcomed. Aubrey and Rachel Newell, new members, were also introduced and welcomed.

The charter was draped in memory of Hilda Lindhe, who passed away recently.

Delegates elected to attend Rebekah Assembly at Corvallis in May were Effie Dunning and Maggie Francis. Alternates elected were Juanita Holgate and Agnes Stout. Ethel Wattman was recommended as district deputy for the coming year.

Visitations were reported to Cottage Grove, Gardena, Myrtle Creek Rebekah's 60th anniversary and Elkton's 60th anniversary. Marge Williams read the history of the founding of the first Rebekah Lodge.

After lodge closed refreshments were served by Marge Williams, Charlotte Parker and Helen Wheeler.

Auction Held
The Women's Society of Christian Service and the Jennie Crock Circle of the Sutherlin Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Veda Hollopeter. Mrs. Edna Campbell had devotions on Women of the Bible. After this a silent auction was held.

It was decided to have a food sale April 19 by both circles after

which Mrs. Kaye Moore, hostess served refreshments to the 12 members present. The next meeting of the WSCS will be a study meeting on April 10 at the home of Mrs. Lina Torrey.

The Jolly Cookers 4-H Club met with its leader, Darlene Chandler, at the Chandler home with five girls and one boy being present. The group learned to make banana splits.

What's Cooking 4-H Club met Wednesday at the Scout Hall with leader Mrs. Rose Chandler seven girls and one visitor, Johnnie Sue Young, present. The group made hamburgers and milk shakes. For the community project of both 4-H groups they have decided to buy some new and old books for the Sutherlin Library.

LIFTS VACCINE LIMITS
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Commerce Department here has lifted all quantity limits on the export of Salk polio vaccine.

Supply of the vaccine now is ample to meet present and foreseeable demand here and abroad, the department said.

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