

Comments at Willamette Basin Project Hearing Summarized

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Spokesmen for thousands of residents in six lower Willamette valley counties Friday testified in an army engineers' public hearing of reaction to the recently modified plan for flood control and related projects through the valley.

Largely a review of this area's support of army plans to continue its plan of damming Willamette tributaries with the Detroit and other dams, the record includes these reactions:

MARION
Chairman Floyd Fox and Ben Claggett presented Marion county spokesmen for the basin commission.

Marion County Judge Grant Murphy was emphatic in voicing favor for the Detroit dam which he described as a boon to the county in flood control, irrigation and power.

Salem City Engineer J. H. Davis said the army's plan for concrete lining of Shelton ditch is imperative as ditch maintenance as a flood protection is by now "beyond the city's means." W. W. Rosebraugh, who has a foundry property along the ditch, told how the originally improvised farmer's drainage ditch about three feet wide and two deep has worn its way to a present 40 feet wide and 16-18 deep.

Charles D. Woolverton, Mill City Enterprise publisher, said the Detroit dam is necessary to "fulfill the demands of growing valley population as well as to eventually provide the Willamette's own power."

Ernest B. Henningson of Talbot, representing the middle Santiam area, asserted that wildlife will flourish when the river is controlled. He said the Santiam Improvement company of residents in that area does not want the Waterloo dam held up merely by objection of fisheries interests.

Harry Peary said the Keizer district near Salem is having a building boom 90 per cent of which is in a zone which the 1943 flood inundated. He also said hop yards and other farms in that area suffer \$80,000 losses yearly because of floods in giving Keizer's endorsement of army plans.

Mrs. Clifford Glassen of Independence, with land on the east end of Marion county side, said the 1943 flood caused \$25,000 property loss and left a deep cut through her property. She opposed any army plan for making a spillway of the cut, saying that would ruin what remains of her farmland there.

Robert Harper of Gervais estimated that 1,500 of Marion

county's 5,000 farms need additional drainage.

Charles A. Sprague presented a navigation statement for the basin commission, citing increased population and production in the valley as reason for navigation improvements.

YAMHILL
B. M. Lefevre, Newberg, said often-flooded Yamhill county lands represent 8,000 acres and nearly \$5,000,000 value, the principal losses involving washed-away seed crops.

CLACKAMAS
Walter Buse, Oregon City, the Clackamas county chairman in the basin commission, described the lower valley area as an ideal site for decentralized industry.

Oscar Eby represented Molalla and Shady Dell residents favoring the valley project.

Margaret Labachek, Portland Girl Scout camping chairman, and Russell Rutherford, representing Molalla river land farmers, joined Clackamas County Judge E. L. Pope and Ed Pearson, engineer for the Girl Scout organization which has a camp on the Molalla, in requesting \$10,000-\$20,000 rebuilding of a Molalla river dam (7 miles from its mouth) and bank improvements to preserve fertile land and crops, protect homes and make it possible to continue the present girls camping site.

POLK
Irrigation of farmlands being repurchased from the government at Camp Adair was cited as a factor supporting need of "damming on the Luckiamute by Ray Walker, Independence, the basin group's Polk county chairman. He urged, however, that the dam site be moved several miles upstream from Lewisville so that all farmers along the river may benefit.

Mayor Hollis Smith of Dallas petitioned for an as yet unplanned dam on upper Rickreall creek to aid in irrigation and protect Dallas' water supply. L. H. McBee of the Polk county farmers' union and Mayor Walter Musgrave of West Salem indicated their support.

Red Cross Aid in Disaster Totalled

Commitments by the American Red Cross in giving aid to Texas City, Texas for its recent basin disaster, will total \$250,000 or more, it is revealed in a report sent the Marion county chapter of the Red Cross.

The report shows that services as extended by the Red Cross in the disaster included more than \$100,000 worth of drugs, surgical instruments and hospital supplies, two billion units of penicillin, quantities of other drugs and plasma and supply of 4000 workers trained in first aid, 850 nurses and many doctors, nurses' aides and other workers.

Obituary

KLOSTERMAN
Minnie E. Klosterman, at the residence, route 8, box 230, Salem, April 26. Wife of W. E. Klosterman of Salem; mother of Elliot Klosterman, Jr., Mt. Vernon, Wash.; Edward and Robert Klosterman of Salem; sister of Russell Sabor, Minneapolis, Minn.; Sam Sabor of Los Angeles and Chawroy Sabor of Phoenix, Ariz.; niece of Mathilda Hohn of St. Louis, Mo. Services will be announced by the W. T. Riedon company.

DAVIS
Estella F. Davis, 70, wife of Merritt Davis, at her home, 748 N. Capitol st., Saturday, April 26. Services to be announced later by the Howell-Edwards chapel.

Mrs. Hayter, 50-Year Dallas Resident, Dies

DALLAS, April 26 — Margaret Vandala Campbell Hayter, 77, died at a Dallas hospital Thursday after about five months illness. She was the widow of the late Dr. Mark Hayter, to whom she was married at Dallas Nov. 23, 1887.

Funeral services will be at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. Ralph P. Waggoner and Dr. Earl Benbow officiating. Interment will be at Embree cemetery near Dallas.

Born Aug. 17, 1869, at Grand Ronde, she was the daughter of William G. and Emma Campbell. Dr. Hayter began his dental practice the year of their marriage and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary there in 1937. Dr. Hayter died a few months later. Mrs. Hayter has lived at Nelscott since 1939.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church, was an active member of Neamo chapter, OES and was grand worthy matron of the order in 1912. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Una LaChance and Mrs. Lena McDonald of Portland and Mrs. L. A. Propst, all of Milwaukie and one brother, Thomas Edward Campbell of Dallas.

United Air Lines Changes Schedule

United Air Lines Salem officials have announced a change in their two flights daily scheduled northbound and two southbound, effective today.

Northbound trips will depart at 11:59 a.m. and 4:42 p.m., with the southbound flights take off here at 10:50 a.m. and 8:35 p.m., H. F. Sweeney, station manager, stated.

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School Board Association to Revise System

A plan to completely reorganize its system was adopted by the State School Board association at its Saturday meeting. LaSalle Coles of Prineville, manager of the Ochoco irrigation district, was elected president of the association, H. L. Skirvin of Harrisburg was chosen vice president and a director was elected from each of the 10 zones.

Membership requirements for boards joining the state association include a charge of \$5 per board, plus 10 cents payment per year for each census child of the school district. This fund is de-

signed to enable the state group to employ a full time executive secretary.

Rabbi Berkowitz To Address ARC

The Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, will hold its annual dinner meeting May 20 at the Marion hotel with Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz of Portland as guest speaker.

Directors will be elected at the annual meeting and reports on the year's business given. Chapter representatives in all sections of Marion county are being invited to attend. Chief Justice George Rossman of the Oregon supreme court, chairman of the Marion county chapter, will preside.

Marine Equipment On Sale in Portland

Both small and large marine equipment is included in two offering lists of the war assets administration office at Portland, the WAA announced Saturday.

Items offered for sale include cargo lights, hand electric lights, cargo booms, door switches, operating gear access boxes, signaling mirrors, windlass anchor, steam winch, 50-man rafts, tanker main propulsion control panel sets, 4000-pound steam pile hammers, electric winches and a job lot of paints and related products.



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