

Silverton Civic Groups Review Water Problem

SILVERTON—That the people of Silverton would like to build a dam and take first steps toward clearing Silverton's water from the muddy condition in which it has been served during freshets in recent years, was the opinion Mayor Earroll Ross expressed at a called meeting of three civic groups Thursday night.

Present were members of the city council, the city planning commission and the citizens committee appointed to study the local water situation.

It was briefly reviewed that the former dam was washed out in 1942 and that while plans had been laid to rebuild it at that time, these were postponed because of the war. A year ago a proposed concrete dam was voted upon by the city but failed to carry.

Mayor Ross explained that in his opinion this was defeated because it did not provide the filtration plant necessary to clear the water.

Earl Green of the John Cunningham company, consulting engineers, Portland, was present to give costs of two dams, one on the right of the old dam on the Abiqua about four miles out of Silverton, and the other dam site approximately 3500 feet up the Abiqua from the old dam. He presented a written copy of his recommendations and findings to those attending the meeting and elaborated on this report.

Supply Said Adequate
Among the points he brought out was that tests had proved that the supply and the city's water right on the Abiqua appear to be ample for the city's needs for many years to come.

In speaking of capacities, he stated that if a dam on the lower site is to be constructed, then the transmission main ultimately should not be less than 16 inches in diameter. If the upper dam site is to be used, a compound 14 inch and 16 inch transmission main appeared feasible, he continued.

Estimated cost of a concrete dam on the lower site, including sedimentation and screening improvements was \$44,100, the engineer's figures showed, against a concrete dam, including sedimentation and screening apparatus, at the upper site at \$41,800.

Less Cost for Upper Site
It is possible, he stated to deliver water by gravity from either the lower or upper dam sites on Abiqua Creek to a filter plant adjacent to distribution reservoirs. While the 3500 foot pipe between the two locations would have to be laid if the upper site were chosen, the engineer still said that the cost of supply improvement per million gallons of water delivered still would be less for the upper dam site than the lower site because of the greater head available. The old 12 inch wood stave pipe line from Morley Crossing to Silverton should be replaced with not less than 14 inch pipe if the upper dam site is used and not less than 16 inch pipe if the lower site is used. He advocated that the gravity capacity of supply line should in no case be less than 2,000,000 gallons delivered and preferably 2,250,000 gallons.

The estimated cost of the new dam at the lower site and replacement of the old line with the 16 inch pipe was \$181,700 feet for 1,700,000 gallons and at the upper site with necessary new pipe and replacement, \$194,100 for a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons delivered.

Finances Reviewed
Mr. Green stated that the financial situation of Silverton is far better than most cities which he added speaks well "for the present management." He went on to say that people would vote for the necessary project if it were "sound" but turn it down if it were not, adding "that your project here as outlined is very sound."

That the water situation in America today is serious, Dr. P. A. Loar, vice chairman of the planning commission stated.

"I don't know of anything that would be more of an asset to Silverton than filtered water," he went on, "I think we would make a big mistake if we adopt a dam plan that would hamper that supply."

The citizens' committee, prior to the time of receiving the data now on hand, had voted against the upper dam site. Mayor Ross asked Earl Adams, chairman of this group, to bring the matter back to his group with the engineer's cost and water deliverance data.

"Perhaps," Mayor Ross stated, "you will want to bring back the same recommendation, but it is only fair that you have all these facts before you make your final decision." The mayor added that he had not dismissed the committee yet and hoped it would be willing to work with the other groups until Silverton's water problem was solved for "the best of our city."

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Amitie Club Meets At Middle Grove

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MIDDLE GROVE—The June Amitie club meeting was held Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Sam Echeleman, assisted by Mrs. Paul Smith, Mrs. John Anglin and Mrs. Hary Scharf. Guests were Mrs. John Olthoff of Modesto, Calif., and Mrs. Eugene Scofield. The Annual family picnic will be held at Stayton park July 30. Mrs. Lawrence Hammer is a patient at the Salem General hospital.

Present Design Of U.S. Flag Well-Liked

Present general design of the U. S. flag apparently is well-liked by mid-valley residents, who have voted heavily for the proposed design of five rows of ten stars each, in the Statesman's flag-choice ballot. The proposal involves suggestions as to the flag's appearance should Alaska and Hawaii become states.

Of 64 ballots received Saturday, 52 persons favored that design. Second choice was a circle arrangement in the corner field, and third choice a star design.

The votes and new designs submitted are to be forwarded to Alex Raymond, president of the National Cartoonists' society, who through King Features syndicate is conducting a nation-wide poll. Raymond is the artist of the Rip Kirby comic strip.

FISHERMEN TO VOTE

ASTORIA, June 17—(AP)—Columbia river fishermen were ordered by Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman today to vote by secret ballot Thursday on whether they want to withdraw from the CIO Longshore union.

NLRB Rules UMW Guilty of T-H Violation

WASHINGTON, June 17—(AP)—The national labor relations board unanimously ruled today that the United Mine workers broke the Taft-Hartley law by a campaign of "violence" to organize employees of a Harlan county, Ky., department store.

The board charged that members of John L. Lewis' union sought to compel workers in the Union Supply company at Lynch, Ky., to sign membership and dues check-off cards by "physical force" and by the "display of deadly weapons."

The NLRB said the organizing campaign was climaxed by a "melee" on February 5, 1949 in which a policeman was fatally shot, but it did not find the union group responsible for his death.

Outline of Dispute
The board sketched this outline of the dispute staged in the southeastern section of Kentucky widely known as "Bloody Harlan" because of its past record of disorders:

Since 1945 the employees of the Union Supply company, a "wholly-owned subsidiary" of the United States Steel corporation, had been represented by local 474 of the United Construction workers, an UMW affiliate.

But, the NLRB said, the UMW organizers were "unsuccessful" in their efforts to "persuade" all the store employees to join the local and sign the dues check-off cards. "Take Over" Drive

In January of last year, it said the United Mine Workers local 7425 came into the picture by "taking over" the organizing drive, "reportedly at the orders of the UMW or John L. Lewis, UMW president."

Although the five-man NLRB board voted unanimously to find the UMW and its local 7425 guilty of violating the Taft-Hartley act, it divided four to one in ruling the construction workers

local also was responsible for the violations.

Board Member John M. Houston cast the dissenting vote on the grounds that the UMW and its local had taken "exclusive control" of the organizing drive.

The board ordered both unions to cease "assaulting, attempting to assault or threatening with reprisals" or "in any other manner restraining or coercing" the store employees.

Socialists in Europe Back Schuman Plan

LONDON, June 17—(AP)—A conference of European socialist parties today unanimously approved the aims of the Schuman plan to pool Europe's coal and steel but attached seven conditions to their support.

Presiding at the conference was Hugh Dalton, British laborite minister who sponsored a British labor party document this week rejecting any supra-national authority to manage the pool.

Other socialist parties represented at the conference were from France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Western Germany, Austria, Denmark and Sweden.

The conference resolution was adopted just three days before France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg begin negotiations in Paris—without Britain—on putting the plan into effect.

The Hudson river is affected by tides all the way to Troy, N.Y., the head of navigation 150 miles upstream.

Final Services In Portland For Mrs. Wise

Funeral services will be held Monday in Portland for Mrs. Eva May Wise, 61, a former Salem school teacher and widow of Loren A. Wise, who died Thursday in Portland.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Colonial mortuary in Portland with vault interment at Lincoln Memorial park.

Born Feb. 27, 1889, Mrs. Wise came to Oregon in 1909 with her family and was married June 1, 1911, to Loren A. Wise, who died in 1947. He was associated with Miller Mercantile company here and in Portland.

Mrs. Wise had taught school in Coquille, Portland, Salem and Detroit. She attended First Presbyterian church in Salem and was a member of the Salem Lions club auxiliary, in addition to other organizations.

Survivors include two sons, Loren A. and George A. Wise, both of Portland; a sister, Elena Minard, Myrtle Point; a brother, Earl Howe, Portland; and five grandchildren.

World War I Shell Explodes

NOGALES, Ariz., June 17—(AP)—A World War I souvenir 75-millimeter shell exploded with a roar at the Nogales city hall park Fri-

day. It had been accidentally tossed into a trash fire by a policeman.

The casing flew over a main thoroughfare and bounced against a curbing. The projectile hit a tree and fell at the feet of two men sitting on a park bench. No one was hurt.

Police Chief James E. McDonald said he found the foot-long shell in a local furniture store and

brought it to the police station until it could be disarmed. A spring house cleaning desk sergeant threw it into the trash.

Marion Pomona Grange To Meet at Keizer

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SILVERTON—Mrs. George Benson, Marion county grange pomona

master, who is attending state grange convention at Ontario, reports that Marion county Pomona will meet at Keizer on June 21.

At this time, she has written Silverton grangers, Richard Neuberger of Portland with a representative of New York Times, will be on hand to take pictures of a working grange. A number of state officers are expected to be on hand for the occasion. The session begins at 10:30 a.m.

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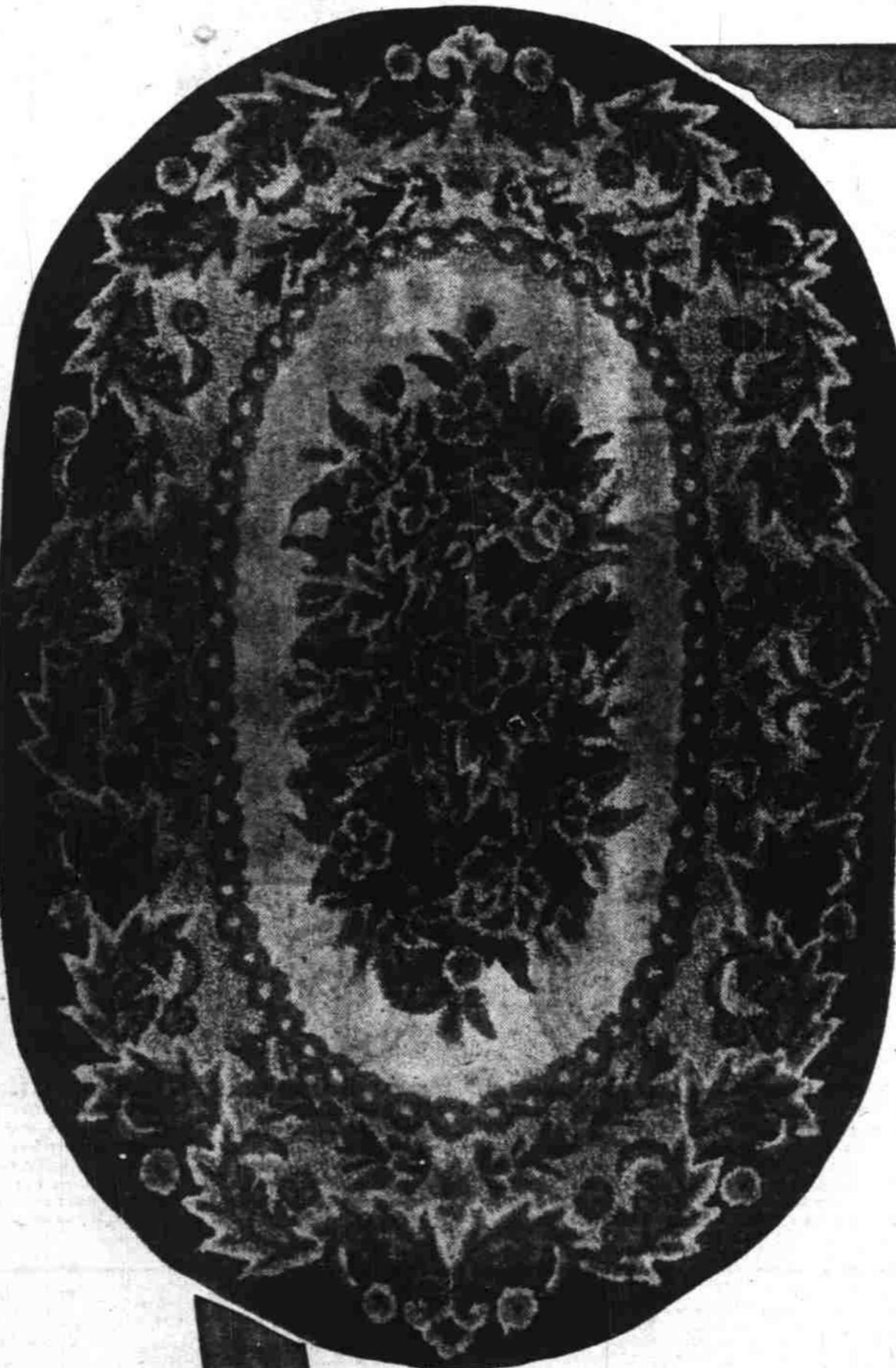
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