

Readers Say

UTILIZE ENGINEERING FACTS DISCARD EXPERIMENTAL PLAN

To the Editor:

The price of peace is eternal vigilance. It might be well to say that eternal vigilance is also the price we have to pay in protecting our property from the terrific assessments that might be heaped on it by a careless hand. Your front page article of December 1st, regarding the county planning body's revival of interest in the Tualatin project arouses again serious concern.

We who love the river and value it for its many benefits to the valley do not want to see it ruined in an experiment, in the creation of an engineering masterpiece at an estimated cost of nearly twenty seven million dollars, a large portion of which would be saddled on the property owners.

It is stated in the article that "The commission believes the lack of interest in a Tualatin Valley project is due largely to wrong information and misunderstanding." Here and now, let it be understood that the greatest misunderstanding was on the part of the army engineers.

They had their opportunity to "sell" this idea to those who would have to pay for it, and were unable to do so. They thought that this huge project would go over without any difficulty at all, and we, who were to pay, would just suddenly wake up with a land ruined, first by assessments and taxation and second by lack of water for irrigation as well as domestic water that is found generally so freely in this valley because of the ponding of the river.

The engineers' plan as proposed, estimated that 80% of the effectiveness was for drainage, and not for irrigation at all. It was only through the vigorous opposition carried on by almost 80% of the property owners affected that the plans suddenly were changed. Points were denied and a little thought was given for the future.

Mass meetings were held by the property owners from Oregon City to Gaston, two meetings having been held at Tigard, and not one voice was raised in favor of the engineers' plan except the voices of the engineers themselves. There was no consideration for irrigation, such as holding reservoirs. They were considered impractical. Only after it could clearly be seen that they could not push this project through was consideration given to measures of year round practicability.

It is appropos at this time also to call attention to the fact that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on engineering this project to date. It is the writer's understanding that the second appropriation of \$500,000 has been pretty well spent already, but very little more, if anything, has shown up of value beyond an engineering report gotten out during the depression days, when development work was considered as a WPA or PWA or WPB project, or one of the other initialed agencies. This is the Cunningham report.

Boiling all the gobbledegook down to simple language, what was suggested or recommended as being quite sufficient didn't entail spending enough money to interest the government agencies, who later built up this plan for a concrete lined flume, fenced on either side, with all the trees cut back fifty feet, and a grand drainage ditch developed that would clear the valley of flood waters in a matter of hours.

I have referred to this as an experiment, and experiment it would have been as the partially lined method of conducting fast moving waters has been proven to be very impractical, as was found in the case of the Walla Walla River; later it was found necessary to cement the bottom, too. Also in the case of, I believe, a part of the Rogue River where, it being unfenced, it served as a trap for deer and other animals, and then had to be fenced.

The quick run-off of the waters would also have lowered the water table so greatly that our wonderful domestic water supply in the valley might disappear, as in the valley of the Rhine.

Yes, we do want the river developed, but on a step by step, reasonable basis; first, the building of a new dam and the removal of the reefs obstructing the flow of run-off waters that caused the bad flooding conditions, as in 1937; the removal of trash, fallen trees, deadheads, and obstructions to the flow of water and a danger to life, and either holding reservoirs at the headwaters or the encouragement of soil conservation methods.

We know these big bureaus have liaison offices acting in their own interests, and it is quite obvious that they are at work now encouraging and stimulating an interest on the part of the county planning body.

Our political bodies certainly are peopled with good and honest men, and they should be complimented on the good work they do, but at the same time let's recognize a very pertinent fact, that over the years the spending of huge sums of the other fellow's money, the

to fiddle with.

We believe that the county planning body should take steps now to help the formation of districts, as this will have to be done. That's the law. The group of property owners mentioned can be called together on comparatively short notice to help them get it started and carry out the will of the people. That is where the action should start.

This matter is far too complicated and involved to set forth completely in this letter, but it is all a matter of record and a goodly percentage of us affected know the army engineer's plan perhaps better than the planning commission, and the

Tualatin Valley Protective Association is still active and alert, and just as full of fire as it ever was.

If you plan to print this letter, please print it in its entirety, or not at all.

Yours very truly,
Otto Pick

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The county planning commission, in its official pronouncements, indicates that it desires just such thought as expressed in the above letter.

First job is to explain the problem of a watershed vanishing because of heavier irrigation demands, which finds a number of farmers unable to satisfy their

needs for water. And if it is possible to adapt the Tualatin river project to the new objective of irrigation and flood control, participation of river front property owners will be imperative.

Further comment is invited. Letters are asked to be as short as possible but exceptions will be made if the contents justify it.

PUBLIC OES INSTALLATION

A public installation will be held in Masonic Temple on Dec. 30 at eight o'clock to install the new officers of Beaver chapter for the ensuing year.

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PER LB. 59¢

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ROASTING HENS	Ready for stuffing	lb. 69¢
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FRICASSEE FOWL	Ready to cook	lb. 63¢
RABBITS	Ready to cook	lb. 69¢
FRESH OYSTERS	Fine for poultry dressing	pt. 65¢
PORK SAUSAGE	Country style	lb. 49¢
PURE GROUND BEEF		lb. 55¢
Sliced BACON	Standard	LB. 45¢
	Fancy	LB. 53¢
	Swift	
	Premium 1/2 LB.	29¢



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NAVEL ORANGES	lb.	10¢
Half Box	\$3.25	Full Box \$5.98
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Cranberries

Sweet Potatoes

Tangerines	Florida	lb. 17¢
Dates	3-lb. mailing box	89¢
Grapefruit	Arizona 8-lb. white bag	55¢
Emperor Grapes	2 Lbs.	25¢
Avocados	Blemish-free	ea. 19¢

Red Delicious
Apples
Crisp and juicy
Lb. 13¢

Cauliflower	Solid	lb. 15¢
Yams	Southern	lb. 10¢
Tomatoes	Firm	lb. 33¢
Lettuce	For crisp salads	lb. 12¢
Celery	Straight stalks	lb. 12 1/2¢

Cranberries

Ocean Spray brand, whole or jellied

2 cans 25¢

Maraschino Cherries	S. & W. 4-oz. can	17¢
Orange Juice	Full o' Gold 4-oz. can	33¢
Tomato Juice	Sunny Dawn 4-oz. can	25¢
Crabmeat	No Shells 7-oz. can	69¢
Oysters	Windlass 4 1/2-oz. can	39¢
Shrimp	Blue Plate, med. 5-oz. can	59¢
Green Beans	Cut Briargate 303 can	20¢
Del Monte Corn	Whole K 303 can	17¢
Del Monte Peas	Early Garden 303 can	19¢
Fancy Peas	Sugar Belle 303 can	16¢
Sweet Potatoes	Taylor No. 3 can	23¢
Frozen Peas	Bel Air 12-oz. pk.	21¢

Walnuts	med., in shell	1-lb. 35¢
Brazil Nuts	In shell	1-lb. 39¢
Filberts	In the shell	1-lb. 33¢
Mixed Nuts	In shell	1-lb. 43¢
Almonds	In shell	1-lb. 45¢
Large Pecans	In shell	1-lb. 53¢

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Hostess Gift Ring

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Nestle's Morsels	6-oz. pkg.	21¢
Marshmallows	Fluffiest	lb. 29¢
Choc. Block	Farmington	1-lb. 39¢
Sugar	Powdered or Brown	2-lb. 25¢
Reddi-Wip	Instant Topping	oz. 51¢
Cottage Cheese	Kraft	pint 28¢

Cheese	Chatham - mild	1-lb. 49¢
Sparkling Water	Canada Dry	28-oz. 20¢
Ginger Ale	Canada Dry	28-oz. 20¢
7-Up Soda	Mixer, 24-oz. bot.	20¢

(Price here does not include bottle deposits on soft drinks)

Ripe Olives

Ebony brand—medium sizes No. 1 can

23¢

Fruit Cocktail	Hostess Delight	No. 2 1/2 Can 35¢
Sliced Fruit Cake	Hostess brand	14-oz. Cake 45¢
Golden Pumpkin	Moonbeam— for grand pies	No. 2 1/2 Can 14¢
Mince Meat	Borden's	9-oz. Pkg. 19¢ 28-oz. Jar 39¢
Sunnybank Margarine	Very special offer!	2 1-lb. Pkgs. 53¢ Only

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Per Lb. 74¢

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Cream of the crop

Doz. 79¢

Fresh Christmas CANDIES—

HARD CANDY	Roxbury	lb. 25¢
CHOC. DROPS	Roxbury	lb. 29¢
CHOCOLATES	Helen Harrison 3 lbs.	\$1.98
CHOCOLATES	Glenview miniature	lb. 59¢
CHERRIES	Chocolate covered	lb. 55¢

Flavorful, Fresh COFFEES—

AIRWAY	1-lb. pkg.	73¢
	2-lb. pkg.	\$1.45
NOB HILL	1-lb. pkg.	76¢
	2-lb. pkg.	\$1.51

Orange Juice	Frozen—Concentrated	6-oz. can 19¢
	Old South or Bireley's	

Texcel Tape	Handy cello stickum	1/2-inch wide roll 15¢ 3/4-inch 25¢
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Cigarettes	Popular brands	Christmas Carton—10 pkgs. \$1.49
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