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Guest Editorial —

Our Water Resources Need Attention

By COUNTY JUDGE OSCAR PETERSON

In a recent talk by D A Williams, administrator of Soil Conservation Service, U S Department of Agriculture, he made the statement: "As a nation we have come a long way in recognizing the need for protecting and building strength in our soil. But we have paid little attention to conserving and managing our water resources." I think this is very important and timely suggestion for us here in Morrow county.

We do have water resources, lots of them. But little is being done in managing or conserving them. There has been one or two attempts by individuals or groups to get something under way for flood control, irrigation, or recreation but it seems that for one reason or another, nothing has come out of it. The lack of funds, change of politics, and even the lack of a unified objective have all contributed to a lack of interest. The leadership has been good and proper contacts have been made, but always something has happened to cause it all to topple and fall. But that does not mean that we should always fail. We are now in the process of reactivating our Morrow County Water Resources Committee. We have been informed by Army Corps of Engineers that they will make a survey of our Willow Creek flood control dam to sort of give it a reappraisal. I think that has merit, lots of it. But they informed us that a request for this must come from some organization or organizations within the county.

However, we are in need of a survey of the water resources of the entire county. Until we have such basic information, organizations as above mentioned having no objective cease to function.

The Willow creek dam has merit and is way out in the lead because of the disaster of 1903. As a flood control project it is unique. There is now a widespread interest in water legislation and, if ever, federal aid is available it is now, not only for flood control but for irrigation and recreation.

In the upper elevations there are also possi-

bilities for water storage, because of high mountain meadows and less slope. Some of this type of storage or diversion was made available in a minor way through a C C C diversion canal on upper Ditch Creek where water was diverted into the Willow Creek drainage basin. Here is, we think, a possibility for storage that should be developed to its fullest extent. Upper Rhea Creek also has a potential low cost water storage through an earth filled dam at what is known as the Hamilton Ranch. This is possibly one of our most promising low cost developments.

These are the two very promising projects wholly within Morrow county. Possibilities here should be explored to the fullest extent. Water storage at places like these could insure another crop of hay, down the two creeks, Rhea Creek and Willow Creek, which in itself would more than pay the cost.

There are prospects for irrigation in the north end of the county also, through the new development of the Mission dam on the Umatilla river. The survey for irrigation in Umatilla county has been completed up to the Morrow county line. Funds for the continuation of this project into Morrow county are available. In this north end of the county there is also a possibility of reactivating the former Teel Irrigation Project which brings water from Carnas Creek to Butter Creek through a tunnel previously started at Battle Mountain.

Yes, we have need for reactivating our water resources committee of Morrow county. We have learned from experience that the success of the soil and water conservation program depends upon local responsibility and leadership. The needs and interest of people who live in the watershed should initiate action. All local organizations interested in water development should join in making applications for survey and financial aid. Actually until we get the necessary information based on facts we are groping in the dark. We have great possibilities in this water development field here in Morrow County. It is hoped we can work together for results.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Compliments were paid this week to Herbert Ekstrom, lone Hereford breeder, on the quality of his herd sire, "Husker Mischieff." The Double M Hereford Ranch, Adams Oregon, have contracted with Ekstroms to have a number of their top breeding animals bred to this bulk The Double M Hereford ranch is known nation-wide for the quality of their livestock and honors won in various Hereford breed shows. For them to choose the Ekstrom herd sire is an indication of his quality.

From the number of fires occurring during the past week it appears that it is none too early to caution our farm people to be particularly careful in preventing fires at this time. With the heavy growth produced from extended rain and ideal growing conditions this spring fires will be common unless everyone is conscious of the threat at all times. Harvest will be well under way by this time next week in all sections of Northern Morrow county. The heavy stubble and dryness will make conditions even worse than last year which was one of the bad years for fires here. It is not a bit too early to place barrels of water and wetted sacks at handy spots around the farmstead where they can be picked up in a hurry if needed. The farm pressure sprayer should be well filled and ready at all times. I have not-

ed during the past couple of weeks that many farmers have back-pack pressure sprayer cans ready. When harvest gets under way it would be well to have a disc or other piece of machinery suitable for making fire guards in the field at all times. For those using self-propelled combines the track layer tractor should be kept handy in case of an emergency. Monday's fire on the Boardman bombing range which burned thousands of acres of rangeland, a number of corals and water pumping facilities is an indication of what might happen in our grain fields on a hot, dry, windy day.

Morrow County's 4-H and FFA delegation to the Oregon Wheat Grower's Fat Stock Show and Sale held at The Dalles last week did well. Besides showing a top bunch of beef, sheep, and swine the members themselves did well in their ability to show the livestock exhibited. Billy Doherty, 4-H member from the Buttercreek Junction Livestock club, is to be congratulated on the honor of winning the grand championship contest. Billy also showed the champion Shorthorn at this show. The auction sale was a good one with 4-H and FFA backers paying a nice premium for all animals. While auction sale supporters from Morrow county were few, the Morrow County Grain Growers bought three beef and a lamb; the Bank of Eastern Oregon a lamb and pig; John Graves, Hardman, a beef and pig of animals exhibited by Morrow coun-

ROCK HOUND'S CORNER

By JOHN NEWMAN

I promised to give you directions to George Miller's place for our meeting this Saturday. Don't miss. I think he has his neck stuck out far enough to need help getting it back in. Let's show him that consideration.

We can partake of his refreshments and walk on his neck. I have a feeling we are going to enjoy more than the refreshments.

He and Paul have planned the entire program. When George says he will have something you may be sure it will be good. This being the last meeting till after fair, all preparations for a display will be taken care of.

Since George didn't get to go on the rock hunt last week we should take down some samples. The rain coming as it did, didn't give any of us a chance to see what the others had found.

Bring the best to work up some enthusiasm for another rock hunt. If some one would suggest another potluck I would become very enthusiastic about it. Where do you stand.

In parting—the way to get there as I remember, turn right before crossing the first bridge below Morgan. It will be the first house on that road. Don't be discouraged, it is about a mile and a half. You can't miss. See you all there Saturday evening.

Mrs Ray Bailey and son, Charles, attended the Rose Festival in Portland last week.

club members. Also buying a number of Morrow County Livestock were Swift & Co, Portland and Grady's Market, The Dalles.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times June 21, 1928

About 20 acres of grain on the Harry Duvall place north of Lexington was destroyed by fire recently.

Clara Bow in H. Star Theater Sunday and Monday.

Mr and Mrs Lee Hampton arrived at Heppner on Friday from their home at Long Beach, California, and visited for a day at the home of Mr and Mrs Claude Cox.

Wright Bros, Ray Wright, Nels Johnson and Ross Smith of Rhea Creek are delivering a bunch of lambs at Heppner this week.

Charley Hynd, Ukiah stockman, and a member of the firm of Hynd Brothers Co was a visitor at Heppner on Wednesday.

Earl Warner, Lexington wheat raiser, was looking after business here on Wednesday.

IN THE SADDLE . . . With The Wranglers

By JOHN NEWMAN

Sunday wound up the scheduled play days for this season.

Don had the grounds in fine shape. Not too hard for most of the events. Judging from the actions of some of the cow riders, they were not content with the job of packing Don had done. Some thought it ought to be rolled, others indicated it should be tampered.

The cows were furnished by Kenneth and Nora Turner and were big, fat and strong. You boys have no reason to feel bad. The calves didn't show any indication of having been undernourished unless it was the one Neill got. He had it roped in 12 seconds flat. After mugging those big old cows a half grown calf didn't have a chance. Most of the calf ropers didn't seem to want to catch, they may have been saving their strength for the jackpot roping, after the show.

Now that the ponies have their shoes off and out to pasture maybe we can get some paint on those old dry boards before they have a chance to swell and close the cracks. We must retain that ventilation for next summer. We don't dare forget about work, for if the fair board furnishes the material we have some mangers to get ready before fair time.

It looks like a new job, I am afraid repairs have been put off too long.

Here are the winners: 12 years and under, pole bending, Diane

Fulleton, 29.9; Mike Brown, 30.3; Wayne Evans, 33.2; Vicki Barratt, 35.1. Stake race, Sharon Bunch, 16 seconds; Mike Brown, 17.2; Greg Jones, 20.6. Clover leaf barrel race, Diane Fulleton, 14.5; Jackie Brown, 16.4; Mike Brown, 16.5; Wayne Evans, 17. Musical rope race, Mike Brown got the last rope; Vicki Barratt, second; Jackie Brown, third, Ruby Fulleton, fourth. Sack race, Diane Fulleton, first Vicki Barratt, second; Ruby Fulleton, third.

13 to 18 years, pole bending, Barbara Steagall, 23.4; Bob Fetsch, 25; Jim Steagall, 25.2; Marlene Fetsch, 27.1. Stake race, Jim Steagall, 13.2; Marlene Fetsch, 15.4; Bob Fetsch, 16; Barbara Steagall, 16.1. Barrel race, Marlene Fetsch, 12.3; Jim Steagall, 14.2; Barbara Steagall, 14.5; Cheryl Hartman, 15.4. Musical ropes, Bob Fetsch; Marlene Fetsch; Cheryl Hartman; Barbara Steagall.

Seniors division led off with some very good cow riding and some that wasn't. The first section of calf roping only exercised the calves, didn't show a single catch. Pole bending, Charley Daley, 23.8; Pat Steagall, 24.2; Bill Smethurst, 25.1; Merlin Robinson, 26.7. Stake race, Charley Daley, 14.5; Pat Steagall, 16.6; two sisters tied Evelyn Brown and Merlin Robinson with a 15 flat. Barrel race, Charley Daley, 12.3; Evelyn Brown, 12.8; Altha Kirk, 13.4; Pat Steagall, 13.4.

The scurry race was an open and went Evelyn Brown, 11.9; Bonnie Barratt, 12.8; Marlene Fetsch, 13.1; John Newman, 14.2. Musical ropes, Pat Steagall; Evelyn Brown; Bill Healy; Ken Turner. Wild cow milking, Cornett Green, 50.3; Floyd Jones, 60.6; Bruce Lindsay, 1 min 25.1. Second section calf roping, Neil Beamer, 12; Pat O'Brien, 29.2; Charley Daley, 43.9.

So ended the chance to score any more points. It is up to Bruce Lindsay to figure out your score and the directors and treasurer to figure out your winnings.

USE GAZETTE TIMES CLASSIFIED ADS

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Ione News

Mr and Mrs Fredrick Martin and children attended the 45th wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr and Mrs Ralph Horton in Dallas Sunday, June 8.

Mr and Mrs Herbert Ekstrom and son, Roland, attended a family reunion of her relatives at the James McClain home in Al-

Around 25 young folks of the Pilgrim Youth Fellowship group of the Community church attended the swimming party at the pool and the Weiner roast at the Paul Pettyjohn home Saturday evening of last week.

hany last week. Mrs Wallace Matthews and daughters are visiting relatives in Roseburg.

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Tues., Wed., June 24, 25

The Pride And The Passion

Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra, Sophia Loren. FAMILY NIGHTS

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Turkey Trot—Without Music

Swiftly Fisher has a new way to move his turkeys to a fresh feeding place, twice a week.

He constructed a "rolling" fence by welding wheels to his fence posts. Each wheel has a sturdy braking device to keep the fence from moving, once a suitable range is found.

Swiftly explains, "This solves the problem of taking down woven wire, pulling up posts and re-setting them again." Now, he just hooks his tractors to both ends of the fence, and rolls it away.

From where I sit, progress never happens when you "close your eyes" to new methods or ideas. That's true in a community, too. All of us should be open-minded about our neighbors' opinions even if they differ from our own. For instance, I like a cold glass of beer on a summer evening, my neighbor always chooses lead-tea. But we respect each other's preferences and don't "fence in" each other's ideas.

Joe Marsh

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Above, new Fleetside pickup. At right, Series 60 medium-duty tractor.

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