

Funds Available For Start of Flood Control Project

**Tentative Program of Army
Engineers Provides for
Nearly \$6,000,000**

ALLOTMENT WILL NOT COMPLETE ANY PROJECT

With the signing of the flood control bill by President Roosevelt Thursday, the last barrier was removed from starting the flood control work. R. H. Kipp, executive secretary of the Willamette Basin Commission, Friday issued a statement, which summed up the status of the flood control project up to that time. He said, "With the last step taken June 29, the money is now in the hands of the U. S. Army Engineers to start construction of the Willamette River Basin Project. The exact amount available is \$5,794,250. The tentative program of the Army Engineers provides for the expenditure of these funds as follows:

Cottage Grove Reservoir on the Coast Fork, \$1,480,700; Dorena on Row River, \$1,755,000; Fern Ridge on Long Tom River, \$1,489,300; (All of these dams being located in Lane County). For bank revetment work and open-river channel improvement on main Willamette River, \$350,000; work on Tulatin River, \$160,250; highway relocation work in connection with North Santiam Dam near Detroit, \$500,000; Santiam River Bank revetment, \$60,000.

"This allocation of nearly \$6,000,000 will not complete any of these units of the project and the Willamette River Basin Commission will continue its efforts to secure further funds from the 1940 Congress. Some of this program may be changed if found advisable by the Army Engineers. Much preliminary work is under way and has been for some time with several hundred men employed in the U. S. Engineers' office and out in the valley on the different units. The Army Engineers will open a branch office in Eugene this week and also have an office at Cottage Grove.

"The Willamette Commission will continue its office in Portland also have its office in the New Capital building at Salem on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week.

The residents of the valley must not expect that all of this work can get under way soon as there is much study, preparation of plans and specifications, advertising for bids, letting contracts, etc. The army engineers must also make soil tests, do boring for further investigations in the dam-sites, secure rights-of-way and purchase property, which may be destroyed by the development work. Also weather conditions may necessitate several months delay in some of the work.

"All people interested in this vitally important project must continue to be alert until it has progressed much farther than at present as many projects—even larger and more important than this one—have remained uncompleted, but if proper action is taken we believe this project will be carried through to completion within the next 10 years."

Large Rattler Killed At Bartlett Johnston Farm at Saginaw

There has to be a first time for everything and Saturday was the first time a rattlesnake has been seen on the Bartlett Johnston farm at Saginaw in 25 years.

The reptile was spied by Mrs. Johnston as she and daughter Lenora and Miss Rita Hornbrook of Eugene, a guest in the Johnston home, sat and talked on the porch. Mrs. Johnston at first thought it was only a bullsnake and tried to make the terrier, "Jeep," run the snake away. When the dog failed to see the snake Mrs. Johnston lifted the dog and tossed the dog at the snake. When she did this the rattler coiled and rattled and Mrs. Johnston recognized the poisonous reptile. She proceeded to get a garden rake and kill the rattler, which was about thirty inches in length with six rattles and a button.

Mrs. Cecile Patterson, daughter Virginia of Washington D. C., visited Wednesday at the Nels Nielson home. They were neighbors some years ago at Wendling.

Officers Elected At Special Legion Meeting Friday

Officers were elected for the ensuing year and delegates chosen to the state convention at a special meeting of the local American Legion post Friday evening. New officers to be seated in October are: Chet VanDenberg, commander; Sam Hunter, adjutant; George Marquardt, second vice commander; Joe Smith, chaplain; Alvis Wicks, finance officer; Leon Morton, sergeant-at-arms.

Three delegates, with three alternates, were chosen to the state convention in Salem, August 10, 11 and 12. Chet VanDenberg, with Robert Fromm as alternate, John Dunlevy with Oscar Hubbard as alternate, George Matthews with Joe Smith as alternate.

The annual picnic date for the Legionnaires and their families was set for the first Monday in August. The post will also present a national flag to the new union high school and plan to dedicate the flag with appropriate ceremony when the proper time comes.

No Serious Accidents Here Over the Fourth

There were no serious accidents reported locally over the 4th, notwithstanding the heavy traffic on every highway and road. Thousands jammed the highways going to the mountains and to the seashore. The Independence day death toll over the nation, estimated in excess of 500, had already exceeded that figure, according to press reports yesterday.

Death injury from fireworks, however decreased, but the auto continued to take a ghastly toll. California led the western states with a report of sixty violent deaths. Oregon reported seven violent deaths, including four traffic deaths, drowning 1, fire 1, suicide 1. Washington reported four traffic deaths, drowning 1, explosion 1. Colorado reported 7 violent deaths, Montana 7, New Mexico 4, Wyoming 2, Utah 1. Illinois and Michigan each reported 25 violent deaths.

In Chicago not only was sale of fireworks outlawed, but police squad cars roamed the city halting use of the explosives. As a result of police activity and a pre-Fourth publicity campaign, no major injuries were reported. There were seven traffic fatalities, however, and four drownings.

There was a holiday death toll of 27 in New York state, 25 in Ohio and 35 in Texas. Nebraska reported 6.

Cars Damaged
An accident involving three cars occurred on the north Coast Fork bridge the 4th, but aside from damage to two cars no one was injured. A tourist pulling a trailer made a sudden stop on the bridge. E. D. Grousebeck following the second car behind the trailer struck the second car, damaging the two cars, but the extent of damage was not learned.

Rain Mars July 4th Vacation for Many

But for for a trick by the weatherman, this section would have been deserted over the 4th. Most of the mills closed down Friday evening for a four day period and mill employees had four days to spend at home, in the mountains or on the seashore. Numbers left for camping and fishing trips and others left for outings near the ocean. Rains which started falling here Monday spoiled the vacation plans of many, particularly those who had planned to camp out in unprotected areas.

But for all the apparent hard luck in not getting the expected vacation, some were lucky even at that, they were alive on the 5th.

TOWNSEND PICNIC WELL ATTENDED

Despite the inclement weather and the lack of a program planned in advance, the Townsend picnic held at the city park the 4th was well attended and attracted some 300 or 400 people. Harry Hart was the principal speaker on the program following the picnic lunch and made a patriotic address. A number of games supplied diversion for many attending.

Plans for Dam Celebration Are Discussed at Committee Meeting

Preliminaries for staging a dam celebration were started at a committee meeting yesterday, when representatives from three organizations met and discussed possibilities of holding some sort of celebration in connection with this district's part in the flood control program. Three organizations represented were: H. E. Eakin from the Chamber of Commerce, Wm. Haldeman from the American Legion, and Loren C. Schroeder from the Lions club.

Mr. Eakin announced at the conclusion of the meeting that another committee meeting would be held either Friday or Monday evening, at which time it was hoped to have a representative present from the Legion Auxiliary and Eagles lodge and possibly other organizations. No details will be available regarding plans for the celebration until the coming meeting.

The matter of holding a celebration for the dams has been talked for several weeks, but business men felt that it would be better to wait until the flood control bill was finally approved by the president. Since the president has signed the flood control bill, a start of construction on the two dams is assured and there is nothing to hinder giving the start of construction due recognition. Some discussion has been on combining the dam celebration and a revival of the Bohemia days and on combining the celebration with the South Lane County Fair.

WPA Lengthens Its Hours From 100 to 130

Hours of WPA workers have been lengthened by new rules and regulations set up by congress, it was revealed recently. All workers will be required to work 130 hours, instead of 100 hours in most cases with pay from \$44.00 for unskilled labor to \$63.00 for skilled labor. It will not be mandatory to have local sponsors to launch a project.

FAIL TO RENEW LICENSES

Although official figures were not available as to the number of motorists who failed to renew their driver's licenses by July first, semi-final figures gave the number as 400,000. Approximately 160 drivers sent in their applications the last minute. A supply of application blanks for licenses left at the Sentinel office was exhausted before the deadline date.

PUD DISTRICT WILL NOT INCLUDE EUGENE

The county PUD district, the boundaries of which have not been set so far as known, won't include Eugene, the attorney general ruled Friday.

IOWA PICNIC

The annual outdoor picnic of the Iowa club will be held at Skinner's butte park, Eugene, July 9th. Coffee, cream and paper plates will be furnished.

Landess Rites Held Sunday Afternoon

Rites for Mrs. Laura F. Landess, aged 87, were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. from the Mills chapel with the Rev. E. L. Kechley, minister of the First Christian church, officiating. Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Landess, a resident of this community for over fifty years, died at her home on East Main street Friday morning. She was born at Oakland, California.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters: Mrs. Linnie Violette and G. J. Landess of this city, Miss Winnie Landess and Mrs. Glen Smith of Portland, W. D. Landess of Marshfield and Felix B. Landess of Winnemucca, Nevada; one sister, Mrs. Dora Madden of Lone Rock, Oregon.

GAME COMMISSION HEARING

The Oregon State Game Commission will hold its annual hearing to determine the 1939 hunting seasons and bag limits on Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8. The meeting will be held at the office of the commission in the Oregon building, Portland.

Sportsmen and the general public are invited to submit, either in person or by letter, their recommendations in regard to any changes in seasons and bag limits for upland game birds and game animals.

APPLICATIONS FOR CCC POSITIONS

Applications for CCC work are being taken by the Lane county welfare board for the July enrollment. Applications must be in to the Eugene office by Friday, July 7th. Enrollees are discharged after two years of service and applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 23 years, unmarried and unemployed.

BLAZE BURNS HOLE IN ROOF

The city fire truck was called to 1142 Birch avenue Friday morning to extinguish a blaze in the roof of the residence of Don Clasby. A spark from a flue is said to have started the fire, but was brought under control before doing damage of any consequence.

EXAMINER TO BE HERE

The examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be at the city hall Monday, July 10th, according to an announcement from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state. Those wishing licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner at this time.

APPOINTED ON WELFARE BOARD

J. H. Chambers has been re-appointed by Governor Sprague as a member of the Lane county welfare board. Three other members with the commissioner's court constitute the welfare board.

THE BARRIER



Lions Have Last Meeting of Season Last Thursday Eve

The Cottage Grove Lions club held the last meeting of the summer season last Thursday evening at the Cottage Grove hotel coffee shop. Ladies of the Lions were guests on this occasion and Orland Hollis of Eugene, a professor in the law school at the University, was guest speaker of the evening. Prof. Hollis discussed the customs and manners of the European nations as he found them on his visit to the continent in 1936.

His talk on law in Sweden, Russia, Germany and England was of particular interest. With exception of Sweden, farmers of all the countries visited were far behind farmers of America in methods of farming and frequently the visitor sees women sharing the farming burden with horses and oxen. Travel in Russia was cheap enough, but accommodations poor. Here also the women do the men's work in cleaning streets, running elevators, etc. Both the food and the service was poor in Russia, he said, but Sweden is more like American conditions with foods, fruits and produce cheap and clean.

At the conclusion of the talk of Prof. Hollis, L. C. Schroeder, retiring president, briefly reviewed the activities of the club for the past year and turned the gavel over to Wilbur Workman, the new president. Mr. Workman pledged his best efforts toward a successful year and introduced other officers, who will serve the club starting in September. New officers introduced included: Clyde Roberts, vice president; Sid Milligan, secretary - treasurer; Karl Mills, retained as tail twister; Schofield Stewart, Lion tamer. These officers, with Damon Scott and L. C. Schroeder, past presidents, constitute the board of directors.

President Signs Flood Control Bill

Start of construction on the two local reservoirs of the flood control project was assured last Thursday when President Roosevelt signed the appropriation bill carrying \$305,188,514 for non-military activities of the war department, including flood control and river and harbor improvements. Congress increased President Roosevelt's estimates of flood control and river and harbor improvements by \$50,000. A total of \$172,000,000 was earmarked for flood control. News of the signing of the bill was first received over radio and later confirmed by press dispatches.

Testing Work Continues
Testing work at the Dorena and Cottage Grove damsites continues with a core drilling machine of the engineering department back on the job yesterday. A core drilling machine moved in several weeks ago from Vicksburg, Mississippi was moved yesterday to the Fern Ridge damsite after drilling ten test holes at the two reservoir sites. In addition to the core drilling machine, testing work is also being conducted by a crew of WPA workers.

Telephone Extensions To Be Completed Soon

Extension of telephone service to the Rujada ranger station and construction of a new line to Disston will be completed soon, it was learned here the first of the week. Poles have been set to the Rujada station and workmen will start stringing wires soon. An additional suburban line, built to Culp Creek recently by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., will be extended on to Disston, a distance of about five miles. Surveys are also expected to be completed here soon for laying of about a mile of cables with a view to improving the service.

DERTH OF MARRIAGES MAY BE OVER

The dert of marriages over the state, which has been evident since the new marriage law went into effect, showed some signs of coming to life in June, but neither the locality nor the county hit its normal stride during the past month. Approximately ten licenses issued couples of this section and sixty-eight in the county was the mark established for June, the month of brides.

West Biggest Berry Crop Now Underway in Area

**All Berries Make Good Yield
Except Strawberries and
Native Blackberries**

TONS OF BOYSENBERRIES AWAIT HARVEST

The biggest berry crop probably in South Lane county is being harvested. With exception of the native wild black berry and the strawberry now practically harvested, the berry yield has been exceptionally good. Gooseberries, loganberries, raspberries and boysenberries have all been very promising. The Boysenberries and loganberries are being harvested now.

An early freeze damaged the wild blackberry crop, the production of which has been spotted. Blackberries are being offered locally from 50 cents to \$1.00 per gallon. The strawberry crop was damaged from thirty to fifty percent.

Tons of Berries
W. A. Hemenway has the "tops" in boysen berries on his ranch west of town. The berry vines are bending with fruit, which has ripened sufficiently to start picking. Pickers will start on one patch for the first time today. Berry picking will be the order of the day probably for the next month in the boysenberry patch as the vines are still blooming. The boysen berry is largest of the many varieties seen on the market here and on the Hemenway ranch it is nothing unusual to find lots of berries measuring an inch and three quarters in length and about three quarters of an inch in diameter. Mr. Hemenway says the first year his boysenberries were harvested in 1936, they yielded about two tons per acre. This year he will gather from four to five tons per acre, if nothing hinders during the remainder of the harvest season.

Berries are being offered by the growers at 25 cents per gallon, where the purchaser picks.

Darling Variety Store Changed to the Name Of Knickerbocker's

The Darling Variety Store has been changed to Knickerbocker 5c to \$1.00 store, Fred Knickerbocker, owner, said Monday. Mr. Knickerbocker, manager and part owner of the Darling Variety Store for the past nine years, purchased all of the Darling interests several weeks ago and recently decided to change the name of the store to Knickerbocker's with Fred and Leontine Knickerbocker as owners and managers.

No changes are contemplated in the operation of the store. The store front has recently been redecorated, and aside from some minor alterations, no major changes in the building is contemplated at the present time. The building was remodeled several years ago.

See the announcement of the Knickerbocker store in this issue of the Sentinel.

Forty-Six Enrolled First Day Red Cross Life Saving Class

Inclement weather has not proved much of a hindrance to the Red Cross life saving and swimming campaign under the direction of Miss Margaret Alaska. On the opening day of the campaign yesterday forty-six reported to enroll today. A school bus is being used to transport the pupils to and from the place of instruction above the steel bridge on Row River.

The following schedule may be of interest to those who have not yet enrolled: 9:00 to 11:30 a. m., life saving and classes for advanced swimmers; 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m., beginners and intermediates.

4-H CLUB PICNIC

The Southern Lane district 4-H club will have a club picnic at camp Fisk near the Blue Mountain school house Sunday. All club members and their families are invited and urged to come. R. C. Kuehner will be present and give a talk on the summer camp.