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EDITORIALS

PREVENTION FIRST

There is a great deal of public misconception concerning flood damage and flood control, which has largely resulted from the organized campaign on behalf of great enormously costly, multi-purpose dams, such as those built by TVA and proposed for various other river basins.

Recently an analysis was made of the problem, based on surveys of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It produced these remarkable facts: 15 per cent of the damage occurred in urban areas, generally far downstream; 6 per cent was agricultural damage along the main stream; 4 per cent was agricultural damage along principal tributaries—and 75 per cent was damage, mainly agricultural, in the headwater valleys. And nearly all the damage in headwater areas is the result of erosion and small and frequent floods, where the big dams offer no protection.

What this means is that the big, main-stream dams can, at best, do only a very small part of the flood control job, in spite of their incredible cost in money, labor and materials. Control in the headwater valleys is principally a matter of soil conservation. The land must be worked and ploughed in a fashion that will keep the topsoil from being carried away when the water comes. In this connection, it is a fact that in areas we believe primitive, such as Guatemala, the Indians of the region have long practiced sound contour cultivation though they have only hoes for tools.

Flood control, therefore, isn't a matter of big appropriations of tax money for huge dams. It lies in intelligent work being done on the individual farms of the nation, and in controlling the flow of water in small streams. The heart of the problem is flood prevention rather than control, after the bulk of the damage has been done.

HOW TO CONTROL PEOPLE

In an article which was published nearly three years ago, David E. Lillenthal, then chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, said: "Those who control energy, control people."

That is a concise and accurate statement of a fundamental truth. And the TVA is a living example of it in practice. TVA has a power monopoly in its region—a monopoly which it gained under the camouflage of flood control, reclamation recreation, and other such services. Therefore, TVA, which is an economic principle not subject to regulation by any public body, can completely control and direct the industrial, agricultural and social development of the Southeast. Whether it does a poor job or a good one is beside the point. The point is that when we establish this kind of a super-government ownership of electric power, we surrender basic rights and liberties on which this country was founded.

Now TVA wants to start construction of a \$54,000,000 steam plant—a proposal which has been blocked for the time being by Congress. That proposal had the merit of destroying the last vestiges of TVA's flood control propaganda—such a steam plant produces electricity for commercial purposes only. Thus, TVA clearly intends to cement its position as the economic dictator of the region if it can, and carry state socialism another step toward the logical conclusion—government monopoly.

No private utility can gain this kind of control over the destinies of whole states. Power regulatory authorities, whose duty is the protection of the public interest, see to that. Only the government can create monopolies. And those monopolies, in turn, can dictate to you and everyone else and there's nothing you can do about it.

Remember Mr. Lillenthal's phrase: "Those who control energy, control people."

Sunday School Class Honors Senior Class

The High School class of the Federated Sunday School honored the seniors of the class with a formal banquet at the Grange Hall Tuesday evening. Covers were laid for thirty members of the class and Rev. and Mrs. Rolf Hansen.

The room was attractively decorated with the class colors of blue and white. After the guests were served music and games were enjoyed. The honor guests were, Miss Bernice Koch, Miss Janet Merritt, and Miss Nancy Hunter, Mr. Rolly Clark and Mr. Warren Gutes.

Girl Scout Troop Ends Active Season

Troop No. 1 ended its active season of scouting by a court of awards Thursday, May 13, at which time badges were presented. Also a final get-together for Parents and Scouts, a cook out was held on the Lester Higginbotham back lawn May 25. A pot luck and hamburger fry was enjoyed by all present.

The girls and their mothers plan to go to Ashland swimming and picnicking, June 1st.

Several girls plan to attend Low Echo Scout camp during July.

The following Badges were earned during 1947-48:
 Design, prints and color—Carolyn Hover, Esther Snook, Dorothy Kight, Charlene Paull, Loretta Anderson, Joyce Brock, Sallie Higginbotham, Carlene von Buskirk, Doreen Jones, Donna Lavin and Marcella Taylor; Design and Prints—Louise Lull; First Class and Curved Bar—Carolyn Hover, Esther Snook, Charlene Paull, Loretta Anderson and Joyce Brock; Curved Bar—Dorothy Kight; First Class—Sallie Higginbotham and Carlene von Buskirk; Five Year Pin—Dorothy Kight, Sallie Higginbotham, Doreen Jones and Joyce Brock; Photography—Esther Snook, Charlene Paull, Loretta Anderson, Joyce Brock, Sallie Higginbotham, Carlene von Buskirk, aMry Henson Marcella Taylor and Donna Lavin; Second Class—Jean Fahulander, Shirley Sullivan, Marcella Taylor, Donna Lavin and Louise Lull; Flower Finder—Carolyn Hover, Sallie Higginbotham, and Loretta Anderson; Foot Traveler—Esther Snook; Reader—Carolyn Hover; Needlecraft—Dorothy Kight; Hostess—Charlene Paull; Foods—Joyce Brock and Clothing and Housekeeping—Carlene von Buskirk.

This week's visitors in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Wright and family was her son and daughter-in-law, St. Sgt. and Mrs. Lester Wright, of Ogden, Utah.

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NOTICE OF 1948-49 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Budget Law (Sections 110-1201 to 110-1215, O.C.L.A.) notice is hereby given that the budget committee of Central Point, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted on May 17, 1948, the budget estimates for Central Point, Oregon for the ensuing year, July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949, as set forth in the accompanying schedules I, and III. All persons are hereby notified that on June 17, 1948 at 8:00 p.m., in the City Hall, Central Point, Oregon said budget estimates may be discussed with the City Council, the levying board for Central Point, Oregon, and any person subject to the tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies on any part thereof.

The outstanding indebtedness of The City of Central Point, Oregon as of June 30, 1948, consists of the following:
 Central Point Water Department bonded debt—\$113,000.00.

SCHEDULE I—Summary of estimated expenditures, receipts, and tax levies for the fiscal year 1948-1949

1948-49	Total All funds	General Gov't.	Public Safety	Social Welfare	Education	Public Works	Emergency	Misc.
Total estimated expenditures	\$22,525.00	\$ 5,075.00	\$10,400.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 50.00
Cash on hand	10,000.00							
Estimated Receipts	3,580.00							
Tax levies inside 6% limitation	5,337.10							
Tax levies outside 6% limitation	3,607.90							

SCHEDULE III—Expenditures

Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948	Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949	Fund and Classification
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 2,380.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	GENERAL GOVERNMENT
180.00	180.00	180.00	90.00	200.00	Recorder
80.00	150.00			250.00	Treasurer
13.50	30.00	49.62	30.00	100.00	Attorney
			250.00	300.00	Elections
54.35	88.40	45.90	74.20	150.00	Audit
29.00	54.68	83.74		75.00	Advertising and Printing
47.50	57.50	52.50		80.00	League of Ore. Cities and C. of C. dues
97.16	960.98	32.18	28.03	250.00	Surety Bond Premiums
36.75	44.92	142.74	29.93	100.00	City Hall, Jail & Fire Hall
58.94	82.71	51.43	39.32	100.00	Fuel for City Hall & Library
164.70	297.26	709.18	330.63	1,000.00	Telephone Service
					Insurance, Fire & Liability
			413.23	1,000.00	PUBLIC SAFETY
1,221.18	842.97	2,070.26	1,959.86	5,000.00	Car expense
1,419.13	2,174.44	3,591.73	874.32	7,500.00	Police Department
141.33	135.76	149.05	130.55	300.00	Fire Department
					State Industrial Accident Commission
	92.04	163.80	26.90	1,000.00	SOCIAL WELFARE
148.38	267.64	256.80	129.52	500.00	City Parks
1,171.46	2,914.92	7,552.33	721.64	1,000.00	EDUCATION
386.37	272.05	755.10	167.75	1,500.00	Library
277.62	289.55	301.18	153.51	750.00	PUBLIC WORKS
3.74	2.10	4.00	6.50	500.00	Streets and Drains
3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	Truck and Grader Service
577.50	412.50	247.50	82.50	165.00	Street Lights and Bulbs
			14.02	3,000.00	Dump Grounds
	115.00		32.71		DEBT SERVICE
		2.00		150.00	Principle on Bonded Debt
		30.83	3,500.00	1,500.00	Interest on Bonded Debt
					Emergency
					Taxes
					Donations and Miscellaneous
					Due other funds
\$10,908.55	\$14,593.46	\$21,791.87	\$13,285.12	\$31,870.00	TOTALS
					\$22,525.00

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