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Both Sides Should Be Satisfied With Coon's John Day Dam Bill

Congressman Sam Coon brought the wrath of Senators Morse and Neuberger and numerous other public power advocates down upon him recently when he introduced his bill in Congress calling for immediate construction of the John Day dam with money put up largely by private power companies in this area.

Immediately the old cry of "give away" and similar epithets were hurled at Coon, but from his statement which is given below, it would appear to us that the federal development boys were hollering before they were hurt.

Here is Sam Coon's own explanation of his John Day dam bill as explained in a letter we received this week from the Congressman:

"AS YOU KNOW from the press I have introduced a bill calling for construction of the multipurpose John Day Dam on the Columbia River NOW. It has taken a lot of work, thought, and time to draw this piece of legislation which, in my opinion, is as important as any that will be before the 84th Congress. However, I did not introduce it until after I had seen thousands of the completed questionnaires which I sent out. A big majority of a good cross section of the voters of Eastern Oregon were unhesitating in their answers to the question concerning the John Day multi-purpose dam. THEY WANT IT BUILT NOW. The John Day Dam, under my bill, H. R. 5789, will be a FEDERAL DAM. It will be owned, built, controlled, and operated entirely by the Federal government at all times. At no time will the government have any partner in this project.

"As you know, and as I have pointed out, in previous newsletters and broadcasts, the John Day project has been authorized since 1950. However, and I want you to keep this in your mind, authori-

zation of a project does not mean construction can begin. For instance, if the present Hells Canyon bill passes this Congress, it would not mean that work would start on Hells Canyon. It takes hundreds of millions of dollars to build a dam and that money must be raised by the federal government.

"Under my John Day bill the government will sell the power, to be generated, before the dam is built, and with this money, from power sales, the government will pay the construction cost. It is as simple as that. When the government raises the money by having Congress appropriate it, it is taken from the general tax fund and is paid back with the money received from the sale of the power. In that way your tax money is used, the budget is increased, and so, naturally, taxes are higher until the money is paid back by marketing the power. Under my bill the process is reversed, your tax money is not used, the budget is not increased and naturally, taxes are not raised. In other words, instead of borrowing to build, and then paying back out of our returns from power sales, we are selling in advance, and using the money received in order to get the dam under construction. So you see that we not only save years of time, under my John Day bill, but we actually save ourselves the burden of added taxes."

The measure would make it possible for the private power companies to put up most of the money for the dam, and in return for this money, would be guaranteed a fair percentage of the power generated by it for a period of 50 years. The dam, however, would be built, owned and operated by Uncle Sam, according to Coon.

If the federal development advocates are sincere in their statements that they want immediate starts on new "Government Owned" dams on the Columbia and its tributaries, they would do well to get behind Representative Coon's bill and try to get it through congress at the earliest possible date.

From Files of the Gazette Times
April 30, 1925
A. E. Wright and son Walter were visitors in Hepner on Tuesday from their home at Hardman.

Buck Lieuallen, state highway cop, has been spending a few days in this vicinity.

Coming to the Star Theater "The Hunchback of Norte Dame".

Dean T. Goodman, accompanied by Mrs. Goodman, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goodman and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo motored to Pendleton on Monday. Mr. Goodman brought home a new Star car for Mrs. Frank Anderson.

Jasper Crawford, who is a student in journalism at the U of O, arrived home from Eugene on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Batty and children Lewis, Beulah and Buddy accompanied by Miss Hazel Hayes and Marion Saling of Hardman spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas on Eight Mile.

Miss Rhoda Beck, teacher of Cecil school, closed her school for the summer on Friday and left for her home in Estacada.

gram now and will help you fill out your application for payment. They are in the process of mailing to farmers information you might require as to the payment program. They are in the process of mailing to farmers information on the program. If you are a sheep producer and have been missed, contact them at once as it will mean some added farm income to you.

Those farmers who are having trouble with mice or gophers in their grain or other fields, we have a full supply of strychnine poisoned oats on hand at the office. Several farmers have been using it during the past week and report good kills. The bait is mixed by Fish and Wildlife Service and is sold to farmers at cost.

Scarcely a week goes by but what some special week is being observed. We have National 4-H Club Week, National Potato Week, National "Be Kind to Dogs" Week, and many other kinds of weeks. One that a lot of us do not pay too much attention to and which will be observed next week April 25 to 30, is National Secretaries Week.

have heard a good many of our farmers refer to their wives as their secretaries. A secretary is especially appreciated and a necessity in these times of much bookkeeping for income tax reporting as well as keeping a tab on the farm business. All of us appreciate our secretarial help whether it is our wife or some one on a regular salary working so many hours per day. Many are only an excuse to have some one to blame in case things don't go right in the office. So whether it is your wife or someone else, next week we should honor the American Secretary upon whose skill, loyalty and efficiency the function of business and government offices depend. In this office we have a secretary that takes care of typing, filing, mimeographing, mailing, answering the telephone, record keeping, taking dictation and other routine duties required in our business. These tasks may not be spectacular but they are vital. Last year, our secretary greeted 6878 people who came to the county Extension Agents.

MAYOR MARY SAYS—

By Mary Van Stevens
We will be asking some good public spirited persons to be helping on the city budget—its that time again. If you have any suggestions on how to make Hepner a better place to live please let us know. If it costs money, do it before budget time.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Court Proceedings for the month of March, 1955.
The minutes of the February term were read and approved.
The meeting of the Budget Committee was set for May 6, 1955 and the Clerk was instructed to notify the members of the budget committee.
The following Bangs disease claims were allowed: Walter Wyss \$16.00 and William H. Wachter \$8.00.
The treasurer was instructed by the Court to pay the following

claims from the Special Road trust fund. Ray D. Kalal the amount of \$2,175.00 and John E. Kalal in the amount of \$2,212.50. The Court issued dance hall license to the Boardman Public School Gym.	
Warrants Issued on the General Fund.	
Sadie Parrish, Deputy Clerk	\$ 210.97
Sylvia McDaniel, Deputy Sheriff	179.82
Joyce Buschke, Office Clerk	184.37
Oliver B. Hughes, Deputy Assessor	250.97
Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Physician	24.25
Herbert W. White, Court Reporter	72.75
Hepner Electric & Hardware Co., Courthouse City of Hepner, Courthouse	7.37
Barbara Ware, Nurse's Office Clerk	78.32
Russell K. Miller, County Court	81.43
Ralph I. Thompson, County Court	51.36
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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson
With annual weed control time in full swing and perennial weed control time just around the corner, farmers are wondering where they all come from. Within the last few days we picked up some interesting statistics on how these ever growing pests multiply. For example, one worm wood plant is good for as many as one million seventy five

been known to germinate after being buried in the ground after fifty years. Did we hear some one say something about eradication of weeds?

A recent grain and hay market review from Oregon State College points out that Uncle Sam may get a chance to reduce his stock of surplus wheat next fall. 1955 winter wheat crop has been estimated at six hundred and sixty two million bushels. This is one hundred thirty million less than last year and more than two hundred million below average. Coupled with a record low spring wheat acreage, this may mean that we will have to dig into our reserve to satisfy our normal uses. An average yield on this years acreage would make a spring wheat crop of under two hundred million bushels. This would total well under the nine hundred million bushels we normally use in export. Smaller acreages and lower indicated yields for this year is 15.2 bushels per acre, compared to last years 17.2. The average yield nationally for winter wheat is 15.8 bushels per acre. High winds and drought have caused serious crop damage in large areas of the Great Plains States.

The new wool program known as the National Wool Act of 1954, provides for incentive payments on your shorn wool. Under the act, payments will be made on the wool on lambs and yearling sheep sold for slaughter as well as regular shorn wool. The local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office have completed information on the pro-

A New Service OFFERED BY

Inland Chemical Service

We have been appointed by Pendleton Grain Growers to take the soil samples for their testing lab.—

FOR SOIL TESTING CALL
HEPPNER 6-9103 — CONDON DU 4-2193

STAR THEATER, Hepner

Admission Prices: Adults 70c, Students 50c, Children 20c including Federal Excise Tax. Sunday shows continuous from 2 p. m. Other evenings start at 7:30. Boxoffice open until 9 p. m. Telephone 6-9278.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, April 28-29-30
CATTLE QUEEN OF MONTANA
Barbara Stanwyck, Ronald Reagan, Gene Evans. Rugged, roaring story of the old West. Technicolor never looked so good. Plus

AFRICA ADVENTURE
Photographic record of the Robert C. Ruark safari, an attempt to show Africa as it really is... and it is amazing, thrilling and in Technicolor.

Sunday-Monday, May 1-2
BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK
In Cinemascope—Color. Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan, Anne Francis, Dean Jagger, Walter Brennan, John Ericson, Ernest Borgnine. A distinguished motion picture—the sheer artistry of the telling of this taut but unusual story will grip any audience. Sunday shows at 2 p. m., 4:15, 6:30, 8:45

Tuesday-Wednesday, May 3-4
BLACK TUESDAY
Edward G. Robinson, Peter Graves, Jean Parker. A good little melodrama that gets off to a whiz-bang start and doesn't slow down.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, May 5-6-7
MANY RIVERS TO CROSS
In Cinemascope—Color. Robert Taylor, Eleanor Parker, Victor McLaglen, Russ Tamblyn, Jeff Richards, James Arness, Alan Hale Jr. Loaded with action—packed with laughs!

It's Coming—

SATURDAY, MAY 7

GRAND OPENING AND Open House OF THE NEW

Farley Motor Co.

PONTIAC — BUICK — GMC — WILLYS
WITH INTEREST & ENTERTAINMENT

You won't want to miss Farley's Grand Opening for among the surprises will be old time dancing from 8 to 10 p. m. under the direction of the Squared Up Rounders, and dancing to modern music from 10 to 1. There'll be more too, so

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK!

The most modern trucks on any job!

NEW CHEVROLET Task-Force TRUCKS

From America's leading truck builder comes a whole truckload of new advances that mean big savings in hours, dollars and driving effort on your hauling or delivery jobs. And they're ready to go to work for you right now!

Work Styling—a new approach to truck design! Two distinctively different styling treatments—one in light- and medium-duty models, another in heavy-duty!	Six powerful new "high-voltage" engines! With a modern 12-volt electrical system for increased generator capacity—plus many other new advances.	The last word in cab comfort and safety! New Sweep-Sight windshield system for increased visibility. A new concealed Safety Step that stays clear of snow or mud.	New capacity—up to 18,000 lb. G.V.W. Offered in 2-ton models! This means you can do a lot more work on heavy hauling jobs with real savings.	New more durable, standard-width frames! New frames are of 34-inch width to accommodate special body installations. And they're more rigid!
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All models available with new Power Steering! New Chevrolet Power Steering cuts turning effort up to 80 per cent... cushions road shock. Optional at extra cost.	You can have new Overdrive or Hydra-Matic! Overdrive is optional on 1/2-ton models; truck Hydra-Matic on 1/2-, 3/4- and 1-ton models at extra cost.	Power Brakes standard on 2-ton models! This great power helper is yours at no extra cost on 2-ton models! Optional at extra cost on all other models.	Tubeless tires standard on 1/2-ton models! New tubeless tires give you greater protection against a blowout... deflate more slowly when punctured!
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Come in and see the newest things in trucks!

Fulleton Chevrolet Company