

Coon Says Neuberger Lost Dam Bill Debate

Congressman Sam Coon said here Wednesday night that Senator Neuberger had failed to disprove any portion of the Coon bill for partnership construction of the John Day dam.

"The press and other observers generally agreed that I kept to the subject of the debate and that the senator did not disprove any of my points," Coon said in a talk at the Heppner high school.

Summing up the recent series of debates throughout Eastern Oregon, the congressman said that Senator Neuberger's arguments were "challenged and disproved time after time."

In contrast, the GOP congressman said, "the senator talked about political philosophy and glittering generalities," thus admitting that the arguments in favor of the bill were true.

"Senator Neuberger can provide no assurance that Congress will appropriate the \$310 million needed to build the dam under the all-federal financing plan," Coon said, adding:

"Oregon needs the power and the jobs that the dam would create and needs these kilowatts and payrolls now."

Coon lists five points of the John Day dam bill that he said his debate opponent had failed to disprove:

"The government will design the dam as part of the comprehensive plan for development of the Columbia River Basin.

"The power will be competitive in cost with power from comparable new projects such as The Dalles and McNary dams.

"At all times the government will own the dam.

"The partners, whether they be publicly or privately-owned utilities, cannot make a profit on power from the John Day dam. Power is an operative expense, for which no profit may be charged, and rates are regulated by the PUC at Salem.

"We have waited 5 1/2 years now for money to build the John Day dam, and if we depend on all-federal funds, Oregon may have to wait indefinitely."

Coon told the group that the three Oregon democrats in Congress tried to block his bill, that the senators don't want any dams started in Oregon. He said they want to use the fact that nothing was started under the Eisenhower administration as campaign material next year.

Agriculture Discussed

During the question and answer period following Coon's address, the Congressman was asked what secretary of agriculture Ezra Taft Benson had in mind for an agriculture plan for next year. Coon answered that several changes are being considered and that he feels there is a good chance that the two-price wheat plan can be put through. He said the secretary of agriculture will have new legislation to improve farmers' share in increased income. He added that the farm problem is one of the most difficult facing congress.

Coon touched only lightly on international problems, confining his remarks mainly to the John Day dam bill, power and agriculture. A good crowd heard the talk.

County Officers Named

Prior to Coon's talk at the school, he and Mrs. Coon were guests of honor at a Republican dinner at O'Donnell's cafe at which time a full slate of Republican central committee officers were elected. Heading the organization is Don Hatfield of Lexington; vice-chairman is Mrs. Verner Troedson, Ione, and secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Ed Dick, Chosen as congressional committeeman and woman were Mrs. Mervin Leonard and Bill Bar-

30 County Hunters Get Special Elk Tags

Thirty of the 100 special controlled elk tags for the special Heppner district Elk hunt November 11 to 23 inclusive went to residents of Morrow county, and tags number one and two went to a local couple, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adkins. Ervin Anderson drew tag number three.

Adkins is looking forward to the season with the hope that they can do as well as they did during last year's hunt when Adkins killed a bull that dressed out at 670 pounds. Both he and his wife already have their deer, both getting a three-point buck early in the season.

Clyde Brummell, Republican party executive secretary explained the workings of the county committee and asked for an ovation for J. O. Turner, former county Republican head who has served for many years. Also present was L. R. Hodges of the state central committee.

Coon spoke briefly at the dinner and in commenting on next year's election he said that Senator Wayne Morse is now scared—that he can be beaten. He urged concerted efforts to replace Morse with a Republican.

County Wheat Growers to Meet Saturday at Lex

The fall meeting of the Morrow county Wheat Growers Association will be held Saturday at the Lexington Grange hall starting at 10 a. m. It was announced this week by Frank Anderson, president.

Among the main issues to come up for discussion at the meeting will be the resolutions concerning federal agricultural programs, crop insurance, wheat utilization, taxation and freight rates.

The meeting will open at 10 a. m. and a free lunch will be served at noon by the HEC of the grange. It is open to the public and everyone connected with wheat farming is urged to attend.

Additional information on the meeting can be found in the county agent's column on page two of today's paper.

Lightning Damages Paul Hisler Home

Extensive damage to the Paul Hisler home on Butter creek was caused by a lightning strike during Tuesday night's brief thunderstorm. The bolt either struck the house or the power lines leading to it.

Hisler reported that obvious damage included the complete destruction of a water heater, all switch and fuse boxes, telephone fuses and wires, some light fixtures and a pole transformer which supplied power to the residence.

Hisler said that when the lightning struck he thought the whole house was coming down and flames shot nearly 50 feet into the air from the power line transformer. The walls around the various switch boxes were badly burned, but luckily the house didn't catch fire. There is good possibility that other concealed damage may show up, such as burned out appliance motors, range elements, wiring etc. but up to Wednesday afternoon there had been no opportunity to test these items. There was no estimate of the damage yet, but it will probably be considerable. No one was hurt however.

The quick storm which hit the Heppner area shortly after 7 p. m. didn't last long but brought 47 inch of rain in a short time. Hisler said it only sprinkled in his area, but there was a report of a near cloudburst over the mountains toward Ukiah.

Boy Scout Fund Drive Reaches Nearly \$600

A total of \$598 has been collected so far in the Heppner Boy Scout drive, fund chairman Jeff Carter, who estimated that about 75 percent of the returns are in. Over \$600 was collected last year and \$800 in 1953.

Anyone in this area wishing to aid the drive may give their donation to any of the following workers: Del Jordan, Harvey Wright, J. R. Huffman, Marion Green, Bradley Fancher, Everett Keithley, Oliver Creswick, Kenneth Green, Floyd Sayers, Bob Penland, Mr. or Mrs. Ken Keeling, Ken Carpenter, James Sumner, Rev. Lester Boulden, James Driscoll, John Pfeiffer, Bill Labhart, Bruce Lindsay.

Other workers are Jack Bailey, Barton Clark, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Bill Weatherford, Paul Jones, Bill Barratt, Mrs. Tom Wilson, Elmer Schmidt and La Verne Van Marter.



VICTIM OF HUNTER'S BULLETS, was this registered thoroughbred brood mare belonging to Ralph Beamer of Heppner, whose six-months old colt shown here with its dead mother, was nuzzling the body when found by their owners early Friday morning. The mare had been shot twice in the hind quarters and died within sight of Beamer's house on Balm Fork. Police speculated that she had been spotted. Beamer only recently cut his stock to three brood mares and this animal was the most valuable of the three. (Wilson Photo)

Mrs. Verna Hayes Dies Here Sunday

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Heppner Christian church for Mrs. Verna Vernetta Hayes, 67, who passed away late Sunday at Pioneer Memorial hospital after a series of sudden illnesses. Her death came just two weeks after that of her husband, Homer Glenn Hayes, who died here October 2.

Mrs. Hayes, who had lived all of her life in this immediate area, was stricken with appendicitis the day before her late husband's funeral October 5 and since that time had suffered a heart attack and a stroke which brought on her death.

Mrs. Hayes was born June 9, 1888 at Lexington, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Driskell. She was a graduate of Heppner high school and later attended business college at La Grande. She was married to Mr. Hayes on December 4, 1907 and worked for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for 22 years until she retired in 1949 when she and her husband moved to Lonerock where they operated a grocery store and post office. She was a member of the Rebekah lodge and the Christian church.

Survivors are three sons, Clarence, Corvallis; Homer, Portland; and Richard of Condon; one sister, Mrs. Elsie Stevenson, Portland; four brothers, William and George Driskell both of La Grande; Thomas, Portland and Herbert, Boring, Oregon; and seven grandchildren.

Rev. Norman Northrup, pastor of the Lexington Church of Christ officiated at the service, interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Creswick Mortuary had charge of arrangements.

Two Portland Hunters Suffer Hurts, Heart Attacks in Wreck

Two hunters from Portland and vicinity were taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital after their car rolled over in Sanford canyon and was demolished, sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reported. The accident happened early Friday morning.

Frank Holden, Oregon City, received a broken shoulder bone and some cracked ribs and later suffered a mild heart attack after he was in the hospital. His companion, Guy Robison of Portland, was hospitalized with a heart attack following the wreck. It was believed that Holden either fell asleep or suffered a heart attack while the two were on their way to the mountains on a hunting trip.

Heppner 4-H Hember Sixth at PI Judging

Don Casteel of Heppner placed sixth in the individual 4-H livestock judging at the Pacific International Livestock show in Portland over the weekend. He was in competition with over 200 club members. A Condon boy, Eddie Palmer won first.

The Morrow county 4-H livestock team of Casteel, Connie Anderson and Marjorie Peck competed but did not place.

Mrs. Rieth Celebrates 99th Birthday Oct. 12



99 YEARS YOUNG on October 12 was Mrs. Ellen Rieth of Ione. She celebrated the occasion with a special Mass at St. Williams Catholic church and an open house at her home. (GT Photo)

Mrs. Ellen Rieth, better known to her many friends as "Grandma Rieth," celebrated her 99th birthday Wednesday, October 12 at the Ione home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul O'Meara. She is Morrow county's oldest resident.

Mrs. Rieth is remarkably spry and in excellent health. She is able to get around with very little difficulty and seldom misses a Sunday walking to church services. She has full use of all her faculties with the exception of her hearing, which has failed her somewhat in recent years, and she spends her time crocheting, reading and helping around the house, frequently complaining that her daughter with whom she makes her home, won't let her do more housework. She does, however, take care of her own room and helps with the dishes.

Grandma Rieth, who is one of the oldest residents of Oregon, was born Oct. 12, 1856 at Neosha, Missouri, and crossed the plains to Oregon, which had been a state to only a year, in 1860. She has lived in Oregon and Washington since that time.

Mrs. Rieth was married to Eugene Rieth, Sept. 7, 1875 at Mission, near Pendleton, and raised her family of three daughters and one son at Pendleton. The home in which she lived in Pendleton, located across the street from St. Anthony's hospital, which was built in about 1885, still stands. She has outlived all of her family except one daughter, Mrs. O'Meara, and a son F. J. Rieth of Harrington, Wash. Her husband died in 1922 and she has made her home at Ione since 1925.

Mrs. Rieth well remembers the Vanorman Indian massacre which occurred on the Snake river north of Walla Walla in 1860, the year she came to this area. The town of Rieth near Pendleton was named for her husband and his two brothers, Jacob and Joseph Rieth.

Mrs. Rieth's birthday party included a special Mass at St. Williams Catholic church and an open house at her daughter's home.

Grandma Rieth has a very quick sense of humor, too, along with her other remarkable facul-

ties for a person of her age. When shown the accompanying picture taken by the Gazette Times photographer early this week, she commented, "My, is that me? What do you want with that—something to scare the crows?" Mrs. O'Meara indicated that her mother's health is very good and expressed the belief and hope that she will be able to celebrate her 100th birthday next year with a "real" party.

Convention of All County School Board Members is Called

County school superintendent Jack Flug has called a convention of all school board members in Morrow county to be held Saturday, Oct. 22 at 1:30 p. m. at the courthouse in Heppner.

The convention is required by a resolution passed by the last legislature and is for the purpose of making a study and preparing a report of the educational needs of the county schools, especially keeping in mind school finance affected by operating costs and capital outlays. The legislature also established an interim committee to investigate state educational needs.

The superintendent urged all school board members in the county to attend and all have already been notified by letter, Flug said.

City Council Accepts Carter's Resignation

The Heppner city council met in special session Monday afternoon to accept the resignation of one of its members, Jeff Carter, local J. C. Penney manager, who has been transferred to Payette, Idaho. He will leave about Nov. 1. No replacement will be named until next month, mayor Mary Van Stevens announced.

The council also agreed to give the Heppner Civic League until Nov. 15 to remove all of its items and equipment from the kindergarten room in the old civic center building. The building will be torn down in the near future to make room for park facilities.

Residents Asked to Aid in Providing School Census Check

Local school officials announced this week that the annual school census is now being taken and asked all residents of the Heppner district, who are new to the area since last year, and who have children who will be 4 years of age or over by November 15, to write or call the school and advise the clerk. Information on school-age children is obtained from them and from school records.

The district needs to know the full name of the children, date of birth, sex, and parents name and address.

The information is used to give school officials needed information on school attendance in coming years.

Forest Service Moves Wayne West To Regional Office

Promotion of District Ranger Wayne West from the Heppner district to a staff position in the division of wildlife and range management in the regional office in Portland, Oregon, effective November 6 was announced today by Umatilla Forest supervisor C. M. Rector. The vacancy will be filled on November 6 by transfer of Ranger Victor L. Kreimeyer from the Bear Sleds district of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

West, a native of Idaho, graduated from the forestry and range management school at the University of Idaho. His first regular appointment was in 1941 with the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service in southern California. From 1942 until 1946 he served in the U. S. Air Force. In 1947 he came to the Umatilla Forest as a range conservationist. In 1949 he was transferred to the Ochoco National Forest at Prineville as project staff range management assistant. In July 1950 he returned to the Heppner district as assistant district ranger until promotion to this district ranger position in April 1951 which he has occupied since that date. West has been active in civic affairs in Heppner.

Kreimeyer graduated from the Iowa State University in 1943 with a degree in forestry. He received his first regular appointment with the Forest Service in 1946 on the Mount Hood National Forest. In November of that year he was transferred to the Wallowa Forest as timber sale officer and district assistant on the Chesnimus ranger district. In 1950 he took over as district ranger on the Bear Sleds ranger district on the Wallowa Forest where he has served as ranger to the present date. Kreimeyer by reason of his varied experiences with timber and range management comes well equipped to his new assignment as Heppner district ranger. Mr. and Mrs. Kreimeyer have a son and daughter of school age. The family will move to Heppner as soon as living quarters can be found. Kreimeyer was active in church and chorus work in Wallowa county where he has directed the county chorus for several years.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the court house between 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

VALUE AND EXTENT OF COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM OUTLINED TO CHAMBER

There are only 8 farm homes in Morrow county that do not have either a graveled or oiled road to their door, county judge Garnet Barratt told the chamber of commerce Monday noon in a report on the progress of county road work under the current special 10 mill road levy.

Barratt told the group that at the time of the start of the first special road levy in 1948 there were only 235 miles of graveled roads and practically no oiled county roads in the county, but at the present time there are 537 miles of gravel and 76.5 miles of county oil.

Barratt went back through the early road history in the county pointing out that even in the depression years, residents were paying more road tax than they are at the present time. This was because of several bond issues sold in earlier years which re-

Family Suffers Heavy Loss in Wednesday Fire

Fire Wednesday morning caused extensive damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Munkers on south Court street in Heppner. Firemen answered the general alarm at 10:30 and fought the blaze for over an hour before completely extinguishing it.

The fire apparently started in a small utility room at the rear of the house connected with the kitchen and spread very rapidly to the kitchen and dining room. Mrs. Munkers said she was in the front of the house at the time caring for their baby when she smelled smoke. Upon investigating she found the entire back wall of the kitchen in flames. She grabbed the baby and two small boys and ran to a neighbors to call the fire department. Mrs. Munkers closed the front door as she went out and firemen credited this act with preventing further spread of the flames and considerably more damage.

Practically all of Munkers' household goods and appliances in the utility room, kitchen and dining room were either completely destroyed or badly damaged and there was no insurance on their personal possessions. The house is owned either by C. H. Brandhagen or Loy McFarren, and it is insured, according to reports.

An early estimate of damage placed the loss at upwards of \$3,000.

Fire chief C. A. Ruggles said he felt the recent intensive training course being conducted in the fire department paid many dividends on this fire and credited the training with possibly preventing the total destruction of the building. When firemen arrived flames were shooting from the rear of the house and heavy smoke was boiling out all over the house.

Munkers is employed by Morrow county in the road department.

One fireman, Nate McBride, suffered a cut hand from flying glass when the pressure of the heat blew a window out of the house. He was treated by a local physician.

TV Schedule Being Carried in GT

Starting this week, and planned as a continuing service as long as the schedule reaches here in time, the TV schedule for KIMA-TV and KEPR-TV, the main television station received in this area, will be published in the Gazette Times. The full week's schedule starting at 6:00 o'clock tonight (Thursday) is included.

The schedule has been received by the paper for several weeks, but until this week it has arrived too late to allow time to get it set into type. A change in mailing procedure at the station makes this addition possible.